



### IS A WELL-BUGGED DOG HOUSE

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### Intimations Of Morality



When I was young and ignorant and life was forever, nothing bored me more than "old people" talking so much about death.

As soon as my Dad received his hometown weekly paper, he would flip to the obituaries and read them to my mother, interspersing the printed word with comments about the deceased.

Often the latter was a distant cousin, or someone father had gone to school with or someone he'd worked for as a boy. He'd recall where the dead person had lived, what he'd done and some of his peculiarities.

Now that I am old and not quite so ignorant and realize the brevity of our stay, I can understand it. It wasn't a morbidity on my father's part. It was an interest in, and awareness of, the fact that death comes for us all, even for the archbishop. He knew it was closing in on his generation, quietly but relentlessly.

#### PERSONAL LOSS

I am not about to start reading obituaries as a regular pre-dinner treat, but I did read three lately, with a sense of almost personal loss, though I didn't know any of the three "involved", if that's the word.

#### QUEEN'S PARK

### Drastic Change In Court Setup

by DINO HEARN  
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TORONTO Attorney-General Dalton Bailey has announced quite a drastic change in the court structure in the province.

A new form of tribunal will be established to handle all minor traffic offences and breaches of municipal by-laws.

These tribunals will be staffed by justices of the peace (at about half the pay of provincial judges) and will be much less formal than regular courts.

at the antics of this great clown.  
Betty Grable. She was never much of an actress, but she was a great Hollywood personality, the days when there were such creatures. Pin-up girl of the western world before the centre-page, all-nude fold-out was dreamed of.

Veronica Lake. Fell half in love with her when I saw her first movie. She contrived to look sexy and sinful in the days before bikinis and brassieres.

Brown was an old man. But Grable and Lake were in their fifties, forgotten by the world but not exactly doddering. Each had a distinguishing specialty. Joe E. Brown had a mouth about the size of a watermelon. Grable had legs that inspired an innocent sort of lust at a time when an ugly, exposed navel would have been just that. Lake wore long, blonde hair over one eye. Half the girls in town went around half-blind trying to emulate her hair-do.

#### BROUGHT TO FOCUS

My feelings of nostalgia were brought to a focus yesterday. My wife and I were at the beach. She was flat out, turning black under the sun, as is her wont. I was sitting up like a gentleman, in a chair, carefully covered, but still turning red in exposed areas, as is my wont.

Near us on the sand was a young couple, very handsome, with a little boy, very bad. He was bugging the life out of them; kicking sand in their faces; throwing cold water on their hot, dry bodies; running off and having to be fetched; demanding that his father do six things at once. But he was cute.

My wife watched, then



#### Bible Verse

And as such it is a good motto.

#### SCHOOL SENTENCE

Another change planned by the attorney-general, however, can't be greeted so enthusiastically.

Under this safe-driving schools would be established. Then convicted drivers would be sentenced to attend these schools.

Instead of a sentence of so many dollars or so many days in jail, which is the custom now, sentences in the future would be so many dollars plus attendance at the schools.

And you have to wonder about it.

Apparently the school attendance would apply even to such minor offences as not coming to a full stop at a stop sign.

Any compulsory attendance at anything, school or not, anything which takes a substantial amount of his time away from a driver, would seem to be a pretty stiff penalty, particularly as guilt in many traffic cases is a border-line judgment.

asked nostalgically and tenderly. "Would you like to be young again like that, with the little ones?"

I thought carefully for 12 or 13 seconds and replied, "No."

I meant it. When I look at my flab, I'd like to be twenty, even ten years younger. When my seed wart is throbbing and my bursitis in the shoulder is burning like acid, I'd like to be thirty years younger.

But when I think of the agony and the ecstasy of starting all over again, raising those kids, sanity speaks.

FRANTIC  
Days at the beach, sure. But, even though watching them like hawks, the sudden disappearance of one, and the frenzied running up and down, searching, until the child was found playing with a dog, forty feet from the water.

Summer nights in a small town, yes. Until a four-year-old vanished at bedtime, and the frantic running around the block, calling wildly, knowing there was a deep ditch full of water, and the rage when little miss was discovered watching TV next door. Nope.

Sweating out music festival adjudicators' remarks I can do without. Trying to steer out of drugs and into education I can manage to give up.

I think I can even sacrifice Santa Claus parades and riding with lots on the ferris wheel at the midway.  
No. I don't want to be young again. It's too hard on a chap. I'm saving what's left for my grandchildren.

We'll walk on the beach, and in the woods. And I'll answer, for my pinnacle of ignorance, all those impossible questions kids ask. And when I'm stuck, I'll say, "Go and ask your granmie."

Death, where is thy sting? Grave, where is thy victory? It's great to be getting old. Well, anyway, older.

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." Romans 12:3

This verse tells us that every man already has faith. Release it now and put it up against your need whether it be spiritual, physical, mental and see God work. In the name of Jesus, may your faith go out to Him and your every need be met. Amen.

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## OPINION

### Reader's Right To Write

Editorials are supposed to convey opinion, not necessarily an opinion with which all readers agree, but nevertheless an opinion.

Readers get a chance to reply to any opinion through our Reader's Forum. It's also a place where they can state an opinion or tackle any other item of interest. It's a sounding board of local interest.

Unfortunately, letters to the editor, as they are generally known, tend to drop off during the summer months. And not just because of holidays. The hot, leisure months are a time of decreased activity and letters to the editor are among the things that are put off to another time.

It's a pity.

We'd like to see letters to the editor come in thick and fast every

week of the year. It's easy to predict that the columns of our Reader's Forum will be crowded come the fall, with the advent of elections for regional government. But from now until the end of August, a letter or two a week will be the rule.

It doesn't have to be. It takes only minutes to pen a note to the editor of a newspaper. And it doesn't have to be a long note. A hundred words can convey as much thought as 500.

Some evening this summer, when you're looking for something to do, or you feel like complaining, or even tossing a bouquet, put it in words and submit it to the Reader's Forum.

We'd like to hear from you, and so would our other readers.

If you don't say it, who will?

### Risky Jobs On The Line

Bright orange cones, temporary signs, red flags, orange flashing lights, arrows and bright orange jackets and hard hats all warn the motorist that the centre-line painting is in progress. Usually there's a sign truck behind the line painter warning that he's ahead. Yet some drivers don't seem to see any of the warnings, and go breezing by at 70 miles per hour. Those who see the operation too late often head for the shoulder, showering the workmen and their new paint work with dust and stones. Others drive right over the fresh paint, scattering the cones, creating another hazardous job for the man who has retrieved them.

There's a limit to the number of days in the warm weather when this important repainting of road markings can be done. The weather has to be fine, and the temperature around 50 degrees. In

these conditions, drivers are advised they could meet a line-painting brigade: first a red flag, then a "keep right" sign surrounded by flashing orange lights, then the "target" truck which blocks the lane in which the men are working and again signals drivers to keep right, next the vehicle which travels about 15 minutes behind the road painting truck collecting the orange cones as the paint dries; and at the head of the procession, the dual-controlled paint truck which paints the line and drops the cones onto the wet paint in one motion.

"With all the precautions taken, the job these men do can still be a risky one" says Burt Wallace, administrator of staff safety in the ministry of transportation and communications.

"They need all the co-operation they can get from drivers."

### Credit And New Things

The old open trucks carrying their 25 and 30 pound blocks of sawdust laden ice have disappeared from city streets. Inside the kitchens where those blocks used to be delivered stand sparkling wonder mechanisms which protect our food and which produce baskets of ice cubes at the flip of a switch.

Fifty years ago, who would have imagined such vast strides of progress? Yet today, electric refrigerators with all their refinements are taken for granted.

So it is with many household goods today. Automatic washers, radios, phonographs, clothes dryers and innumerable kitchen gadgets have become part of everyday life. Items once considered luxuries (and that includes washers, dryers and refrigerators) are now almost necessities.

This type of progressive upgrading has left Canadians with more time for constructive leisure, educational advancement, and economic productivity. The process continues.

Statistics Canada annually surveys household ownership of durable items. Its findings have

shown that over the past decade the largest percentage increases in ownership have involved newer type appliances.

Take for instance automatic dishwashing equipment. In 1960 fewer than 100,000 Canadian households owned dishwashers. By 1965 this figure showed very insignificant gain. However, five years later, in 1970, the dishwasher market more than doubled. The appliances appeared to be taking hold with one way to go-upward.

Are dishwashers a necessity? Certainly not. Many families still like to tidy up after each meal. How long will this trend continue? If current marketing results and Statistics Canada are any indication, the trend to ownership of dishwashers will join the ever-growing list of former luxuries.

Because of this, credit promises to play a significant role in turning what now appears a luxury (an automatic dishwasher) into a common-place commodity. With more wives working, smaller families, and more important things around these days for children to do, it is probably a good thing—if we want the dishes done. —Canadian Consumer Newsletter

### ECHOES FROM THE PAST

10 YEARS AGO  
Credit Valley Conservation Authority was pleased at "the wonderful reception" its delegation received when it called on Kelso Liberts, minister of lands and forests. The minister has given support to the \$5,500,000 flood control plan for the Credit River. All 16 municipalities in the Credit River area have agreed to participate in the plan.

The final steps necessary to the functioning of the parking authority were taken by council when they turned over the parking reserve fund to the authority, and transferred the existing lease between J. J. Gibbons and the town, to the authority. All liabilities attributable to parking will be assumed by the parking authority. The parking reserve fund was set up last year from money collected from the parking meters with the sole purpose of improving parking facilities. The mayor explained the costs of maintenance and policing will be returned to the town. "We have \$2,500 in the budget as recoverable from parking meters," said the reverend.

20 YEARS AGO  
Georgetown power will be converted to bicycle during the second and third weeks of June next year. Announcing dates for the changeover in Georgetown and surrounding territory, chairman Robert H. Saunders of the Ontario Hydro Commission said that 1300 domestic customers and 175 commercial are on the books for conversion during these two weeks.

A large number of local residents travelled this week to the Brant Inn, Burlington, to hear Progressive Conservative leader George Drew speak at a reception held for him on the Lido Deck, famous dance spot. Besides a large number of cars, a bus was taken to provide transportation for the girls pipe band and others.

A picture with theme and appeal similar to "One Foot in Heaven" is "The Country Parson" which will play a full week's engagement at the Hoxby Theatre next week. Written by James Hilton, author of Goodbye Mr. Chips, and starring John Bell, it tells of a man who put love of his fellowman before all else.

20 YEARS AGO  
Ontario election day is August 4. Due to mass rationing, the electorate hasn't had many political meetings to attend this election. All parties, however, have been using the newspaper columns as a means of putting across the pros and cons of their respective policies.

Passing away suddenly on the eve of the election, Duncan Marshall, minister of education in the present government, has left a vacancy in centre Simcoe in the Liberal ranks.

Increased pay for women in all Canadian forces — increasing their basic rates from 66.23 per cent of men's pay to 70 per cent, was announced in the Commons by defence minister Halston. The increases are effective as of July 1.

The past few years have demonstrated the awesome problems of the solid waste management systems of Ontario. Garbage strikes have paralyzed cities, open dumps have blighted the land, incinerators have filled the air with particulate matter. Toronto and other cities are forcing their rubbish upon surrounding townships.

Events such as these have prompted citizens to take action against landfilling, incineration, and over-packaging and to encourage

### WHERE'S PLANNER?

Sir: I am infuriated with the town's attempts to develop a piece of land into what it would like to call a park.

This piece of land is surrounded by Delrex Boulevard Greystone Crescent, and Pennington Crescent.

That land was once a mud field that was ignored by almost everyone. The town was praised when it laid sod. It improved the area's appearance 100 per cent and provided countless numbers of kids with an alternative playground, other than the road. That park was frequently used by these kids.

Parents, in the evenings, also took part in their youngsters' games of baseball, football, etc. Kites were the going thing in the windy months of April and May. That park has been an important asset for an area so densely populated with small children.

However, I was astounded when I found the town had erected signs on the outskirts of this park reading, "No Active Sports in this Park."

I was totally bewildered by it all until they began constructing flower beds. A few months earlier, a few trees were planted. Trees were an excellent idea, but flowers? I can recall only a couple of times when they watered the grass in the space of a year. Certainly, no one has been there to remove the crab grass or dandelions.

If the town thinks that an unkempt bed of flowers can only add to it, that park was once used by the community for general purposes but now it will prove to be a little recreation other than a walk from one end to the other.

Kids don't mind brittle grass as long as they're able to play without being disturbed by the blast of a car horn. Where's our town planner?

Lisa Bassett  
Georgetown

the re-use and recycling of our waste materials. Groups have been established in such urban areas as Metropolitan Toronto, Kitchener-Waterloo, and Burlington, and rural areas like Minto, Pickering, Hope, and Esqueping Townships. Their goals are similar: to promote recycling, control the growth of garbage, and stop the trend toward rural dumping.

In May of this the groups combined to form the Garbage Coalition. This alliance,

### NOW IT'S OIL!

Sir: I am a resident of Esqueping, 17 sideroad. We have a problem with dust up until last Thursday. Now we have no dust because the Township oiled our road. This oil is also in our homes, our cars, and our footwear should we dare cross the road to collect our mail.

To remove this oil it takes gasoline or Varcol and a lot of elbow grease. I know that the other residents on this road feel as strongly as I do about this mess.

To add insult to injury, during the daylight hours the truck traffic is still heavy and still exceeds the speed limit.

What good does it do to reduce speed on our own vehicles when the trucks still speed and plaster us with oil? I phoned Bud Snow, roads superintendent this week and got no satisfaction. He claims that the trucks do not speed and that we residents do, creating the problems which we are now faced with.

He said, since we complained so much about the dust that this oil would solve the problem, and that it will take time to dry into the road's surface. He also claimed that the trucking firms pay high taxes to keep the road up.

What about us? Don't we pay high taxes too? And we have to live here.

The township should consider us first and do right by us. Mr. Snow also said that the budget was cut drastically and that oil was cheaper than the resurfacing procedure last summer.

Also, since it is oil why were there signs erected saying "Fresh Tar."

Mrs. David T. Jones  
RR3 Georgetown.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Maccabees were a family of Jewish leaders of the second century B.C., which included Judas Maccabee and John Hyrcanus. Their story is told in the two Apocryphal books of the Maccabees.

Children and young people who lack the physical capacity, the experience, or the judgment, should not be allowed to operate tractors and farm machinery.

### Farm Mechanization Calls For More Farm Safety

It is a fact that the farm and rural population of Canada is declining. It's also a fact that the accidental death rate on Canadian farms remains 20 per cent higher than the national average.

Farm Safety Week, July 25 to 31, sponsored by the Canada Safety Council in co-operation with the Canada Department of Agriculture, points up these facts and stresses the need for increased attention to safety in the farm environment. The Canada Safety Council makes available, through provincial safety councils, booklets, pamphlets and leaflets giving advice on how farm accidents can be avoided.

In one year, farm accidents take the lives of approximately 1,400 Canadian farm and rural residents, injure another 25,000 and permanently disable some 1,500 farm people.

Farming today is largely a mechanized operation and while mechanization has helped to bring about increased agricultural productivity and made life a little easier for the farmer, it also has increased the hazards on and about the farm. There are inherent hazards in all types of machinery but the biggest cause of farm machinery accidents is still human error—ignorance of, or failure to follow, safe operating practices.

FATALITIES DOUBLE  
The farm machinery fatalities per 100,000 farmers have doubled in the last decade. Tractors, the most common piece of farm machinery, are involved in 78 per cent of the fatal machinery accidents and more than half of these are overturn accidents.

Since tractor overturns are frequent, a greater use of overhead protective frames (rollbars) and crush-resistant cabs is needed on farm tractors.

Other farm machines commonly involved in fatal accidents are combines, balers, corn pickers, forage harvesters, grain augers and spreaders.

Failure to keep guards and shielding in place or attempting to service equipment while it is still running are among the most common causes of farm machinery accidents. Safety guards are there to be used. To ignore them is to run the high risk of

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comprising over 35 organizations from across Ontario, is active in encouraging the provincial government to develop a comprehensive plan to reduce and recycle solid waste.

On June 18, representatives of the Garbage Coalition met with provincial environment minister James Auld, and presented a brief outlining six demands, along with reasonable deadlines for the implementation of each. Three are of immediate concern:

—immediately, to prevent long-term (over five year) commitments to landfilling of garbage.

—by July 1, to announce plans for a full-scale recycling plant in and for Metropolitan Toronto, rather than the announced 200 ton a day "experimental plant."

When Toronto produces 5000 tons of garbage per day, any consideration less than 1000 tons per day is tokenism, and not economically viable besides.

—by September 1, to commit the government to education of the public about the growth of waste, its root causes, the incredible economic costs, alternatives to throwaway products, and the need for and feasibility of large-scale recycling systems.

The first two target dates have passed with no public statement from Mr. Auld. Where does the government stand. Will it act on these two? Will it act on the third measure by September 1? There is still lots of time.

The time to encourage the re-use of our garbage is now—decades in the future when we are faced with energy and mineral shortages. It is the provincial government's responsibility to respond to the Garbage Coalition's proposals. Surely our six proposals and deadlines are not extraordinary, when garbage is reaching crisis proportions in many parts of Ontario.

Yours truly,  
Jenny Pickel,  
Steering Committee  
Kitchener, Ontario.

### NEW POLICY?

Sir: Did I dream this or did I see a uniformed police officer riding a bicycle in Georgetown? If it was a dream, I wonder if this idea would not be the answer to bicycle safety.

Growing up in Holland as a child we darn well obeyed all rules of the road and watched out not to get a ticket from a detective, who was on a bike in civilian clothes. We were able to recognize the make of their vehicles.

I think drivers should watch out for cyclists as they cannot move that fast. In turn it is the same with cyclists and pedestrians.

Let's have a safe summer and fall!

Yours sincerely,  
Connie Nieuwhof,  
Safety Chairman,  
Georgetown Local Council of Women.

P.S. Rear-view mirrors on bicycles would help too!

### O'CONNOR'S OTTAWA

By TERRY O'CONNOR  
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The Unemployment Insurance Commission's frantic attempts to regain credibility with the Canadian people have resulted in some highly questionable practices. It has become a frequent habit of the commission to inadvertently overpay UIC recipients amounts ranging, in one case in Halton, up to \$490. This overpayment error was entirely that of the commission, and not that of the unemployed recipient, a fact admitted by the commission.

The questionable practice occurs when the error is discovered and the UIC demands repayment. As can be expected, the recipient, being unemployed, is already in financial difficulty, and usually has spent the overpayment. The UIC, after several demands for immediate repayment, has adopted the practice of seizing the unemployed person's bank account, without notice to the person even where the account is one jointly held with a wife or husband.

Certainly the UIC is entitled to repayment and should take steps to collect money owed it. But in my opinion such zealous pursuit of small amounts of money, without notice, from people already in financial difficulty is an unwarranted invasion of privacy and grossly unfair.

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