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ONE MAN'S WEED

Is Another Man's Flower

If you watch carefully these days, you can see the fluttering orange and black wings of the Monarch butterfly. They have been making the long flight back from their winter home by the Carribean sea, to spend their summers with us. Here, they lay their eggs on the milkweed plant, and the cycles of life continues.

We're not very good hosts to our guests, however, for man, or more specifically, the Ontario government, by its Weed Control Act, has decided that that plant should be designated as a noxious weed and destroyed. It's only one of a long list, including thistles and chicory and goat's bear (like dandelion) and wild carrot, which property owners in Halton Hills have been warned to destroy-or have it done for them at their ex-

In practice, their destruction is usually by spraying. Yet spraying may not be the most effective way to control a plant. The St. Johnswort, on the Ontario government list, had been brought to this continent by Europen settlers late in the 1700s, and spread throughout it. By 1952 it covered two and one half million acres of rangeland in California, and the livestock who fed on it became sickly. In Europe the plant was controlled by various species of insects which fed on it, but since those insects were not native to this side of the Atlantic. the St. Johnswort thrived.

Some of these - beetles from southern France - were brought over in an attempt to limit the

plant. It was the first time here that we tried to control a plant with a plant eating insect, and it worked very well.

Spraying somtimes achieves the very opposite result from the one intended. Another marked plant on the government list is ragweed, an annual whose seedlings require open soil to become established each year. Blanket spraying against it can destroy the perennial vegetation of the area, leaving open ground for the ragweed to fill the following year.

The chemical poisons take their toll of things other than the plants or bugs for which they were intended. A few years ago when some lands around here were sprayed from airplanes, there seemed to follow a noticeable drop in the wildlife and bird populations of the neighboring woods.

It has been many years since Rachel Carson's classic book "Silent Spring" warned against the indiscriminate use of chemicals to control weeds and insects, showing how the spring was indeed silent of wildlife after examples of such spraying. We have become more conscious of some of the problems involved with herbicides and pesticides. Still, spraying can be sometimes dangerous and sometimes pointless. We hope it will be done carefully here, with the intention, as the name of the Act suggests, of controlling weeds, and not, as the letter of the law might imply, of destroying certain species wholesale.

An Undesirable Proposal

With housing prices reaching some form of stabilization, after a period of swift rises, some federal election promises, if ever implemented, could start the whole spiral upwards again.

Housing, of course, is of continuing concern. But perhaps too much political attention is being focussed on individual home ownership when conditions indicate that in a decade or so, urban sprawl may make it an unpopular form of home development.

One of the political pitches being offered is a deductable rate of interest above eight per cent. Unfortunately, experience has shown, many times, that when mortgage money becomes readily available (and the proposal would have the effect of doing just that, as a subsidy) then the cost of housing

There is also the danger of competitive scrambling, which the Financial Post has warned could see politicians and parties bidding against each other to introduce ever more attractive proposals.

And besides, deductability of mortgage interest would help those who have (homeowners and potential homeowners), as opoosed to those who have not (those who rent) and those who will never

have (the poor). What the nation needs is a solid program of encouragement for home building, encouragement that takes into account needs and desirabilities, tuned to the times.

A Pause For Reflection

A project of the Canada Committee, Canada Week is a concerted effort by a large group of people, in all provinces, to stimulate pride in our nation. Once a year during the week that leads up to our national holiday, July 1, we are asked to think about this country and to reflect upon its achievements and its future.

Canada Week is proclaimed each year by the Prime Minister of Canada, provincial Premiers and the councils of more than 1,000 Canadian communities. Now in its sixth year, this special week involves an ever-increasing number of Canadians in activities that range from the educational to the entertaining. The feeling of pride in our past achievements and faith in a promising future animates the many projects now being planned for Canada Week '74.

Ranging from picnics to band concerts to sports events, from

film festivals to art and essay contests, from parades, to historical pageants, from business promotions of Canadian goods to private displays of Canadiana, thousands of citizens in all provinces manifest their desire for community of spirit, of values and of ideas.

man as a basic premise, Canada Week hopes to act as a catalyst to bring the people of this vast country closer together, so that we may realize how our linguistic, political and regional particularities can be used to unite rather than divide.

This is the rationale for Canada Week, not blind patriotism, but respect and reflection; respect for all the diverse elements that make up this community of people and reflection about the institutions that have enabled them

With concern for their fellow

to live in harmony.



BILL SMILEY

Dented, Not Daunted By Certain Birthdays

Had a birthday recently. Some people, especially women, are rather daunted

by certain birthdays. For a young, attractive woman, having her thirtieth birthday is almost as horrible a prospect as having all her teeth out.

After a couple of years in the early thirties, she realizes that she is really just coming into her best period, that of a mature woman, still mighty attractive, and with a new emotional maturity she didn't have in the Gay Twenties, She's in the Flirty Thirties, and enjoying it thoroughly.

But with the fortleth milestone looming, panic sets in anew. She suddenly is convinced that anyone in the forties is over the hump. headed into a wizened old

PRIME OF LIFE

Strangely enough, after a couple of years in her early forties, she admits to herself and anyone else who will listen, that she's in the prime

of life. She can still draw a whistle when the light is right, get her bum pinched if the party is rowdy enough. She's probably a grandmother, but she's a "young" gramma. With a good dentist and contact lenses, she can disgulse the fact that her teeth are still there only through sheer will power, and that she's blind as the proverbial bat,

Then that grim reaper, the gaunt visage of Fifty, comes over the horizon like a wolf sweeping down on a lamb. This time, there is no panic. Just sheer despair. She knows, with a little mathematics, that anyone in the fifties is away past Middle Age, and has one foot in the grave and the other on a piece of dog defecation. She is OLD, and there's no

hiding the fact. Yet five years later, in her mid-Fifties, she's striding about a golf course, or screaming "Sweep!" at the curling club, or lying by a pool in Florida, holding in her gut and convinced she's in the Golden Age.

OLD MAN Of course, Sixty is IT. The old man with the scythe is lurking everywhere. There's no longer any way of

disguising the wrinkles and

the wattles. At 62, she gets a good tan, hides the eyes with shades, and maybe even has the jowls tucked up beneath the ears. And a good girdle does wonders.

At 65 she's collecting the old age pension, her late husband's pension, living in a house with the mortgage paid, and launting off to Europe or California, where she picks up her second husband, a well-off widower, She' never had it so good. At 80, widowed again, she's

a swinger in Sunset Haven, playing bingo and the plane, and giving the eye to every fresh octogenarian who enters the place.

And that's how women are daunted by birthdays. Personally, I am never daunted. I have a lot of dents, but not a single daunt.

MANY GIFTS Things have changed a lot around here. My birthday used to be a small something. Carefully coached by their mother, the kids used to come up with gifts which I aw, shucks, you shouldn' have done it - accepted gratefully and gracefully. Nothing great. Maybe a fishing-rod or some golf balls. And the old lady would bake a cake · a ready-mix.

When they were older, away from home, they'd call (collect) on the occasion, wish me Happy Birthday and suggest that they could use a little financial aid. Now, I call them up and after the usual exchange of

amenities, ask coyly, "Know what day this is?" "Yeah. Sunday, Why?" I try again. "No I mean what day of the month?" "Not really; wait'll check the calendar."

. I try again. "No, I mean what day of what month of what year? How old are you? How do you know how old you are? What day reminds you?" "Oh golly, Dad. Why didn't you tell me it was your

birthday? I would have sent a card. Or something." SENDS CARDS

No I am not daunted. But I never, ever, forgot my father's birthday. Let's see. I can still remember it: It was April 3rd. Or was it November 3rd? Anyway, I always sent him a card, even if I didn't remember until a month after the occasion.

But I did receive one birthday card which touched me deeply. It was from my insurance agent. He never

Halton Walk Big Success

Sir: Thank's to all who took part in the 1974 Peel Halton Walk. To the Walkers. Sponsors, WEST REACT radio cars, police, St. John Ambulance, check point volunteers, to all of you a big thank you.

Our funds from the walk are still coming in and to date we have received about \$17,000. This is two-thirds of our goal of \$25,000 and we can do it, if everyone gets their sponsors money collected, "it may take you quite a little more walking to get it" Sponsors are waiting for you to call in a lot of cases. The money you now collect can be taken or sent to the Royal Bank of Canada in Brampton, Bramalea. Georgetown. Should sponsors find that walkers have not collected their money they can also deposit it to the Peel Halton Walk Committee account at the Royal Bank's mentioned before.

We can be proud of our efforts during the past eight walks and we have done a considerable amount of good with the funds raised and an untold amount of lives have been saved through our help, but the need is tremendous and as announced by the World Health Committee this past week 25 per cent of our World's population is now starving (that is 800,000,000 people) and tens of thousands dying each week and the task of feeding everyone in the World seems impossible, but our efforts must continue and it combined with scientific advances may one day see our World not only peaceful but free from hunger and

discase. May your effort in supporting the Peel Halton Walk continue and thank you all for your support of our 1974

> John Nash Halton and Peel Walk Committee

EDUCATION

Liberating The System, Ken Campbell Speaks Out

Ken Campbell of Milton, who came to prominence with the Halton Renaissance Committee, has been focussing public attention on the public educational system in Ontario, and specifically in the region of

In a 12-page treatise, he explains why he, as a Christian, "cannot with a good conscience support by my property taxes the present totalitarian secularism which dominates the public educational system in Halton and On-

First portion of his explanation appears here. Remainder will follow in

coming weeks. Let me begin with a definition of the term "Christian." Historically, according to

Dr. Luke's account of the early church, in "the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 11, verse 26, "the disciples were called Christians first at So the term "Christian" was first used, probably in a derogatory ashion in Antioch to identify disciples or those who were loving, loyal followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

And how did these residents of Antioch become Christians? Dr. Luke records the events this way: "Now they who were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen, (the first Christian martyr) travelled as far as Phoenicia, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the Word....And some of them...when they were come to Antioch spoke unto the Grecians preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them; and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord."

RESPONSE These Grecians became Christians by their voluntary response to the preaching of the Word concerning the Lord Jesus, with a turning to Him in a deliberate act of commitment to His Lordship in their lives. At the time that the Apostle Peter made his confession of faith and commitment to Jesus in the classical declaration: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," the Gospel writer Matthew records that

Jesus said to His disciples: "If any man will come after Me; let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it but whoseoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul:" (Matthew 16:16,24)

In view of the unique and exclusive claims Jesus made about Himself and because of His rugged requirements for discipleship, the Gospel writer John records that "many of His disciples went back, and walked no more with Him." When Jesus asked the 12, "will ye also go away?" Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou has the words of eternal life and we believe and are sure that Thou art that Christ, the Sonof the Living God." (John

8:66-69 From these references it is clear that in the historical sense a Christian is a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, and as such is a worshipper of the Living God, the Creator and Sustainer of the Universe, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and we believe, "the Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." As an 18-year old, on the

basis of the overwhelming witness of the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit, and the lives of those who I knew were genuine follows of Jesus Christ, I made such an unreserved commitment of my life to Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Living God, my Savior and Lord. COMMITMENT

It is in that sense of the

word "Christian," then, and out of that commitment to His Lordship in my ex-perience that I have foundmyself unable to conscientiously support with my. taxes the property

totalitarian secularism which presently dominates the public education system. The responsibilities of the Christian parent to his family, to his community, and to his government.

1. Family. It is the

responsibility of a Christian parent so to follow Christ as to demonstrate by example to his children the selfsacrificing, dynamic, fulfilling life of creative service, to which Christ calls us. It is the responsibility of the parent to see that the children are disciplined to the ways of the Lord, and are so educated as to develop their natural endowments to be their "utmost for God's highest" in serving their generation by the will of God. As long as the parent is providing for the children's needs the parent is responsible for the children's conduct.

2. Community. The Christian is to be "the sait of the earth." It is the responsibility of the Christian parent to be totally involved for Christ's sake redemptively in the life of the community. He will respect the rights of everyone to his own views and life-style, recognizing the dignity of each person as one who is made in the image of God. As much as it is possible he will seek to live peacably with all. In moral issues which demand the choice of the people of his community, he will witness, with meekness and thrightness, to the ways which bring God's blessings in human experience and will seek reasonableness" to influence the people to choose the good

obey God rather than men." (Acts 5:29) When any totalitarianism usurps the place that God

4: 19,20)

RESPONSIBILITY

3. Government. The

Christian parent will seek in

every way to be a responsible citizen prayerfully sup-porting government officials as servants of God. (I.

Timothy 2: 1-4) The

Christian recognizes that it is

the responsibility of government to provide or-derliness and stability under

God, and to foster an at-mosphere in which well-

doing is rewarded and evil-

doers are punushed. (Romans 13: 1-7) In our

democratic society the

Christian parent should seek

in every appropriate way to

influence government to fulfill these responsibilities.

The Scriptures teach that

there may be circumstances

in which civil disobedience is

the duty of the Christian.

Essentially such cir-

cumstances have to do with

government intrusion into

the sphere which God alone

ought to occupy in the life of

Thus Daniel's three

companions refused the

demands of the monolithic

secularism in their society

and John rejected the

government edict forbidding

"Whether it is right in the

sight of God to hearken unto

you more than unto God.

judge ye. For we cannot but

speak the things which we

have seen and heard." (Acts

And again, subsequently

Peter added: "We ought to

them to preach the Gospel:

and would not "bow down." Thus the Apostles Peter

the Christian.

alone ought to occupy in the life of the Christian, it is the Christian duty to disobey.

Did You Know?

All fishermen should know how to swim, know first aid, and carry a first aid kit with them on fishing trips. Wear a personal flotation device which will support you in your fishing clothes. Keep in the swim with Red Cross Water Safety.

QUEEN'S PARK

religion on anyone.

and the right way. At the

same time, recognizing that

righteousness cannot be

coerced, he will shun such

measures as would force

New Appointees Are Good Bunch

BY DON O'HEARN Queen's Park Bureau Of The Herald

TORONTO The last group of half a dozen parliamentary assistants appointed by Premier Davis are a mixed bag but on the whole a pretty good bunch.

The most surprising, and at the same time most pleasing, appointment was that of Dr. Harry Parrott of Oxford as assistant to Jim Auld in Colleges and Universities.

The 48-year-old Woodstock orthodontist has been outspoken in his views, which have not always coincided with those of the government, while at the same time making clear a strong dedication to public service.

The premier gets marks for appointing him - though now that he speaks for a ministry we are likely to hear a bit less independence.

WANTED OFFICE

Mrs. Margaret Scrivener of Toronto St. David (Her age is not a matter of record) has wanted office so badly one tended, almost tended, to pity her.

A prolific public speaker and causist, at least she shouldn't do any harm, or not much, as assistant to Sidney Handleman in the ministry of housing. Arthur Evans, 59, member

for Simcoe Centre is an old pro who was vice-chairman of Ontario Hydro until the recent reorganization. He is logical as an

to

Det. C. O'Toole head of the

assistant

McKeough in Energy and probably will handle a good share of the speaking load that the heavily-burdened McKeough has had to handle.

WALKER SURE Lorne Maeck (pronounced "mack") of Parry Sound is

the most personable of the appointees. This 48-year-old newcomer

is a hearty, outgoing type with good municipal experience. One can believe he will be a hard-working assistant to Leo Bernier in Natural Resources. With the new minister of

health, Frank Miller, coming from the adjoining riding of Muskoka, this section of central northern Ontario is now well represented in the upper echelons. Finally there is Gordon

Walker, 32 year old lawyer from John Robarts' old riding of London North. Walker already was an assistant and in the shuffle

was merely transferred from Revenue to Health (which means there are now two non-medical men at the top in this ministry). Walker already has made

his mark, and probably would have been named to the cabinet, at least as minister without portfolio, except that Treasurer John White and Agriculture Minister Bill Stewart are in adjoining ridings.

With White already having announced he won't be running again and Stewart unlikely to, he is a certainty for the cabinet after the next election, providing the government is returned.

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

10 YEARS AGO Three district girls were included in the class of 83 who graduated from the Atkinson School of Nursing, Toronto Western Hospital. They were Carol Barth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Barth of Glen Williams: Mable Greig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Greig, RR 2, and Ausma Verlis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Verlis of Norval.

A Campbellville man came within a few feet of dropping into the gorge at the north end of Main Street when his vehicle failed to negotiate a curve. Donald Mofffat was northound on Main when his car left the road.

20 YEARS AGO Kenneth Harrison was successful in passing his Grade 10 vocal exams with honors at mid-summer examinations held by the Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto.

Prominent Georgetown Oddfellow, and past master of Orion Lodge, Harvey Dewhurst was named district deputy grand master at the annual sessions of the grand lodge in Toronto.

Casely, of Norval, was home in Canada after serving 15 months in Korea with the Lord Strathcona Horse Guards.

Cpl. Douglas Browne, son of Mrs. Gordon

Elleen Prust was elected president of St.

George's Anglican Young Peoples' Association. Len Murdock was named vicepresident Irene Nelle as chaplain, Sandra Bradley as secretary and John Doherty as

Head of the provincial police detachment in Georgetown for five years, Cpl. Joe Mc-Bain was transferred to Simcoe.

30 YEARS AGO A softball league for the Georgetown area was organized, with five teams participating. Organizers of the league had hopes of more entries, and Walter Richardson and Rev. J.L. Self were the two league contacts.

Fourth annual inspection of St. John Ambulance Brigade was held, with Dr. W.J. Bell, provincial commissioner, inspecting the drill work, first aid, home nursing and stretcher-bearing demonstrations. Mayor Harold Cleave and Mrs. Cleave attended the inspection.

Band concert and garden party was held under the auspices of the Lorne Scots Band and Lorne Scots Women's Auxiliary. Girls' Pipe Band and Georgetown Boys' Band also participated. Jack Thompson was master of ceremonies.

Pupils of Helen Blackburn held a plano recital in the auditorium of the public school. Miss Mary Moyer was guest soloist. Of a class of 43, 32 pupils took part.

VIEWPOINT

Little Hurt Now Could Save Big Hurt Later

BY G. LANDSBOROUGH Terra Cotta

Without a doubt, there is no issue today that cannot produce authoritive intelligent argument both pro and con. It leaves the general public in a state of constant turmoil where credibility is

concerned. The drug raid at the Landmark Inn motor hotel in Fort Erie, by the Niagara Regional Police Force is without exception. Immediately the issue is Jumped upon by politicians, newspapers, journalists and sensationalists, like the intrepid souls that moderate some of the phone-in radio talk shows.

We have listened with great interest as people like Judy Lamarsh, Plerre Burton, lawyers in the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, and countless others of the general public have condemned the drug raid incident, in which 115 persons were searched. The

regarding the internal examinations of both the vaginal and rectal areas, in the search for hard-core narcotics. The raid itself was unsuccessful and produced only six ounces of marijuana. Solicitor-General George Kerr, approved the raid, and would do so again.

strongest complaint is

Liberal leader Robert Nixon said, "if he would do it again, he is not fit to remain as minister.'' Personally I've never known the police force to move on anything without "something to go on" and until the report of the Royal Commission is made public we'll just have to walt and see. In the meantime there is always room for constructive criticism - we cannot opperate a democracy without

It. But, what is being hashed

through the media right now

We listened as Ron Knight

and his guest Liberal leader

is far from constructive.

CRITICISM

raid, and invited listeners to comment on his radio show Phone Forum. It never ceases to amaze me how people such as Mr. Knight can use the public airways for such flimsy disguised sensationalism. He suggested that "in order to get to the bottom of the problem, all officers should be searched in this position in order to understand what it feels like." He said the "police should have conducted their search refined and full of dignity." Well

Bob Nixon, condemned police procedure during the

fickers are not refined and dignified. Drug trafficing is a "dirty business". The pushers are the scum of society, and anyone that has seen what happens to kids that get hooked on heroin, would give little sympathy to these vultures

that prey on society. Like I

someone should let Mr.

Knight know that criminals

by and large, and par-

ticularly narcotics traf-

said before drug trafficing is a "dirty business" and if you'll forgive the pun it takes "dirty methods". You cannot protect the rights of the majority, without stepping on the rights of some, now and again, as the situation and circumstances warrant. VOYEURISM One lawyer with the Civil

Liberties group, Alan

Borovoy, suggests "the search for unlawful drugs became an exercise in gratultous voyeurism". Thats a trifle heavy handed to say the least. I would most seriously doubt that any of the officers I have met to date, male or female would feel anything but embarrassment for one of their more unpleasant but necessary duties. If it turns out when Judge Pringle finishes his enquiry that the Landmark Inn was a known hangout for "pushers" and "Junkies" will the public still have the same sympathy for those who were involved.

Narcotics Division of Peel states "that traffickers use the vaginal and rectal areas frequently. If the delusive remarks have any effect on revoking the Food and Drug Act, or the Narcotics Act if will seriously hamper police enforcement. One of

psychological aids when your not holding up your end of the argument too well, is to reverse the situation with the old "what if it happened to you." That question was recently put to me by a person that was all too eager to jump on the "police abuse, police unfair" bandwagon, If it happened to me I would feel the same as any other decent human being. I would be embarrassed and somewhat humiliated - but that doesn't mean that would hit the whole police force system over the head. Police work is difficult enough. While technology sours ahead with all kinds of

innovations for society it is

doing the same for the criminal. Criminals are getting smarter - and they are overloyed at anything that further ties the hands of our law enforcement officers. Our police in Ontario are among, if not, the best in the world. Sometimes we have to take a little hurt in order to save a big hurt later.

The very people that scream the loudest over police procedure during the Landmark motel raid are the first to yell foul when they discover that their child is a possible junkie from the operation of some sharp pusher. Pushers are not stupid. They don't wear little signs proclaiming their guilt. We expect too much from our officers (Ontario's finest) if we expect them to be meterologists too - that's when they look into the innocent baby blue eyes of a suspected pusher and guees whether. Don't you think thats expecting a bit much?