

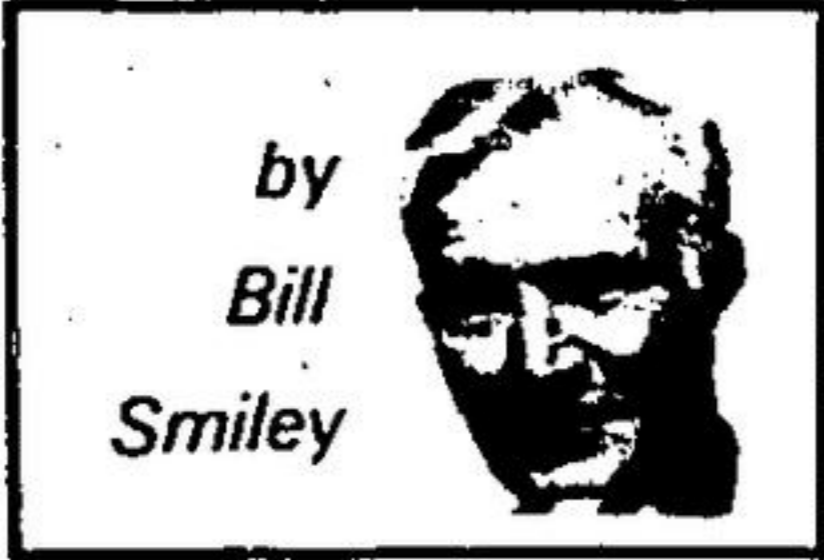
Smiley's heaven a swirling stream

What would you like to find, most, when you go to heaven? Let's assume, for one wild, exhilarated moment, that we're all going to get there.

Some people would plump for a meeting with the loved ones. This I can never understand. It's like a fellow who has served a life sentence waiting to be greeted by the warden when he hits the pearly gates.

Others, sad souls, would be overjoyed if they could "just be happy." Not me. Being happy all the time would be a real drag. I thoroughly enjoy being miserable on this orb, so that when something good happens, my pleasure is intensified.

Quite a few, who suffer from physical ailments, would be satisfied with peace and comfort. The insomniac imagine days and nights of solid slumber. The arthritic dreams of being able to scratch his opposite ear without feeling as though his arm was being severed at the shoulder by a red-hot iron.



by
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Many sober citizens I know would be happy in heaven for ever afterwards, if they could be guaranteed (and get it in writing) that their wives (or husbands) would be in the other place, permanently.

Alcoholics would not only be in heaven, but the seventh of the same name, if their crock ranneth over, perpetually, and somebody else was looking after things.

A few millionaires, once they had admitted they couldn't take it with them, would be serene in a place where there were no taxes, no labor movements, no wages to pay, and nobody asking them to donate to something every 12 minutes.

My personal fantasy is a simple one. I'd go like a shot if someone would promise me, unconditionally, a dark, swirling trout stream impregnable to invasion by women, telephones and other nuisances.

I can see it now. Swift, deep, crooked, ending in a vast, silent, mysterious beaver

pond, loaded with lunkers. I can hear it: the exciting mutter of a small dam just around the bend; the splash of a startled frog; the sudden, heart-stopping takeoff of a disturbed partridge, the whack of a beaver tail.

However, since my chances of getting to heaven are just about as slim as my chances of a personal trout stream if I did get there, I guess I'll settle, on Opening Day, for my old haunt, the Secret Place Where The Big Ones Are. Not a soul knows about it except me. And the 900 noisy characters who have heard about it since last year.

Heaven, thou art distant, yet,

I would work like heck to get.

There, if thou could condone,

A stream for me—and me alone.

Attempt to sew on arm fails

An attempt by doctors at Toronto General Hospital to sew a man's arm back on were unsuccessful following a farming accident near Hillsburgh October 10.

George Wheeler, 49, of RR 3 Orton, is listed in fair condition in hospital after he caught his left arm in a machine while harvesting corn with Ron Crane, 26, of RR 3 Grand Valley.

According to Guelph OPP, the men were working in a field at lot 29, Con 7, Erin Township, when the accident occurred. Wheeler's arm was severed between the elbow and the shoulder.

Crane drove the victim to a nearby farmhouse and called the Hillsburgh Fire Department, the Orangeville ambulance, and Dr. B. Wills, who administered first aid until the ambulance arrived.

Wheeler was taken to Orangeville Hospital and from there to Toronto in the air ambulance. In the meantime, his arm was removed from the machinery and sent to the hospital where the unsuccessful attempt was made to join it back on.

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