

OPINIONS OF OTHERS

Good Old Dollar

(from the Oakville Journal Record)

It may come as a shock to Canadian workers who are under 40 but back before World War Two an income of \$5,000 a year... a pay cheque of just under \$100 a week, was very much the exception.

Looking at these figures, it is obvious that we are much better off today. But a study made by the National Industrial Conference Board indicates that, because of taxation and inflation, the figures are quite misleading.

The income tax takes so much more than in 1939 and inflation has so reduced the purchasing power of the dollar that a U.S. worker has to earn \$13,234 to be as well off as the \$5,000 earner of 1939.

the effects of inflation will subtract another \$30,581.

As noted, these are American figures, but there is evidence that inflation and taxation have undermined workers' income to about the same extent in Canada.

To consider income only, in 1939 the average amount remitted to Ottawa by those Canadians in the \$4,000 to \$5,000 taxable income bracket—who were relatively well off since their incomes were four to five times that of the average factory worker—was only \$71.

Perhaps it is pointless to mourn the passing of the good old days, but the working man might reasonably yearn for the good old dollar.

Firearms and Education

(from the Guelph Mercury)

There is a growing concern about the easy availability of firearms in Canada, particularly all calibres of rifles, and the illegal uses to which they could be put by irresponsible people.

This raises the question of whether or not present regulations meet the requirements of 'reasonable precaution.' Under provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada, the sale of firearms is restricted to persons 14 years or over.

A much higher degree of control is exercised over the purchase of small arms, such as pistols or revolvers. A permit from the local firearms registrar is required before a purchaser can take it home.

and most of these go to members of gun clubs.

There is good reason for the extra precautions taken with small arms. They can too easily be concealed. Whether or not such precautions ought also to be taken in the case of rifles and shotguns is a moot question.

The best work in this field is being carried out by sportsmen's clubs in Ontario whose members are co-operating with departments of lands and forests in conducting hunter safety programs.

A boy who learns to handle a gun with care and respect is not likely to use it improperly in later years.

Unwittingly Adding to Toll

(from the Brampton Times)

"Don't involve the police in unnecessary high-speed car chases," was, in effect, suggested at the recent Sarnia convention of the Ontario Police Association.

The spokesman might have added, but did not, that the public blames the police when such a chase ends in a crash—not knowing or not remembering that the law requires the car be chased or, by inference, the misdemeanor which caught police attention, forgotten.

We would back up the suggestion that a close, critical appraisal be given that particular piece of legislation. It is usually possible to get the licence number of the car in question; it must be reasonably simple job to find out who was driving it.

There are quite enough occasions already on which policemen must take a risk and drive fast and there are certainly far too many accidents already to leave one stone unturned which might result in a decrease of either risks or crashes.

Repealing that section of the Highway Traffic Act might be of real public benefit.

IN THE MAIL BAG

ODEON SAYS GEORGETOWN TOO SMALL FOR THEATRE

Dear Mr. Editor: For the information of Mrs. Baker and others who may have wondered about the possibility of re-opening the local theatre, may I say that about 18 months ago, Mayor Gibbons asked me to

make an investigation into such a development taking place.

I wrote to the Odeon Company and in a reply from their Managing Director, I was advised that even if the local interested persons were to undertake a campaign to underwrite the cost of getting the building into shape, their Directors' considered opinion was that it would not be economically sound to try to operate a movie theatre in a town of less than twenty-five to thirty thousand population.

It would therefore seem that

we will have to continue to "meet our friends in Brampton" until such time as we arrive at the magic number.

Yours very truly, Cec Davidson.

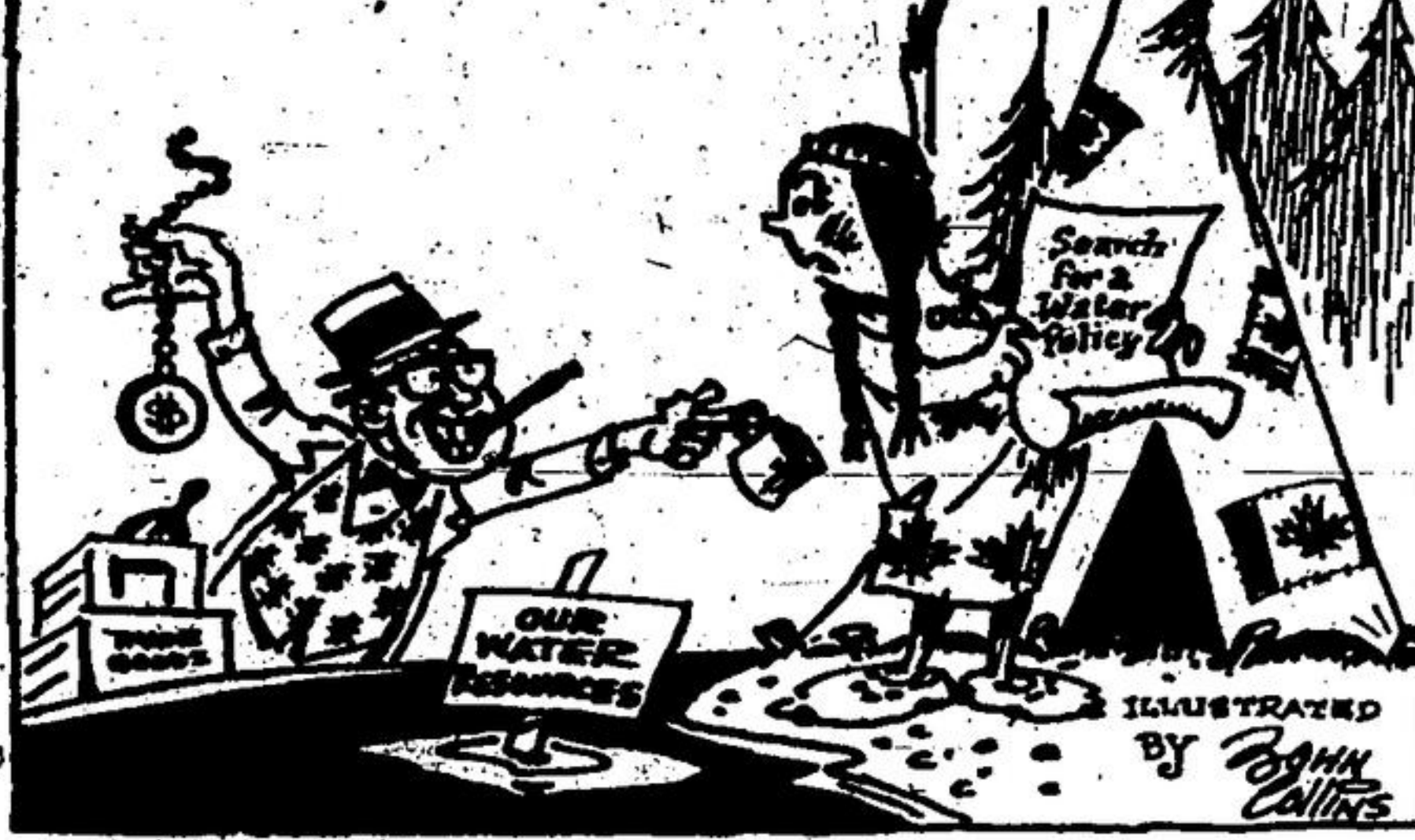
BIBLE THOUGHTS

"But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness." 1 Cor. 10:5

The man who lives for the world can look for the worst.

BY THE SHORE OF ITTBY-GIMMAYE, BY THE SHINING BIG-SEA-WATER, STOOD THE WIGWAM OF NOKOMIS, DAUGHTER OF THE MOON, NOKOMIS. DARK BEHIND IT ROSE THE FOREST, ROSE THE BLACK AND GLIMY PINE-TREES, ROSE THE FIRS WITH CONES UPON THEM; BRIGHT BEFORE IT BEAT THE WATER, BEAT THE CLEAN AND SUNNY WATER, BEAT THE SHINING BIG-SEA-WATER.

from Longfellow's HIAWATHA



THE COMING OF THE TRADERS

SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

Riding the Waves

This summer, I've been out a boat twice, but each was memorable in its fashion.

The first time, old friends called and told us to be at their cottage sharp at noon next day. They were entertaining friends from the States and wanted us to join them for a special scenic ride by chartered boat.

It sounded interesting. And it was. We drove 50 miles to their cottage. Light refreshments and we all piled into two cars and drove 15 miles to Tobermory.

The boat's skipper was an old friend, Archie Simpson, and we exchanged, "Long-time-no-sees."

Everything went swimmingly. It was a beautiful afternoon, our host had provided all the trimmings, the company was pleasant and the scenery superb as we cruised along the rugged north shore of the Bruce Peninsula.

Then the breeze freshened. We began to wallow a bit. Nothing serious, but two of the party began turning a pale green. Should we go on or turn back? It was decided to press on, pull into Wingfield Basin, and wait for the breeze to drop.

It didn't. It became a wind. The skipper said it would be a rough trip back. The ladies looked longingly at the shore.

After two hours, our host stoutly chafed, borrowed a dinghy and rowed 500 yards to the lighthouse, made arrangements, and rowed back, without even suffering a coronary.

We went ashore. Two cars were available. We would drive to Tobermory, pick up our own cars and drive back to the cottage. But who was going to drive the two cars back to the lighthouse.

That was only the beginning of the complications, too involved to relate here. Both cars broke down. The rear end went on one just as we reached Tobermory, and the other crept into the village sans brakes.

NEWS ECHOES

From the Herald of 10 and 20 Years Ago

10 YEARS AGO

- A large storage barn owned by Charles Greig, R.F. was completely destroyed by fire Wednesday night. Charles Harris, a resident on the Greig property, discovered the fire when he looked out his window and saw flames licking up the sides of the barn. The massive barn had contained various types of farm machinery, including a tractor spraying equipment, and a cultivator, as well as numerous bales of hay.

20 YEARS AGO

- Removal of the federal subsidy has raised milk price here to 15 cents a quart, a fifty percent increase over the price of milk a year ago.
- Election of the 1946 student council at high school resulted in the following officers: Form 1 representative A. Carter, S. Alexander, M. Golden; Form 2 representatives Ross Dillon, Betty King; Form 3 Emery Thompson, Mary Sargent; Form 4 D. Alexander, J. Chester; Form 5 P. Robinson, R. Hunter; secretary V. Barnes; treasurer Walter Sargent.

The ladies, grimy but glad, took one of our own cars and went back to the cottage. My host, another chap and myself spent two hours and drove about 80 miles, organizing the return of the borrowed cars.

But it all ended pleasantly, with hamburgers at the cottage about 10 p.m. Midnight found me arguing racial problems with a big, dumb Norwegian lawyer from Chicago. He's so dumb he has only three million dollars to his name. And we still had to drive 50 miles home.

A memorable boat ride. Ten miles by boat and 250 by car. But good clean fun all the way.

The other boat ride was a typical Smiley event. Kim and I went out in her uncle's boat, after a three-minute period of instruction. She insisted on driving, though she had never steered anything more powerful than a canoe.

We staggered about the lake, she grinning wildly, I riding with fear in the bow. For miles from the home dock we bit bottom.

"Drop the anchor! Man overboard! Hard astern!" yell these and a few other sea-going terms. Too late, had sheared a pin, whatever that means.

I spoke silently to myself about five minutes, head bowed as if in prayer. Then I reached for the paddle. No paddle. We made it ashore in minutes, using our hands paddle.

She stuck with the ship, waded rocky shorelines, clambered, bare-footed through poison ivy, seeking help. Three hours after we had set out a 15-minute whirl about the lake, we got back to port. My ma was waiting.

If you're planning a boat trip, perhaps you shouldn't do yours truly along.

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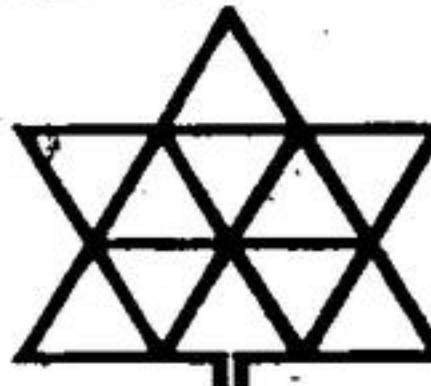
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Centennial Report



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by JOHN W. FISHER CENTENNIAL COMMISSIONER

RCAP planes flying over Canada's isolated communities in the far north are going to be air-dropping some unusual cargo in the months ahead.

During the coming school year the planes will be making air-drops of bright new medallions, souvenirs of Canada's Centennial, to the school children of the north. Why air-drops? Well, some of those communities are so isolated there simply is no other way for deliveries to coincide with distribution of the medallions to the rest of Canada's school population in time by June 1, 1967.

Six million of the Centennial medallions for school children are now being produced for the Centennial Commission by the Royal Canadian Mint at Ottawa. Each medallion, one inch and a quarter in diameter will be packaged in a special envelope bearing the Centennial symbol on the outside.

The first delivery of medallions from the mint will be a special one—2,000 to the Centennial Commission at the end of September for the air-drop allotments. Then the mint will make direct shipments to all the provinces and territories by April 1, 1967. Departments of education will redistribute to all their schools for presentation toward the end of the school year.

For Indian children, attending federal schools, the mint will make direct shipments to those schools operated by the federal government. The Department of National Defence will distribute medallions to all Canadian school children at military bases overseas.

The medallion design, shown here, was recommended this past spring by a special advisory committee to the Centennial Commission. The choice of the design was made following a contest conducted last year among five experienced Canadian designers. Winner of the Commission's award for the obverse side of the medallion was Thomas Shingles of Victoria, B.C. and for the reverse side, Mrs. Dora de Pedree Hunt of Toronto, Ontario.

The medallions will be of lasting significance to all in the new generation. Perhaps they will be passed along from generation of families and a number will appear again on the 200th anniversary of Confederation.



Obverse



Reverse