

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Boring, Disgusting and Unnecessary....

The reams of publicity which the two evening papers have been turning out about the Toronto forjourn of an actor and actress, noted as much for their unconventional private life as their abilities as actors, is a sad reflection on the journalism standards which one should expect from the reputable daily press.

There was a time when scandal was left to the trash publications. The Profumo scandal in Britain seems to herald a new era, however, as day after day the revelations of a pair of loose-moraled young ladies were unabashedly revealed to the reading public. Now Lizenbeck, as they are coyly referred to, have taken over the Toronto press.

Several city columnists have been arguing their view that the public has no right to question private morals. Some have even been admiring this unconventional behaviour. And, in great flights of pseudo-psychological fancy, anyone who fails to

condone the relationship is branded as a prude who really would like to do the same thing himself.

To our mind the whole thing has become boring, disgusting and unnecessary.

And it could stop in a day if the publications concerned were to stop their 24-hour coverage of the visitors.

We live in a society which believes essentially in the sanctity of marriage. There have been and will be deviations from the accepted moral code. If we are to glorify these deviations, we do a major disservice to our young people by enhancing immorality with an aura of glamour.

Aside from the patent fact that one of the world's wealthiest and talented women is behaving like an ignorant, immoral gut-ter-snipe, not one of her admiring columnists seems to realize what they might be doing to hundreds of youngsters who might try to emulate her. Nor has one wondered why she isn't home, as a mother should be, looking after her children.

### Age is Showing....

We watched the Beatles Sunday night on Ed Sullivan's program.

Our worst fears were confirmed.

They are as unattractive and untalented in person as they are on their records which are selling new heights in sales.

Guess our age is showing.

We grew up in the era of Rudy Vallee and Frankie Sinatra, and shared in that hysteria. We appreciated, though couldn't wax enthusiastic about, Elvis when he came on the scene a few years ago.

### Direction for Students....

For the second year, girl students at CHS had an opportunity to hear about potential careers yesterday when speakers from various firms which employ women in important positions, appeared at the school. The Business and Professional Women's Club sponsors this informative day. And this year the Jaycees cooperated by bringing speakers on careers for men.

It is a most worthwhile endeavour of the clubs concerned and one which will be of much benefit to students.

In a private way it complements the emphasis on guidance which has become part of our secondary school system in the

The build-up was the same — a gimmick in song style, dress and mannerisms. Ditto to the Beatles, but one essential ingredient is missing — talent. They belong to the school of Fabian, Dion, and any number of inept youngsters created into stardom and early demise by smart managers and publicity men.

Seems too bad that some really talented young people couldn't be given this advantage. Apparently nowadays, musical ability is strictly at the bottom of the totem pole and gimmicks rule the day.

past decade.

Students today have a much better chance of fitting the niche in business life for which they are best suited. While guidance does not become a hard and fast rule, it tends to direct a boy or girl into a field of work in which his abilities, interests and talents lie.

Action of the BPW and Jaycees in having experts in their fields discuss careers from a practical basis, strengthens the effort of the school's guidance department. It will pay rich dividend in future years for young people who are having difficulty deciding on their future course.



CHOPSTICKS TAKE A BIT OF GETTING USED TO

### SUGAR AND SPICE

## A HISTORY LESSON

Frightening it is to discover the ideas some kids are picking up in school these days. I got some insight into the sheer wildness of it when I was helping young Kim with her history the other day.

She is 12 years old, an average kid by most standards, a very bright one by those of her parents. She's in Grade 8. I was reading from her history notebook and asking her questions based on the notes she had made.

First, I asked, what did the early pioneers build their homes out of? The answer came smartly: the earliest homes were little more than shanties, but soon the pioneers began building with lumber, stucco, brick and stone. I asked her where they got these materials. "In the fields," was the answer.

Stuffed, I looked in her notes. There it was: "Soon the settlers began to build houses out of lumber, brick, stucco, and stone from their fields." I had quite an argument before convincing her that lumber, stucco and brick do not grow in fields.

Next, I shot her a question on the harvesting of grain in the early days. Her note book stated that "the grain went through many painful processes." It went on to say that the grain was threshed and winnowed, and then was taken to be ground at sawmills and gristmills, preferably grist. "Painful, indeed, putting grain through a sawmill."

A little later I came across the startling information that during the Rebellion of 1837 in Upper Canada, William Lyon Mackenzie's Rebels had been defeated by 30 men at "Maple Leaf Gardens."

Frankly, I was appalled, and slightly delighted. What an interesting way to learn history! Then, pursuing her notes, I was informed that Lord Selkirk, in trying to establish his communities in what is now Manitoba, got into a squabble with the Northwestern Fur Trading Company, and "carelessly captured Fort William." How do you capture a place carelessly?

After the initial shock wore off, it occurred to me that my daughter didn't know limestone from fieldstone; that she really had no idea where bricks and stucco came from; that she didn't even know what a sawmill was; that she didn't realize that, while the NHL is adept at crushing rebels, it was not in existence in 1837; and that she had just thrown that adjective "carelessly" in through good spirits and a complete ignorance of who Lord Selkirk was, and where Fort William is.

I'm not trying to blame her teacher. Heaven forbid. The kids are to blame. They copy stuff down from the text-book, leave out a word, or add one, and the results are hilarious. They are over-awed and over-

whelmed by facts, and are much more interested in "what" than in "why".

Secondly, I blame their parents, people like me, who are too busy to find out what they are learning, and to correct such garbled notions.

Check It Out  
Check your son's homework, and you'll find him writing this sort of thing, especially if he learned to spell phonetically — "He krap koashly threw the nite, krap to peer into the fog."

Have a look at your daughter's arithmetic. You'll learn that she has just sold \$19,844 pounds of butter for \$19,844 and thinks nothing of it.

In short, Dad, have a look. It will shake you rigid.

### MAIL BAG

## Champions Merchants At Expense Taxpayers?

33 Gower Road, Georgetown, Ont. February 6th, 1964

To the Editor:

The editor in his editorial "Why Bargains to Town?" of February 6th, 1964, has been caught with his motives showing.

In the editorial criticism is levelled at the municipality and in particular one councillor who wisely advocated that "That the price on its purchases or seek a wholesale supplier" unquote.

The Herald will undoubtedly gain much praise and perhaps more advertising copy from these heavily-taxed local merchants it champions so well.

However, I as a heavily taxed homeowner (though less frequent contributor to the advertising page) find little solace in the policy of a newspaper ostensibly devoted to public service which would criticize a councillor for attempting to alleviate this problem of heavy taxes.

Sincerely,  
— James P. Thomas

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## DISTRICT NEWS

— AT A GLANCE —

### BRAMPTON

ry Burt president for 1964.  
Len Kenton, president of Brampton Golf Club Ltd., informed shareholders at the annual meeting last Wednesday night that the club has been refinanced. Halton Pool Trust and Savings Co. will hold the new mortgage and the Brampton branch of the Royal Bank of Canada will be debenture trustees on the new 18-hole course being built on the 1st Line W. Chinguacousy.

### ACTON

Plans were finalized on Tuesday to hold a safety lane automobile check under the supervision of the Acton Safety Council early in June. Harold Denny, project chairman, had hopes of holding the check on Acton Blvd. but it was thought this location would interfere with school classes. A mechanic will be on duty.

### MILTON

All 128 street intersections in Milton will soon be graded by illuminated street markers. The cost, \$3,600, to \$5,700, will be spread over the next 20 years, at less than \$200 a year. The markers are two feet high and six inches square with yellow glass and black letters.

### ERIN

Members of the Erin Agricultural Society met in the dining hall of the Erin Masonic building last Wednesday and chose Har- The Erin Agricultural Society sponsors Erin Fair.

### OAKVILLE

An elderly Oakville man walked to his death last Wednesday night after leaving his home for a breath of air. John Kuziy, R.R. 1, Oakville, was walking south on the East Town Line when struck and hurled through the air by a car. He died before help arrived.

### BURLINGTON

The town's museum, listed as a tourist attraction, gets a poor rating from Chamber of Commerce administrative official C. R. McNeil. Mr. McNeil told fellow members, "Frankly I'm disappointed. It has quite a large display of arrowheads but other than that I cannot see it as any attraction."

### FERGUS

Two Fergus men, Les Skerit and Pete Wilson, have built a machine for winter transportation that is a little out of the ordinary. Their vehicle is a three-axle snowmobile of their own design.

## 'Get Them Now' is Plea as Licence Deadline Nears

Concern is being shown at the local Dept. of Transport office over the sale of plates. Although they had expected business would pick up, quite the opposite was the case, with sales slowing to a trickle last week.

What this means is that with less than two weeks left, there will undoubtedly be large last minute lineups... that is unless the motoring public suddenly touches off a buying surge from now on.

The office, located at 41 Main Street South, is open each day from 9 to 1 and 1 to 5:30 and on Saturdays each day until 4 o'clock.

Drivers permits are selling briskly however. The mailing of the application forms has now been completed and if you have NOT received your application contact your Dept. office immediately. Licenses must be obtained by February 28th. This is the date that your licence and plates both have to be obtained by. There will be no extension.

Truck, bus and trailer plates (yearly) for commercial vehicles go on sale March 2nd and are valid until March 31st, 1966.

Quarterly plates will not be available until March 28th for trucks. Last year's plates for commercial vehicles expire on March 31, 1964. There too will be no extension for commercial vehicles.

So why not make it a point to drop in this week-end and obtain your car plates and your driver's licence. Extra staff on the week-ends to avoid waiting.

## BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Faith trembled and answered: Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.—Acts 17:20.

Religion that is practiced only as it is convenient is merely window-dressing, the real thing is missing.

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