



**BILL SMILEY**

**Born 30 Years Too Soon - Again**

My tired old eyes almost popped out and ran down my cheeks the other day, like a couple of peeled grapes, when I read about the increases in pay to our armed forces. "My God," I groaned to my wife,

"will you listen to this? A back private is going to get \$400 a month." She wasn't impressed. But she perked up her ears and turned down the corners of her mouth with my next remark: "And a colonel will be drawing \$1,960 a month." My brother, her brother-in-law, is a colonel.

Out came the pencil and she started some rapid calculation. In about half an hour, while I sat there shaking my head with a mixture of shocked disbelief and incipient nausea, she blurted, "Do you realize that young pup is going to be making \$2,520 a year?"

I nodded morosely. I had done it in my head, give or take a few hundred dollars, in eight seconds. "Why - why, that's impossible!" and her voice went up an octave. I just took the paper over and pointed to the cold, black print.

It was like swallowing a horse-pill without benefit of water, for both of us. While I had been slogging along serving humanity as a weekly newspaper editor, sometimes hitting a high of \$6,200 a year, and later as a teacher, he had been gallivanting around to all sorts of glamorous and exciting places.

Aide-camp to an Air Vice-Marshal in Europe. Bear-hunting in Germany. Commander of a fighter squadron in France. Liaison officer in Paris. Desk job in Ottawa. Back to Europe. Back to Canada to head a fighter squadron at Val d'Or, guarding us against the Eskimos, then a soft touch at Colorado Springs in the States, watching the panic button, and skiing weekends.

There was only one bright spot in my mind as I reviewed this circuit. He's now stuck in Syracuse. Who wants to live in Syracuse?

But my wife wasn't finished. "Why didn't you stay in the air force?" I gave her some lofty reply about being my own man, and not wanting to wallow around in peacetime on the taxpayer's money. I didn't mention that the air force wouldn't have had me if World War II had broken out twenty minutes after World War II ended.

Then, in the gloomy silence that followed, I started thinking back. When I joined up, we got \$1.30 a day, or \$40 a month. I sent home \$20 a month to my mother. We got paid every two weeks, so I had a handsome \$10 to blow. I'll never forget the time I lost my \$10 bill about twenty minutes after pay parade. It was at Manning Pool in Toronto, with about 10,000 airmen on hand. The next couple of weeks were slim pickings. But I made it, by borrowing. That's when I started borrowing, and I've never caught up since.

But it wasn't so bad, really. Beer was like a draft and a dollar went a long way. I didn't smoke. Girls didn't expect you to take them out for drinks, dinner and the theatre. They just expected you to take them out.

Hotel rooms were no problem, on weekend leave. One of us would check into the old King Eddie in Toronto, and take a single room. Price was \$1.00, with 10 percent off for servicemen. Then about five more would sneak up and six of us would share a single room, sleeping three on the bed, crossways, the others on the floor. Average cost, 45c each. We didn't need much sleep anyway.

Wages went up with each increase in rank. As I recall it, when I was commissioned, I got about \$6.50 a day. This was wealth beyond the dreams of avarice. If those

officers envied us bitterly. They were paid about half that, to maintain the standards of an officer and gentleman.

I don't envy the servicemen their increase. They have a job that is especially thankless in peacetime. But if I were quite a few years younger, I'd be running, not walking, to the nearest recruiting station.

But my kid brother is another matter. I'm smarter than he is, though he'd never admit it. I could always beat him up. He's got his only child married off to a wealthy Englishman. He's going to have a fat pension in just a few years.

It's only fair to serve notice on him that he may have long-term, perhaps permanent, guests, when he retires and picks out his villa in Spain.

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Ain't it true?  
Our educational system is as up-to-date as any in the world. This despite the platinum-plated payments we have to make through taxes to support the super salaries of the executives and the high-priced shenanigans in ultra buildings.

One course that intrigues me is the study of trigonometry which deals with angles.  
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How's that for an angle?  
Yours truly,  
Ed A. Peters



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**DON'T THINK TWICE**—On this grand little three bedroom brick bungalow, marvelously situated near schools and shopping. Fully landscaped and fenced yard, paved drive, patio and stone planters. It should sell quickly at ..... **\$23,900**

**JUST RIGHT** — Yes, this fine three bedroom solid brick bungalow is just right for the family that's looking for good economical living in a very convenient location. A must to see at ..... **\$23,900**

**YOU CAN'T**—tell a book by its cover. You wouldn't believe how nice this home is till you inspect the inside. Huge 18' x 24' family room, ultra modern kitchen, dining room and living room plus four bedrooms up. Two bathrooms, two car garage and a gorgeous 99' x 132' treed lot. What more could you desire for just ..... **\$25,900**

**APPEALING** — Six room brick home with extra large rooms, built-in garage and nicely landscaped lot in a well established neighborhood. One mortgage that carries for \$175 monthly plus taxes. Full price ..... **\$26,900.**

**GLEAMING**—White aluminum clad six room bungalow ideally situated at the end of a quiet court on a big wedge shaped lot that's 127' across the rear. Broadloom in living room, three bedrooms, dining room, refrigerator, built-in range and oven in the kitchen. Hot water heat. A real fine home ..... **\$26,900.**

**VALUE PACKED**—Six room brick bungalow with attached garage, fenced and nicely landscaped yard. Three bedrooms and dining room. 8 1/2 percent mortgage that carries for \$190 monthly including taxes ..... **\$28,500.**

**DUPLEX**—Two completely self-contained apartments, big lot, one block from downtown, monthly gross rental \$300. A real chance for a young couple to live in one suite and rent the other to help build some capital ..... **\$29,900**

**NEEDS DECORATING**—But, otherwise this big three bedroom solid brick bungalow with attached garage is in fine condition. A real comfortable home. Dandy 8 1/2 percent first mortgage that carries for \$176 monthly including taxes. Don't miss this one! ..... **\$26,900.**

**A MOST DESIRABLE** — Side split, pleasantly situated on a big pie shaped lot at the end of a quiet court. Panelled family room, formal dining room and three lovely bedrooms. Attached garage. Carries for \$190 monthly including taxes. It's a sweetheart of a home ..... **\$29,500**

**FABULOUS** — Ravine lot (a place for you to stroll and the kids to play) that has an extra 66 feet in depth. Quality built Alcan two storey brick and aluminum home. Expensive burnt orange shag rug in the livingroom and dining room. Built-in dishwasher and range in the kitchen plus four huge bedrooms and two bathrooms. The whole family should love this one ..... **\$29,900**

**FANTASTIC VALUE**—Luxury built four bedroom split level with "Franklin" stove fireplace in the family room, super kitchen and living room (broadloom). Also included - 23 cu. ft. freezer, utility shed and privacy fence. A truly remarkable buy at ..... **\$26,900.**

**COMPLETE PRIVACY**—This attractive split level home is beautifully situated on a big 70 foot lot that backs onto a heavily wooded area. Formal dining room, three bedrooms and a grade level family room (not finished). A truly great place to raise your family ..... **\$29,900.**

**PERFECT**—for the family seeking a prime location at a realistic price. Be comfortable in this spacious 8 room split level home before winter winds howl. Put your T.V. in the beautifully panelled family room before playoff time. Give a gift of a lifetime to your family a new home. Make it all come true for only ..... **\$31,900.**

**COUNTRY SQUIRE**—Big beautiful back split with family room, fourth bedroom and washroom on the walkout level. Formal dining room. Garage, paved drive and (safe for children) crescent location. 8 1/2 percent mortgage. Full price, just ..... **\$32,400.**

**NEIGHBORING VILLAGE**—Brand new brick bungalow now under construction with attached two car garage, stone front, two bathrooms, three bedrooms, dining room and a 23' recreation room. Still time to choose some colors ..... **\$32,500.**

**WELL DONE**—You'll agree when you see this brick bungalow that it is one of the finest homes built anywhere and offers more alternatives - choice ravine setting and court location. Balcony level - 26' living room, dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms and custom bathroom. Attached garage. Walk-out level - excellent chance to build a 2 bedroom self-contained apartment or add to the already spacious upper level. We invite your inspection ..... **\$33,300.**

**DUPLEXED**—Stately older two storey brick home that has been completely modernized. One suite has an ultra ultra kitchen, beamed ceiling in dining room plus wall to wall broadloom in living room (fireplace) and three bedrooms, four piece tiled bath. The one-bedroom suite on second level is self-contained and rents for \$125 monthly. Workshop at the rear of the 119 x 232 (irregular) lot rents for \$70 monthly. Be the shrewd opportunist who insures his family's future. .... **\$33,500.**

**COMFORT IS KING!**—and it's fit for a "Queen". Luxurious Alcan "Highland Oak" model, back-split with superb landscaping and privacy fenced yard. Large 2-car garage. Custom broadloom in living room and dining room, stairs and hall. Two bathrooms and a third roughed-in, big big kitchen with built-in "Frigidaire" dishwasher, range and oven, also included is the deep freezer. Relax in the family room with a crackling fire in the fireplace. Three master size bedrooms plus a den or study. Best of all it's ..... **\$34,900**

**CUTE LITTLE** — Six room bungalow, gleaming white John Mansville siding, three bedrooms, modern kitchen and three piece bathroom. New roof, oil heat, fenced and beautifully treed lot 66' x 57' ideally located for a retired couple in the downtown area. Better hurry for this one! ..... **\$18,900.**

**WONDERFUL**—country home now under construction on a lovely half acre tree lined lot near town. Toast your toes on those cold winters nights in front of the open hearth fireplace in the family room. Enjoy the extra space throughout, four bedrooms, dining room, kitchen-dinette. Garage with door directly to basement. Take the family for a ride and inspect the workmanship. Be our guest ..... **\$34,700.**

**CHECK THE FEATURES** — Broadloom in a spacious living room, dining room and halls. Three master size bedrooms with bath en-suite. Attractively finished family room. The washer, dryer, colored frig, stove, dishwasher and water softener are all included and if you're real sharp, they may include some drapes. This sturdy stone front split level with 2 car garage is one of the most popular models in town. Be our guest! ..... **\$35,500.**

**MID-VICTORIAN LUXURY** — This most unusual hillside split-level home is now under construction and is sure to please the most discriminating buyer. You'll relax in front of the open hearth fireplace in the family room. You'll be amazed at the corner bathtub in the color coordinated bathroom. You'll love the washroom off the front entry, formal dining room and especially the size of the bedrooms. Built in garage and lovely big 65' x 176' lot. Why not see it today! ..... **\$37,900**

**ALWAYS DESIRABLE**—Park district where there's trees aplenty and all the convenience and community spirit you could desire. A marvellous older two storey 4 bedroom brick with a dining room so large that only grandmother's suite would do justice. Fireplace and bay window in living room, modern kitchen, New roof, furnace and completely rewired throughout. One and half car garage. And that isn't all... a one-bedroom self-contained apartment at the rear will help carry this charming home. We'll be proud to show it to you ..... **\$41,800.**

**GOLF CLUB SETTING**—This executive four bedroom stone and brick rancher has all the features to complement a lifestyle of gracious living. A tremendous big formal dining room, family room, recreation room, open hearth fireplace in living room and family room plus an oversized dream kitchen with hood fan and built-in range. Completely broadloomed in desirables area. 3-pc bath ensuite. 5-pc main bathroom and washroom in laundry room. Two car garage, lovely big 100x160 ft. lot for maximum livability. Make an appointment to see it now! ..... **\$48,500.**

**MOVE RIGHT IN**—Start enjoying "Our Town" immediately. Start by purchasing this stylish four bedroom split-level home that has all the features a family home should have. Close to school, completely fenced yard, family room (not completed) on garage level, dining room and big kitchen. Low 8 1/2 percent first mortgage. Owner transferred and wants quick sale. Only ..... **\$29,900.**

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