

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Profit-Sharing An Answer

Most people today are concerned about an inflationary spiral which, if it continues, could well totally wreck the economy of America and bring disaster on what, despite its deficiencies, has been a pretty good way of life for the majority of us.

Because the blame must be shared by management, organized labour and government, it is really you and I who must shoulder the responsibility, for every citizen is included in at least one of these categories.

The problem seems to be what to do about it, how to best solve major conflicts about wages, working conditions, the fear of automation, the economic implications of pricing our products out of the world market.

Government has fallen short of its obligations by ridiculous settlements with labour unions in companies completely or partially controlled by government. This has set a frightening pattern of demands in private industry. Where a union once asked for a 2 or 3% wage rise, it is common to read of demands as high as thirty per cent today.

At the same time, company statements revealed in the daily press, tell of increasing profits, better dividends for shareholders.

Each side has its problems. Companies, in a free society, are in business to make reasonable profits for shareholders.

ies, in a free society, are in business to make reasonable profits for shareholders. Labour is interested in a just wage and a comfortable living. And as prices of staples spiral men find it harder and harder to enjoy the necessities and some of the luxuries which our country affords.

If government and industrial economists can come up with no answers, it is difficult for any one else to help solve the problem. But it would appear to us that perhaps the only solution would be for companies to adopt a profit sharing plan, to strive to make jobs less of the assembly line drudgery and more individualistic. To return to the days a few decades ago when a man could have justifiable pride in his work and to realize the importance of his part of the production pattern to the overall product.

Labour unions in their turn should ease concentration on completely material benefits and also share in a program of company loyalty, product improvement and emphasis on skill. The tendency has been to equalize industrial positions to the point where it is relatively uninteresting for a man to aspire to a position at the top, because his benefits are too slight compared with the majority.

Government must forget some of the politics, consult its experts, come up with sensible decisions and stick to them.

It would seem that today most of us have abandoned the golden rule for a dog eat dog philosophy which can only end in harm for all.

Welcome New Church

With appropriate ceremonies a new religious denomination was added in Georgetown on Sunday when an afternoon dedication ceremony was held in the new Immanuel Lutheran Church.

The congregation was actually established in 1963 and church services have been held in a school auditorium pending completion of the new church. The congregation has been under the guidance of Rev. John Kiffner since its inception and it was a proud day for the young pastor and the church members on Sunday to participate in an historic day.

A majority of the larger churches are now represented in Georgetown - Roman Catholic, Anglican, United, Presbyterian, Baptist, Christian Reformed, Latter Day Saints, and Jehovah Witnesses.

Such representation is an asset to a community, allowing as it does membership in the church of one's choice. And addition of the Lutheran church, which reaches into all parts of the world, is particularly beneficial for the town.

The zeal and dedication of the group of men and women who have worked towards fulfilment of this is to be admired and we wish them a long and fruitful service in future years.

New Park An Asset

With endless possibilities in future as Georgetown grows into a larger community, Centennial Park is already fulfilling one function which doesn't cost much money—a delightful spot for families to congregate on week-ends for a few hours in the open air or a picnic.

The buildings of the former girls' school are also gradually being adapted for use of service and social groups, with a minimum of expense, and time will increase their value too.

More and more residents are discovering the charm of this bit of rural landscape

right in the middle of town. Streams and trees and grass in their natural state are hard to improve on, and for this kind of outing the new park is ideal.

Meanwhile larger projects like bandshells, theatres, botanical gardens, swimming pools can be discussed and dreamed about for who knows what the future will bring. Facilities involving major expenditures are something which don't materialize overnight, but they never come at all without such talk.

The advantage of Centennial Park is that we can enjoy it now while visualizing what could be in future.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Non-Conformists, Not All Bad
Christ. Lincoln, St-Francis

September 18th, 1966
45 Charles Street
Georgetown, Ontario

Dear Sir,

The trouble with the Herald Editorial about conformity (Sept. 15) is that it is full of generalities where it should be specific.

Mrs. Currie's article a few weeks earlier was a satire to ridicule a law (against loitering) which is, I think every sane person will agree, a silly one.

It is also a dangerous one. We are naive to believe that because our democracy is granting a great amount of freedom to the individual, this will always be the case. With laws like the "anti-loitering law" we provide ready-made weapons for a future damage to openness and stifle freedom of movement and freedom of speech. This is called "decent" people are however afraid of the "mob". They "fidget and job"

don't admit that a mob of "decent" people is just as much a mob as any other mob.

It is a fact that Hitler came to power because he was the darling of the "decent" people in Germany, mainly the middle-classes. In 12 short years he succeeded (with the help of laws like the "anti-loitering law") to break the back bone of a nation forever. Today Germany is again prosperous beyond belief but culturally it will never regain the stature it once had.

I challenge everybody to prove to me that conformity as such is a good thing. Like everything else it is neither good nor bad. Only if hitched to a particular case can it become one or the other.

Conformity as such it the excuse of the intellectually lazy.

Is it really desirable to conform at all costs in the business world, in order to hold a job?

The fads which, to the casual onlooker may look like non-conformist are largely created by this same business world to make a profit.

Shouldn't a young person entering the business world, or any other world for that matter, be made aware by his or her elders that there are limits to how far one should follow the advice of one's supervisors and still remain an honourable person? The editorial suggests a materialistic view of life. It says in essence that as long as you are successful in making money in your job don't worry about the consequences.

If we believe democracy is the way of life which grants the greatest freedom to the individual, if we believe that it is the finest way of an educated population to govern itself, if we believe that democracy can only work if every person in the country is willing to think for him or herself instead of following the greatest number, we cannot have patience with an over emphasis on conformity.

I respect every person who's opinion differs from my own but detest the one who agrees with me because he expects some material gain.



NEW DESIGN FOR THE CANADIAN DOLLAR

SUGAR AND SPICE by Bill Smiley

A Stranger He Lives With

This month, my wife and I will observe with the customary stunned incredulity, our 20th wedding anniversary. It's a long time to live with a strange woman. Especially when she becomes stranger every year.

At time of writing, I don't know just what form the celebration will take. A fatted calf wouldn't be appropriate. Besides, we don't have a fatted calf, only a prodigal son. None of our mortgages are anywhere near the burning stage, for the occasion. And we are definitely not going to celebrate the event by starting a new family. But I'll think of something.

A friend of mine has an old dog. He's a huge boxer, about 11 years of age. My friend sometimes, when he feels like being depressed, begins figuring out how much that mutt has cost him over the years. It's now running about \$1,400.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Little NHL Founder Sends Appreciation

Weston, Ontario
September 14th, 1966

Dear Mr. Editor,

May I, in this way, express my sincere appreciation of the events of last Saturday, the 30th Anniversary of the Little NHL and for the kindnesses extended to me and my family.

The Lions Club, under the capable chairmanship of Don Barrager, organized a most impressive day and the executive of the Little NHL is most appreciative.

We also appreciate the kindness of Myrtle and Arthur Scott for entertaining the guests at their fine home during the afternoon.

I know that all who participated in this memorable event enjoyed the program to the utmost and we shall always remember this Anniversary and be most thankful to all who made it possible.

Yours sincerely,
Gordon W. Alcott

DID YOU KNOW?

Ontario pays the largest portion of Ottawa's revenues from direct taxation, about one half the total.

We remember with gratitude the great beneficial non-conformists of our past and present: Socrates, Christ, St. Francis d'Assisi, Michael Servetus, Luther, Galileo, Jefferson, Lincoln, William Lyon Mackenzie, Louis Riel, Pasteur, Zola, Emily Pankhurst, Margaret Sanger, Sigmund Freud, Henry Ford I, Gandhi, Martin Luther King, to name only a few.

How far would our civilization have advanced without them?

Yours Sincerely,
John Sommer

No, she's not demanding. She'll wear a dress as often as twice. She's perfectly willing to be seen in a year-old car, month-old shoes or last week's coat. She didn't even want her children to go to private schools. Just have their teeth straightened and take music lessons at \$13 a week.

And I bear no malice. I am like the guy in the cartoon, a big business success, who told the interviewer, "Everything I have, I owe to the sheer greed of my wife."

It's been a great honour and privilege to spend 20 years wrapped around a lovely lady's little finger. I wouldn't feel comfortable in any other posture. So, happy whadda-ya-call-it, darling.

After graduation, life became easier. I reeled into the weekly newspaper business, with a take-home pay of \$35 a week. But even at that, the Old Girl managed to squander every cent of it. She blew it on food, and furniture and similar fripperies and frills.

About six years later, when I was up to \$50 a week, and could see with satisfaction the possibility of building up a nice little estate, she sabotaged me again. Said we needed a car. And we've never been out of debt since.

From there on, it was downhill all the way. She began thinking money grew on me, and as the income mounted slowly, the debts mounted swiftly. It was "Gimme, gimme, gimme" all the way.

We'd been married only about 10 years when she began agitating for a house. The cosy little two rooms, with shared bath, weren't good enough any more. Oh, no. Not for her. Just because a lot of other fool people lived in houses, we had to. And I was fool enough, or weak enough, to go along with it.

Eventually, I reached that plateau of success which had once seemed only a dream — \$100 a week. Do you think that satisfied her? Not on your navel. She kept right on burling money in all directions. Out went the scrub board and in came one of those big, white washing machines. Out went the ice box and in came the other big thing that makes the ice cubes. Out went the nice quiet carpet sweeper and in came one of those bellowing, swollen vacuum things.

By this time, it was too late to put a finger in the dyke. Besides, I needed all my fingers for counting up our payments. No, the only solution was nose to the grindstone and turn the wheel faster and faster. I once had a huge, hooked Roman nose. You should see it now. Eakimo size.

Now, I don't want you to get the wrong idea. Don't think for a moment that my partner of 20 years is extravagant. She's never once pressed for a Cadillac. She doesn't own any mink, not even ear-muffs. She hasn't whined for a trip to Europe. (That little trip to Vancouver this summer was merely a soft mother's heart. She had to see her "first-born.")

THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

ACTON — Chances of a new industry for Acton look hopeful as Polymers Corporation from Reading, Pennsylvania, explores a site in Acton. The firm would turn out nylon plastic products including components for the automotive trade.

NASSAGAWEYA — "Roadside dumpers" have become a problem in Nassagaweya Township where last week councillors heard reports of refuse strewn along the back roads. The township's Road Superintendent is working with the O.P.P. to apprehend the garbage dumpers.

MILTON — Milton council has advised owners of the Roxy Theatre that showing of movies on Sunday in that town is illegal. Action was taken after the theatre showed a Sunday movie free of charge. Sunday movies were rejected by the citizens of Milton in a plebiscite.

BRAMPTON — A five foot snake was killed by Arthur Hale in his garden last week after it escaped from its cage in the Brampton Fairgrounds. The snake, known as a King Snake, was owned by a King Shows Ltd. It was described by a King Shows spokesman as harmless, however three poisonous snakes were also in the exhibit.

ORANGEVILLE — Orangeville is approaching the mail delivery stage. Postmaster Gordon Southern has assured residents, postmen will be making home deliveries within the next week if homeowners have installed letter boxes. Seven letter carriers have been hired.

BIBLE THOUGHT
"But that which ye have ready, hold fast till I come."
Revelation 2:22

Christians ought to meet every day expecting the arrival of the Saviour. "Surely I come quickly."

NEWS ECHOES

From the Herald of 10 and 20 Years Ago

10 YEARS AGO

Georgetown was without hydro power for two hours Friday night after a car clipped off a hydro pole near Acton. The power failure came at a bad time for merchants whose stores were full of people when everything went black. Many of the business places continued to operate by candle light. Georgetown Dairy's Open House was without the planned refreshments as the coffee was being electrically heated, and TV viewers at home were unhappy about missing the Person to Person program on which the Duke and Duchess of Windsor were guests. The local Roxy Theatre lost its first show since the blackout lasted from 7 until 9.

High School students will be asked to submit designs for ornamentation of the town park's entrance in a contest which the Chamber of Commerce is promoting. Two years ago the Chamber and Georgetown W.I. combined to beautify the park with stone pillars at the entrance. The pillars were installed but the work was never completed. It is now planned to have either ornamental gates or overhead metalwork to tie the pillars together.

20 YEARS AGO

Some forty young ladies met with recreational director Hal Newman in the Old Town Hall last night to discuss formation of a girls' club to foster the feminine side of recreational activities under the G.R.C. — A committee was appointed including Margaret Hoare, Toots Murphy, Mary Patterson, Isabel Dobson, Jane Early, Betty Hunter, Shirley Muckart, Peggy Kelly, Doris Roberts and Kathie Thompson.

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