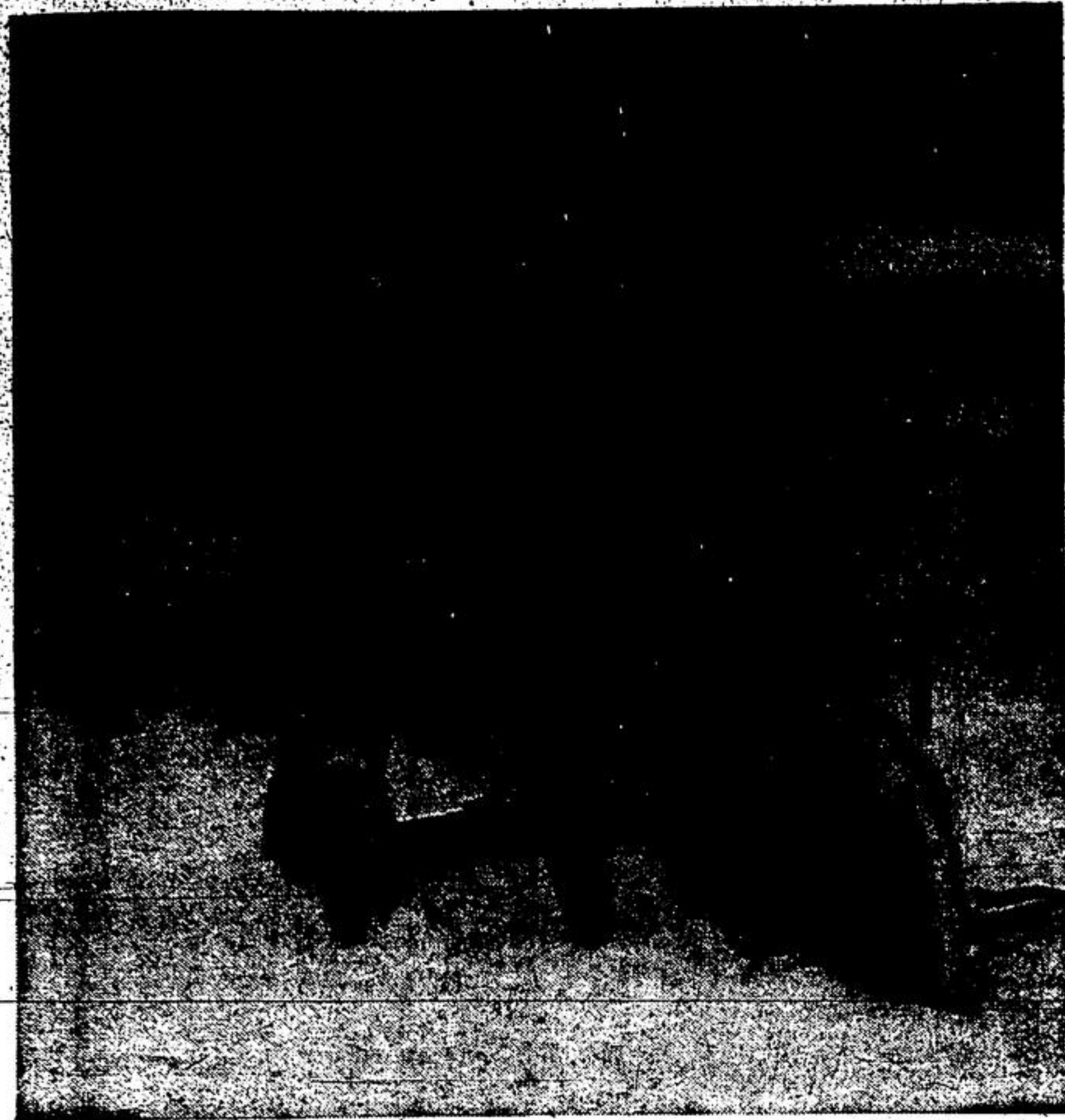


TYKES AND TRIKES



TOUGH PEDALLING WITHOUT SNOW TIRES

Nicholas Hassett and Ian Bland discover some things don't have to be functional to be fun as they travel an imaginary sidewalk on two pieces of sculpture at House Sol on Charles Street. The tricycles, one of which was made from mill stones, were made by Andreas, who is better known locally as Andy Drenters, a former Georgetown Figure Skating Club pro.

IN THE MAIL BAG

SAYS DRAG RACING WELL DISCIPLINED

71 Charles Street, Georgetown, Ont. Dear Sir: The evils of drag racing and drag racers. We, of the local car clubs, most of whom are either drag racers or racing fans are tired of being

branded as drug addicts and vandals. Here are some direct quotes from the 1969 Official Drag Rules.
DRIVER CONDUCT — Any driver and/or pit crew member found to be under the influence of alcoholic beverages, or drugs, regardless of amount, will be ejected from the event and such a condition is cause for suspension and for revocation of competition privileges.

INSPECTION — Each car, regardless of class, must complete and satisfactorily pass the inspection of the technical committee before being allowed to make a trial run or participate in any NHRA sanctioned event.

APPEARANCE — Vehicles participating in drag racing events must be presentable in appearance at all times. Ones that are considered improperly prepared may be rejected by the technical committee at any sanctioned event. The appearance of personnel attending contestant vehicles is equally important, and should be subject to the same consideration.

Ten pages of the rule book are concerned with safety regulations. Anyone whose car passes inspection and who holds a valid driver's licence can drag race.

A drag strip is a quarter mile long with half mile of braking run. It is at least 4 lanes wide.

A drag race is a contest between TWO cars, started from a standstill by a series of lights and turned electronically. Whichever car reaches the quarter mile mark first wins.

The type of cars range from fuel dragsters to street driven cars. These streetable cars, called Pure Stocks, take up about one-half of the running time of any meet. They run with regular mufflers and closed exhaust system. One night of grudge racing will probably be run each week.

We cannot see how a strip run under these rules will cause air pollution or vandalism, or contribute to the consumption of drugs or alcohol. Noise will not be objectionable, and the strip will be running only twice a week. In general, the quality of cars raced is superior to your family car.

We sincerely hope that Mr. Bowman and his followers will read this letter. We are sure it will be enlightening for them, as it is probably their first contact with the sport.

Yours truly,
— JIM LINDSAY,
on behalf of
the Local Car Clubs

CLERGY COMMENT

**Bah!
Humbug!**



Rev. Keith Hawkes, Hillcrest United Church

Near the beginning of Charles Dickens' familiar story "A Christmas Carol" is the following exchange:

"A Merry Christmas, uncle! God save you!" cried a cheerful voice. It was the voice of Scrooge's nephew, who came upon him so quickly that this was the first intimation he had of his approach.

"Bah!" said Scrooge. "Humbug!"
"Christmas a humbug, Uncle? You don't mean that, I am sure?"

"I do," said Scrooge. "Merry Christmas! What right have you to be merry? What reason have you to be merry? You're poor enough."

"Come then," returned the nephew gaily. "What right have you to be dismal? What reason have you to be morose? You're rich enough."

Scrooge having no better answer ready on the spur of the moment, said again, "Bah!" and followed it up with, "Humbug!"

In this story we tend to identify perhaps with Scrooge's nephew, or feel deeply for Bob Cratchit, Scrooge's clerk, the father of Tiny Tim, but most of us find it difficult to identify with Scrooge himself. While Scrooge's early experiences are largely responsible for his "Bah! Humbug!" attitude to the whole Christmas season, that is not the whole story. For Scrooge, despite his miserliness, is an intelligent and perceptive man. He knows, even if imperfectly, what Christmas OUGHT to be.

Indeed, we get the feeling that Scrooge is not so much a temperamentally cantankerous man, as he is a disillusioned man, who senses the great gap that exists between what Christmas ought to be and what men make it.

Where Scrooge misses the mark of maturity is that he curses the darkness and does not attempt to light a candle. For developing and nurturing a scolding mood cannot help but drive out Christian love and hope and joy. Preoccupied with judging culture and its ways, many people can quite easily cheat their families, their friends and themselves of the real joy of the Christmas season.

True participation in the Christmas celebration does become more and more of a miraculous process. Bombarded and stamped by meaningless activities and shavings, it becomes increasingly more difficult to keep the true meaning of Christmas in clear view.

We recall, for instance, that it took three phantoms and some rather shocking "miracles" to open Scrooge's eyes. But when he did get a glimpse of the true meaning of Christmas, he did some pretty specific things; he ordered a turkey for the Cratchets; he gave money to the poor; attended his nephew's Christmas party; raised Bob Cratchit's salary; improved the working conditions in his office; and became a second father to Tiny Tim.

His first reaction to the Love that filled his heart — the love that banished pride and judgment and indignation — was to give and be happy.

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Sunday, December 28th
9.45: Holy Communion at St. Alban's, Glen Williams
11.00: Holy Communion at St. Paul's, Norval

NOTICE RE GARBAGE PICK-UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

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GLEN WILLIAMS Churches Combine For Evening Carol Service

St. Alban's held their annual carol service Sunday evening with Rev. R. Ruggie in charge of the service. The congregation and choir of St. Paul's, Norval joined with them. The organists were Mrs. R. Williams, organist of St. Alban's and Andrew Dewhurst organist of St. Paul's. Those who read the lessons were Stephanie Gorin, Chris Milne, Charlie Coomber, Bud Carter, Michael Milne and David Reynolds. A lovely tree was placed at the front of the church and decorated by Wes Fendley and Teddy and Blake.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Giles, Diane and Brett of Mountain St. motored to North Bay for the weekend to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ken Beam and family.

We extend sincere sympathy to Mrs. Norman Felker and the family in the sudden death on Thursday of Mr. Felker. Besides his wife he leaves, Lyle of B.C., Lois (Mrs. George Eason) of Rockwood, Marilyn (Mrs. Bill Collier) Glen Williams, Don of Brampton and Gerald of Lakeside.

The flowers in the United Church Sunday morning were placed by the Felker family in memory of their father, who for many years was an elder of the church.

Last Thursday evening in Glen Williams eight children braved the snow and wind to raise funds for the starving children of Biafra. The carolers included Roberta Preston, Susan and Linda Brenner, Beverly and Cindy Ash, Christine Edwards, Clive and Annette Browning, and Pam Norton. The children collected \$20 which they have sent to Canair-elf.
— Mrs. Cecil Barth

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