

OPINIONS OF OTHERS

The Value of Sunday

(Milton Canadian Champion)

Support for the retention of Sunday as a day of rest is increasing and the base for the support extends beyond the church groups commonly allied in such a cause.

It is interesting to see, from the annual report of the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada, that an independent committee composed of officials in food store chains, labor unions, trade and consumer organizations and churches presented some views on the subject of Sunday.

The committee affirmed that "Sunday business would deprive many workers of rest and freedom from work on the particular day of the week when the majority of people are customarily at leisure; would take working fathers and working mothers away from home on the common rest-day, and would deprive children of parental company and supervision. It would add to the operating costs of business, and this would inevitably lead to further increase in the cost of living.

The Alliance is being realistic too when it suggests that for those who attach little or no importance to religion, the next best use of Sunday is undoubtedly that of rest and recreation, best taken in family association.

Sunday will continue to be under attack despite shorter work weeks and supposedly more leisure hours. There will always be those who will eye the extra day's production or revenue as the deciding factor. Even those who see in Sunday sport great rewards may yet find difficulty as Sunday itself becomes used for other purposes.

We're selfish enough to hope that thinking people will continue to regard Sunday as an oasis in a week already muddied with frenzied activity. The value of the common day is clear but its continuation needs constant vigilance if it is not to be wrested from us to the disadvantage of all.

Debt to the Aged

(Owen Sound Sun Times)

Society owes aged people a great debt. They should not be robbed of their rights as members of the human race to the dignity, care, comfort, freedom, as far as possible, from suffering which are the due of any person. Most need care considerably beyond that possible in private homes. Many are victims of senility, fit

patients, it would seem, for institutions such as the very lovely and efficient Mackinnon Phillips Hospital.

Action is being taken to take care for such people as evidenced by the handsome Gateway Haven at Wiarton. But the program is entirely too little and, for a great many people, too late.

Are those in the latter category merely to be 'disposed of'?

Need Municipal Reform

(Brampton Daily Times)

Reform appears to be the name of the game as the provincial government uses the first provincial-municipal conference to outline its financial aims for the province. Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough outlined four main areas of reform aimed at financially strengthening local governments.

He told delegates the province recognizes "that local government has a vital role to play in our rapidly evolving society. It is, in fact, the single most important effect people."

And, he continued, the province also role — the one which will most directly recognize that the municipalities have been "hampered and frustrated" by a number of constraints, including the lack of financial resources and the lack of a municipal organizational structure that can cope with the needs of society in the 1970s.

"We cannot wait, however, for reorganization to be completed before we start to seek reform of municipal finance," Mr. McKeough said.

He suggested four main areas of reform to provide increased financial strength to local taxation; reform of municipal provincial transfer payments; reform of municipal capital financing; and reform of municipal finance administration.

Mr. McKeough said that before complete and meaningful reform of local taxation can be undertaken, "it is essential to establish a uniform, equitable and consistent local tax base by reassessing all real property at current value."

We suspect that most municipal delegates at the conference view this reiteration of provincial objectives, and the call for municipal co-operation to achieve them, with mixed feelings. They've seen reassessment at market value skyrocket taxes to the point where many property owners have no idea where they will find funds to pay them. Brampton is the only Peel municipality remaining to be so reassessed and that job is now being undertaken.

Delegates have also seen the centralized boards of education contribute to the rising tax burden, and view with suspicion any further centralization of administration. They've heard suggestions for coping with the problem, ranging all the way to returning responsibility for education to local councils, which they believe, would have a greater appreciation of their ability to raise the necessary funds.

It is difficult, however, to see how such steps could help the government reach its objective of rescuing municipalities from the morass of constraints and outdated machinery which have hamstrung municipal reform.

Our Queen's Park correspondent, Don O'Hearn, reports that Education Minister William Davis, MPP for Peel North, used Peel at the conference yesterday to illustrate the objectives of the government's program in reorganization of education.

Mr. Davis said that when the initial stages of the program had been started with consolidation of township schools, in 1964, the goal had been to give equality of education to all students in the province. "For example," he said, "we wanted to see the children in Caledon and Albion Townships were able to get the same education as those in the urban centres."

He admitted that the goal was not possible to be reached at once. "But," he said, "it is now emerging."

And perhaps that best sums up the proposed reform currently being outlined at the conference.



"IT'S NOT THAT WE DON'T LIKE DOGS" —

Summer School Setup Includes Credit Courses

Halton Board of Education has altered its summer school program for 1970 to include credit-granting courses.

The board agreed Thursday to change the role of summer school by offering credit courses — academic and vocational — from Grades 9 to 13. Enrichment courses such as those in landscaping and horticulture, will also be offered. Previously, the Summer School Program was geared for students who had to take 'make-up' subjects. These are subjects missed by the student, usually through failure or illness.

In a report to the board, O. A. Gilmore, superintendent of instruction, said, "The purpose of the change is to make summer school compatible with the credit system now followed in many of our secondary schools in the county and to be adopted by all in September, 1970."

Douglas Lawless, who resigned two weeks ago as assistant director for Halton Board of Education, can't be replaced.

In essence, this is what the board learned Thursday night when James Singleton, director of education, said a new position was created to fill the vacancy left by Lawless.

TAKE YEARS

Singleton said in a letter to teachers that Lawless "has served for 11 years in Halton County and has held the position of assistant director for some years."

"His work in this role has been outstanding in every regard. His departure on May 16 leaves a considerable gap in our organization which will take some years to fill adequately."

NEW POSITION

Singleton said that for this reason the board has created a new position at the superintendent level with a specific title — not of assistant director, but of assistant to the director.

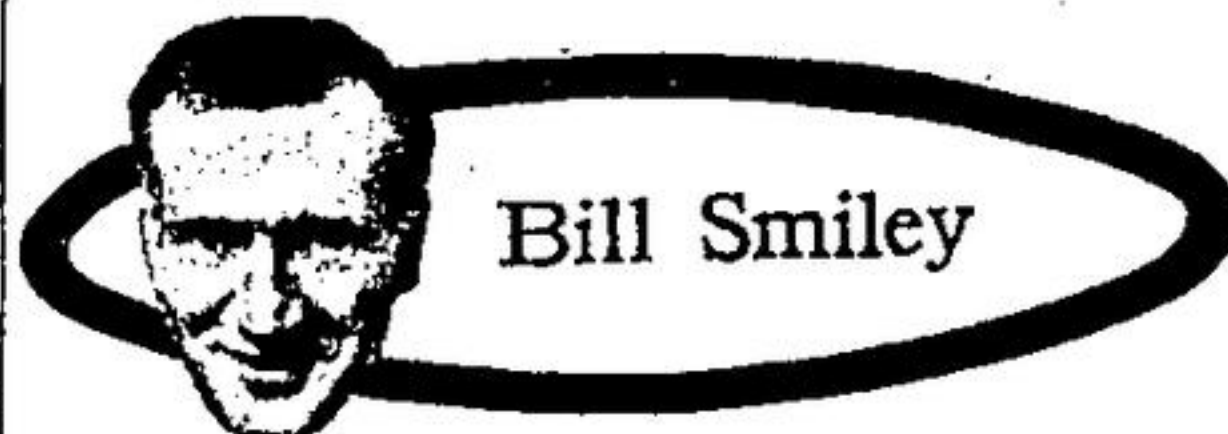
Last night the board appointed Emerson Lavender to that position. Lavender is chairman of the board's northern education area which serves Georgetown and the other municipalities in northern Halton.

THE STRAP STAYS

Corporal punishment will continue to be part of school life in Georgetown and other Halton County Schools.

On Thursday, the Halton County Board of Education nixed a motion from the Lambton County Board of Education aiming to end corporal punishment in the schools.

Girls Outnumbered — Boys continue to outnumber girls in Ontario schools. There are 1,028,663 male students compared to 858,113 female students.



Bill Smiley

IT'LL COST ME A FORTUNE

No major, or even minor, theme this week. Just a few observations. Perhaps the most important to me is that my daughter has turned over a new leaf. Or perhaps it's just an old stone. She is studying hard for two music exams, and actually has a job, part time.

She has learned, in a remarkably brief period, that 'bread', as the kids call it, is fairly important when it comes to eating and keeping a roof over one's head. She has learned that jobs are mighty scarce when your only experience is playing the organ in a church one summer. She has learned that a Grade 13 certificate and one term at college has as much use as a third leg.

She came home on the weekend, with her danged cat and kitten, and clamoured for meat. Real meat. She's sick to death of hamburger and bologna, and drooled over a steak in her honor.

But she's a criminal. She went back to the city with her kitten stuffed under her jacket. I believe it's against the law to transport animals on buses. However, she's a clever criminal, and may go a long way. She gave the kid a quarter of a sleeping tablet so she wouldn't yowl for his mama and alert the bus driver. We've been left with the mother cat, an unexpected treat, like a hair in your meat pie.

We agree that Kim will be fired on the first day of her new job. Her function is to stock shelves in one of these cut rate stores. And since she was three, her greatest attribute has been knocking over her milk, dropping full bottles of any liquid, and smashing cups and saucers while doing the dishes. It's not lack of coordination. She can play a Beethoven sonata. Oh, well. We'll see.

That's one thing off my chest. The next one is not so pleasant. I share with most Canadian citizens a sickening disgust at the attitude of most Members of Parliament toward their own financial security.

At present, with their \$18,000 a year, six of 14 tax-free and various other 'perks', Postage, travel, secretarial help, etc., they're grossing around \$20,000, as MP Barry Mather recently pointed out. This is not wealth. Far from it, these days. And I think they should give themselves a reasonable increase, consistent with the cost of living and tax increases. But the proposed pension plan sinks to high heaven. Oppose it, with every means within your power.

The old pension scheme was rotten, and many men who had given most of their lives to public service wound up in poverty. But the new one is rotten in the opposite sense. Don't let their pass it.

Another item which has me pretty disturbed is that The Telegram News Syndicate, which circulates this column,

wants an up-to-date picture of yours truly. Who first came up with this infamous idea I don't know, but vile and vicious are the words that first come to mind. I'll cost me a fortune.

I'll have to buy a wig. I'll have to have my remaining molars painted white. I'll have to pay a photographer to touch the whole thing up. And I'll still look like a veteran of the Boer War. My wife disagrees. She says my fine bone structure will always come through. Yeah. Just like a death's head.

However, I ain't scared. The grog blossoms won't show, in black and white. I can have my eyes debagged, which is expensive, but works. My Roman nose is intact, and perhaps a side shot, with the lows taped up behind my ears, might convince some people of something or other.

Maybe they could take the shot from the waist up, and show the needle holes where I had my cortisone shots. I would certainly be better than one from the waist down. I have bow-legs, and gout in my right big toe. Anyway, you'll be seeing it. Take a good snort, or a tranquilizer, before it comes out. I'll be right there with you.

But what the heck, we all have troubles. If nobody's were greater than mine, it wouldn't be a bad world. Cope with your own troubles, and don't let them drag you down. Look at the world troubles, and if you, personally, can do something about them, do it.

Otherwise, don't let them drag you down. It's a long road that has no turning; you'll be a long time dead; and spring is here. Rejoice!

IN THE MAIL BAG

Suggestions From A Grade 4 Student

68 Main Street S.,

Mr. Editor:

1. I think Georgetown needs garbage pails. Not only downtown but all over the place. There should be 5 to 10 garbage pails to a street. There should also be garbage pickers who come around at least twice a week.

2. I also think that there should be no hunting in Georgetown. Even if people have hunting licences. Hunting is disgusting. We are already losing a lot of animals like the tiger and the alligator.

3. I think that that paper mill SHOULD be taken down. It pollutes the air!

Jennifer Stafford

Age 9

Park Public School, Gr. 4

GIVE GENEROUSLY TO THE CANCER SOCIETY

NEWS ECHOES

From the Herald of 10, 20 and 30 Years Ago

1960

● Rev. Morgan McFarlane will become minister of Tabernacle United Church in Belleville at the end of June. Mr. McFarlane, who has conducted services in St. John's for almost six years, announced his decision to accept the Belleville call last week.

● A new factory with 40,000 square feet floor area will be in operation in Georgetown by mid-September. Negotiations have been completed between P. Graham Bell Associates Ltd. and Delrex Developments for purchase of a 7.7 acreage at the corner of Armstrong and Sinclair, and a contract has been awarded Raxwell Construction for an immediate start on the building.

1950

● A local campaign for Manitoba Flood Relief, backed by the town council is underway. Interest in helping the distressed western province is keen and it is expected that the campaign will realize well over \$1000. Already, employees of Alliance Paper Mill have dug down for a total of \$130 through the efforts of Sam Tennant, who personally undertook a mill canvass last week. Mill employees also collected a good quantity of used clothing. Countess of Strathmore LODGE has planned a tag day, and the local Red Cross branch has asked for specific donations of articles needed by the flood fighters. Several donations have come from individuals and organizations including \$100 from Ashgrove W.I.

1940

● The following resolution was carried unanimously at the regular meeting of Branch 120 of the Canadian Legion in Georgetown this week. 1. That the Branch protest the seeming indifference and lack of initiative on the part of the Government at this time. 2. That the members pledge themselves anew to make any sacrifice that may be required of us at this hour of need. 3. That we urge conscription of all the country's resources including manpower, wealth, and industry. 4. That we respectfully request that the Prime Minister resign and Colonel Ralston be called upon to form a truly national government composed of the best brains of all parties in Canada in order that Canada may be organized one hundred per cent to win the war. 5. That all Nazi, Fascist, and Communist organizations be outlawed and that their members be interned. 6. That an adequate defense force of ex-service men be formed to combat "fifth column" activities.

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IN THE MAIL BAG

Writer Questions Religious Teaching in Public Schools

34 Baylor Cres.

Dear Sir:
I'm afraid I have missed any previous letters in your Mail Bag re: Religion in the schools but the letter from Mrs. Cordato I found very hypothetical. She is assuming the Christian religion is the right one, only because she has been taught to think so. I do not wish to criticize her religious beliefs, but I do not feel anyone's religion should be forced on another.

The world of today has so very many problems, why must we add to them by standing so firmly against change. Let's face it, we just don't know if our Christian faith is truth. We have only been the students

of our birth. The only way we can reach truth is by studying and questioning as many religions as possible and always keeping our minds open for change.

Wars have been and are being fought over religion. Our population is steadily increasing, eventually leading to our environment's doom, because of religious attitudes on birth control. Men, women, and children have died in concentration camps because someone has disagreed with their beliefs.

Religion has played and is playing a very significant part in our world today. We must teach our children to be aware

of all the facts and not just one side. Through awareness comes understanding and with this understanding may they find togetherness.

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