

SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

Once in a while, I lose heart. Most of the time, I roll with the punches, smile wryly, admit that Rome wasn't built in a day and go right on trying to instill in youngsters some knowledge of their native tongue.

But occasionally, I stride from the classroom, go barreling into the men teachers' washroom, fiercely work on a cigar, and stare wondrously into the toilet bowl, wondering how I was ever flung into the teaching of English.

It's a crazy language. Oh, I'll admit it's strong, virile, colorful, flexible and often beautiful. But it's also inconclusive, treacherous, luscious and intimidating.

Compared to the solidly learned, the regular foundations of Latin, English is a disorderly stream of refugees. Compared to the lucidity, logic and precision of French, English is the flight of a bat.

What other language, for example, would have five different pronouns for "supper"? Count them: *supper, souper, dîner, dinné, and through*.

What other language would pronounce *read, said and led* exactly alike? Or would pronounce two words of totally different appearance "you" and "ewe" identically? Or would have four utterly useless and unpronounced *k's* in such a word as *knackknack*?

However, that's snuff of that though. I'm too busy trying to teach the language to have any time for reforming it. I don't really demand much. All I ask is that kids in high school stop saying things like: "I woulda if I coulda," eliminate the "this bars" and the "that thores" from their vocabulary; and refrain from writing things like: "I seen in a book were thaire two people on the meen, like."

In addition, I try, gently, but persistently, to lead them away from such gruesome slips as: "If babies don't like raw vegetables, they should be boiled," and that old favourite, the dangling participle, which calmly states: "Sitting on the veranda, 40 cows were seen."

I don't blame the youngsters. Many of them are exposed to sparse vocabularies and anything goes grammar not only at home, but on television, and in the movies they see and the junk they read. They can scarcely be expected to acquire impeccable spoken and written English in a few hours at school each week.

The try, though. They try, bless them. Their foreheads knot with strain as they tell you that the three principal parts of the verb "cling" are *cling, clang, clung*. Their eyes roll in their heads as they spell with a dash and daring worthy of more heroic feats. And every year some kid tries to throw the teacher by asking him to spell "antidisestablishmentarianism" and explain what it means.

On second thought, English is a fascinating language, with a bold, vivid coloring all its own and a richness of either occasionally one comes across a student with those rare twin gifts — an ear for language and a joy in the manipulation of words. When that happens, it makes up for a host of headaches.

Notice to Creditors AND OTHERS

In the Estate of Wilfrid Blough Ford, Gentleman, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate of Wilfrid Blough Ford, late of the Town of Georgetown, deceased, who died on or about the 8th day of June, 1962, are hereby notified to send in to the undersigned Personal Representatives of the said deceased on or before the 13th day of October, 1962, full particulars of their claims. Immediately after the said date the said Personal Representatives will distribute the assets of the said deceased having regard only to claims of which it shall then have notice.

Dated at Georgetown, this 10th day of September, 1962.
NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, LIMITED.
20 King St. East, Toronto, Ontario, and
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53 Market Street,
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By Dale Bennett, Latimer and Baines, 23 Mill Street, Georgetown, Ontario, Their Solicitors herein.
15-20-27

GLENN WILLIAMS Wins Trophy at Hockey School

Congratulations to Marty Wheeler who won the Weston Hockey School Senior Trophy. This was given for the most improved player.

Last Monday evening Mrs. Rev. Moody entertained twelve ladies at a wall plaque demonstration. Mrs. Dukeman of Georgetown was in charge of this. The evening concluded with a dainty lunch.

When you are watching the new Ford cars on television over local stations, you'll be viewing familiar scenery. In fact it is some of the beauty spots on the tenth line.

The United Church Women held a very successful rummage sale Saturday morning in the church.

Bill Wheeler has been confined to St. Joseph's Hospital in Guelph lately. We hope you'll soon be up and going again, Bill.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Collier ground, the booth was well patronized by the many visitors to the fair.

Berlene Leslie is home from school with a mild case of whooping cough. Happy birthday to Bill Bailey on September 28th.

ECHOES

From the Pages of the Herald, October, 1952 and 1957

10 YEARS AGO

● A bush fire which burned for over two weeks around Terra Cotta is believed quelled and there seems little danger of the flames breaking out again. Forest Rangers from Lindsay were called last weekend after local people had been battling the blaze intermittently for several days. A bulldozer operated by Elwood Carney cleared large tracts of land around the area.

● With school inspector L. I. Skuce officiating, the new Howard Wigglesworth Public School was officially opened Thursday. Mrs. Wigglesworth cut a ribbon officially opening the school and Rev. John A. Smith of St. John's United dedicated the building. Mrs. Skuce was presented with flowers by Jill Runham.

● Police are seeking clues in a daring break in early Wednesday night when \$300 was stolen from the Maple Leaf Dairy. The office was ransacked and three pouches containing change and small bills were taken as well as two bags used to take money to the bank.

25 YEARS AGO

● Minor NHL hockey is again slated for Georgetown this winter. At a meeting called last Wednesday the officers were elected. They are: Gordon Alcott, president; Col G. O. Brown, vice president; A. B. Gillard, treasurer; and A. McLaren, B. Lindsay and G. McGillivray, directors.

● There's a new voice at Hamilton radio station CKOC belonging to Jack Thompson, age 22, whose announcing duties began yesterday. He is the son of Rev. W. G. O. Thompson, rector of St. George's Anglican Church.

● At the Gregory Theatre: "When Love Is Young", starring Kent Taylor and Virginia Bruce; "Between Two Women", starring Franchot Tone, Maureen O'Sullivan and Virginia Bruce; and "The Singing Marine", starring Dick Powell; and the final chapter of "The Great Air Mystery".

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TOWN OF GEORGETOWN NOTICE

Proposed By-law to authorize the widening and altering of Ontario Street from a point on its south side, measured 795.60 feet from Main Street for a distance of 2,500.75 feet, and from a point on its north side measured 537.73 feet from Main Street for a distance of 2,410.76 feet.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Georgetown proposes on Monday, the 15th day of October, 1962, at the hour of eight (8) o'clock in the afternoon, or as soon thereafter as it may deem advisable, to authorize the altering and widening of:

1. Part of the northerly side of Ontario Street, commencing 537.73 feet from Main Street for a distance of approximately 2,410.76 feet, having a perpendicular width of 8.25 feet and being parts of Lots 19 and 20, Concession 9, Esquing now in the Town of Georgetown.

2. That part of the southerly side of Ontario Street, commencing 205.60 feet from Main Street for a distance of approximately 2,500.75 feet, having a perpendicular width of 8.25 feet, and being part of the east half of Lot 20, Concession 9, Esquing now in the Town of Georgetown.

The proposed By-law and plans showing the lands to be affected may be seen at my office, 36 Main Street North, Georgetown. The Council will hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected by the said By-law, and who applies to be heard.

C. G. BENHAM, Clerk
Town of Georgetown
DATED this 18th day of September, 1962 10/11

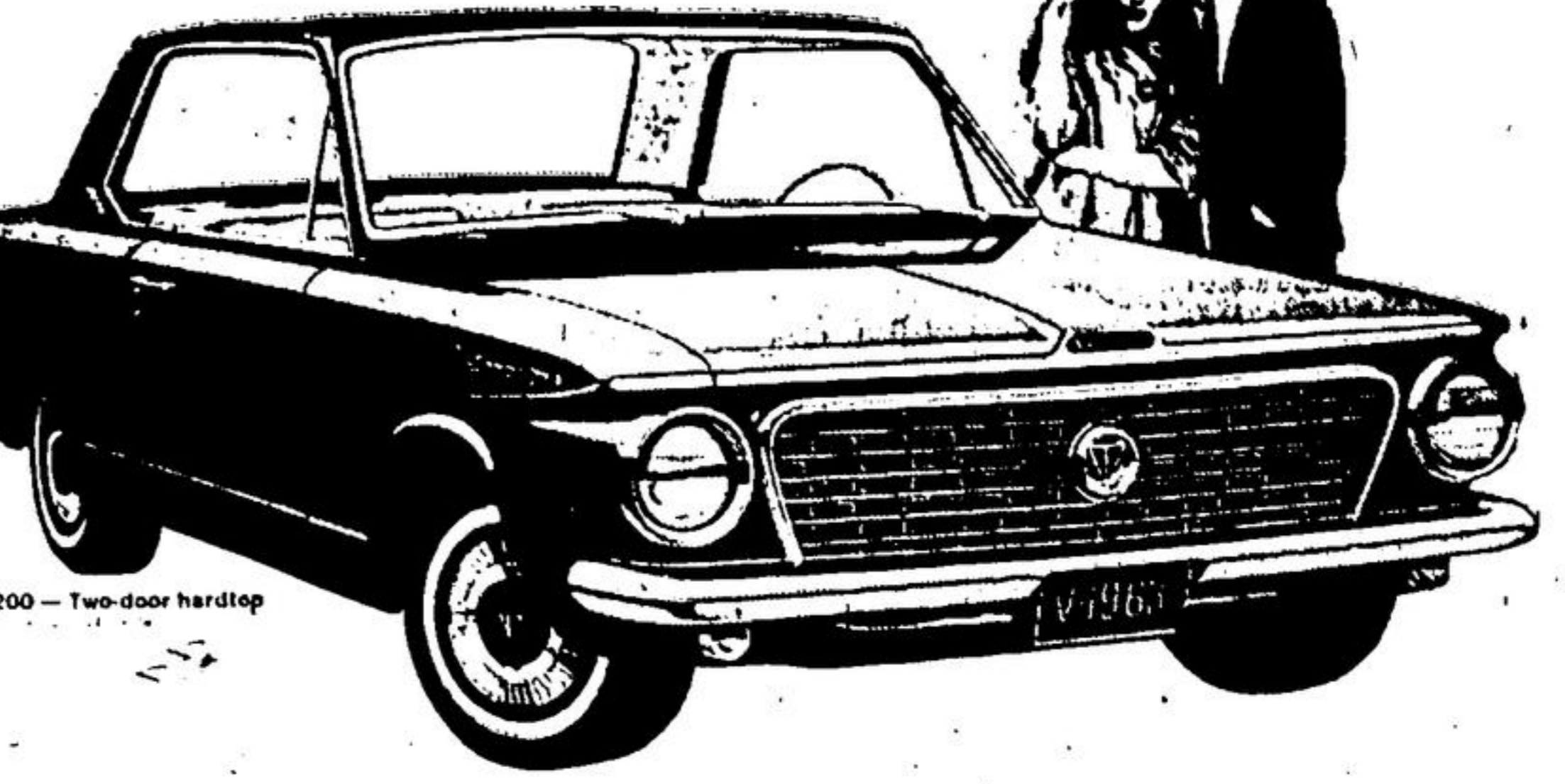
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