

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Little Theatre Letdown

Presentation of *Lysistrata* by Georgetown Little Theatre might better have borrowed Shakespeare's title 'Much Ado About Nothing.'

The drama group which has presented so many fine plays and so many fine performances in its history, is entitled to one letdown. To have this for its festival entry was a pity. To have it play Friday to a fairly full house could be disastrous. We would hate a first time attendee to assume that this was the usual calibre of Little Theatre production.

What was wrong?

First, the play.

Greek drama, with stilted language, is difficult for professionals, more so for amateurs. Smut and off-colour innuendoes must be perfectly timed, faultlessly delivered to gain the laughs they don't deserve.

Second, the performances.

One can't be too critical of a cast when

they are handed such a chestnut. They did their best within their limitations, but it was a tangle of over-acting, under-acting and just plain not acting.

Third, the idea.

When *Lysistrata* first hit Broadway in the early thirties, it was perhaps daring enough to fool people of that day into thinking it was good theatre. Today, it seemed little more than a feeble attempt to prove that a group of adults are 'with it.'

To summarize one could hardly believe that the play was presented by the same group which has given so many evenings of good entertainment to the Georgetown public, so many evenings which cried for a better house.

As a consistent Little Theatre booster, it pains us to be so critical. We'll be back for the next play, and we hope those first timers will be too. By then *Lysistrata* will be back in the mothballs where it belongs.

We Get What We Deserve

It's one of life's axioms that we usually get what we deserve.

If many of today's movies, television shows, stage attractions are thus deserved, it says little for an age when man has conquered formerly fatal diseases, produced such marvels as television and telephones, crossed the Atlantic in five or six hours, transplanted human hearts into other living bodies, and set foot on the moon.

It almost seems that as science marches on, culture moves backwards.

Instead of the Al Jolson, we have the Tiny Tims. The Guy Lombardo and Glenn Millers have been replaced by Beatles and Rolling Stones. The Valentinos and Robert Taylors have been replaced by the Peter Fondas and the Arlo Guthries.

If one complains about the open exploitation of drugs and sex, of eroticism and filth, he's condemned as a reactionary, a member of the 'establishment', a 'square.'

It bothers us somewhat to see a proportion of today's young people slipping into a cesspool. It bothers us much more to see a proportion of adults heading them into it.

The terrific build-up for the current 'Hair' show in Toronto is a sign of the times. The advent of a Swedish movie, so

filthy that even hardened critics shudder, is an indication that we've gone much further than we should.

What can we do about it?

Individually, we can avoid patronizing the type of entertainment which is being shoved down our throats. We can write our members of parliament, advising them that we believe in censorship. We can declare openly, that we don't want our children to grow up in the gutter, that we want them to know what's right or wrong, and aren't afraid to tell them.

We can hope that those who help shape the public taste, will be more discriminatory in their choices. Men like Ed Sullivan and Johnny Carson don't need to feature untalented freaks to sell their shows, and advertisers who pay the shot don't have to submit to sensationalism to sell their products. Daily newspapers don't have to outshine the scandal sheets, giving us such pages of life's sordid side.

Politicians don't have to favour legalized drugs to woo the impending teen vote. Prime ministers don't have to grant audiences to the John Lennons. Entrepreneurs don't have to rent their premises for rock shows disguised as peace drives.

As Far as We Can Go

Like the Oklahoma song says "We've gone about as far as we can go" . . . and much too far to our way of thinking.

What was so wrong with the day when life was orderly?

If one wanted crude entertainment, you went to a burlesque show. If you wanted scandal, you bought Hush or Flash. If you wanted erotic movies you went to a stag smoker.

Proponents of the uncensored, free life were always present and always will be. But a generation ago, society imposed rules and taboos which have a guide for living.

Not everyone observed them, but their presence gave direction to people.

Today some would propound this freedom, we ask if they agree with the ultimate, and the way things are going, it could happen soon.

Would you allow Mr. and Mrs. X to walk down Main Street some Saturday afternoon, completely nude?

Our movies, our theatre, our books are heading closer and closer to this ultimate infringement on our moral standards.

Can you still maintain that we don't need a higher authority to rule on what's right or wrong?

WOULD LOWER VOTING AGE

County's NDP Press For Election Changes

Murray Kernighan, former Federal Candidate for Halton, New Democratic Party, announced today that the Riding Association has presented suggested changes in the Canada Elections Act, to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections of the House of Commons.

Mr. Kernighan said the changes were based on experiences that workers have had during the past elections. He felt that these changes were both desirable and practical.

1. As far as possible, the same polling subdivision boundaries be used for federal as for provincial elections and furthermore if Municipal subdivision boundaries can be used, it would be desirable to do so.

2. As far as possible, voting be held at the same location for each election, preferably a public building.

3. Riding boundaries be revised promptly after each census.

4. Section 46 be amended to allow voting in urban ridings as is now done in rural ridings.

5. The provision for the use of both French and English as is now described in section 25 (2), be applied to all official do-

LOWER AGE

6. The party affiliation of candidates be shown on official documents and ballots.

7. Section 14 (1a) be altered to lower the voting age to 18.

8. Elections be held at fixed intervals of four years, unless the Government is defeated before that time.

9. By-elections be held within 120 days of the time the vacancy occurs.

10. Limitations be imposed on campaign expenditures as follows: (a) For a central party organization, 10 cents for each voter in all constituencies in which the party is running candidates.

(b) For a candidate, 15 cents for every voter in an urban polling subdivision, and 20 cents for every voter in a rural polling subdivision in the constituency.

PROXY VOTE

11. Each candidate be allowed free mailing of one election leaflet to each voter.

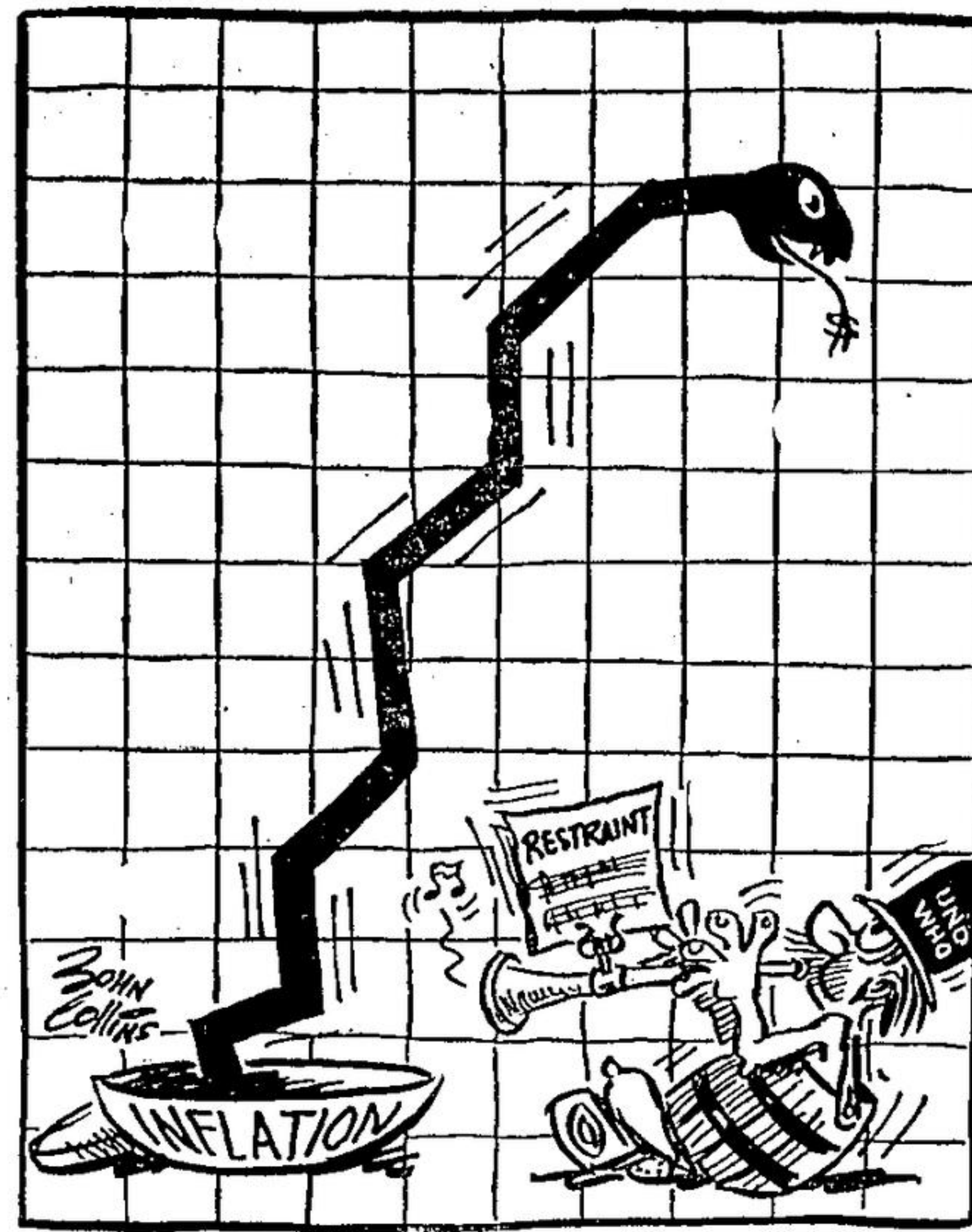
12. The provision of Section



MURRAY KERNIGHAN

16 (7), whereby a clergyman or teacher moving after the issue of the writ, can vote in the riding to which he has moved, apply to all persons, regardless of occupation.

13. Persons temporarily in hospitals be provided with a proxy form, issued by the hospital, and which will allow a person authorized by the patient to vote for him.



HUNTING FOR THE RIGHT NOTE

THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

MAY REBUILD CONNECTING ROAD

INGLEWOOD — Part of a Peel County Road connecting the village of Inglewood to Highway 10 may be rebuilt next year following a report last week by the Department of Transport that it can't handle 50 mph traffic. Area residents had previously complained to county council about speeding drivers and had asked that the 50 mph speed limit be reduced.

OPEN THIRD FOOD STORE

ERIN — A new food store 'Foodland' opened in Erin last week. The former Wright garage building was purchased by J. Ledger and remodelled to house the new store, with one apartment over one end. With the opening of the new store the village area is now served by three complete grocery stores — Erin IGA, Lyons Grocery and Foodland.

LOOK AT DEVELOPING TOWN'S NORTH CORNER

MILTON — School sites, park areas, and drainage problems were probed as members of Milton council and planning board sought agreement on a development plan for the 370 acre area in the north east corner of town last week. The general development plan, prepared by the town planner, included two elementary school sites, a separate elementary school site, and a secondary school site.

YOU CAN DRINK THE WATER

OAKVILLE — Oakville is relatively free of water pollution. A spokesman for the Ontario Water Resources Commission said last week that there is no municipal pollution in Oakville and very little industrial pollution. Town engineer G. B. Brisco said the only problem has incurred in the 'old Oakville' area of town where some sections of the storm sewers are diverted into the sanitary sewer system.

WILL HAVE PLACE FOR CYCLE SCRAMBLES

DRUMQUIN — Motor cycle scrambles will be allowed in Drumquin Park this summer. Just where the obstacle course racing will take place was a matter debated by the parks and recreation committee for some time at a meeting this week. Concerned with the damage which the motorcycles might do to the park turf, the committee agreed to issue permits for one scramble at a time.

ACTON NOT CONVINCED 'BETTER SERVICE': CNR

ACTON — Claims by representatives of Canadian National Railways that they are not reducing but perhaps improving their service to Acton residents were met with counter claims in a three hour hearing last week. CN has applied to the Railway Transport Committee to remove station agents at Acton and five other small communities in the Guelph area.

PROBE BURLINGTON SEA CADET CHARGES

BURLINGTON — Assistant Halton Crown Attorney Murray

Roulston said this week he hopes to have access to the records of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps in Burlington to investigate allegations of drunkenness and liquor offences among officers of the corps. Complaints were received that naval reserve officers were drunk in front of cadets and used corps money to supply liquor to teenage cadets.

FORD AWARD

Georgetown Man Has a Better Idea

A Georgetown man, George Buliga, and 11 other Ford of Canada employees won maximum awards of cash and cars in the 1969 employee suggestion and management proposal program.

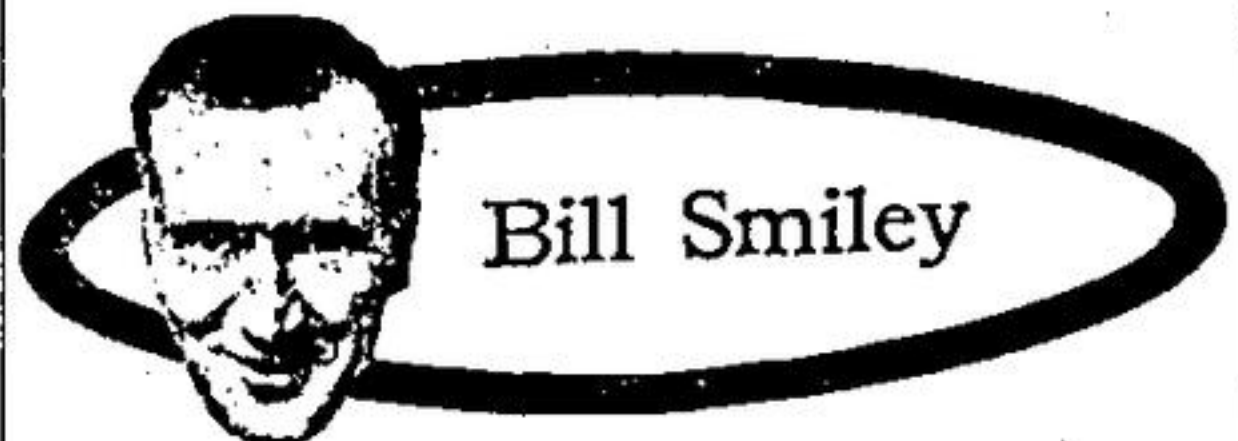
The awards for 'better ideas' in 1969 totalled \$500,000 the amount distributed in cash, new Ford cars and Philco Ford appliances since the program was inaugurated three years ago.

5,000 SUGGESTIONS

Cash and merchandise awards in 1969 totalled 2,199 compared with 2,173 in 1968. Suggestions were received from nearly 5,000 employees at Ford

DID YOU KNOW?

Larch trees are the only native conifers in Canada which lose their leaves in winter.



Bill Smiley

WE HAD A BALL, I THINK

Have you had a party lately? If you haven't, don't. It will murder you, physically and financially.

We haven't had a big bash for several years and decided it was time. We went carefully over our list of friends, neighbors and people we owe, and came up with 68 names. We cut it ruthlessly to 20. And we wound up with 31.

The main point, when you're giving a party, is to be prepared. Leave nothing to the last minute. Check the little things.

Have you enough wood for your fireplace? I discovered I had two chunks, but with old fruit baskets, cardboard boxes, and the bottom step of the cellar stairs, managed quite nicely.

Be sure your wiring works. The switch for our bathroom lights hadn't worked for four days, and I couldn't get an electrician because they were all in Florida or somewhere. But we installed candles, and some of the ladies who used the facilities came down glowing. They hadn't looked so glamorous in years.

Have a last minute look at your sidewalks. They might seem all right to you, but not all people are mountain goats. I checked mine about half an hour before the party. Back walk was fine. If one had snowshoes. Shovelled it out. Front walk was fine too. Except for a four foot bank of solid ice and

snow between the street and our sidewalk, a gift from the town snow plow.

I went at it like a man looking for a heart attack, and almost hoping I'd have one, so the damn party would be cancelled. I could feel my fresh deodorant going up in smoke, the sweat running down my nose, and the old tlicker running like a snowmobile. Finished, feeling as though I'd run the Boston Marathon just as the first guests arrived.

But those are merely the little incidentals that go with having a party. It took four weeks of planning and three solid days of domestic labour, plus so much money tears as big as tea bags comb to my eyes every time I think of it.

A week later, the house still reeks of garlic, and we're nibbling with total uninterest at left-over casseroles of some exotic dish called something like Marmosette.

The guests, their palates deadened by a Mafia combination of Martini and Rossi, seemed to like it. Perhaps you would like the recipe, if you're dense enough to have a party.

First, you must catch the marmots. This is your problem. Put them through a meat grinder, gently. Simmer with onions, celery and the insole of an ancient ski boot. Drench the mess with garlic, oregano, chilli powder, tabasco sauce and anything else you find in your shelves. Place in casseroles and

NEWS ECHOES

From the Heralds of 10, 20 and 30 Years Ago

1960

John A. Gunn, president of the Board of Directors of the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital Association has announced the launching of a fund to raise roughly \$1,000,000 to give Georgetown a hospital. In addition to grants anticipated from provincial and county governments, \$250,000 will be sought from public sources.

A moose bagged by the Georgetown Fire Brigade Hunt Club this past season came close to being the biggest moose shot in the province. When final tabulations of the big moose contest were published Saturday the hunters, Harold Bennett, Walt Richardson, Herb Roshier, Keith Tracey and Jimmy Commons discovered their goliath ranked seventh largest of all moose killed in Ontario. It measured 55 1/2" across the rack.

1950

One of the worst fires in recent years occurred last Saturday morning at the height of a wind storm when the huge barn on Cleaveholm, the farm of Mayor Harold Cleave, burst into flame and was totally destroyed. In the few minutes allowed, before the barn became a raging inferno, 30 head of registered Holsteins were taken to safety. Two horses, a bull and five head of cattle perished in the fire. A hydro break made it impossible to sound the siren so girls at the telephone office phoned firemen individually. High winds carried embers over the town, causing two other minor fires.

1940

About ten men from this district are now in England with the Princess Pats Regiment of Winnipeg. Sailing on the S.S. Orama with the First Contingent of the Canadian Active Service Force, the Princess Pats arrived in England about the first of the year. The list of men from this district includes Captain Gordon Sutherland, Lieut. Arnot Early, Ptes. Reg Blair, C. Hills and E. Shortill.

heat through. Serve promptly when the guests have been into the Mafin long enough. Oh, I forgot the cheese. Grate about eight pounds of cheese and sprinkle it over the casseroles.

And one more thing. Be sure you have enough. We had enough. For sixty.

These are just the basic ingredients for a party, of course. Add one wife who hasn't slept for three nights because one daughter has decided that university is for morons, and you get the real flavor.

Then pour in 30 odd people, the odder the better, who have apparently just crossed the

Sahara without water-bottles, and stir.

You've got a party. And you can have it.

Then, of course, there's the garbage. You'd have thought we were running a hotel if you'd seen me trucking it out afterwards.

Not that it wasn't a swinger. The Christmas tree almost fell into the party, and my wife almost fell into the oven. But we sang carols off and on, mostly off, and everyone had a roaring good time, or so they roared as they were leaving.

And you are all invited to our next party. In 1984.

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