

**POSTAL STRIKE**

**Ruin For Distributor If Re-Start Delayed**

**BRAMPTON**—One of the men most affected by the postal strike is not actually a Post Office employee.

Gordon Beatty, 131 Vodden Street, owner of Brampton Distributing Company, fears he may never get out of business if the strike continues for any length of time.

"Brampton Distributing is under contract to the Brampton Post Office to deliver parcels and packages in the Brampton and Bramalea areas.

As a private organization he does not receive any strike benefits although forced to be out of work by the strike.

"If it lasts very long the going will be very rough," said Mr. Beatty.

**Ingenuity Enters Picture But Most Mail Stays Home**

Ingenuitously entered the postal strike Friday as thousands of Canadians tried to find a way to get their mail through.

For some, it was a simple matter of a short drive to the United States to send mail on its way to international points. But for others there were plans ranging from a university delivery service to brainstorming offering national and foreign delivery.

Streets were jammed Friday outside of post offices in Plattsburgh, N.Y., as Montreal businessmen lugged in bundles of foreign mail for delivery.

And postal authorities in Buffalo, N.Y., say 34 Toronto firms have taken mailboxes at local post offices to ensure they will get important business correspondence during the strike of 18,800 workers.

Other plans ranged from a one-girl operation in Burlington to a swift fleet of secretaries.

Joan Hewitt, 21, a second-year student at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, announced she has set up her own delivery service. She's rented a postal box in Lewiston, N.Y., and plans to drive there twice a week. Her charge is \$1 a letter.

Technically, the use of private contractors to carry first-class mail is illegal, but J. G. Fultz, director of postal services for Toronto, said the post office will "look the other way."

Under normal circumstances there is a penalty of \$100 or two months in jail for anyone who breaks the postal monopoly on

**IN THE MAIL BAG**

**Says Herald Stimulates Interest in Hall Report**

77 Maple Avenue West  
Dear Sir:

For the past two weeks, it has been interesting to note the reaction of the Herald to the Hall-Dennis Report, and the reaction of the people of Georgetown to those views. What is significant is that people are taking an interest in the report, because you were courageous enough to illustrate the other side of the argument over education in your editorials. It is the duty of the journalist to create an awareness among his readers, and while you may have taken an unpopular position, you have succeeded in creating that awareness. And while I may disagree with your ideas, I admire your honesty in presenting the facts as you saw them. When a newspaper can make people go out and look into something like the Hall Report for themselves, then it is an asset to the community.

The fact still remains, however, that educational reform is needed to adapt students to the changes which are taking place in the world.

The present system is not as oppressive as Mr. David Warren described it last week. Having completed Grade 13, I find myself and individually still in school, learning, and self-enrichment. It is wrong to convince a child that everything will be rosy throughout his entire life.

All told, though, the recommendations of the Hall-Dennis report will put realism into education and create a more aware; vibrant society for the future. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that this was Canada's century. If ideas like those in the Hall report are implemented, we just might earn our place in this century and in those to come.

Your truly,  
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**SUGAR AND SPICE**

by Bill Smiley

**A Memorable Day**

This is being written from a little place that most of you know, visit it quite often, especially in the summer. It's called Wit's End. And that is where I am.

Just recovering from a three-day wedding. The ceremony took only about 15 minutes. But there were the preliminaries. They were had enough; the terrifying ordeal of buying my first new suit in eight years; getting lost on the way to the church, in a strange city.

However, it's not the preliminaries of a wedding that makes you arrive at Wit's End. It is the post-liminaries.

One of them is kneeling on a stool beside me watching as I peek away with those two worn down old fingers. He's six years old, precocious as they

come, and somebody else's grandson.

He's not watching because I'm a dazzling tylist. He's watching to make sure that I can fulfill my obligations to him.

In a burst of post-wedding euphoria I promised Mark I'd take him to the park, to the beach, to the Indian village, to the old fort and a few other local hotspots.

Like all kids, he has the memory of an elephant and the persistence of a penguin, whatever that means. He arrived about his usual bed-time, so I thought I could stall him until tomorrow and then maybe get him to watch television.

No dice. He demanded to see the park, at the very least. So I took him off to see the park, driving his Grammy's convertible. Yes, grandmothers drive convertibles these days.

Just as we arrived at the park, a bell of a thunderstorm bust loose; lightning, great rolling cracks of terror; and rain like Noah's arc.

Mark was a little scared, in a delighted sort of way. I was frightened to death. I couldn't find the windshield wipers and was flying blind.

Mark said, "Hey, Bill, we better scam outa here." I couldn't have agreed more. I kept twisting knobs and pushing buttons, trying to get the wipers working.

I pushed what seemed to be the last button. Nothing happened. Mark said "Boy you're lucky that's locked. That's the one that puts the top down." I nearly fainted. The back seat was loaded with Grammy's clothes, wedding gifts and assorted perishables.

Well, we got home safely, as you have surmised, and it's now tomorrow. And it's pouring rain. And Mark has asked me 744 questions. Will the Indians let us into their village? Do they have rugs on the floor? Can we take away some haws and arrows? When are we going. The last one came about every fourth time.

You know, I've secretly been looking forward to my grandchildren for a few years, even though my own kids aren't married yet. Now, I'm beginning to wonder. Can I cope?

They're so blasé, I took Mark into the Wild Place. That's the corner of our garden where there's a big hairy bush of some kind. You can almost get lost in there. I forced our way through the jungle into the secret heart of the Wild Place.

Mark said: "I don't see what's so wild about this. When are we going to the Indian village?"

Well, I'm going to fix that kid. As soon as I finish this column, we're going to the rudely Indian village and the blasted old fort in the pouring rain, and we're going to tramp around until he'll never want to hear the phrase Indian village again in his entire life.

It'll probably be the end of me. But I'm going to see all the sights. We're going to climb and walk and stare until he's poggle-eyed. I don't care if he gets exhausted. I'm exhausted and we haven't even started yet.

And if he starts to cry and wants to go home I'll probably buy him an ice cream cone. Any kid who knows what the word 'scram' means in this day and age can't be all bad.

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**TAX REDUCTIONS**

for all Home-owners and Tenants in Ontario

**Your Guide to Ontario's New System of Tax Reductions**

To ease the burden of municipal and school taxes, the Ontario Legislature has established a system of residential property tax reductions. Virtually all home-owners and tenants are entitled to benefit.

Your local municipality calculates the amount of the reduction and subtracts it on the 1968 tax bills. If a house or apartment is rented, the landlord is required to pass the full amount of the reduction to his tenants. The Province pays municipalities the total of the reductions.

Every owner of a residential property and every tenant of such a property is entitled to receive a tax reduction provided the property was eligible in 1967 to be separately assessed under The Assessment Act.

**If you are a home-owner...**

If you pay your municipal taxes directly, you receive your tax reduction directly from your local municipality—either as a deduction on your 1968 municipal tax bill or by cheque.

If you have agreed to make regular payments to the holder of your mortgage, with instruction to him to pay your municipal taxes on your behalf, you will receive the benefit of the tax reduction by way of an adjustment to these regular payments.



**If you are a landlord...**

As an owner of residential property, you receive the tax reduction in the manner described above for home-owners.



**If you are a tenant...**

Your landlord is required to pay to you the full amount of the tax reduction for your house or apartment, which he has received from the local municipality.

If you rent your house or apartment for all of the year 1968, you should receive the full amount of the reduction. On the other hand, if you rent your dwelling for only a portion of the year, you are entitled to a portion of the reduction; if you rent the dwelling for six months, for instance, you should receive one-half of the reduction.

Here is how you get your tax reduction:

- If your tenancy ended before June 30, you must apply



to your landlord or to his agent to be entitled to a portion of the reduction.

- If your tenancy ends after June 30, or if it continues through to December 31, your landlord or his agent is required to pay the reduction to you.

In either case, your landlord or his agent is required by law to pay to you the amount of the tax reduction by December 31, 1968. Any landlord who fails to pay tax reduction allowance in accordance with the law is liable to a fine of not more than \$200 for each conviction and, in addition, will be ordered to pay the tax reduction allowance.

If you have any questions about residential property tax reductions, please address them to the Municipal Subsidies Branch, Department of Municipal Affairs, 801 Bay Street, Toronto 5; Telephone: Area code 416, 365-6881.

**HON. W. DARCY McKEOUGH**  
Minister of Municipal Affairs