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## + EDITORIAL COMMENT +

### Local Opening Ceremonies

Official opening of Main Street on Saturday was blessed with perfect weather. The Girls Pipe Band added a touch of colour as they paraded before the ceremony and a group of three senior merchants to cut a red, white and blue ribbon was sponsored by the crowd who gave Messrs. Thompson, Goldham and Richardson a fine send as they performed their part of the function.

Speeches were short and to the point, the speaker saying the proper things in the right way. And the gleaming new black surface with its white painted centre lines drew many complimentary comments from those attending the ceremony.

### What Attracts a Crowd?

What draws a crowd? Apparently not the presence of four members of parliament, one of them a cabinet minister.

It was surprising on Saturday not to see more citizens at the four corners for the opening ceremonies. Particularly so, when the chief speaker, Hon. Robert Macaulay is being widely publicized as a candidate for successor to Premier Frost as leader of the Pro-

gressive-Conservative party in Ontario and could well be provincial premier in future.

Beside Mr. Macaulay, Halton's two members, Stan Hall and Sandy Best and Peel M.P.P. Bill Davis were guests at the function. It is not every day that a town hosts four parliamentarians, including a cabinet minister, and it was somewhat disappointing to think more townspeople were not interested enough to spend half an hour at the function.

### See You at the Fair

Directors of Esqueping Agricultural Society are saying an extra prayer this week for a fine Saturday when the 115th annual fair will again attract a park full of happy people.

The fall fair is a small town institution which grows better and better as years go by.

The armory is attractive with its displays of handicrafts, flowers, vegetables, baking and school work. Centre field is always worth a visit, where animal judging and telf club shows vie with car and farm machinery exhibits. There is a midway, poultry show, pony rides, refreshment booths galore, and commercial exhibits of various types scattered thro' the grounds.

"Meet your friends at Georgetown Fair" is a slogan which has popularized Georgetown Fair through the years. And aside from the interest and fun of the day, it is a real treat to meet former Georgetowners who use the fair as a reunion weekend and flock back to town where they are sure to see most of their former neighbors gathered in one place that afternoon.

If you have been a town resident over a year, we know you won't be missing the big day. And if you have moved to town since last September, we advise you to get out to the park early for a full afternoon of enjoyment.

And please, Mr. Weatherman, do your best to provide the proper weather to go with the day.



COMING OUT FOR THE SECOND HALF



## LEGION NOTES

by Bill Rannachan

Sorry, no column for the past 2 weeks, Comrades. I am afraid yours truly had a date with the surgeon's knife that stopped my antics for a few days. However, now that I am up and around again, I do hope to be hearing from you all. More of the little news items that are so valuable to this column.

I am taking the opportunity this week of passing a bouquet to all of the staff at the Georgetown Hospital. The treatment, service, cooperation, organization and enthusiasm that I received and witnessed during my 12 day stay was absolutely 'out of this world'.

I know there were times during the pressure of the Campaign for Hospital Funds that a few of us could be heard saying "Oh no, not again!" But believe me folks, when I say, "In Georgetown, we have one of the most efficient hospitals in Ontario, if not in all Canada." Each and everyone of us should be very proud of our Hospital and the very fine efforts all Comrades of our Branch have made towards the Hospital Fund. Keep up the good work boys!

Thanks to Ralph Hawes, Entertainment Chairman, and his very willing assistants, Herb Robinson, Carman Copland, Dave Capperaud, Jim Yates, Jack Ferguson, Nick Brown, Norm McDonald, Clare Hart and Lloyd Miller.

Our Corn Roast was a huge success. Herb and Carman that I have ever seen. All in gave us just about the tastiest corn anyone could ask for.

Entertainment was provided by Maestro Jack Ferguson on the piano and Nick on the mike rendering as usual those favourite songs we long to hear. Our Pres. and Jim sure did a wonderful job handling the refreshments, and let's not forget those very necessary behind the scenes Strong Arm boys, Norm, Clair and Lloyd, without them there just wouldn't have been a Corn Roast.

Zone Meeting of the Royal Canadian Legion will be held at Milton Legion Hall on Wednesday, Sept. 20th, at 8:00 p.m. This will be the first meeting in the chair for new Zone Commander Harry Hassall. Good Luck and Best Wishes Harry from all of us at Georgetown.

Winners and Sellers of Legion 50-50 Hospital Draw Sept. 2nd - Winner, Darline Bowman, seller, Pat Chamberlain. September 9th - Winner Bus Hale, seller Norm McDonald. September 16th - Winner Jim Small, seller Peter Dillon.

Industrial Dart and Cribbage General Meeting and Election of Officers of the above organization was held at the Legion Hall last Saturday. Elected as follows - President, Neil Ellison; Treasurer, Secretary (dual position) Jimmy Williams and Dave Bowman as assistant. Executive members, Tom Herbert and Frank Connelly representing Cribbage. Dave Capperaud and Rocky Lorusso, representing Darts.

After Elections, a discussion ensued on the rules. Particularly that troublesome forfeiture of points, for games not played. It was moved, seconded and voted for unanimously that the forfeiture of points rule will apply as follows for the 1961-62 Season. "Games not played as per organized schedule." Captains of both teams will be held responsible for contacting their designated Executive Representatives to reach agreement on another play-off date. The Team not putting in an appearance will be considered to have forfeited the match points and the points will be awarded to their opponents.

All Team Captains were reminded that Darts will commence on Wed. Oct. 4th and Cribbage, Mon. Oct. 16th. All team entries must be in the hands of Jimmy Williams or Dave Bowman by Sept. 30th, for Darts and Oct. 7th for Cribbage.

At the close of the meeting, a special vote of thanks was given to outgoing President Ken De Rosa.

Speaking of prisoners, I learned Sunday morning, at a fairly unholy hour, that it was my fifteenth wedding anniversary. First I knew of it was when the lady who was lying beside me, eyes shut tight, pushed me toward the far edge of the bed with one foot, and mumbled: "Leesha can doo gomezum brekfush nouw amvrsry." And if you think that isn't a shocking way to be wakened on a warm September Sunday morn, wait till it happens to you.

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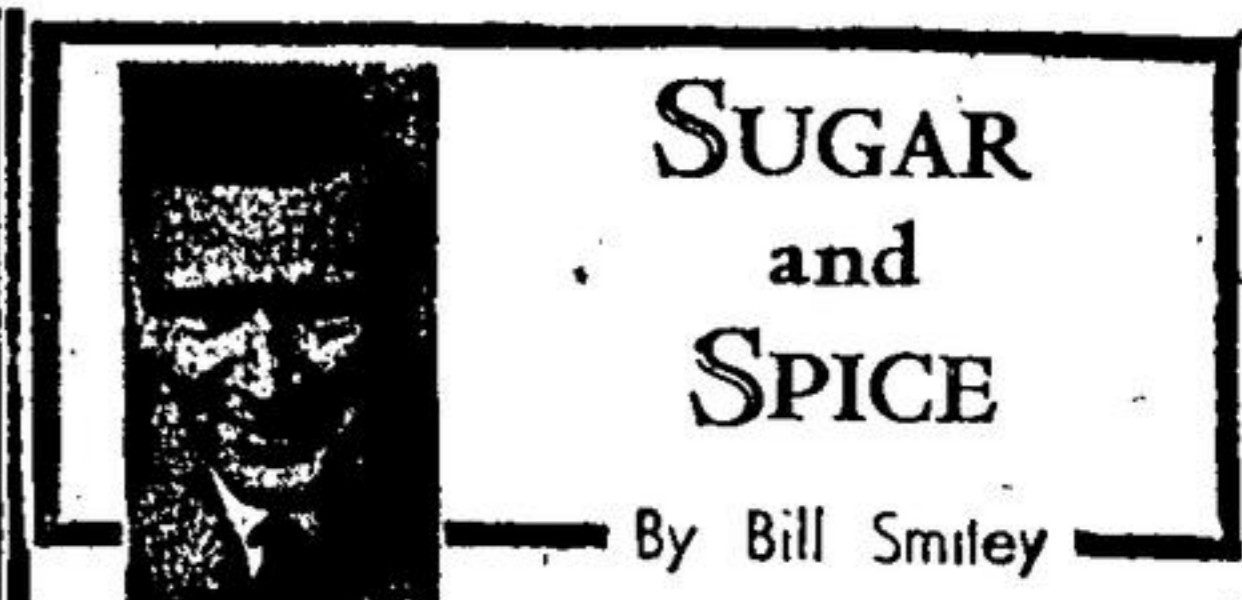
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## SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

Sometimes I wish life would stop being so interesting. There are moments when I'd like to relax, fall into a pattern of gracious living, and coast quietly downhill to the grave, like a Christian gentleman, secure in the knowledge that St. Peter was chewing his nails with impatience as he waited to conduct me to a quiet corner of the place.

But it doesn't seem to work out that way. There's always some gigantic goofawraw in progress, either in the world at large, or around our house, to keep me upset, confused, excited, roaring mad, or exhausted.

Take the Berlin crisis, for example: By the time you appear in print, you, gentle reader, may have been blown sky-high by a nuclear missile. If this happens, feel free to cancel your subscription. And please accept my heartiest congratulations for being out of it all, and give my regards to God, eh?

Personally, while I'm not a pacifist, I would not go to war with a four-year-old pigmy over Berlin. I am about as concerned over the rights of the Berliners as they were over the rights of the people of Warsaw in 1939. I know, I know, there are many wonderful German people. And I've met quite a few of them. Call me intolerant, prejudiced, or what you like, but I've felt a slight coolness toward the race since half a dozen of them tried to kick my brains out, in a station yard in Utrecht, seventeen years ago this month.

That reminds me. I had a letter this week from old friend Gene Macdonald, editor of the Glengarry News. It seems that the 22nd chieftain of the Macdonell clan was out from Scotland this summer, visiting among his kinsmen in Glengarry, Ont. There are more Macdonalds and Macdonells and Macdonells in Glengarry than the Campbells wiped out at the Massacre of Glencoe.

Anyway, Gene was talking with The Macdonell, and learned that the latter was an old Spitfire pilot and an ex-prisoner-of-war.

He asked the chief if he had known me there, remembering that I was in the jug. "Sure I knew Smiley," exclaimed His Chieftainship. "He bunked right across the hall from me in Stalag Luft." It turns out that he was called 'Mac' in prison camp. There were approximately 800 characters called 'Mac' in our camp, so I can't place him, but it just goes to show you.

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And she couldn't swallow a morsel. Nervous. Our anniversary coincided with her debut as organist in the church. She hadn't slept a wink all night, but had dozed off, after four tranquilizers, at dawn. What a day! It was about 200 degrees in the shade, but her hands were as cold as a coroner's kiss and she had a faraway look in her eyes that I'd never seen before except on the faces of people who were wetting their pants while in swimming.

Briefly, she got through the ordeal without even fainting once. But she couldn't miss, with the rest of the family praying as they'd never prayed before, that Mum wouldn't make a bollix of it. I thought I heard a sardonic snort from away up in the sky, as she was graciously accepting congratulations after the service.

To round out the week, I went back to school on Monday, and there was one, sitting in a front seat, his ape-like countenance wreathed in a satanic smile. Joe is a fiend in human form, as I found out last year. He was so disturbing that he almost made me break a life-long rule never to hit anybody bigger than myself.

He hadn't showed up in the first two weeks of school. I figured he wasn't coming back this year, and life looked like a bowl of borscht, compared to the flagon of hemlock it resembled last year, with him in the class.

And there he sat, looting at me as cute as a baby gorilla. Do you know what that character said to me, as I fumbled for my blackjack? He said: "Sure glad I got you for English again, sir. I allus like to get a good teacher. We was lucky to get each other again, wuzn't we?"

It was like having your legs cut off at the knees by a scythe. You want to run, but all you can do is groan. As I said, sometimes I wish life would stop being so interesting.

## THE DATE BOOK

Sept. 10th, 1913 (148 years ago), Commodore Parry defeated British Fleet in Battle of Lake Erie; Sept. 10th, Rosh Hashannah, the Jewish New Year begins at sundown; Sept. 11, 1962 (99 years ago), William Sydney Porter, who wrote under name of O. Henry was born; Sept. 13, 1851 (110 years ago), conqueror of Yellow Fever, born; Sept. 13, 1860, (101 years ago), Gen. John Pershing born; Sept. 14, 1814 (147 years ago), Francis Scott Key wrote the Star Spangled Banner.

Sept. 17, Citizenship Day, commemorating the signing of U.S. Constitution in 1787; Sept. 17, 1947 (14 years ago), U.S. Dept. of Defense created, combining the old War and Navy Depts.; Sept. 19, United Nations General Assembly to meet in New York; Sept. 19, 1881 (80 years ago), President Garfield died of wounds inflicted by disappointed office seeker; Sept. 19, Jewish holy day of Yom Kippur begins at sundown; Sept. 21, 1866 (95 years ago), Novelist, H. G. Wells born; Sept. 2, 1776 (185 years ago), Nathan Hale executed as a spy by the British; Sept. 23, Autumn officially begins at 2:43 a.m., EDT.

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## MERRY MENAGERIE



"You're beautiful tonight, Maud - a veritable TROPHY!"