

Smileys and Job smitten by the Lord

Listen, Lord, enough is enough. We've all heard of the Year of the Great Plague, or the Year of the Locusts, or some such, with a certain awe, but from a safe distance. But who's going to be interested in The Year of the Smileys.

Oh, I know we've had a few minor altercations in the past, when I've fairly humbly suggested that you stop dumping rain or snow on us for forty days and forty nights. But I didn't think you'd start a personal vendetta. I thought you were above that sort of thing.

Live and learn. It started in August. My son, Hugh, a gregarious type who likes almost everybody, admitted to his apartment, late at night, two young men and a girl, who'd come to "visit". He knew one of them slightly, and asked them in for cuppa. He doesn't drink. They had a bottle.

After a while they said they were going to rip off his guitar. He said Oh no you're not, and suggested they leave. One of the men hit him over the head with the guitar. While he was unconscious, or close enough, one of the others hit him on both

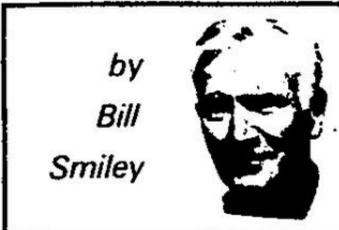
knees with a hammer. The young lady of the group heated water and poured boiling water over his face, chest and back. They took his stereo and anything else that would sell quickly on the streets, and left.

Somehow, some hours later, he managed to lurch and stagger to an emergency ward of a hospital, in shock and great pain. He's back in pretty good shape six months later, with sore knees and burn scars.

Why? Who knows? They were probably looking for something they could sell quickly, to buy drugs. Or they were animals, already high and looking for a little "fun" as well as profit. That's what life in the big cities of Canada is becoming.

A month later, Lord, I fell down a stairs and broke my shoulder. I'm not saying you had anything to do with it. I don't dare. But one of your cherubim or seraphims might have been trying to curry a little favor. I've never fallen off anything but the wagon before in my life.

Five months later (a couple of weeks, the doctors said), I can't open a jar of



by Bill Smiley

However, there's no personal resentment, Lord. I know you have to test the faith once in a while, or "once and a while", as my English students prefer. Look at what happened to Job. At least you haven't given me boils.

Speaking of boils, what's happened to my ability to sleep the clock around?

It's very nice, being retired and not having to slam that alarm clock off at 7.15 and get up in the dark.

But I can't sleep. Not in a bed. Only in a chair. I go to bed at a reasonable hour, 11 to 12, and nothing happens. I just lie there, my mind whirling with all the things I haven't done or should do. I turn on the light and read. Try again. Nothing. Read some more. About daylight I go into a coma for four or five hours. Maybe I'd settle for a boil or two.

However, I can't complain. It's a fairly good life, being a retired widower, once you've established a pattern.

Pie and ice-cream and cheese for breakfast, at noon. Soup and scrambled eggs for lunch, about four p.m. Frozen chicken pie and banana for dinner, about eight.

And the days have a certain soothing rhythm. Monday, Wednesday and Friday I go for physiotherapy to Brutal Brian. It used to be called, in the old days, the Inquisition. I don't scream when he takes my shoulder out of the socket, but I sure grunt.

Tuesdays and Thursdays are the bad days. I have to set the alarm. After an hour's sleep, on Tuesday I must put out the garbage. On Thursday, after an hour's sleep, I must welcome the lady who comes to clean up the mess I've made, and try to give her some coherent idea of what to do.

And every day, still, come warm and loving letters from old friends and column readers, to give me a little weep.

All in all, not a bad life. But, Lord, if you can find something else to do, stop dumping on the Smileys.

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1 Births

BECKER—Rick and Debbie (nee Widmayer) are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their daughter, Kerri Lorraine Elizabeth, weighing 7 lb. 5 oz. on February 17, 1984. A sister for Kevin. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. Widmayer of Windsor and Mr. and Mrs. G. Becker. A second great grandchild for Mrs. G. Murray and Mrs. C. Becker, both of Toronto. Special thanks to Dr. Hoy and the maternity staff of Peel Memorial Hospital.

BRIGDEN—Allen and Phyllis (Briggs) and brother Robert are delighted to announce the birth of Jeanna May on February 20, 1984. A sixth grandchild for Howard and Eida Briggs, Georgetown and third grandchild for Robin and Ellen Brigden of Acton. A very special thanks to Dr. Ford and Dr. Kennedy and the wonderful OB staff of Georgetown & District Memorial Hospital.

HASKAYNE—Ged and Jill (Kemshead) are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their second child, David John, on February 17, 1984. 9 lb., 13 oz., 24 in. long. Big sister Sara is ecstatic! Proud grandparents John & Mildred Kemshead, Glen Williams and Ivy Haskayne of Mississauga.

WAITES—Doug and Erin are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their second child, Christopher Douglas, born December 15, 1983 at 10.55 a.m., weighing 7 lbs. 4 oz. A brother for Melissa. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Waite of Georgetown and Mr. and Mrs. Ralf Garde of Ottawa.

3 Engagements

JOHNSON—Chalmers Mr. & Mrs. Roy Johnson are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Shelly, to Leeland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Chalmers.

MR. AND MRS. James Smyth of Georgetown are pleased to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter Patricia Marie to Blair Alexander Lili, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lili of Kenora, Ont. Wedding to take place June 30 in Calgary, Alberta.

4 Coming Marriages

MR. and Mrs. Iain Williams of Acton, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their son, David Allen to Sandra McNeil, daughter of Mr. Edward McNeil of Bramford. Wedding to take place at Acton Baptist Church on March 10, 1984 at 4 p.m.

5 Marriages

SWIFT-Fisher—Marylou, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Fisher of Baileboro (near Peterborough) and Bruce Donald Swift, son of Mr. Bill and the late Elsie Syme, 120 Elmore Drive, Acton, were married at Chilliwack United Church, B.C., on February 16, 1984. The Reverend T. J. Horricks officiated.

6 Deaths

ALGIE, JOSEPHINE—At Central Park Lodge, Toronto on Monday February 27, 1984. Josephine Gordon wife of the late Robert Laird Algie formerly of Acton. Dear mother of Dr. Gordon of Sault Ste. Marie, W. Lloyd of Mississauga, Mrs. Margaret Mendelson of Wynnewood, Pa., Bruce of Orillia. Also survived by ten grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Resting at the Shoemaker Funeral Home, Acton where funeral service will be held on Thursday at 3 p.m. Interment Fairview Cemetery.

CHOROLSKI, NIKOLAI (Nick)—At the La Pointe-Fisher Nursing Home on Monday February 27, 1984. Nikolai (Nick) Chorolski of Acton, beloved husband of Irena. Rested at the Shoemaker Funeral Home, Acton. Funeral service was held at St. Joseph's Church, Acton on Wednesday (today) at 10 a.m. Interment Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

COLLINS, Mary Susan—At the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital, Wednesday, February 22, 1984 in her 37th year. Beloved wife of John Collins and loved mother of Heidi Sue. Dear daughter of William and Edith Collier and dear sister of John and Joseph of Georgetown, Joanne (Mrs. George Crabtree) and Jeanette (Mrs. Robert McCallum) both of Acton. Rested at St. George's Anglican Church, Georgetown where funeral service was held at 11:00 Friday morning. Cremation followed. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.

DEVENT, Reverend Otger D.F.M.C.A.P. Sudden on Sunday, February 26, 1984 at Leamington, Ontario. Father Otger Devent O.F.M.C.A.P. formerly of Georgetown. Dear brother of Colleta Devent, Asten, sister Irena Devent, Oirschot and Bernardine Devent, Asten, The Netherlands. Father Devent rested at Holy Cross Church, Maple Avenue, Georgetown where Requiem Mass was celebrated Tuesday evening February 28th. Interment in Eindhoven, The Netherlands. In memory contributions to the Holy Cross Building Fund would be appreciated by the family. J.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home, 877-3631.

GARVIN, Verna Marie on Friday, February 24, 1984 at Georgetown & District Memorial Hospital. Verna Sahlie, wife of the late Howard Garvin and mother of the late Lorne. Loved grandmother of Eva (Mrs. L. Murock) and Lorraine (Mrs. J. Doherty) of Glen Williams. Great grandmothers to Kristine and Brian Doherty and Tim Murock. Loving mother-in-law of Betty Garvin. Rested at J.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home, 24 Edith St., Georgetown, ON. From Sunday afternoon where funeral service will be held Monday morning at 11:00. Interment Glen Williams Cemetery. In memory contributions to the Georgetown Hospital would be appreciated.

6 Deaths

MCKINNON, Laura Doneida—At St. Mary's General Hospital, Kitchener on Monday, February 27, 1984. Laura D. Allan beloved wife of the late Kenneth McKinnon of Acton, aged 80 years. Dear mother of William of Kitchener and the late Audrey Baker. Also survived by four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Sister of Ada McLean, Isabella Perryman, Jane Holmes, Viola Crozier and Tom Allan. Resting at the Shoemaker Funeral Home, Acton where funeral service will be held on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. Interment Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

McMILLAN, John Harold—At Bonnie Brae Nursing Home, Fergus, on Saturday, February 25, 1984. John Harold McMILLAN, of RR 4 Rockwood in his 90th year. Beloved father of Ross McMILLAN, Margaret (Mrs. George Fletcher) both of RR 4, Rockwood. Dear grandfather of Shirley and Robert Fletcher. Rested at the Shoemaker Funeral Home, Acton, where funeral service was held on Tuesday at 1 p.m. Spring Interment Everton Cemetery.

7 Cards of Thanks

HEARTFELT thanks go to the following people for their special contributions to the John and Millie DeVries Party, held by the Speyside Community, February 24, 1984. Ron and Margaret DeVries for the abundant and spectacular show of flowers, Diane Jennings for the uniquely designed presentation cake, Pam Sheldon for being a super mistress of ceremonies, Sonic Entertainment for their sounds, co-operation and direction.

I WOULD like to thank all my family, friends and Rev. Bandy for the visits, flowers, cards and kindness during my stay in the hospital. Also thanks to Drs. Ford and Furness and the nursing staff. It was greatly appreciated, a special thanks to "Smitty" for the lovely cake. Alva Hill

THE FAMILY of the late Susan Collins wish to express their appreciation to all who have shown such kindness and understanding over the past months to Susan and to all of us. Sincere thanks to Dr. Browning, Dr. Hoddinott and the nursing staff of Ward A of Georgetown Hospital. Special thanks to the Reverends Jim and Sarah Boyles, the J.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home, all the ladies of St. George's Anglican Church and everyone for their cards, flowers and donations to the Cancer Society and St. George's Memorial Fund. Your kindness and thoughtfulness will never be forgotten. Collins & Collier families

8 In Memorials

MCEACHERN—In loving memory of my dear husband who passed away March 1, 1954. Ever remembered by wife Edith

MORIARTY, Martin—In loving memory of a dear husband, father, and grandfather, who passed away March 2, 1982. In tears we saw you sinking. We watched you fade away. Our hearts were almost broken. You fought so hard to stay. But when we saw you sleeping. So peacefully free from pain. We could not wish you back To suffer that again. Sadly missed by his wife Gertrude, son Thomas, daughter-in-law Carmel, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

NESSET—In loving memory of Mervin, who died March 4, 1977. I think of you today with love As I have often done, I feel again the bitter blow That never should have come. Sometimes I think I'm dreaming For I can't believe it's true That I go on living When I no longer have you. Always remembered and ever loved. Erna.

WRIGHT, Dorothy—In loving memory of our mother who passed away March 2, 1976. Peaceful be thy rest, dear mother. It is sweet to breathe thy name; In life we loved you dearly, In death we do the same. Lovingly remembered by Bob and Patti

WRIGHT, Dorothy—In loving memory of our mother who passed away March 2, 1976. Dear mother, you are not forgotten, Though on earth you are no more, Still in memory you are with us As you always were before. Lovingly remembered by Dennis & Joyce.

10 Coming Events

LIVING WITH CANCER

North Halton Hospice holds their Annual Meeting Thursday, March 8th at Milton Public Library beginning at 7:30 p.m. Guest Speaker, Rev. E.T. Jack Birch will talk on "Living with Cancer" at 8:30 p.m. Refreshments. For more information call 878-5933.

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10 Coming Events

CENTENNIAL Middle School Musical "On Broadway", Wed. March 7 and Thurs. March 8, 7:30 p.m. at Georgetown Cultural Centre. Tickets available from Mrs. Cowan at Centennial, 877-6976. Adults, \$3.00. Seniors and Children, \$2.00. Family, \$7.00.

THE UNIVERSITY Women's Club presents "Achieving Your Own Personal Style" by Marney Eisey-Fashion Consultant. Tuesday, March 6, 1984 at 8.45 p.m. at Centennial School. All welcome—Free admission.

GEORGETOWN Ladies Soccer League for players aged 18 and over will start their spring training indoors at Joseph Gibbon's School on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Starting March 1. New players welcome.

HOT Beef Dinner, Balfinford United Church, Saturday, March 24, for details phone 877-4496 or 877-6050.

MAPLE Co-operative Nursery school will hold an "Open House" and registration on Thursday, March 8 from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. at the Cedarvale Park Community Centre. For further information call 877-7322.

PANCAKE and Sausage Supper, St. Andrew's United Church, Mountainview and Sinclair, Tuesday, March 6, 5.7 p.m. Adults \$3.00, Children and Seniors \$2.00.

PANCAKE Supper, Tuesday, March 6, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. St. John's Church, Stewarttown. Adults \$3.00, Children \$2.00.

WORLD Day of Prayer to be held at The Salvation Army, 114 Mill St. East, Acton, on Friday, March 2, 1984 at 2 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. June Tribe from St. Alban's Church in Acton.

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12 Auction Sales

AUCTION SALE For Mr. & Mrs. Stonhill Wed. Evening Mar. 7th at 6:30 P.M.

Location: In Milton, at the Fairgrounds, in the Agricultural Hall on Robert St. Sale Consisting Of: Antique furniture mostly refinished, glass, china, collectables, lamps, paintings & prints incl. 3 Trisha Romance & 2 Robert Batemans, a few primitive tools, Norman Rockwell collectors plates, 6 Hummel figurines, clocks, misc. items etc.

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12 Auction Sales

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Location: In Milton, at the Fairgrounds, in the Agricultural Hall on Robert St. Sale Consisting Of: Almost all Antique (refinished) furniture, glass, china, collectables, brass & copper, cups & saucers, oil lamps, misc. items etc. Too many for listing. Remarks: Ladies & Gentlemen, this Sale contains a lot of good quality furniture & collectables. Terms: Cash or cheques with proper I.D. Lunch available. Preview: From 9:30 morning of Sale. Owners, Hall board or Auctioneer not responsible for accidents.

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