

Smiley goes back to his old home town

There's something rather ghoulish about revisiting your old home town after forty-odd years and giving a speech about what it was like to grow up there forty-odd years ago.

The younger people don't know what you're talking about. The people your own age are either deaf or dead, and don't know what you're talking about either.

Well, that was a recent experience. I was asked to speak at a Chamber of Commerce dinner in Perth, where I was reared, after a fashion.

Special theme of the evening was the celebration of 150th birthday of the Perth Courier, the second oldest weekly newspaper in Canada.

Perth, down in Eastern Ontario, was a centre of culture and class (rich and poor), when Ottawa was a brawling lumber town and Toronto was Muddy York.

My speech was the ideal moment for a lapse into rotund hysteric hyperbole, and plain old bull-roar. I successfully avoided all three, as is my wont.

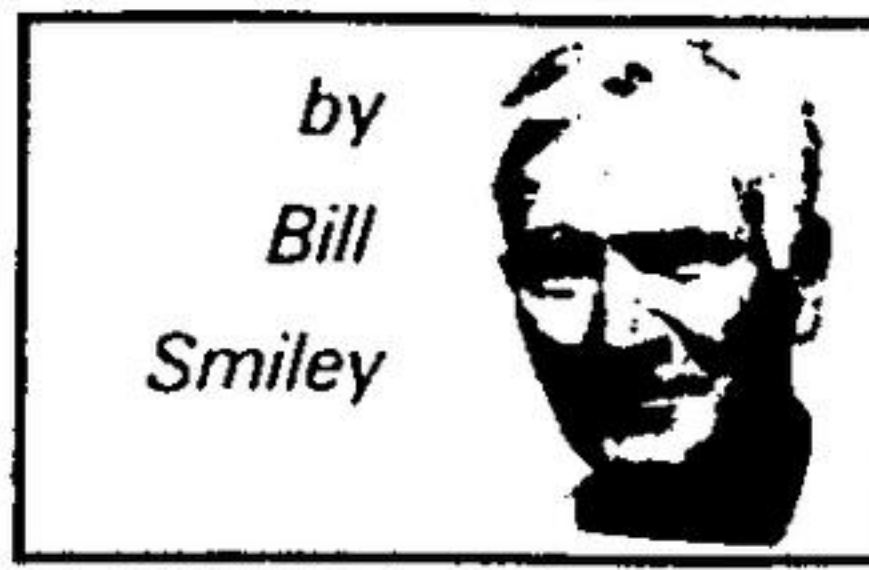
I just told the truth, as always. And, as always, I received a standing ovation. The standing ovation, which used to be a rare and heartfelt response to a speech in which

a politician promised new roads, new docks, or a new post office, has become as emotional as a good sneeze.

It is now a chance for people to get off their bums, up from those hard chairs borrowed from the funeral director, on which they have squatted for two hours or so, and stretch their arthritic joints. It also signals the end for those who have fallen asleep. You can hear the groan of relief welling beneath the hearty handchapping.

I didn't praise the Chamber of Commerce. In fact I stuck a needle into them. As a former weekly editor, I know all about the Chamber of Commerce, in another town. We met monthly if we could get a quorum, there were always four of us. I guess that was a quorum: the President, two members dragged out of the pub or off the curling rink, and me, as reporter. Talk of new industries, new approaches to tourism, and a general upgrading from the parking meters floated through the air for two hours, then we'd all go happily home, for another month.

This one was a little different. The officials talked in hundreds of thousands of dollars, mostly government grants, where we used to talk about the impossibility of raising \$200 for a tourist information booth. At any rate, the Perth Chamber was gracious and exceedingly generous. I think



by
Bill
Smiley

you?" He just said, "Roy," and there I was confronted, and recognizing a first cousin I hadn't seen since 1945, he just out of the navy. I just out of the air force, having a couple of beers together. We hadn't seen each other, or exchanged so much as a card since.

A few other faces emerged from the bald heads and lined faces: Cam Chaplin, a raw-boned dairy farmer who tackled in football like a brick wall hitting a heap of marshmallows; Jack Scott, another boy of the same ilk; Kay Lightford sister of my old college room-mate, and her brother, Grover, a widower with six children who married a widow with four, and who grasped me earnestly by the lapels and told me I should consider marrying again.

Aside from a few, it was a family reunion. My big sister, dammer, who instigated the whole affair, put me up for three days and tried to force-feed me. Her son, Pete, an Air Canada captain, just happened to drift up from Montreal, and his little sister, Heather, took a jaunt down from Pembroke. I used to baby-sit them. My little sister, a nurse, drove with her husband, some white-haired old guy called Jack Buell, with whom I'd played football forty years ago, floated in from Brockville.

We had quite a time, swapping lies and figuring out who was dead, who'd had a

stroke, who was divorced and why. We'll probably not ever be together again until the day my ashes arrive in an urn.

Something unusual, and very moving for me, occurred at the dinner. I was told that an elderly gentleman, or as some put it, "an old man," had been waiting outside the hall for about two hours, wanting to see me.

A bit bewildered, I told them to have him come in. And I finally nailed the old devil who has been writing me for years, signing himself, at first, "Your TV Repairman," and later, over the years, just "YTVR".

I knew he lived in Westport, Ont., but couldn't answer his blunt and caustic comments, his kind and encouraging notes, his sensitive letter when my wife died.

And there he was. He wouldn't come in to dinner. He had to drive home. In the dark, at over 80 years. He'd come all that way just to say hello, Smiley. He gave me a gift which I thought might be a chamberpot, with his sense of humor, neatly wrapped. It turned out to be a beautifully handwrought wooden bowl, which I shall treasure. More about him later.

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1 Births

BRITTON, Bill and Judy (nee Rody) are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Stacey Tyrrel, 9 lbs. 6 1/2 oz., on May 12, 1984 at Peterborough Civic Hospital.

COOK—Robert and Monica are happy to announce the birth of their first child, Emily Christine on May 19, 1984 at 4:55 p.m., weighing 7 lbs. 14 ozs. Proud grandparents are Clifford and Dorothy Cook, Heinz and Anny Drischler, both of Georgetown, Ontario. Great grandchild for Hedwig Dawes of Selm, West Germany. Special thanks to Dr. McGregor, Dr. Langlois and the OB staff G and M Hospital, Owen Sound.

OSBORNE, Mark and Brenda are tickled pink to announce the long awaited arrival of Sarah Anne on April 12, 1984 at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital, weighing in at 8 lbs. 3 1/2 oz. A sister for David, Kathryn, Tammy, Angela and Trevor. Proud grandparents are Frank and Jean Morelle and May Osborne.

TAIT, Ken and Shirley (nee Stacey) are pleased to announce the arrival of their twin daughters, sisters for Joshua, Jennifer Leigh (5 lbs. 10 1/2 oz) and Amy Melissa (5 lbs., 14 1/2 oz.) Born May 16, 1984 at 3:29 p.m. and 3:34 p.m. at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. Special thanks to Dr. Ford, Dr. Landry and the OB staff.

VELTEN—Mike and Rhonda (nee Murphy) are proud to announce the safe arrival of their son Brett Michael, born May 11, 1984 at 8:55 p.m., weighing 7 lbs. 10 1/2 ozs. Excited first time grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Murphy and Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Veltens. Special thanks to Dr. Kumar, Dr. Ashenurst and the OB staff at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital.

WILLIAMS—John and Sandra (nee Eyre) are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their son Benjamin John, on May 16, 1984, weighing 7 lbs. 8 ozs. Proud grandparents are Norman and Audrey Eyre of Georgetown and Bill and Hilda Williams of Whitehaven, England. Thanks to Dr. Trant and Dr. Halparin.

4 Coming Marriages

MR. AND MRS. Jack Fokkens would like to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Karen to Andrew De Beer son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred De Beer of Georgetown. Wedding to take place Saturday May 26th at 3 p.m. in the Christian Reformed Church, Trafalgar Rd.

MR. AND MRS. George E. Reid, of Georgetown are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their eldest daughter, Rebecca Lillian to Richard John Vander Vliet, son of Theresa and the late John Vander Vliet, of Erin. Wedding to take place on Saturday, June 9th, 1984 at 3 p.m., at St. Jean Brebeuf Church in Erin.

6 Deaths

PELLETT, Marian June Josephine on Sunday, May 20, 1984 at the Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton. Marian Pellett of Georgetown beloved wife of George Pellett and loving mother of Catherine and Darlene both of Georgetown and grandmother to Vessa and Vincent. Rested at the J.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home where funeral service will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1:30. Interment Greenwood cemetery. In memory contributions to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.

SMITH, Norman peacefully on Thursday May 17, 1984 at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. Norm Smith beloved husband of Margaret Gaffney and loving father of Pauline Moore of Wingham, David of Windsor, Cathy Dadds of Acton and Norma (JoAnne) Hancock of Glen Williams. Loving grandfather to thirteen grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Also survived by five sisters and one brother. Resting at the J.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home, 34 Edith St. Georgetown where funeral and committal service was held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. Cremation followed. In memory contributions to the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital Foundation would be appreciated.

THOMPSON, Virena—Suddenly at her home in Acton on Tuesday May 15, 1984. Virena Masales in her 87th year. Wife of the late Harry Thompson and her first husband the late Ross Burt. Dear sister of Wes Masales of Acton and the late Fred and Herb Masales and Mary Parker. Dear aunt of Irma McNery, Lois McLean and Earl Masales. Funeral service was held at the Shoemaker Funeral Home, Acton on Friday at 2:00 p.m. Interment Fairview Cemetery.

6 Deaths

BEXTON, Donald S. (veteran of WWII, R.C.A.F.; retired jeweller) at St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph on Friday May 18, 1984. Donald S. Bexton in his 68th year, beloved husband of Mary (Schnitzler) Bexton of R.R. 4, Rockwood (Everton). Dear father of Jane of R.R. 4, Rockwood, Anne of Caledon East, Elizabeth (Mrs. Ken Henderson) of Freeton and Mary (Mrs. Doug Draper) of R.R. 1, Acton. Dear brother of Reginald of London and Jack of Dunstond and the late Mrs. Ethel Pattison of Port Credit. Survived also by four grand children. Rested at the Gilbert MacIntyre and Son Funeral Home, 252 Dublin Street North, Guelph. Funeral was held on Monday, May 21 to St. Peter's Church, Oustic for Mass of Resurrection at 11 o'clock. Interment St. Peter's Cemetery, Oustic.

HATT, Olive Elaine—At St. Joseph's Hospital Guelph on Thursday May 17, 1984. Olive Elaine wife of the late Elmer Arthur Hatt. Dear mother of Melody and Howard Hatt both of Acton and Robin Cooper of Guelph. Loving grandmother of Paul Cooper. Sister of Evelyn, Henry, Chester, Burnett and Thomas Hall, Florence Shafford, Armnelia Jeffrey, and Pearl Kalzer all of Nova Scotia. Rested at the Shoemaker Funeral Home, Acton. Funeral service was held at the Acton Baptist Church on Saturday May 19, 1984 at 1:30 p.m. Interment Fairview Cemetery Acton.

LONG, John W., Past Master Credit Lodge no. 219 GRC, Past Principal Halton Chapter RAM no. 234, Past Grand Supervisor Wellington District no. 4 RAM on Saturday, May 19, 1984 at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. John Long of Georgetown, beloved husband of Marie Kempfer and dear father of Yvonne (Mrs. Don Connaly) of Maberly, Gail (Mrs. Hazel Sherry) of Norval. Lovingly remembered by his grandchildren Ellen, John, Scott, Wendy, Michael and Sydney. Survived by his mother Mabel Ramsden and brothers Norm, Tom and the late Walter. Rested at the J.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home, where funeral service was held Wednesday morning at 11:00. Interment Greenwood cemetery. Masonic service was held Tuesday evening. In memory contributions to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.

7 Cards of Thanks

BILL, Gladys and Scott Hibbard wish to thank their neighbors on Ticky Avenue for the lovely gift. We will miss you all.

FRED, Bev Laing and family wish to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for all their help during our fire and since. A very special thanks to Jean and Kerwin McPhail, Faye and Willy George, Kim and Red Lindsay, Rene and Paul Forbes, Helen and Don Robertson for giving us a place to stay. Thanks to Lorne Norton for the time off work and Lois for working for me. Thanks to Paul Forbes for his bravery and quick thinking to use the garden hose, and Melvin Robertson for helping him. To all you great people, thanks again.

The Laing family

I would like to thank all my friends, family, co workers and those who took good care of me while I was in Hospital. Your prayers, love, cards, flowers, phone calls, gifts and visits are very much appreciated. Many thanks and May God Bless each and everyone of you.

Love, Hazel A. Hodgson

MANY THANKS to all our friends and neighbours for making a special day even more special.

Edward and Lydia Kuhn

8 In Memoriams

COLE—in loving memory of our dear Father, Mother, Grandparents and Great Grandparents, Elton Cole who passed away May 28, 1979. Catherine Cole June 6, 1980. They left us quietly Their thoughts unknown. But left us the memories. We are proud to own So treasure them Lord In your garden of rest For when on earth, They were two of the best. Always remembered and sadly missed by Lena, Doug Mason, Wayne, Gloria, Lisa Shelley, Trevynn Mason, Shirley, Jim, Ann, and Marie Zehr.

WRIGHT Carolyn Joan (Joey)—in loving memory of a dear wife, mother and grand mother who passed away May 24, 1981. Fondly remembered by Dougal, Peter, Carolyn, Nancy, Matthew and Andrew.

8 In Memoriams

PUCKERING, John—in loving memory of a dear father and grandad who passed away May 24, 1982. Dad is such a special word, A word that brings to mind, A big warm smile, a helping hand, A way of being kind, Devotion to the family, A word of patience too, "Dad" is such a special word, Because it stands for "you". Sadly missed by daughter Mardell, son-in-law Bill and grandson John.

PUCKERING, John—in loving memory of my dear husband who departed this life May 24, 1982. Memories are treasures, No one can steal, Death brings a heartache, No one can heal, Some may forget you, Now you are gone, But I will remember you, No matter how long, Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by his wife Bessie.

TOTH—in loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother, Alice Louisa, who passed away May 29, 1979. "Not just this day but every day remembered." "Missed most by those who loved her best." Lovingly remembered, Raymond, Lisa, Chris, Tracy and Steven.

HAMILTON, J. Kenneth—in loving memory of a dear husband and father who passed away May 24, 1981. Though his smile is gone forever and his hand we cannot touch, Still we have so many memories, of the one we loved so much. His memory is our keepsake with which we never part, God has him in His keeping, we have him in our hearts. Sadly missed by his wife Helen and children Gordon and Susan Hamilton, Marg and Sam Leitch, and Marion and Ken Faulkner and grandchildren.

MASSEY—in loving memory of a dear mom and dad who passed away May 26, 1956 and Aug. 5, 1954. No length of time can take away, My thoughts of you to day, Lovingly remembered by daughter Anne.

PERKINS—in loving memory of Freida, a dear mother, and grandmother who passed away May 23, 1977. This month comes back with sad regret, It brings back a day we'll never forget, You fell asleep without a goodbye, But the ache in our hearts will always stay, Lovingly remembered by Karen, Bob, Todd, Colleen, Ken, Jason and Nicki.

PERKINS—in loving memory of Freida, a dear mother and grandmother who passed away May 23, 1977. In all the world we shall not find A heart so wonderfully kind, So soft a voice, so sweet a smile, An inspiration so worth while, A sympathy so sure, so deep, A love so beautiful to keep, Lovingly remembered by Kevin, Sharon, Sarah and Michael.

PICKET, Dorothy—in loving memory of a dear mother who passed away May 26, 1981. Time cannot steal the treasures That we carry in our hearts, Nor ever dim the shining thoughts Our cherished past imparts. And memories of the one we loved Still cast their gentle glow, To grace our days and light our paths Wherever we may go. Always remembered by Doris & Allan

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EUCHRE Friday May 25 8 p.m. Limehouse Memorial Hall. Admission \$1.50. Prizes and refreshments, sponsored by Limehouse Women's Institute. Everyone welcome.

MAPLE Co-operative Nursery School has limited spaces for September 1984. We offer morning or afternoon classes in a three or five day program. For further information call Susan Tinsley, registrar, 877-1924.

5th ANNUAL Box Plant and Perennial Sale. Friday, May 25, Saturday, May 26 at Jakes Garage, 89 Guelph St. Proceeds to Toronto District Christian High School. Starts at 8 a.m. Help keep Georgetown beautiful!

UNION Presbyterian Church 151st Anniversary. Guest speaker: Rev. W.F. Howick of Streetsville. Join us in worship, 11 a.m. Sunday, May 27, 22nd Sideroad and Winston Churchill Blvd.

ACTON Tennis Club Opening Sunday, May 27th, 1 p.m. Bring your racket. Refreshments available. Everyone welcome.

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BURNS Church, Erin, Ontario. Roast Beef Dinner, Saturday, May 26, 1984. Seatings 5:15 and 6:30 p.m. Adults \$6.50, children 14 years and under \$4. Phone Martene Philippo, Erin, (519) 832-2007 to reserve seats. Tickets also available by cheque at church doors.

CHICKEN BBQ Normal United Church, May 26, 4-8 p.m. at Huttonville Public School, Embleton Road West off Mississauga Road. Featuring homemade salads and pies. Chicken cooked on premises. Entertainment. Advance tickets adults \$5, children \$3, 455-8354. Tickets at gate, adults \$5.50, children \$3.

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12 Auction Sales

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