SUGAR AND SPICE
by Bill Smiley

THEY EAT ANYTHING

I've never raised pigs, but there can't be too much to it, according to what I've seen in the past week.

You merely give them all they can eat, and then clean up after them. And there's no trouble at all in preparing their food.

One of the great advantages is that there's no garbage. Apparently the only thing pigs won't eat is returnable bottles.

This is a fine way to talk about my son Hugh and his friend Alex, but it's the solemn truth. It's not meant in a disparaging way. I'm not full of disparagement, but of despair.

When I was their age, I was a pretty fair trencherman. On one occasion, as I recall, I set a new family record for corn on the cob. I ate 13 cobs. On another, I ate 12 baked apples.

But these were individual feats. They pale alongside the stuff Hugh and his mate put away.

They start off slowly 'Just a cup of tea, Mrs. Smiley if you like. 'Oh well, maybe I'll have a fresh peach, if they're turning bad and you want to get rid of them."

Half a basket of peaches later they might succumb to a few cobs of corn (it's noon by now, because they never get up until it.) Before the corn they've had a can or two of cold beans and a half-loaf of toast 'just to be sociable.'

When the corn is gone, they look up with their little, beady eyes glittering and absolutely refuse dessert, 'Unless you have some old cake and ice cream that is maybe going bad.' There always seems to be some old cake or pie that's on its last leg, and some ice cream that's going bad unless you eat it the day it's bought.

They manage to get through the afternoon with the odd hamburger and a few bags of chips and a couple of beers But by dinner time, their snouts are prying the lids off pots and their little, feverish paws are stirring the gravy and the saliva is running so fast you have to wear rubber boots in the dining room.

It's not the food that I mind. I've bought moose pastures in Northern Ontario that were guaranteed gold mines. I have dropped $5,000 bombs in fields in Holland, a slaughtering of 10,000 tulips. I've tried for 20 years to make my wife base her arguments on reason, not emotion. I know what it is to lose.

No, I don't expect any return. It's just pure fascination. Where in the name of the Holy Old Jumpin' Jehosophat do they put it?

They're not big, fat, fellas. They're young and slim, I give them a plate of steak or turkey and spuds and vegetables and salad that would make a lumberjack ill.

And I start to eat my own. And I look up and there they are, twiddling their hoofs, plates licked clean eyes fixed on the main platter.

That's not the worst thing. If I eat too much, maybe at Christmas or New Year, I have enough sense to subside in a corner and belch amiably as I watch television.

Not these piggies. One hour after a meal that would put the fat lady in the circus on her back for a week, they can be seen peering into the refrigerator.

They eat from six to eight. And when they get in, at three a.m., they have to have a little nite-cap; half a pound of cheese and a pound of bacon and a half-load of bread and two cans of soup to wash it down.

Perhaps, it's explainable when they tell you that they often go for days, weeks living on bologna sandwiches and coffee, chips and milk, hot dogs and pop. Sometimes nothing.

Ever try that nothing? I have . . . I've gone for three days with nothing and then eaten so much cabbage soup it was coming out my ears and my belly was touching my chin.

It's not that I don't like to see young people eat heartily It's just that if I want to raise pigs I'd like to have some pork.

Criticize Council, Press For Not Checking By-Laws

James Baillie, 63 Edward St., took some roundhouse swings at town council and the press when he addressed council on Monday.

Last week his wife told council about a storage tank being installed in the neighbourhood which they feared would contain gasoline, and questioned the use to which a recently built accessory building would be put.

Although the matter has apparently been settled, Mr. Baillie is still not satisfied.

He told council that had his wife and he not contacted them, nothing might have been done.

"I don't expect council to expose its lack of vigilance in not enforcing town by-laws, but I expect this from the press," he said. No mention of the tank had been made in The Herald's news item, he said.

There may be many other similar situations happening in town because of this vigilance lack, he said.

He said town by-laws must be either flexible, not enforced, or unenforceable, and warned new residents in the Halton Hills subdivision that they might have an industry establish itself on the doorstep of the expensive homes they have purchased.

Cr. John Hole defended council.

"I contacted the building inspector as soon as I heard about the tank," he said. "He checked and told the owner he couldn't have gas on his property."

As for the accessory building, Cr. Hole said it meets all requirements of the building by-law, and until a by-law is violated there is no action which council can take.

NO ZONING . . .

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angles. We apply to the Department of Highways to refuse another access, and we see if our solicitor can find a way of stopping it."

At the close of the meeting Reeve Currie assured the delegation council would do everything in its power to help them.

INELIGIBLE PLAYERS, SO REBS WINNERS

Georgetown Rebels, the high school's senior football team which played to a 7-7 tie with John F. Ross Royals of Guelph, Friday, were given credit for a win by league officials this week when it was discovered two JFR players were in the lineup illegaly. They were disqualified by the league's maximum age rule which makes it an infraction to field players 20 years of age or older.

Huttonville Dam May Yet Remain as Beauty Spot

Huttonville dam might be saved yet. Condemned as a hazard by Chinguacousy engineer Ken Comyns, it may be leased to Chinguacousy for 20 years.

And the council could then fix it up with provincial and federal assistance, a meeting of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority heard in Meadowvale on the weekend.

Reeve Cyril Clark of Chinguacousy, heading a delegation of residents fighting to save the structure, said such a lease is available for a 20-year period at a nominal cost.

Reeve Clark told the authority he has secured assurance from M. Hassall that a 20 year lease is available if the township wants it.

"This means we may be able to get provincial and federal assistance to repair or rebuild the dam," he said. "I am prepared to go to Chinguacousy council now to seek our share of the money required to replace or repair the dam.

"Too often we are inclined to destroy long standing and beautiful landmarks without thought of what we may be losing," said the reeve. "The Huttonville dam and area is a beautiful place. It is important and necessary that we have a park in the area and we should expend every effort to see that this one remains."

Reeve Clark suggested that it will not be an expensive job to clear out weeds and silt which have built up in the pond fronting the dam. "I believe we could do this quite cheaply," he said, and suggested that the resale value of the soil could be applied against reconstruction or repair costs.

Authority chairman Roy McMillan asked whether the proposed lease was just for the dam and pond or whether it also included the park. The lease was only for the pond and dam.

J. W. Pawley, a member on the authority, asked what will happen once the twenty year lease expires? Reeve Clark answered by saying he thought it likely that the period of the lease could be extended for a period up to 50 years.

Emil Holm, representative from Caledon, asked if the Chinguacousy engineer had not already stated that the dam could not be repaired.

Chairman McMillan interjected that the authority had agreed to meet the delegation but was not prepared to discuss specifics at this time.

Information

He said the authority now has the information required and will now get direction 'from a higher level as to what help we can expect.' He added the authority will then meet with a committee of Chinguacousy council to discuss the matter further.

R. R. Parker, chairman of the flood and pollution control advisory board of the authority, said his group would meet Oct. 1 and would discuss the proposal at that time.

"Following this," he said, 'we will be prepared to meet with Chinguacousy council at the site to deliberate further."

Chiropractors Want More Cooperation With Lawyers

Gerald Corbett D.C., local chiropractor, attended the Ontario Chiropractic Association convention in Toronto September 21-23. The internationally known Fishcel Gibson Seminar for chiropractors and lawyers was held during the convention with great success. Stressed was greater co-operation between chiropractors and lawyers for the greater benefit of patients involved in litigation from auto accidents resulting in spinal injuries.

Mr. Corbett also attended a ceremony for laying the corner stone of a new Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College at 1900 Bayview Avenue which will be officially opened in Nov.

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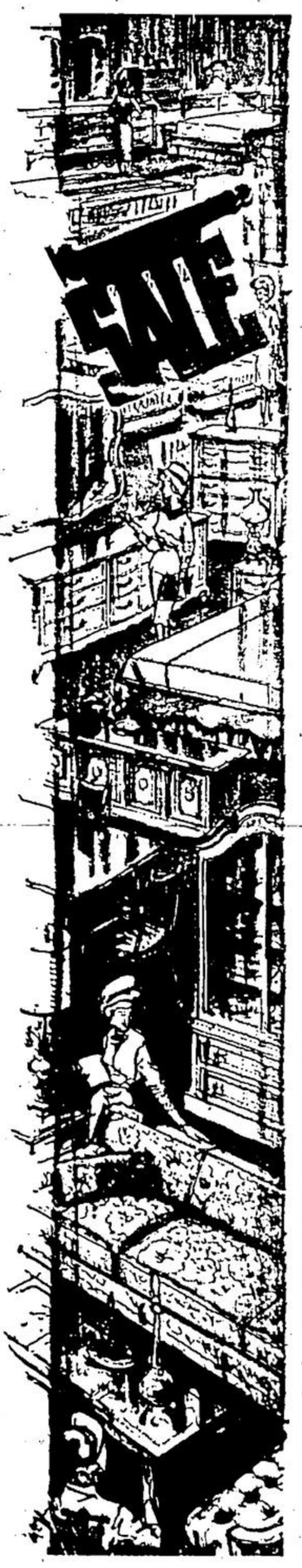

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