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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Discipline Is Needed

A United Church minister was reported in the daily press as telling a group of young people to rebel.

He termed the high school course unimaginative and dull, criticized the conformity demanded by principals (What have haircuts to do with education?) and generally conducted himself like a university sophomore instead of the supposed community leader which his position demands.

He ended his oration when he was told by some of the youngsters that their parents don't understand them, don't listen to anything they say, by advocating discussion groups between parents and young people.

When such statements are made to young people is it any wonder that today we are having trouble with our children in their difficult adolescent years?

Thank God we went to high school when a teacher's authority was recognized by both students and parents. If Miss Jones told a girl to "leave the room and don't come back until you get that paint off your face and put on some stockings" it was done. Oh, there was griping and some black looks. But never did a parent appear to tell Miss Jones she was destroying her girl's self-expression.

Time for Some Sense

Sunday we watched a television program which struck fear in our hearts.

It was a documentary on the effects of LSD, a new drug which, according to the program, is becoming widely used among university students.

It apparently causes a state of introversion and hypnosis, is being promoted by an ex-Harvard professor who runs some kind of establishment where young people visit to gain the unusual experience which the drug engenders.

It is an even more frightening manifestation than the Easter trips to Florida, the major trouble at California universities where students are resenting all authority and demanding to run the whole show themselves, the open rebellion against convention so prevalent today.

On the one hand we should not get over-concerned, for it would be unnatural if youngsters, all of a sudden away from home and in an exciting new world, didn't kick over a few traces.

Clean-Up-Time Here

The week-end's fine weather brought out the gardeners in full force.

Everywhere in town one saw people out raking up the winter's debris, casting longing looks at their vegetable and flower gardens.

It is nice to see accumulations of trash disappearing. The town is planning to rent a street sweeper and soon the sand and calcium used for winter control will be disposed of. Main Street had one wash-down recently by the town works staff to get rid of some of the dust.

We hope all residents will join the clean-up and help make the town a beauty spot. It is particularly important to gather waste paper, bottles and pop cans, bits of broken glass which seems always to plague

our high school principal had the knack of letting things go just far enough, then clamping down the lid. That applied to clothing, hair styles and what have you. Teenagers today don't need to think they have discovered how many weird and wonderful ways you can spoil nature's beauty. Until the principal stepped in, boys at our high school affected corduroy trousers; in rainbow colours, bell bottoms, turtle neck sweaters with outside braces, gaudy suede shoes. And when the girls started wearing boys' shirts and pants, authority descended and put an end to the whole craze.

As for high schoolers rebelling at the courses offered and the teaching methods set by the Department of Education — this young minister shows he is still wet behind the ears. How on earth can boys and girls in their mid-teens be expected to know what is good for them academically. Has he forgotten that a good deal of our schooling is geared to discipline. It's not so much what you are learning as that you must learn it. A form of teaching that when one gets out in the world, he does not just choose the things he likes and wants to do, but must tackle the boring, unpleasant aspects of his job with good grace.

But when drugs, sex, and degeneracy replace the relative harmlessness of radical political theories, a bit of drinking, pacifist clubs, then its time to take a good, hard look at where today's world is headed.

If universities are to play their proper role in our society, which is to train our finest young minds to be the leaders of tomorrow — the teachers, politicians, scientists, engineers, there is a great deal more discipline needed there than is being exemplified.

A university has much more absolute power than even a high school, to discipline its students. It can set its rules, demand that they be followed, and dismiss any person who doesn't want to play by those rules.

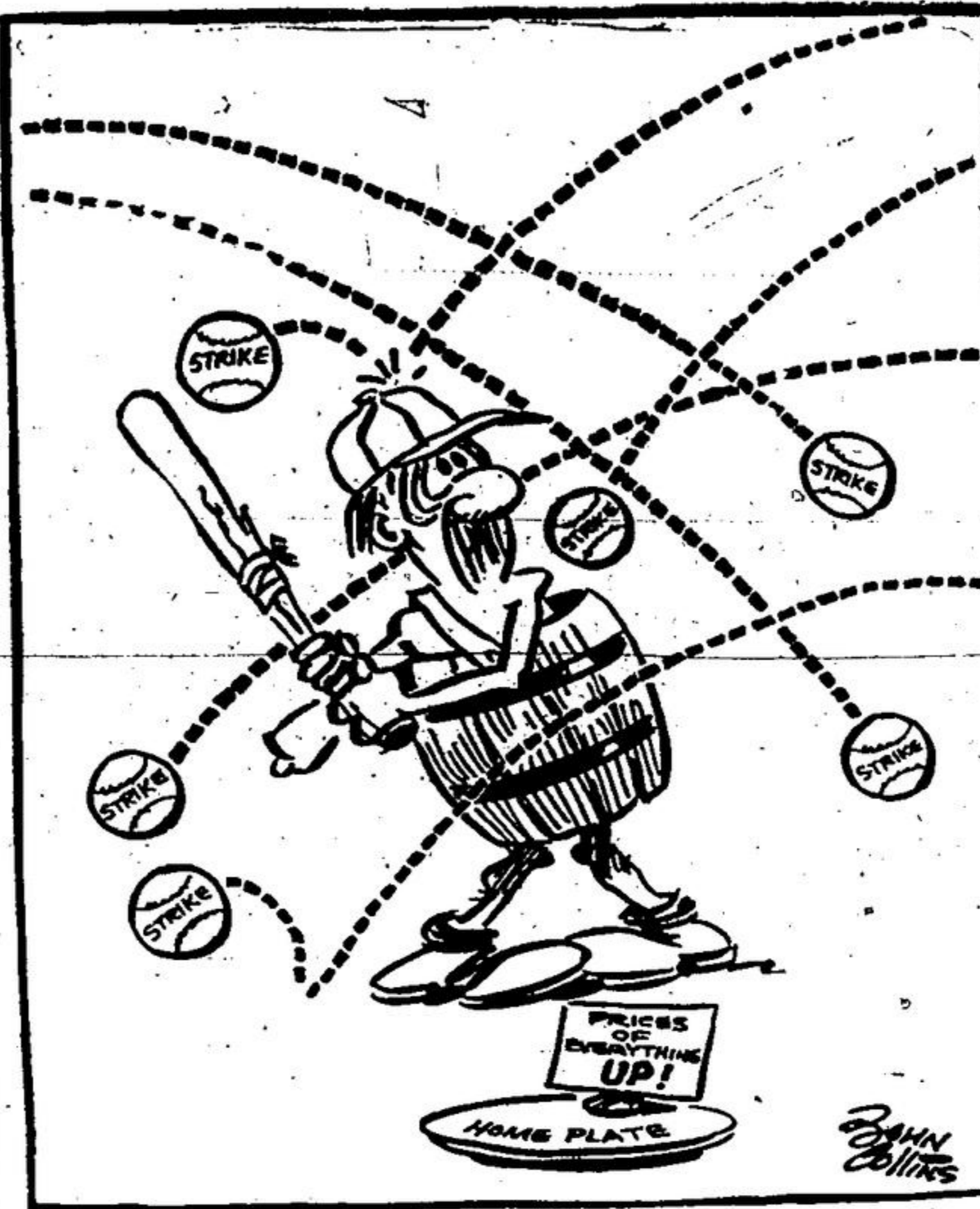
We have royal commissions into almost every aspect of life today. Perhaps the time has arrived for government, which pays a good share of university costs, to take a look at how its money is being spent.

our clean-up efforts.

Another thing, often overlooked, is to keep the space between sidewalk and road tidy, grass clipped and free of weeds.

We have said before that a painting is enhanced by its frame. So it is that, no matter how attractive your lawn, the picture can be spoiled by an unkempt roadside, and some stray trash, even if it is technically not on your property.

We particularly noticed Saturday the litter or paper along the highway. The Jaycees on at least one occasion, did a clean-up job there. It would be a good project for a service club or a scout group to spend a few hours there from time to time, for this is Georgetown's show window.



STARTING THE NEW SEASON

SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

Pick Your Execution

In its wisdom, the Canadian Parliament has decided that the death penalty should not be abolished, that capital punishment should be preserved.

I agree. Completely. In my youthful idealistic days, I had a crazy idea that the cold, deliberate taking of a human life by a civilized society was wrong.

But I'm becoming blunted in a world where young men who never did a nasty thing are killed daily, and women and children are bombed and burned daily, all in the name of peace.

In the face of this, who can worry about a handful of hoodlums about to be hanged? If there's the odd one who wasn't guilty, tough! There are a lot of other non-guilty people dying these days and always have been. Without a trial and jury. What I can't understand is

we tried and worked so hard for.

Minister of Trade and Commerce Mr. Winters recently sent letters to all American firms in Canada asking them to continue in the good will of management and business.

What amazes me is that this American firm which has many branches and their head office in the USA, the majority of them unionized and working with contracts would start up a union, which their own people have and flagrantly and openly defy our Labour Relations Act, then have everyone believe we are trying to put them out of business by holding them up financially.

This was by no means a split decision by secret ballot 99 per cent of the members favoured this action.

Gratefully,
— OLGA MURDEN,
Member of Local 876.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Impressed with Council Admires Job They Do
112 McIntyre Cresc.
April 21, 1966

Dear Mr. Editor:
I would appreciate having this letter, which I sent to May or Gibbons, included in your Mail Bag column in the Herald this week.

Dear Sir:
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the gentlemen of Council for the courtesy and consideration extended to my wife and myself at the Council meeting last Monday evening.

Like most taxpayers, we read about Council meetings and hear by word-of-mouth what transpired in Council chambers, and seldom take a great deal of interest until we, personally, are involved.

I must admit that we would not have visited Council on Monday if we hadn't had personal interests at heart. How-

girl reporters puke. I think something could be done about this, Paper bags, perhaps.

Not a single MP suggested another way of dealing with murderers. There are dozens. But I believe the most sporting way, for the culprits, and the least lacerating way, for a touchy society, would be to throw all the varieties of execution into a hat and let the prospective departure take his pick. It would add a certain "Jenny-Say-Kwoy" to the whole thing, which, in these troubled days, might keep Quebec within the fold.

Throw them all in a hat. There's something for everybody. For the softies: slashing of wrists and gentle expiration

NEWS ECHOES

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

10 YEARS AGO

- Seven new teachers have been hired for Georgetown's three public schools. They are Logan MacDonald, Mrs. Nellie Gardner, Barbara Cunningham, Marjorie Lacey, Mrs. L. G. Dixon, Heather Johnston, and Charles Pinkerton.
- Three new teachers have been hired by the high school board: Carl Schenk, Maurice Pastyr and Margaret Burke.
- First lines were laid yesterday for Georgetown's Natural gas distribution system which United Suburban Gas Co. hopes to have in operation for July 1st.
- Three members of 1st Georgetown Scout Troop became Queen's Scouts Friday. Bill Farmer, Fran Hulme and Bob Tracey received the highest honour at a ceremony in Niagara Falls.

20 YEARS AGO

- Seven children were christened in St. John's United Church by Rev. R. C. Todd Sunday. They were: William John McClements, Larry Charles Allen, James Walter Turnbull, Lorne James Coffell, Paulene Watson, Myrna Marie Cook and Beverly Shaw.
- Another business change on Main Street took place last week when Russell Thompson sold his taxi business to James Ross and Thomas Clapham of Toronto. The new owners will operate the business under the name of Georgetown Taxi.

in the bathtub, or an overdose of sleeping pills. For the hard: electrocution; gas; diving into an empty (concrete-bottom) swimming pool; bullet through the head.

For the exotic: the guillotine; the executioner's axe; impalement on a sharp stake; being torn to pieces by four wild horses; being lowered into a pit of vipers.

Of course, you have to take what you get. Just because you're a flamboyant type doesn't mean that you're going to pick the ballot saying you'll be burned at the stake. You might get the one saying death by strangling. Tough.

But at least there'd be some imagination in the whole thing. And this could be spread through the whole penal system. Shoplifters could be deported to the U.S. Kids who stole apples would be branded on the forehead with T for Thief. Income-tax-cheaters and people who were tricky with their expense accounts would be sent to the floggers with four dollars.

a fishing line, and all three of their wives. This would fill up our great northern spaces smartly.

There are great possibilities. Pass along your suggestions, and I'll pass them along to Parliament.

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