

Cleaning out the desk again

New year is a time for housecleaning; the house, the desk, the mind. Not to mention your personal relationships, your language, and your ears.

I'll leave the house to my wife. And if you think that's male chauvinism, whatever that silly phrase means, you're right. A male is a male. A chauvinist is a super-patriot. And we all know what a pig is — one of the most valuable animals man has ever created in his own image.

Theoretically, I'm a male. I was so pronounced, I imagine, at birth, due to certain plumbing. I am not a chauvinist. I do not believe in my country, right or wrong, although I love it. I do not trust my government as far as I could throw a used car into a swamp.

And I am not a pig, although I wouldn't mind being one. Do you realize that a pig produces, in his or her short life, about eight times what a human does.

To eat: pork chops and roasts and bacon and pig hocks and ham and head cheese and pigs tails. Not to mention sowbelly, if you want me to get male and chauvinistic.

To wear: pigskin for making gloves. For sport: making footballs (the put the old pigskin square between the up-rights).

For use: pig bristles for making shaving brushes, although I fear they are becoming plastic in this plastic age. And finally, sows' ears for not making silk purses of.

O.K. that deals with cleaning up the house, in a rather roundabout way. The Old Lady can do it. I'll help clean up the basement if she's ever crafty enough to get me down there on a Saturday morning.

Just began cleaning up my desk. That's definitely worth while. I have just re-read some Christmas cards, merely skimmed on arrival. I always enjoy a card from my kid brother, ban-

by
**Bill
Smiley**



ished to the Siberia of the James Bay project in Northern Quebec. He hates everything so much that he makes me feel positively benevolent toward the world.

Then there's my TV repairman, as he always signs himself, who drops a line every Christmas from Westport, Ont. I suppose I'll never know his real name, but there's always a cheery message, urging me to go on pricking balloons and stuffed shirts, even though he often doesn't agree with me.

There's an annual card from Major McErving in California, who is hooked on the bagpipes, with a lively account of the various events the pipers have attended in the past year.

Here's a letter from an old fighter pilot friend, who reminds me of the time, on the way home from a country pub, that I missed a turn in the road and went straight through a thorn hedge. Next day my face looked as though it had been raked by a termagant with long nails.

And a letter from Beth Boyd, a former student, now in Lacombe, Alberta. I quote: "Hopefully you'll recall me as being tall, beautiful and an extremely bright student. However, the reality is — short, acne and the only person who consistently spelled 'throughout' as 'through'." Not so, Beth. I remember you exactly. You sat near the back where you could titter and giggle with Fali Ellison. And I'm sure the acne is gone. And that you're short but beautiful. And I'm glad you are happy.

Then there's the usual smattering of letters and cards from deeply religious people who take my tongue-in-cheek remarks wide-eyed and write me

earnestly, quoting scripture and verse, to outline my easy road to hell.

Hello, hello! What's this? An unopened letter. Let's see. Well, well, a cheque for just over \$1,000. Dated November, 1977. I thought that the old finances had gone a little haywire in the last year. I hope they'll cash the blinking thing. There is some silly rule about not cashing cheques that are more than six months old. Happened to me a few years ago.

Here's one from Germany, and a card from Australia, and two from Texas and one from Holland and a note from Dawson Creek, and another from Oregon. That's the summer crowd, from Our Trip.

Another note from Anne, a former student: "Why did Joan Engel get an A-plus on an essay, and I got an A, when I wrote them both?" Life, Anne. An old friend of mine, George McCowan, wrote an entire French exam for a friend at university, was caught in the act, kicked out, and is now a Hollywood director, with several ex-wives and a big income. No connection, but where there's larceny, there's loot.

From Miriam Fischer, Milton: "God bless you for your invigorating column in this week's Champion. It was more than Sugar & Spice, it was like a shot of adrenalin to my 'wounded ego' that had been bruised badly in the last two years, since I turned 65." Thanks, Miriam. I'm getting there.

From a lady in Alliston, of 70: "Dammed if I'll subscribe to the Alliston Herald again, since they dropped your column. Hope you're writing a book."

Well, it's been fun cleaning up the desk. All I have to do now is clean up my personal relationships, my language, and my ears.

Hmmmm. No problem about the ears.

Let's hear from you, readers. That might do it all. Have a fine year in '79 and don't be scared of a damn' thing. Woops.

Council to talk to committee

Halton Hills council is going to look into the endeavours of Acton's Save the Town Hall Committee.

Miller asked the other members if they had heard from the committee. Ken Richardson, clerk administrator, pointed out there had been no

contact, other than what he had read in the local papers. He pointed out the residents have until the end of 1978 to make a report to council. He explained he had expected to hear from them by now, and said he would get in touch.

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Approve wreck yard building

"Anything would be an improvement", commented Roy Booth at the Niagara Escarpment Commission meeting, Thursday, as a 1600 square foot building for the storage of automotive parts and workshop, was approved for the wrecking yard on Highway 7, north of the Limehouse Road.

structure, 20 feet high on the 1.3 acres. Halton Hills planning department recommended approval, with the condition the existing fence be repaired and a similar eight foot fence be built all along the the property. No storage or loading will be permitted outside the fence.

wrecked cars can be seen. The report pointed out the yard is an existing non-conforming use, and the building would only improve the property, as long as adequate setbacks are maintained.

Arthur Crew-Read sought permission to construct a steel

The NEC staff report pointed out the present fence only runs partway down the lot so the

The NEC approved the application with the added conditions that no trees other than dead or diseased trees be cut, and screening and landscaping begun by the end of growing season

Committees appointed

Committee of adjustment
Three residents were appointed to the Halton Hills Committee of Adjustment by council, Monday night. The appointees, all for three year terms, are: Rick West, Wesleyan Street, Georgetown; Al Ruse, 10 Storey Drive, Acton; and L. L. Hartford, R.R. 3, Georgetown. The remainder of the committee whose terms have not expired are Glenna

Douglas, Roy Hill, Wilfrid Leslie and J. B. Lindsay.
Parking authority
Michael Ross, 36 Chelvin Drive, was appointed to the Halton Hills Parking Authority, for a three year term.
Library board
Norman Elliott, 112 Elmore Drive, Acton was reappointed to Halton Hills Library Board, for a three year term.

Land division committee
Pam Sheldon, R.R. 3, Milton, was recommended as the town's representative on Halton Region Land Division Committee. Since this is a regional committee the town only suggests appointments.
Ontario Safety League
quote: Speeding around curves makes beautiful wrecktrangles.

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Charges dropped against strippers

Charges against three Toronto women of taking part in an obscene theatrical performance at a stag held by Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department, November 24 have been withdrawn.

According to Assistant Crown Attorney David Price the charges were dropped because it is unlikely the people would have been found guilty under the circumstances.

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