

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Brotherhood — A Difficult Concept

This week, as it has for many years, has been designated Brotherhood Week by the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

The imperfections of the human race are never more apparent than when brotherhood is the topic.

Man's prejudices expressed in racial and religious forms, are too well known for comment to be needed. That improvement in the sixties was noticeable gives hope that perhaps the twentieth century may accomplish what other centuries haven't.

There have been forward strides in understanding between religious sects, government action to protect people from racial economic bias, less overt prejudice.

But it's still only a glimmer and a long way to go. But its still only a glimmer and we to our mind, brotherhood has to start in the family. How many closely related men and women have been alienated by differences of opinion? How many sisters and brothers don't speak to each other?

What family rifts have been caused by mixed religious marriages?

When we can solve family problems, we must then proceed to a rapport between nationals of the same racial strain. Where have there been more bitter battles than between English & Germans, Nigerians & Biafrans, Chinese & Japanese? While people with common racial origins cannot live in harmony, what hope is there for people with marked differences of skin pigmentation? When Protestants and Roman Catholics can indulge in name calling, what hope for better relations with Jews or Moslems?

Ideally, brotherhood will come when we reach this happy state — when men live their religion, whatever it may be; when world problems will be solved by other means than war; when most men will bite their tongue before saying "He's a nice guy . . . but"

Each of us can add our mite to make that much maligned word 'brother' a reality.

Spring Signs

On Sunday, the water was running, storm drains were full of the late winter runoff, new subdivision roads pocketed with puddles as surface frost came out of the frozen earth.

Gardening enthusiasts cocked their eye at flower and vegetable gardens, still snow-covered, picked up an odd bit of debris, whacked an ice floe into smaller pieces at the roadside.

There seemed to be a quickening in the air. Our pet cat Joey, with more alert animal senses than we humans, was restless, wanting outside, wanting back in, getting little frisky spells foreign to one of her advancing years.

Perhaps April Fool's Day is misnamed. For surely we will still have some winter ahead. It's not unusual to have heavy snowfalls in March, zero temperatures, icy winds. But just for a day, we felt that faint

whisper of spring.

On Monday, the town's work force, answered the call. They were busy on the highway stretch from Mountainview to Maple, removing bushels of debris accumulated along the Dominion Seed House fence.

We gave them a mental salute as we drove by.

This stretch of Georgetown's highway show window is rarely a matter of pride. What slob tourists must think we are as they look at the Seed House fields alive with colour in spring and fall, framed by an unsightly mass of bottles, packing cases and paper.

Let's each try to do our bit to keep this rubbish from blotting the landscape there and in other parts of town. There is only one place for refuse — in public trash cans, or in your own personal garbage.

Caught in the Squeeze

Overcrowding, beds in corridors, delays in securing accommodation for all but the most urgent, will continue at Georgetown Hospital until the Ontario government decides what it will do in an economy move which has delayed a needed hospital addition.

Georgetown has been caught in an economic squeeze. Desperately needing more beds (the Hospital Services Commission admits that 31 additional beds should meet a 5 year need) the town must wait for a province-wide survey being made.

Included in the survey is the possibility of making health insurance benefits available for home care, which could avoid some of the necessity for hospital beds.

The end result must either be a change in OHSC regulations, or hospital extensions in many towns like Georgetown where population is growing so rapidly.

We must meanwhile cool our heels, hopeful that action of some sort will soon take place, and with the assurance that our hospital board and staff are doing their utmost to cope with what, at times, can be a massive headache.



"WE SEEM TO BE ENCOUNTERING SOME CONSUMER RESISTANCE?"

MAIL BAG

Terms Price Restraint Move a Trudeau Hoax

Oakville, Ontario

Dear Editor:

As a rank and file member of the labour movement I endorse the position of labour leaders who have criticized the phony wage and price restraint hoax being perpetrated by big business and Mr. Trudeau. The news media have done a poor job of publicizing the reasons for labour's position, in fact were it not for labour's own publications, large portions of the public could easily conclude that labour had no good reason for boycotting meetings of the nobly named "Prices and Income Commission." Incidentally, if the truth had been involved in choosing a name it should have been called "A National Conference on Profit Maintenance."

If labour leaders were willing to mislead the public they could very well sign an agreement on wage restraints if it contained all the weasel words that this agreement between Trudeau and big business contains and it would not mean a darn thing.

Look at copper as an example: One year ago copper was 45c, today it is 57c. A 26 per cent increase that International Nickel covered in 4 bounds during 1969. Governments now boast that they persuaded INCO to postpone the last increase for two months, they fail to advise us that in order to get that small concession they had to relax government controls on export copper that will allow INCO to sell on the world market at 82c. This is restraint?

When fair and genuine restraints are being considered both labour and consumer organizations will participate fully but this grandstanding to the news media will do nothing to control an inflation, 90 per cent of which is imported from below the border.

— Jack Henry

DID YOU KNOW?

The Red Cross is more than the emblem of a charitable organization; it is the symbol of the Geneva Convention one of the world's great codes of law.

The Red Cross was instrumental in bringing about the 1864 Geneva Convention for the protection and relief of soldiers wounded in war. Within two years 22 nations had signed the Convention.

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THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

WANT TO DIAL DIRECT TO CITY

BRAMALEA — Chinguacousy Township council is prepared to go to Ottawa this spring to demand free direct dialing telephone service from the Brampton — Bramalea area to Metro Toronto. A three minute call from Bramalea to Toronto now costs 30 cents.

WALNUT TREES NOT FOR SALE

BRAMPTON — Twelve black walnut trees standing in Gage Park are not for sale, Mayor Jim Archdekin said this week. The town was offered \$15,000 for the trees by a U.S. plywood maker who claimed they were scarred and on the verge of deterioration.

DIG IN AGAINST GRAVEL PITS

NASSAGAWEYA — Proposed changes in the sand and gravel pit controls will have disastrous results in North Halton members of Nassagaweya Township council warned Tuesday. They called recommendations of a recent provincial government report on gravel operations

'shocking', 'frightening', and 'absolutely ridiculous.'

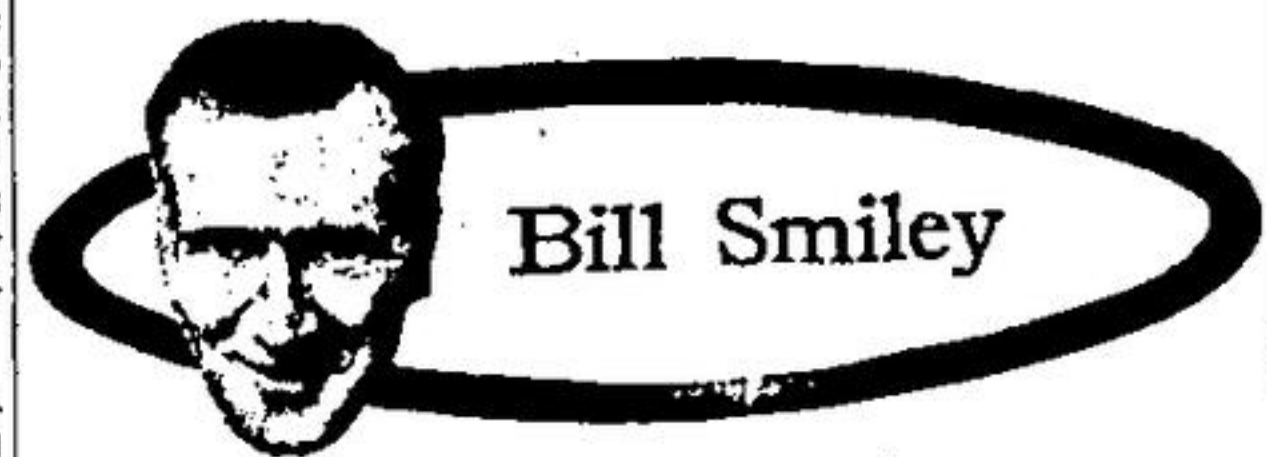
Reeve Anne McArthur called for tighter restrictions on surface mining.

'22 GO' BUSES THIS SUMMER

OAKVILLE — There will be 22 buses a day between Oakville and Hamilton starting this summer. The new service will be owned by GO Transit and operated by Gray Coach Lines. It will be an alternative to running more GO trains. The service will cost about \$1 million.

PLANT SELLS LINE EXPECTS 15 LAID OFF

ACTON — Expansion at the Acton plant of Building Products of Canada has landed the city of Guelph a new industry. Gison Manufacturing Limited of Guelph has purchased the profile business including the equipment, dies and material from the Acton plant and will operate the company in Guelph under the name of Micro Plastics. It is expected about 15 employees will be laid off at Acton.



Docs Who Keep Us Kicking

It's an unpleasant but undisputed fact that most of us in today's material society envy those who are making more money than we are.

I'm as guilty as anyone else, simultaneously knowing that it's silly. But there's one breed — the doctors — that makes a whole lot more money than I do. And I have no envy; nothing but admiration.

We've met some new ones in the past couple of weeks, and they have confirmed my long-held opinion that their's is a noble profession.

I know, I know. There are some rotten apples in every barrel. There are some doctors who are interested only in the buck. There are others who wouldn't take a night call even if you were dying. There are the specialists who work office hours only, and knock off \$45,000 a year. (Tried to get an appointment with an eye doctor lately? Takes months.)

But the vast majority of today's doctors are just as dedicated as their predecessors, work just as hard and long, and are just as interested in healing body and mind. And proportionately, in terms of today's living costs, they're no better off than the doctor of 50 years ago.

First doctor I ever met, I guess, was the one who delivered me, and our acquaintance was casual. Just a whack on the

bum from him, and a squall of protest from me.

When I was a kid, our family doctor was Dr. Hagyard. He was a massive man with a massive calm. When he arrived, at any hour, you felt as though God had just taken over and everything was O.K. In the winter, he charged about the country with a device of his own creation, a sort of snowmobile built from a Model T Ford. In summer, his favorite recreation was hitting fly balls to the outfielders in our pro baseball team. He could hit them a mile.

In prison camp, I met a couple of dandies. One was coal-black, six foot six and reputed to be the son of an African chief. I went to him in some perturbation, and he said: "If you had that excrescence on your nose, you'd call it a pimple."

The other was a ginger-haired British major, a surgeon. He was going around the bend because there wasn't enough surgery to keep his hand in. What he had removed all possible appendices and tonsils, on the slightest provocation, he spent most of his time sidling up to people and asking if they'd been circumcised. We used to hide when we saw him coming.

When our kids came along, both were delivered by a wonderful doctor, Frank Williamson. Four o'clock in the morning meant nothing to him. He'd

NEWS ECHOES

From the Heralds of 10, 20 and 30 Years Ago

1960

● Ed Hall, 16 Margaret Street, was reelected chief of the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service at the annual meeting on Wednesday in Wrigglesworth school auditorium.

● The expansion of the telephone facilities in Georgetown meant 410 new telephones installed locally bringing the total to 4180 as of the first of the year.

1950

● With the Royal packed to the doors Sunday evening an estimated 200 people were turned away from the Lorne Scots band concert. An added attraction was the appearance of Bruce Smith whose early morning radio program "Toast n' Jamboree" is so popular. Introduced by Mr. E. V. McCormack, he proved himself just as amusing in person as he is on the air and kept the audience laughing in his role as emcee. Also on the program was soloist Holly Dwyer, with Marion Hepburn at the piano, Douglas Peck, who sang Perfect Day and Holy City with accompaniment by the band, the Cuthbert Trio, Alf Sutton of Brampton, and Bob Landsborough of Acton who played piano duets.

1940

● Drubbing Hanover Pee Wees 6-0 in the 2nd game of a series for the southern Ontario championship, the Georgetown Midget NHLers won a trip to Copper Cliff and a chance at the Ontario finals. Total score of the two games was 15-4. Georgetown line-up — Emmerson, Carter, Harlow, Cofell, Kemshead, Sargent, Schenk, Walker, Ingram, Soloski.

be there, quiet and calm and rational, in a flash. He grew roses.

When we came here, we had Bill Neill. He had a theory that people needed only four hours sleep a night. He grooved on tropical fish and tape recorders, didn't give a hoot about money, forgot to bill you but was always compassionate and on the job when you needed him.

Now our family doctor is a quiet Englishman with a complete lack of the affection that the odd little-tin-god type doctor assumes. He has a propensity for Christmas carolling, outside your house with his wife and children, and has learned to play a creditable trumpet.

tor in his 70's lately. I enjoy his stories about the old days, when he used a dog team to cross the bay, hoping there wouldn't be a gap of open water when he got to the other side. He's a courtly gentleman.

When we picked up our daughter at the hospital recently, we met another species of the breed. Youngish, tough, red-eyed from lack of sleep, he took two hours including his lunch hour, to talk to us, without recompense. He cared.

And one more. An eminent city specialist, who is married to an old friend of my wife, took time from his busy schedule to check on Kim and alleviate our fears. He didn't even know us.

A pretty fine bunch, the Docs, in my experience.

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"What does brotherhood mean, Dad...?"