

## ... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

### Losing Good Citizen

Departure of Rev. Lloyd Whan from town will be a loss not only to his First Baptist congregation, but to the town at large as well.

In his eight years in town, Mr. Whan has been particularly prominent in work with young people. A keen sportsman, he has been a manager and coach with the minor hockey, baseball and soccer teams. He was one of a group of men and women who worked for months to organize the YM-YWCA and he later served as a director on this fledgling group which is gradually establishing itself as a force for good in Georgetown.

He has served his own Baptist congregation faithfully. And, quietly, behind the

scenes, more than one person has benefited from his counsel and example as a Christian gentleman.

Although his pastorate will terminate in mid-April, he will continue to live here while taking a course in pastoral education in Brampton which will qualify him for his new position with the Ontario Dept. of Reform Institutions. He will then become a chaplain at Millbrook, a maximum security prison near Peterborough.

We can think of no better man for such a position which demands the utmost in patience, understanding and firm guidance. The government is fortunate that a man of Mr. Whan's calibre has chosen to enter this important field of work.

### Repatriating the Souvenir

Imported souvenir goods have dominated the Canadian market for many years. But a change is indicated as locally produced souvenirs in ever-increasing volume find their way to retail outlets and the consumer.

Many people have experienced a disappointment finding that goods purchased in Ontario, to keep as mementoes are foreign in origin. Tourists much prefer items made in the country or district they are visiting.

An Ontario Souvenir Industry exhibition took place recently in Toronto and officials of the Dept. of Tourism and Information report that a very encouraging number of enquiries from buyers reflected a growing awareness of Ontario-made souvenirs. The exhibition was part of a continu-

ing campaign encouraging expansion of the souvenir industry and focusing attention on the increasingly diversified selection of made-in-Ontario goods.

Expenditures on souvenirs and similar tourist gifts is estimated by the Hon. James Auld, minister of tourism, to be close to \$50 million a year in Ontario, with well over half being spent on imported goods.

Economic self-interest and pride combine in a strong argument in favour of a native souvenir industry.

Ontario's problem is not unique, as we found on a recent trip to historic Williamsburg, Virginia. Here, craft shops abound, producing products for display and sale. But in the regular town shops, hordes of the cheaper souvenirs were stamped "Made in Japan."

### It's Not True

If all the stories of women drivers were assembled in one spot, Gone With the Wind would seem like a short story.

But statistics prove that the stories, undoubtedly originated by men, are no more true than the old chestnut that all redheads have violent tempers.

To the contrary, of course, is the fact that the parents of 16-year-old daughters can live cheaper than the couple blessed with teenage sons. That is, if father is going to let them drive his car. A daughter and drive with no rise in car insurance rate. But the moment a son sits behind the wheel, dad is stuck for a considerable bill for this extra driving hazard.

Of course, some men will come right

back and say women aren't involved in as many accidents — they just cause them when men drivers take to the ditch when trouble approaches.

As an impartial observer — at least as impartial as a man can be who has three driving females in his home — we'll stick up for the girls every time.

And we're sure that it was a man who wrote the following in a Ford Motor publication, commenting on a national TV drivers test: "Over 90 per cent of women drivers polled in Cleveland believed that radiator hose was a brand of nylons; 80 per cent were sure that brake drums were musical instruments; and over 65 per cent said that universal joints were a national disgrace."

## SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

### The Season for Snarling

Ever had a day when you feel depressed, even surly, with no apparent reason? That's the way I am today.

Usually a sweet-tempered, lovable chap, I feel right now like knocking the crutches out from under some old gentleman trying to get across the street before the light changes.

But after a wild look around to see if there's something I could destroy without making my wife sore, like maybe a paper cup, I've discovered the source of my vile mood. There they sit, stacked about the floor of my study, those piles of trivia on which I've spent the past eight hours with no obvious change in their attitude. Exam papers.

Marking exam papers is, I guess, good for the soul. It's about the only thing it is good for. It's hard on the eyes, the nerves, the tailbone and the temper.

But it has a salutary effect on the ego. It's a little like trying to pull in your stomach and finding that your chest doesn't go out any more. Or catching that first horrible glimpse of the naked bald spot which you thought was merely a thinning on top.

Yes, it's humbling. You have begun to build up — with no really good reason, except that you haven't been fired — the idea that you're an excellent, if not outstanding teacher.

Then you start to read what your students have "learned" from you in the past six months. Nothing. Zero. You have merely compounded their ignorance. You have only confused the simple teen-age philosophies they have acquired from television, hootenannies, Mad magazine and the poolroom.

Some young and tender teachers, faced with this shattering moment, have been known to turn green, rush to the school board, offer their resignations, and even, in drastic cases, attempt to pay back the salaries they have accepted since September.

For the older, tougher teachers, it is not quite such a traumatic experience. Oh, they may swear a bit, tear their hair a bit, and froth slightly at the mouth. But they do not offer to return their salaries. The last known case of this, among older teachers, was in 1714.

The more experienced teachers accept this "dissillusionment" as they do the changing of the seasons. They know that by some magic alchemy of spring, Easter holidays, parental pressure and three months of unrelenting labour on their own parts, it will be all sorted out by June, and most of the kids will advance a grade.

And it must be admitted that marking exams is not unmitigated misery. It has its moments. On several occasions, responding to peals of maniacal laughter from my study, my wife has dashed up the stairs, ready to call the boys in the white coats.

There's the student who tries the shotgun approach. Scatter your gems as widely as possible, and you're bound to hit something right. One such, in a

recent history exam, identified John D. Rockefeller thus: "He was a Prime Minister of England and very important in the labor movement." The rumble heard at the time was John D. trying to argue his way back to this world so he could strangle the kid.

Sometimes it's not funny. On a recent exam, junior students were asked to pick the right verb from this sentence: "They have (dounk, drank) all the water." A little blonde girl with troubled eyes chose "drank" because, as she pointed out, "Drunk is not a verb. It's a noun." She had a good reason for her answer. Her father is one.

And then, of course, amid the welter of confusion, comes the sudden stab of pure, refreshing delight, the discovery of an original, perceptive mind, trying to make sense out of all this nonsense. It's like finding a solid piece of ground in a swamp, a cool spring in the desert.

That's the moment when the poor old teacher is hooked once again by that most irritating of nuisances, faith in the future of the human race. And bleary-eyed, but with a lighter heart, he bows his weary head once more over the wasteland of words, looking for the diamond in the coal-mine.

#### IN THE MAIL BAG

### Supports Lewis Stand On Dismissal Reason

RR 2, Rockwood,

Dear Sir,  
I read with interest Mr. A.L. Lewis's letter of the 17th, March 1966, Herald, Thursday, March 24th, 1966, criticizing the Administration of the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. At the time of Mr. Lewis's dismissal from the G.D.M.H.I. as a close friend, tried to find the reason for his dismissal. I found it incredible to believe that a man, could be dismissed without knowing the reason (even a criminal gets a chance to defend himself).

I questioned Mr. Lewis's subordinates. One thought the reason was that Mr. Lewis was too concerned about his men's welfare. I know Mr. Lewis attended a Board meeting just after his dismissal in an effort to learn the reason why he was dismissed — he was not given the opportunity to speak to the Board. Concerned about my friend's future, I would have to seek further employment without a reference, and not knowing why he was fired. I visualized a prospective employer jumping to his own conclusions. Mr. Lewis could be thought a thief, alcoholic, sex deviate, etc., etc. Then I learned that Mr. Lewis had been highly critical of some of the equipment in the Hospital, and a representative of the Commission that was responsible for much of the building and equipping of the Hospital was called upon to answer Mr. Lewis's charges, and I deduced that the report of this gentleman was instrumental in causing Mr. Lewis's dismissal.

The point is Mr. Lewis should have been given the chance to defend himself.  
Yours truly,  
W. A. Johnson

## KERR'S COLUMN

M.P.P. Reports to Georgetown from Queen's Park by George Kerr

A great deal of publicity is being given to the new Ontario Medical Services Insurance Plan, commonly known as OMSIP. The enrolment period is now in effect and people may obtain an information pamphlet and application form at any bank. This material has also been mailed to every home in Ontario.

The application should be submitted to the Ontario Government before May 1st next. Coverage under the Plan will commence July 1st, 1966.

I have been receiving substantial mail requesting clarification of one or two points under Section 5 of the OMSIP pamphlet. This is the section which explains how people with low incomes are assisted in paying the cost of the Ontario Plan. It points out that OMSIP will automatically provide fully-paid coverage effective April 1st, 1966, for people who are receiving benefits under certain Provincial statutes such as the Mothers' Allowance Act and the Disabled Persons' Act. The pamphlet goes on to say: "OMSIP will also automatically provide fully-paid coverage for all old age security pensioners who are declared eligible for coverage by the Ontario Department of Public Welfare". It is important to realize that this does not mean that all people receiving an old Age Pension will be automatically covered by OMSIP. It is only those people who are obtaining assistance through the Ontario Department of Public Welfare; that is who are receiving an old Age Pension between the ages of 65 to 70. The average person who receives an old Age Pension at 70 still has to apply and complete an application form for OMSIP and forward it to Toronto. If anyone is still confused about this particular section, I would suggest, to play it safe, that they may


complete an application form in any event and forward it to Toronto. If they are eligible for automatic coverage, they will also be advised. However, in order to avoid the possibility of not having any insurance at all, if a person is not completely certain of his or her status, it is quite simple to complete an application form.

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## NEWS ECHOES

From the Herald's of 10, 20, and 30 Years Ago

- #### 10 YEARS AGO
- A total of 969 animals — 704 dogs, 263 cats and 2 pet rabbits — were inoculated against rabies at a free vaccination clinic at the Georgetown armoury Wednesday.
  - Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church which has been a mission of St. Joseph's Church, Acton, will be established as a separate parish with a resident pastor on Sunday, May 6th. The change was announced at Sunday masses by Rev. Father Vincent Morgan. The Capuchin Fathers will be in charge of the Georgetown parish and Rev. Anselm Spack will be coming to town from Blenheim.
- #### 20 YEARS AGO
- An organization meeting of a Georgetown dramatic group was held in the Municipal Building last Thursday evening. As a result it is hoped an amateur theatrical society will flourish here. Jack Thompson was elected president, Mary Moyer secretary, Bill McDonald treasurer, Russell Varay, Mrs. S. E. Magwood, and John Farmer play committee, Mrs. L. W. Denn, Mrs. G. B. S. Cousens and Peggy Kelly wardrobe and make-up committee, Alex Korzack lighting and props. The above together with Mrs. Alex Greig and Renee Diggins form the membership committee.
  - Considerable interest has been aroused by the activity around the old John R. Barber home on Main Street south which has been unoccupied for these past several years. The once-lovely old red brick house, which has fallen into disrepair, is to be converted into 14 modern apartments.