

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### A Happy Medium

Now that Prime Minister Trudeau has mouthed an obscenity in parliament and even the staid old Globe & Mail allowed a columnist to put the four letter word in print, we seem to be entering an era of anything goes.

Obscenities aren't new, of course.

What is new is a trend to popularize words in public which for generations have been thought to be the prerogative of the illiterate, for those whose education or mental powers don't allow any subtleties.

We are increasingly aware that today we are rapidly departing from the old adage "A place for everything and everything in its place."

### How Far Can We Go?

The Ontario government is paying heed to a study which reveals that, at the current rate of spending on education, by the year 2000, our total gross income would be spent on this and social services.

The difficulties which lie ahead are obvious. It's hard to cut down on a system once established.

Last week, the new minister of education announced cuts in grants to post-graduate university students which will save a million and a half. Hardly had he spoken, when Metro Toronto school board revealed a merit rating plan for teachers, estimated to add six million dollars yearly to that board's expenditures.

It is evident that, if a government is to exert any control over education expenditures, it must go much further than such a token saving. The whole field of

Our so-called permissive society, our seeming inability to set limits on anything, has created a field day for the fast buck operators who dispense pornography and filth in movies and books. A glance at the entertainment ads in any newspaper and it's difficult to choose a movie which any self respecting adult would want to attend, let alone let his children view.

Human society will never be perfect.

But while there is some merit in not covering up all man's excesses, there must be a happy medium between the puritan and the libertine.

Let's hope that we find it soon.

physical facilities, curriculum and salaries must be reviewed. A super educated population will be a very unhappy one if it can't enjoy some of the physical benefits this education should provide.

Various politicians are propounding the idea of a minimum income for every Canadian.

This is nothing new. We have never willingly let any Canadian starve or freeze.

But some would raise the minimum income to the point where only pride will keep a minimal person working, when he can be equally as well off with government assistance.

This brings the problem of a breaking point. With more people being kept by less, a point of no return must be reached. Perhaps the economic council can come up with some statistics here for government guidance.

### Serves in Many Ways

The IODE (Imperial Order Daughter of the Empire) has been a Canadian organization for 71 years. And for almost half this time, an active Georgetown group (Countess of Strathmore Chapter) has contributed to its national and international work.

It plays an important role in education, the arts and humanitarian services.

For instance, over half a million dollars is spent annually in such services. The IODE assisted victims of the Peru earthquake and the Pakistan flood last year. The physiotherapy department of a hospital clinic for handicapped children was equipped. Clothing layettes

were sent to needy people here and abroad.

Assistance to new Canadians, helping them adjust to a new environment, help for our Indian and Eskimo population, assistance to schools in the West Indies, comes from the IODE.

The local Chapter gives awards to high school graduates, while supporting larger projects such as training doctors in India and Nigeria, and in strong support to schools in needed supplies in isolated Newfoundland and Northwest Territories locations.

Countess of Strathmore Chapter has proven to be a fine addition to Georgetown in its three decades.

## HRCA Puts Maple Tapping On View for the Public

by Brian Ward  
In the Oakville Journal

Few traditional aspects of Canadian life remain undisturbed these days but Halton Region Conservation Authority is keeping one very pleasant tradition flourishing.

With spring the maple sap flows and tapping of the trees gets under way.

It's a tradition that goes back to the time when Indians were the only inhabitants of the continent.

### DRAWING SAP

Sap is now being drawn from 150 trees in Crawford Lake Conservation Area under the watchful eye of Smiten Currie, an annual project of his since he was a boy.

During the week the operation is open for school children and teachers as an educational feature but on the weekends the public is welcome.

### FEW INNOVATIONS

Currie uses the traditional sap-drawing method, with a few innovations.

All trees are tapped with spiles (or spouts) and the sap drips slowly into a pail hanging on the end of the spout.

At least once a day Currie empties the pails into a larger container on the back of a sleigh. The sleigh is pulled by Currie's horse, Queenie, a 23 year veteran of the maple-tapping season.

### CAULDRON

The container is pulled to a clearing where there's a large cauldron over a wood fire. The sap is emptied into the cauldron and allowed to bubble and steam into a mass of syrup. Water in the sap slowly boils away and the syrup which is left can either be processed further, or eaten right away.

Currie also pours some of the syrup onto the snow where it hardens and then can be sampled by visitors.

### REPLACES COLLECTING

Other maple products, for instance refined syrup and maple candy are on sale at the Crawford Lake site which is located a mile south of Campbellville on Guelph Line.

A newer tapping operation has also been set up by HRCA staff. It consists of a series of plastic pipes connected to the trees and running back to a central cauldron.

This method of tapping replaces the arduous task of collecting sap from each individual bucket.

### YOKE

"I can remember when we didn't have even horses to draw the sap and we had to carry yokes on our shoulders. The pails of sap would be hanging on either end of the yoke and we'd haul them back to the cauldron," Currie said.

The maple syrup site will open every weekend until the

first or second weekend of April when the sap stops running. It will also open to the public for a full week from March 22 to March 28 while county school children are on holidays.

### IN THE MAIL BAG

#### Herald Helped Army Recruiting

Brampton, Ontario.  
Dear Sir:  
On behalf of the Lorne Scots I would like to extend our appreciation for your co-operation in supporting our recent recruiting campaign.

The drive was the most successful we have held in recent years, with more than 100 students applying.

We feel the success of the campaign was due to the support we received from the municipal councils, boards of education, local Canada Manpower agencies and the news media in Halton and Peel counties.

Thanking you again, I remain Yours truly,  
2/Lt. T. E. J. Wieland,  
Information officer.

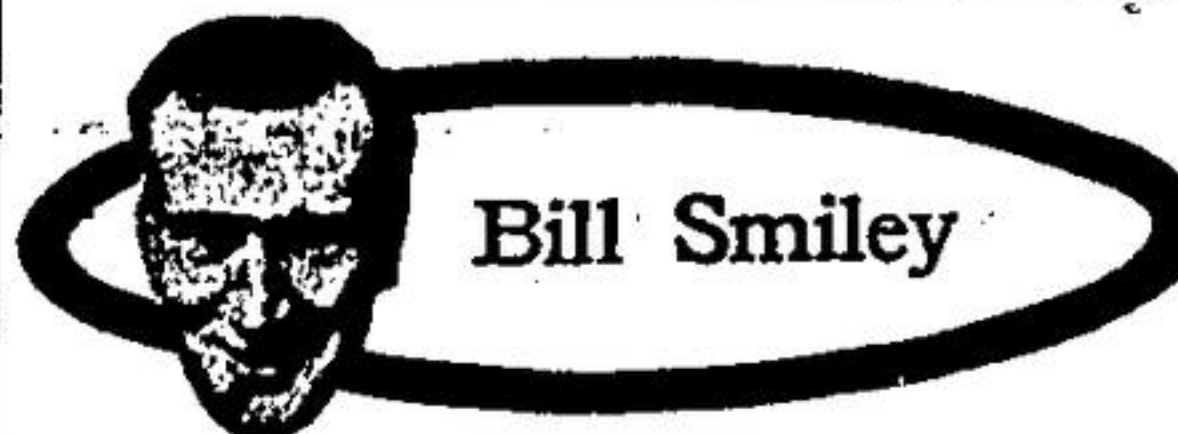
### HOT TIRES

Tests by Goodyear have shown that tires operating under adverse conditions can reach temperatures substantially hotter than boiling water. At speed, under-inflated tires top 121 degrees centigrade.



— Photo by Peter Jones

### WINTER WIND WHIPPED



Bill Smiley

### Other's Troubles Bore But Here are Smiley's

March is a time for madness in this country. I have lain on the grass with a girl in March, studying for exams. And I have waded through snow up to the belly-button, in the same month. This is enough to make Canadians a bit more psychotic than other nations.

March is as unpredictable as a pregnant female, as precocious as an eccentric old man. "Mad as a March hare" is no flight of the imagination. You don't have to be a hare to be mad in March.

All you have to do is look at the body of your car, at what the salt and sand have done to it, and you get mad.

All you have to be is a mother with soaking, muddy small children tromping in and out, and you get mad.

All you have to do is total your fuel bill, and you know you are out of your mind to live in such a climate.

All it takes is a note from a friend in the south, who asks how high the snowbanks still are, and says he expects to come home about the first of May.

All you need to do is think of next month, and realize that the average Canadian gives up a third of his income in taxes, and you can go right around the bend.

Our nerves are stretched to the snapping point by the rigors of the last four months, and it doesn't take much to break us. Even a little thing like forgetting to get your car license plate before the deadline, or forgetting to pay your hydro bill in time for the dia-count, can make the most stable of us crack and go roaring after the nearest blunt instrument.

I haven't quite blown a gasket yet, but I can feel the pressure building up. My wife has been off her oats since Christmas. Having two kids in University is like walking around with two large leeches clinging to you. Half a dozen people want me to speak to a similar number of completely dissimilar groups all over the geography.

I have a hundred letters to write. My boss is bugging me for a detailed plan for a new

charge of two public speaking contests and two essay contests, both with looming deadlines.

The cat did it again on the floor last night and is going to the glue factory if it happens once more. The CNR has phoned five times to tell me I owe them \$1.09, which was their mistake in the first place. The guy who shovels my drive with his plow has put his rates up fifty per cent.

I have sixty essays, seventy-five tests, and one hundred and thirty exam papers to mark. I have stubbed the second (left) toe on my right foot and the nail is dangling by a painful bit of gristle or something.

I missed two crucial shots and lost out on the big prize in the last curling bonspiel. The lock on the bathroom door has been gone since Christmas and people keep getting locked in, instead of locked out.

So, all in all, if you hear a small "POP" one of these days it won't be the wax in your ears cracking. It'll be little, insignificant me.

There. I know there's nothing more boring than other people's troubles. But I've got about half of them off my chest. And you must feel better to know that someone in the world has as many troubles as you.

And of course there are some things on the black ink side of the ledger, too. There's the "winter break" as they now call what used to be the Easter holidays. A whole week in which to do nothing but mark exam papers.

There's the prospect, in about six weeks, of getting the fleeces off my back (and into the unemployment lines.) And there's the sheer pleasure of not getting up in the dark every workday. The sun shines, waterily and occasionally. There's a glimmer of hope that the peculiarly Canadian monster — winter — having vented his orgy of rage, is beginning to die of sheer emotional exhaustion.

Unless the old brute throws one more senile but devastating blow at us.

There are 40,000 new vehicles each year in Ontario, and 200,000 new potential drivers. There are more than half a million changes of addresses recorded by the Department of Transport every year.

### THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

#### WON'T RENOVATE JAIL CELLS . . .

ACTON — Acton council last week turned down a proposal which would have renovated their jail cells in the old town hall for emergency overnight accommodations. Councillor Peter Marks who sponsored the resolution said the intention was to use the cells as a hostel for overnight accommodation for travellers or youth who had been "kicked out" at home.

#### 36-LOT SUBDIVISION STARTING . . .

MILTON — Within the next month, services of a 36 lot subdivision north of Highside Drive and west of Ontario St. will be under construction. Peter McWilliams, president of Focus Developments, said a contract has been awarded James Holliday Construction of Oakville for installation of \$100,000 worth of services.

#### ARENA BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE . . .

ORANGEVILLE — A committee to co-ordinate the activities of all organizations taking part in the fund raising drive for the town's new arena complex was established last week. Lions, Rotary, Kinsmen, Legion, Recreation Committee and council were represented at the meeting. The building includes an ice arena, a banquet hall, and other rooms for the recreation of all citizens.

#### FEWER BAD TRIPS . . .

BRAMPTON — In a report to the Mayor's Youth Committee, Rapport House stated Thursday that "crisis intervention demands have reached a plateau." Young people have become more sophisticated in the non-medical use of drugs and they choose the setting in which drugs are used more carefully to avoid "bad trips" the report stated. Over a three and a half months period 249 young people used the facilities provided by Rapport House which was formed by Mayor James Archibald's Youth Committee to help with the drug use situation in Brampton.

## ECHOES

1961

● Bonnie Campbell, 10 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Campbell of Limehouse, is making some progress towards recovery from serious burns suffered three weeks ago at her home. She was getting ready for school one morning when her nylon dress caught fire from a heater. Her mother rolled her in a coat to put out the flames receiving some bad burns to her hands.

● A teacher at Chapel Street Public School for 25 years, Miss Laura Scott, died in Milton, March 9th. She was 76. Miss Scott was the grade three teacher at Chapel Street from 1929 until she retired in 1954.

● Georgetown will be on the main Montreal to the Niagara Peninsula route when the bypass around North Toronto and the double tracking through Georgetown to Burlington is completed. The better freight and passenger service will improve Georgetown's position in the competitive industrial field.

1951

● Mr. Alfred Barker has accepted a call to Georgetown Baptist Church. He will start his duties here sometime in May, following his graduation from McMaster University.

● Georgetown council has set the 1951 tax rate at 43 mills on an assessment of \$380,000, with \$145,340 to be raised in tax money.

● Georgetown Recreation Commission has resigned. Decision to disband the organization came at a meeting called Sunday following action by the town council in not including any fund grant to the GRC in the 1951 budget. GRC last fall requested a \$2,500 grant and voters in a plebiscite in December endorsed this two to one.

1941

● Three men are appearing in the county court in Milton today charged with wounding and disturbing the peace as the result of an attack on Harry Chu, proprietor of the Golden Gate Cafe. It was about 1:00 o'clock last Saturday morning when the three strangers entered the cafe and, after waiting until other customers had left, one of the three produced a razor and attacked the local man. Noise of the scuffle aroused Main St. residents and Chief Bill Marshall was called to the scene. When he arrived two of the attackers had fled but the third was in the clutches of a number of local men. One of the fleeing pair was picked up later on the highway between town and Norval and the third was arrested next morning in Toronto. Chu's injuries were superficial back wounds. Investigation proved a case of mistaken identity. The three men were really seeking the proprietor of another Chinese restaurant, Georgetown Cafe, who had testified in a trial which sent one of the men's wives to jail for months for theft.

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