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# ... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

## *Students Need Guidance....*

Vocational guidance counselling might well be on the increase in the immediate future. The need for greater attention to this important phase of education is becoming increasingly clear.

With a disturbing record of nearly one-quarter failure in the first year at the University of Toronto, last year, it would seem that the chairman of the Toronto YMCA counselling service, Frank Lawson, well-known investment broker, is right when he claims: "About 75 per cent of high school youngsters don't know what they want in life and many end up in universities that shouldn't be there at all."

Mr. Lawson has given a great deal of thought to the subject of professional counsellors in schools and universities. He has been chairman of the Toronto 'Y' counselling service since 1944. Three years ago he established the Counselling Foundation of Canada, that offers financail assistance for the training of counsellors.

With this background, the most serious consideration should be given to his charge that "it could well be that we don't need all those new university classrooms. More important: "We're encouraging an appalling waste of manpower."

The director of the Toronto 'Y' counselling service, Dr G P. Gosgrave, one of Canada's foremost authorities in counselling, is on record as declaring: "Organization such as ours are providing emergency services. Schools should be providing regular psychological testing and counselling from the elementary level right up through technical colleges and universities."

Most school counsellors are teachers who have taken summer courses in counselling and devote spare time, only to this work among pupils." At the University level, some western universities provide fairly thorough counselling services but in eastern colleges, it is usually only a part-time job for the employment placement director or a professor.

Proper counselling involves sound training in psychology, wrapped up in intelligence and aptitude testing and special interviewing techniques. In short, its a specialists' job and should never be turned over to an amateur, regardless of his or her interest or dedication to the importance of the subject. A good deal of harm with perhaps very little good could come from their efforts.

Often a student needs more than mere guidance in selecting a career; he needs advice on personal problems. This calls for counselling by guidance experts with honours, preferably, in psychology plus a minimum of two years of specialized graduate work, then full time application to the job.

Many of the problems associated with vocational counselling will be discussed next November at the first national seminar on guidance and counselling, sponsored by the Canadian Association for Adult Education. It is hoped that a counselling association will emerge That would be a solid step forward.

Timmins Daily Press

## *Jet Planes The Answer?....*

Increasingly we find ourselves at our wits end to discover how to live with the automobile. The average person feels he cannot live without one. And that is why the combustion engine is creating so much of a crisis for our major cities.

Today more and more cities are building or planning new airports to accommodate jet planes. Scientists foresee a day when the nation may be spanned in three hours, yet because of increasing automobile congestion the passengers may have to spend an hour or more getting from the airport to the city of their destination.

No one would dream of proposing the automobile be discarded. It is a boon and a curse. It enables people to cover great areas of their countries with full control of when they will stop and admire scenic wonders, it enables the housewife to get easily to supermarkets it is a means of getting to spots otherwise unattainable, it permits a person to go to a place and return the same day when there is no mass rapid transit schedule which allows such accommodation.

But as the auto has freed the individual from the limitations of mass transit schedules and made him a nomad of the 20th Century, it has provided some offsetting debts.

The jet plane may bring to a climax the need for uncongesting our downtown and feeder roads It may require a coordinated effort to reshape both the cities and the philosophy of road building with mass rapid transist surely a major factor.

**"I WANT TO PADDLE MY OWN CANOE"**

## SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

**Going back to the old home town or the old home farm for a visit is a favourite summer pastime in this country. Each year, after a fantastic, nostalgic build-up thousands of families are dragged many long, hot miles to see the place where Dad grew up.**

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It is usually for Dad a pleasant mixture of bitter disappointment and an unmistakeable awareness that he is growing old For Mom, it is a great big pain in the arm For the kids, it is an exercise in sheer boredom, and a realization that the old man has been kidding himself and them for years.

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**You look up boys you went to school with, had wild adventures with, stole apples with and dated girls with. You find them fat, fortyish, and full of futility, much like the fellows you curl and play golf with where you live now.**

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You look up girls you were once feverishly in love with, girls you kissed in the park after the band concert girls who once gave you infinite heartache and ineffable joy

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**Sylph-like creatures they were, slim as goddesses, smooth as butter. They have 4 kid, false teeth, and a nasty habit of telling you that you're getting pretty thin on top. Or expressing shocked disbelief that you are actually the lean, fat-stomached, thick - haired slice of youth who took them to their first dance.**

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You revisit the old swimming hole with your kids, and find that the green and gold oasis of clear, cool water you have so often mentioned is a dirty little mudhole full of green slime and sassy small boys

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**You took your youngsters down to the bridge, to show them where you used to make those 30-foot dives. They have either lowered the dang bridge or raised the water something fierce because it's only a three-foot dive now.**

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You take your children around to see the old family home You look for the huge brick mansion with the vast porch and the big, white picket fence You finally find it Your kids take a long look at the dingy little house with the sagging verandah and the ragged unpainted fence, and then take a long look at you.

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**And so it goes. It can be a soul destroying ordeal. one you won't want to repeat for about 99 years. But this only happens when you've been away a long time, and have lost all sense of proportion about the old home town, which, if the truth were told, was a dump when you lived there, and still is.**

My family's lucky This does not happen to them In the first place, the old home town is their Mom's, not their Dad's, and Moms are notoriously less sentimental about this sort of thing Women have a built in sense of reality They can feel themselves sill's about abstract things like love and honor but they have no illusions about concrete things like old houses, and old swimming holes

**In the second place, we all lived there until three years ago. We haven't been away long enough to get misty-eyed about it. The old house looks exactly as it did. The old trout streams still have trout in them. The old golf course still baffles me.**

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As a result our annual summer visit to the old home town is not an ordeal but a delight It's a leisurely progress down main street, shaking hands, asking after each other' children, being urged to drop in at the house or the cottage

**It's popping into the pub for one cojo one and having a dozen citizens offering to buy. It's chatting about town politics as absorbing and zany as they ever were. It's catching up on whose wife has run off and whose husband is running around with what lady.**

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Our kids love the visits to the town where they spent their childhood years, and know every dangerous ditch and perilous precipice They met the youngsters they went to school with size each other up like friendly dogs and happily start comparing notes

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**No they're never disappointed when we visit the old home town. But they're going to get a great shock one of these days when their father drags them back to his old home town and they discover what a big, fat liar he is about his old girl friends and his old feats of daring and his old family mansion.**

TWENTIETH IN A SERIES

# 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 LOL 245. The lodge found the account so absorbing that they submitted them to the Herald and part of a letter appears below as article No. Twenty of a new series.

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Saigon, Viet Nam
May 26th, 1963

To the Officers and Members of Royal Oak LOL 245:

Well, the rains have finally come, with the biggest thunderstorm that I have seen in years. We get a thundershower a day, if not two or three. The advent of the rains has also caused the local cricket and beetle hordes to come out of hiding and start flying all over the place. I have to keep one hand on my bug bomb as soon as I turn on the lights at night.

In May I finally got up to Angkor, the ancient capital of Cambodia, when it was a mighty empire covering the territory now occupied by modern Cambodia, Thailand, parts of Malaya, southern Burma, most of South Viet Nam, Laos and a strip of south west China.

I arrived in Siem Reap, the modern village built on the outskirts of the magnificent collection of ruins, on May 11th. I could hardly wait to get to the hotel and change, load my camera and dash off to start stalking the temples

The first was mighty Angkor Wat itself This is one of the most imposing edifices built by anybody anywhere, anytime Built by King Suryavarman II (1113-1150) it is a temple mountain in the Hindu style It was not built as we would build a church, to house a congregation of Worshippers, but was built to house the god The worshippers were only incidental to this purpose.

"Surrounded by a very wide moat, the approach, which has been printed in a great many travel books, is a most imposing sight when seen in the flesh, or rather, the actual stone.

To climb the temple itself, tier after tier of it on small narrow steps, is in itself an athletic accomplishment, but well worth it.

## BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, All power (authority) is given unto me in heaven and in earth. — Matthew 28:18.**

Individuals and nations may expect to get power for life only from Him who possesses and controls it Submission to proper authority is the first step toward being granted authority yourself.

*A doctor called a man into* his office and said that he regretted to inform him that his wif's mind was completely gone.

"Not a bit surprised," retorted the husband "She's been giving me a piece of it every day day for over 20 years."


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# OTTAWA REPORT

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

I am pleased that the Resolution to set up the Canada Pension Plan has been introduced. This has been introduced at this time so that the Plan can be studied at the Federal Provincial Conference on the 26th-27th July, 1963. It will then be introduced in the Fall in Bill form for legislation In the meantime comments and suggestions for improvement in the plan are encouraged and welcome The Bill should pass the House of Commons and the Senate sometime in the Fall, probably October or November.

As was said during the election campaign the $10 increase in Old Age Pension will come out of contributions to the Canada Pension Plan In this way no increase in taxation will result, either from the $10 increase in Old Age Pension or from the Pension Plan itself. While the Pension Plan will not become active for some time while the regulations and registrations are carried out, the $10 increase in Old Age Pension will take place early in 1964

The registration for the plan will be carried out by the Unemployment Insurance Commission offices in May 1964 when their new books are issued In this way the administration costs should be kept to a minimum We would expect contributions to be collected as of approximately October, 1964.

The pension will be related to earnings and contributions, and will take 10 years of contributions before a maximum pension will be received The pension will be available at age 65 if wished, at a smaller amount.

The rate of contributions will be 2% of earnings per year. For wage or salary earners the employer will be required to pay one half of this contribution. Contributions and benefits will be based on the first $4000 of earnings, and this level will increase with any increase in average earnings. In this way if prices, cost of living and average earnings go up, so will the pension go up proportionately The cost of administration will come from the contributions

Contributions to the plan will begin at age 18 and carry on until the pension is received. Pensions will be approximately 30% of what a man has been earning

As far as widows and widowers, the pension available to the surviving member would be 60% of the benefit available to the couple

Private pension plans may still function. Private plans now in effect will be adjusted to the Canada Pension Plan In comparison with the United States scheme now in effect the Canada Pension Plan will pay somewhat higher benefits

We are pleased to support a very worthwhile form of legislation to allow retirement with dignity and comfort

**THE MAIL BAG**

## When is a Park Not a Park?

Charles Street,
Georgetown, Ontario
July 22nd, 1963

To the Editor

Is our Park a public park to be enjoyed by people, or is it a restricted area? I wonder

Two weeks ago last Sunday, as you know was one of the hottest days this summer As I sat in my back yard (which by the way, faces the park) I watched the cars drive into the park but they certainly did not get too far as there was a road block just at the entrance to the wooded area, certainly the section of the park where people would prefer to go on a hot day.

Yes there were teenagers but there were also families who for one reason or another had not been able to take to the north country and had come to the one cool spot in the town to enjoy a family outing

One family, I noticed in particular, drove as far as the road block, got out -- each carrying a basket, etc. and leaving their car by the sign walked all the way up to the grand stand to a table and then after their lunch, trudged wearily back Why bother to put tables in the park or for that matter why bother to have a park

—E Hill

Worse and far more widespread than motion sickness is emotion sickness.

# NEWS ECHOES

**News Echoes From the Pages of the Herald, 1953 and 1938**

**10 YEARS AGO**

- As the result of Kenneth M. Langdon, Halton County Magistrate, and J. A. Willoughby & Sons, and the desire of these men to have the Willoughby golf course made available to those locally interested, negotiations for the purchase of J. A. Willoughby Golf Course have been concluded by Kenneth M. Langdon
- Suspicious circumstances surrounded a fire that destroyed three barns and some smaller buildings at Murray Laird's farm at the top of Norval Hill Following a blaze an elderly vagrant was arrested A short time after the man had begged a number of newspapers at the Norval service station the fire broke out and two boys believe they saw him leaving the scene of the burning barn The transient, who had been around Norval and Georgetown for several days, was apprehended by OPP Constables Herb Farr and S Knight
- A block of four new stores on No 7 Hwy east of Harrison's garage is almost ready for occupancy. The stores, of cement block construction with brick fronts, are being erected by Rev F M Fletcher of Georgetown and a Torontoo barrister, C C Downey and will be offered for sale.

**25 YEARS AGO**

- Another near drowning occurred in the Glen on Sunday, when Jessie Boyd of Toronto, swimming in Beaumont's dam got out of her depth Norman Marchment, who was swimming there, heard cries for help and swam to her after her head had gone under twice He managed to bring her safely to shore
- Jack Gilbert, 47, a junk dealer of Acton received a broken back last Friday night when his own two ton truck ran over his body while he was attempting to place stones in front of the wheels to prevent the truck from running down hill The accident occurred on a farm west of town. The truck contained over half a ton of scrap metal.


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