

SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

Some people are addicted to drugs, others to drink, some to the weed, others to women. Teachers are addicted to summer courses. Why?

Ask a teacher and he'll tell you: "To improve my professional competence." Ask the chairman of the school board and he'll tell you: "So he can demand more money." Ask the teacher's wife if you want the real truth; so he can get down to the city there and have a big time running around and living it up while I'm stuck here at home with the kids. They're all equally right.

That's why I've been taking a Refresher Course in English. And don't think it hasn't been refreshing. It started off in rip-roaring style and the pace has not let up for a minute. Girls, drink, bawdy conversation and wild reunions with old comrades.

I hadn't really intended to get involved in anything beyond a few love affairs and half a dozen nights on the town. That is why I picked out what I thought was a fairly quiet spot to stay. My illusions were dispelled even before I got dressed in the morning. There was a surreptitious tap on my door. I opened it and was confronted by two young ladies, both stark naked and grinning broadly.

Talk about your Profumo affair. "Hi, Unca Bill!" chortled my niece, Jennie and Susie, aged four and three. Well, that wasn't so bad. I'm used to bare-bottomed little girls, and these were the only ones I had any thing to do with while I was away, so help me, Mom.

But the drink was another matter. I couldn't seem to stay off it without the old Trouble and strife there to keep an eye on me. Morning, noon and night, I was into the stuff. I'm so sick of coffee it'll be a joy to get home, where a man can have an honest beer after a hard day's work watching the starlings decorating his new picnic table.

Then there was the shocking conversation I was exposed to. At home, the dialogue runs on pretty conventional lines. You know, stuff like, "When are you going to cut the grass?" The place looks like the Petrified Forest. Or, "Hey, Dad, will you take us for a swim and play badminton with us and go bowling with us and give us our allowance and buy some watermelon and ice cream and a boat so we can go waterskiing and can I drive the car?"

Pretty tame stuff. But on the course, there were no restraints. Just a bunch of men, out for a good time, and no holds barred. You should have heard us throwing the bawdy talk around — like "Yeah, my old woman's the same. Sorry to you." And, "Spit, these modern kids are spoiled rotten." And, "Guess I gotta gedda new



HORNS OF A DILEMMA

OTTAWA REPORT

BI-MONTHLY OBSERVATIONS BY DR. HARRY HARLEY, M.P. FOR HALTON



I would like to review the statement of the Finance Minister, the Honourable Mr. G. Gordon. It is proposed that materials used in their construction will be exempt from tax. In addition to the above, the Government is proposing to exempt from tax the cost of building materials and machinery. This is a very important change. It is proposed that the tax on building materials and machinery be reduced from 15% to 10%. This is a very important change. It is proposed that the tax on building materials and machinery be reduced from 15% to 10%. This is a very important change.

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The second change that the Government proposes is one of the most important. It is the timing of the extra tax. It is proposed that the extra tax will be levied on the full rate of 15% until 31st December, 1964. After that date the rate will be reduced to 10%. This is a very important change. It is proposed that the extra tax will be levied on the full rate of 15% until 31st December, 1964. After that date the rate will be reduced to 10%. This is a very important change.

NEWS ECHOES

From the Pages of the Herald, 1953 and 1958

- 10 YEARS AGO**
- Meeting in special session on Monday evening, Georgetown council accepted in full the report of the engineering firm of Dineen, Philips and Roberts, mapping out a program of extension to the present waterworks system. A new source of supply will be located, a well drilled and pump-house erected.
 - A chartered bus carrying members of the Stratford Sea Cadet Corps to the CNE turned over on its side in a ditch on the western-Norval hill early Saturday morning. Injuring just one cadet but shaking up others. It plunged through a guard rail on the Norval side of the YMCA camp entrance and slid down a 15 foot bank on its side.
 - Mill manager at the Alliance Paper Mill Ltd for the past five years, Clifton Boutelle has left the company for a new position in the States. Mr. Boutelle left town yesterday for Cincinnati, Ohio, where he will be general superintendent for Gardner Box and Paper Co.
- 25 YEARS AGO**
- With the need to pressing in Georgetown and district for dental and other clinics the Georgetown Lions Club are putting forth every effort in a new drive to raise sufficient funds so that no underprivileged child will have to forego the benefits of these clinics. At a fund raising night here in October the club will have Ker Sobel and his Amateurs.
 - Georgetown councillors and civic officials from other towns along Highway No. 7 have been asked to meet in Toronto soon with a view to forming what will be known as the No. 7 Highway association.
 - A coroner's jury inquiring into the death of Mrs. Joseph Ruddy last Friday night in the town hall here attached no blame to the driver of the car which knocked Mrs. Ruddy to the pavement on Guelph street on the previous Sunday evening causing almost instant death. The jury took only ten minutes to decide that the driver, Reid Margues of Guelph, was not to blame.

BOLTON

When school closed last Friday a tradition of more than a century ended in Alton Twp. The township's 1 room schools have closed their doors for the last time, never to reopen.

There's nothing quite as refreshing as a refresher course. At least, I can tell my wife that I led my class. Down to the cafeteria, every day, for coffee break.

Letters From a "Trouble Spot"

Letters from a Georgetown soldier in Viet Nam

When he received a posting to the Far East, a member of the Canadian Military U.N. delegation, Albert Carter began putting his observations on paper and sending them home to L.O.L. 243. The lodge found the account so absorbing that they submitted them to the Herald and part of a letter appears below as article No. Nineteen of a new series.

Resisting the urge to go elbow-chinning myself, I visited half a dozen other temples, including one made out of white Italian marble, and known, logically enough as the "Marble Temple".

I managed to prow around quite a few of the streets of the city and found that the Thais were among the friendliest people that I have ever met. Cleanliness is a must with them, both personally and with their property.

One thing that I was interested in was the temple dancing. When I make my first million I am going to build a temple just so that I will have an excuse to import a team of temple dancers.

Watching the graceful Thai girls do a temple dance in glittering costumes of gold, silver and jewels sure beats watching dungaree-clad teenagers doing the twist.

It was with regret that I had to leave Bangkok after a week stay, and if I can manage it I shall stop off there for a couple of days visit on the way home.

Any one who visits the orient and doesn't spend at least three days in Bangkok deserves to be dropped on the top of the main prang at the Temple of Dawn.

In April, I hoped to pull a sneaky by combining my remaining 3 days leave with the Easter weekend and thus be able to go up to Angkor, that great pile of ruined temples and palaces in northern Cambodia. However, I outsmarted myself for when I got to Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia I found that Easter coincided with Cambodia's Tet, or New Year, and that the accommodation in Angkor and vicinity was all taken up by pilgrims off to worship in the ancient temples. So I had six days in Phnom Penh.

This little city is remarkably clean, but strike me as being a glorified Vietnami that could not make up its mind whether it wanted to become another Bangkok or another Saigon.

The Cambodians are a very friendly lot, and as they are a mixture of Indian, Chinese, Mon-Khmers and Malayo-Polynesians, you can see quite a variety in the populace. This fel-

state visit. However, I managed to get some allies of the Royal Palace by shooting thro' the gates, past Royal Guards, from the Silver Temple next door and by hanging from beams by my toenails, and other devious ways.

Phnom Penh is also undergoing a tremendous building boom, but this is limited to the outward fringes of the city. I am told that in the cold days of Cambodia the city is simply marching the royal war elephants over any shacks that were built where they shouldn't be. After getting trampled under three or four times by a royal war elephant even the most persistent squatter would give up.

Now, however the city is racing outward as block after block of new buildings spring up. The population of the city has increased from 200,000 to 600,000 since 1945. That's even faster than Georgetown.

Well, this is all for this letter. By the time the next one reaches you I hope to have been to Angkor.

LEGION NOTES

By Don N. Platt

Two more pilgrimages to war graves in Holland are scheduled for this fall. The first will go to Nijmegen on September 20, the second to Holten on October 6.

From Nijmegen pilgrims to have suffered no decrease in popularity due to the heat, Canadians buried in Holland at the Groesbeek Military Cemetery and the cemetery at Bergen-op-Zoom.

The Royal Canadian Legion, as agent for the Netherlands War Graves Committee, hopes to continue with similar pilgrimages next year.

Dutch families, who since the war have accommodated over 34,000 families, are hosts to the pilgrims, hence the cost of the trip is only \$25.00 which covers return air fare.

Any Canadian who has a relative buried in a war cemetery in Holland is eligible and if interested should write Legion Headquarters at 465 Gilmour Street, Ottawa.

Yours truly recommends an interesting reading "The Twelve Foot Canadians" by Norman Shannon in the July "Legionary". This article deals with the pilgrimages.

SPORTS AND THINGS

As mid-summer's heat begins to descend upon us, a certain lethargy enters our bones which tends to make the accomplishment of work twice as hard and the desire for rest equally as strong.

In short there is very little Stamp.

Eligible non-member readers of these lines are encouraged to enter those familiar Branch 120 doors on Mill Street and fill out an application. Member readers need not be told what is expected of them. 50-50 DRAW.

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