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## Action needed for new jobs

Halton Hills has suffered another setback this week in its continuing battle to retain employment within this area for local residents. It comes after the announcement that Building Products of Acton will lay-off about 30 people because market conditions have not proved beneficial.

Building Products became the fifth plant in this area to announce a cutback in staff since Domtar Fine Papers led the way in October announcing the closing of its plant in Georgetown.

While this latest reduction is occurring Halton Regional Council is finally putting the finishing touches on the terms of reference for a business development office. Somehow its creation now seems a little, too late.

Oakville Coun. Carl Eriksen said, in opposing that proposal two weeks ago that Halton is in a unique economic location. The region can sell

itself without the need for a salesman or as he said "market forces will sell Halton."

Halton Hills Coun. Roy Booth, a former member of the Georgetown industrial commission, countered that in three years it hasn't worked. And indeed it hasn't.

The situation locally has now become a major concern. This community has a small industrial assessment and the loss of about 300 jobs in secondary industry must be recovered. It becomes expedient, therefore, for regional council to approve as soon as possible the hiring criteria for the new position.

But in doing so, council must ensure that all of Halton will benefit from the newly created office. Not just the larger communities to the south which have been lobbying for such a proposal in past.

Any decision has to be made now before the present trend in job losses becomes a continuing reality.

## Had the blahs?

Had the February blahs? Down in the dumps over the weather?

Well, cheer up. March is here and with it comes something even better than the blahs.

It's called spring. With it comes the warm sunny weather we all dream about on those cold, windy, February days as the blizzard closes in about us.

And with it comes the government's last chance to sock it to Joe Public before the fiscal year ends March 31.

March 1 may not have come in like a lion this year, but the govern-

ment gave us something for the average person to sink his teeth into.

Postal rates increased to 12 cents from 10 cents, gasoline increases a reported four cents a gallon (with the prospect of further raises to come), you can't drive with the blue tag on your licence plate anymore; there's an announcement that spirit prices will rise by April 1, and cigarettes are going up, too.

And if that isn't bad enough, the federal government is eagerly into its annual income tax ritual.

Maybe we shouldn't have got out of bed Tuesday.

### On Parliament Hill

## PM's office involved, timing incredible, in Warren resignation

By STEWART MACLEOD  
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Despite all the official denials, I still think that interference from the prime minister's office had a great deal to do with the resignation of Jake Warren as Canada's ambassador in Washington.

The timing was just incredible. There had to be some overpowering reasons for External Affairs Minister Don Jamieson to announce, just six days before Prime Minister Trudeau was going to Washington to address Congress, that Ambassador Warren was coming home to Ottawa.

And, as it turns out, the Canadian embassy in Washington wasn't even furnished with a copy of the minister's announcement.

Mr. Jamieson said merely that Mr. Warren, an efficient and popular 57-year-old career diplomat and senior public servant, was coming home at his own request. Later, embassy officials in Washington said that Mr. Warren, who went to the U.S. Capital in 1975, had always wanted it to be a short-term assignment and now he felt his time was up.

But Mr. Warren is not the type of person to pull the plug like that just six days before the most important Canadian visit to the United States during his tenure. There had to be some compelling reason.

Now I see that respected journalists in Washington are writing that Mr. Warren's hasty departure stems from clashes he had with Mr. Trudeau over how Canada should conduct its affairs in the United States. It seems the prime minister's office in arranging the Washington visit, had been dealing directly with American officials and bypassing the embassy.

### BEMUSED

Ivan Head, Mr. Trudeau's foreign policy advisor, who seldom flies at the same altitude as mere ambassadors, had been handling some of the arrangements directly with American officials.

Mr. Head, you may have noted, said he was "bemused" with the timing of the announcement concerning Mr. Warren. Of course, Mr. Head bemuses easily.

It is well known that the previous Canadian ambassador to Washington, Marcel Cadieux, was less than amused when Mr. Head apparently bypassed him in making arrangements for a previous Trudeau visit. And there are several former Canadian

ambassadors to African countries who weren't exactly giddy with delight when Mr. Trudeau sent Mr. Head into their countries for direct negotiations rather than working through the embassies.

Ever since he assumed office in 1968 Mr. Trudeau had a continuing problem with his practice of relying on his own office for advice rather than working through the experts in the field. Remember when he established those regional desks in his office to keep him informed of what was happening in various parts of the country? Many members of Parliament, thinking they were elected for that purpose, were outraged.

This particular problem dissolved when the prime minister restructured the regional desks to handle his travels in Canada. But regardless of what is said now, this was not the original plan.

It was ironic that as I read these reports of clashes between Mr. Warren and the prime minister's office, I ran into Bryce Mackasey, the former federal cabinet minister, who now is a Liberal member of the Quebec assembly.

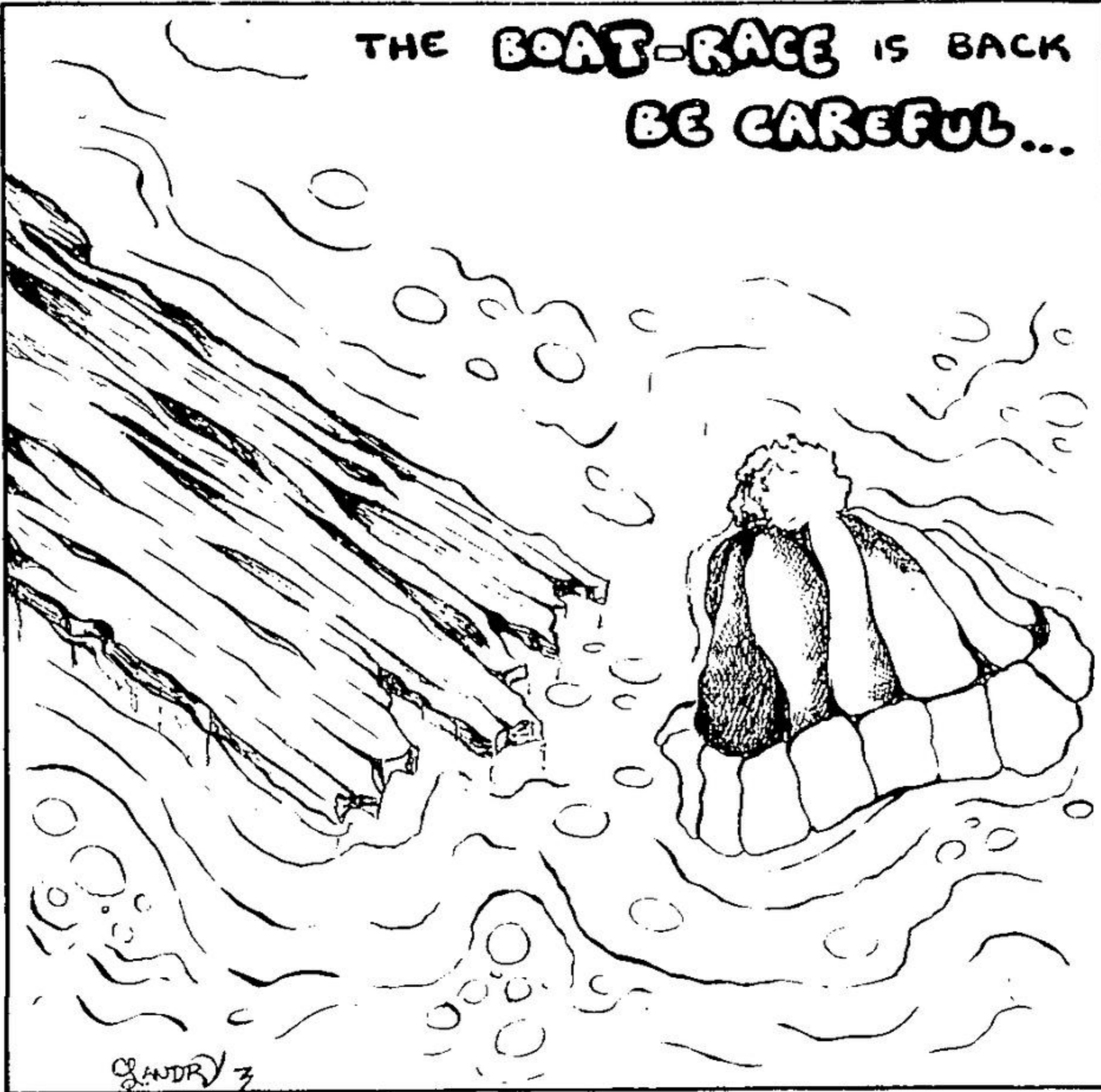
### LEFT TO DUMMIES

Mr. Mackasey has always maintained a quiet discretion about exactly why he quit the Trudeau cabinet last summer for the second time. And there is still some speculation that he took the action because he couldn't have the cabinet job he wanted.

But the minister actually left because Mr. Trudeau would not give him additional responsibilities in interpreting events in Quebec. At that time, Mr. Mackasey was watching everyone within earshot that the Parti Quebecois would win a minority government unless something was done to change trends. And up to the eye of the Nov. 15 Quebec election, Mr. Trudeau's own advisers were still predicting the Liberals could win between 45 and 48 seats, a comfortable majority.

Mr. Mackasey, in an emotional outburst, apparently told the prime minister he was relying on "dummies" who seldom visited Quebec.

The two men remain fast friends, but the point is Mr. Mackasey quit. And now Jake Warren has quit Washington. It's unfortunate that resignations have never really impressed the prime minister.



## Save the children first, then seals will be saved

By GERRY LANDSHOROUGH  
His slaughter time again. Time when blow upon blow from a 36-inch wooden club will crush the skulls of 97,000 baby seals.

The pups are mostly between two-to-three weeks old.

Why?

There is no why. For "senseless slaughter" there can never be a why. To kill solely to wrap the skin of a dead animal around the body when synthetic fur is available today that in many ways is superior, and certainly not detectable from the real thing, is immoral.

But why should one form of immorality cause any more or less concern than any other? Morality like beauty is in the eye of the beholder. One thing for certain if we speak solely on the point of slaughter alone on 97,000 animals being wiped off the face of the earth not for food, not for necessity, but for what?

This year Swiss millionaire Franz Weber offered to raise \$2.5 million for Newfoundland fishermen to start a synthetic fur industry and stop the hunt for good. Romeo LeBlanc, Fisheries minister, was reported to have turned down the offer calling it "blackmail on us for reasons which are not based on fact."

Faet Mr. LeBlanc: the facts are the baby

seals are clubbed to death they die painfully and sometimes pathetically slow. These are facts. The mother harp seals sit helpless against the onslaught completely helpless against the most vicious of all predators "MAN."

Most sealers spend their off-season living on welfare since sealing alone does not give a full year's income.

Each year I'm moved deeply by this brutal slaughter, but as always what of the senseless slaughter of human offspring? Babies found in garbage cans, burned, axed, mutilated by parents who are at a loss against the pressures of society. A society that does not prepare its young for survival.

Last year the Greenpeace Foundation (which has been dropped this year) had planned to spray the baby seals with green dye to make the fur commercially worthless.

If we tried to spray all abused human offspring it would be St. Patrick's Day each and every day of the year. All handwringers and bleeding hearts who go to pieces over baby seals should feel compassion - yet direct it first to your own kind. For what they breed is merely reflected in the slaughter of less animals.

Human beings without feelings are not born that way it is an acquired trait.

## Red Cross still going strong

During this month, Red Cross campaign month, the symbol of the red cross on the white background has a special meaning. It is a reassurance to over 20 million Canadians that Red Cross is still going strong.

Last year, the succession of earthquakes, typhoons, floods, landslides and droughts over the world added up to the most staggering number of natural disasters in recent memory. Yet Red Cross was able to cope. Despite the severe restraints of an anti-inflationary budget, the Canadian people made splendid offerings through Red Cross to victims of those disasters. That was Canada's visible contribution to the world.

On the home front today, some 400,000 volunteers are busily working every day, every week to better the lifestyle of the young, the elderly, the disabled, and the average citizen.

Each year Red Cross trained water safety instructors help some 804,000 Canadians learn how to have fun in the water and stay alive. Despite the growing population and increased numbers of people taking to the water, drowning statistics have remained substantially unchanged, thanks to Red Cross

water safety education.

Last year over 25,000 senior citizens joined Fun and Fitness and Friendly Visiting programs held nationwide by Red Cross, to help them feel they are still important to the community. And these figures represent only a fraction of those helped of the seniors who benefit from telephone chains, outings and recreational entertainments. Red Cross doesn't even list the numbers. It hates to brag.

But, near this. Over 15,000 Canadians learned to be more self-reliant last year by taking courses in health and basic aid. Because of Red Cross they have learned how to cope with common illness, how to nurse patients in their own home surroundings, and how, therefore, to save on hospital expenses.

Red Cross goes a long way to help. It will stay strong if it gets your dollars this month. March is Red Cross month, when all activities of Red Cross are in the spotlight to remind you, the Canadian citizen, that Red Cross needs your donations to keep on going strong. This March - Red Cross Month - give generously to the Red Cross.

## Looking through our files

30 YEARS AGO  
Georgetown Public School Board at its meeting last night decided to contact insurance adjusters and the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office for a survey of the school as to the feasibility of placing fire escapes. The action was taken in answer to a petition that was presented by a group of parents.

Smith and Stone Ltd. is looking for girls to work in their assembly, pottery and punch press departments. Starting wage is 44¢ an hour. This is for a five day week, a 45-hour work week.

Plans are being made by the public school board for some major changes in the local school system. Next fall it is expected to have a kindergarten class, providing a qualified teacher can be secured and necessary supplies obtained. The class will accommodate 25 children and will probably take in all the 5-year-olds in town.

Council discussed with consulting engineer C.R. Haggis the chances of securing favourable tenders for a sewer system this year. He estimated that the job could be done for an estimated \$300,000.

20 YEARS AGO  
Objective of the Red Cross financial campaign in the Georgetown district has been set at \$2,255. Twenty-five interested people attended a meeting in the Legion

Auditorium Thursday to organize for the "blitz" which will take place soon.

Television viewers Sunday witnessed a ceremony in which Mayor Jack Armstrong presented the keys to the new municipal ambulance to Chief Ralph Hayes. Georgetown's volunteer ambulance service is thought to be the first in Canada.

After the first three games in the best-of-seven series Georgetown Raiders and the Oakville Meteors all are even. The Raiders won their home game last Wednesday, tied the second game and the Meteors shut them out in the third.

Although the name has been changed to Brampton Real Estate Board, no change in the constitution or boundaries has been made in the former North Peel, Dufferin and Halton Real Estate Board.

10 YEARS AGO  
A major expansion of Georgetown's east end which would include three new public school sites and a second high school site was unveiled last night when Donald Fraser of the Metropolitan Halton developers showed council maps projecting development of 250 acres in a planned residential and commercial progression.

With a staff vacancy following resignation of police constable David Bell, Georgetown is advertising for police constables this week.

### On The Home Front

## Who me? Organized? Never!

By SUSAN DE FACENDIS

I ardently wish that I could be an organized superwoman such as those featured in the glossy pages of ladies magazines.

The impeccably groomed woman, even when putting out the garbage at 7:30 in the morning, who can effortlessly raise a family of ten while practicing law and breeding show dogs. The type who always has four course gourmet meals on hand in the freezer and devotes a daily hour of undivided attention to each child with ease.

When asked for the secret of their success, they airily and unflinchingly reply that all it takes is an organized mind.

Well obviously my inner cerebral workings have a short circuit or possibly a blown tube, because in my case nothing ever goes right, I am a walking disaster.

Take last Monday for instance. It was approaching 4 p.m. I had done a large wash and my entire wardrobe, which is not too extensive at the best of times, was happily dripping and drying. A lot of lamb was spluttering in the oven and I had promised myself that my hair would have that much needed shampoo the following day.

Sounds great doesn't it? All beautifully serene and organized, but wait - Louisa enters the house.

"Hi Mom. I'm home. Aren't you dressed yet?"

"Dressed for what?" I cautiously enquired, distant alarms bells beginning to ring inside my head.

"The mother and daughter guide banquet at 6:30 tonight. You promised to take a salad for fifteen people, remember?"

I am sure the whole thing was not really Louisa's fault. No doubt she did mention the banquet at some point. She simply happens to be a compulsive chatterer and out of sheer self defence, I have been forced over the years to devise a mental filtering system.

Certain key words, such as 'boy' or 'broke my front tooth' activate me into instant attention, but the balance just lightly passes over and around me.

If a written invitation to the banquet ever existed, it is not doubt laying at the bottom of the washing machine, where all such important documents seem to be eventually filed, along with Kleenex tissues, gum wrappers, pennies and pencil stubs.

Well, I thought grimly, if ever an organized mind was needed, it is now - and after a flying visit to the supermarket I went into action.

The lettuce was thrown into the dryer and the tomatoes into the shower. I curled the cucumber and tossed my pantsuit. I quickly drank down a glass of salad dressing and poured a stiff whisky over the salad.

Mission Impossible had been accomplished, a new superwoman had been born.

At 6 p.m. with a glow in my heart and a smug triumph on my lips, I dropped a crushed salad on the kitchen table for the rest of the family, tucked the leg of lamb under my arm and walked out of the house.

Disorganized? Who me?

### IN LIGHTER VEIN . . .

## The Fourth



A reluctant husband found himself drafted as a fourth at bridge, but managed to extricate himself rather swiftly by looking at his hand and muttering, "Let's see what have I got here? A ten of valentines, an A of clovers, a nine of arrowheads, and a . . .

### Queen's Park

## Smith's inexperience could be dangerous

By DON O'HEARN  
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Stuart Smith's inexperience is showing and in this case it could be dangerous.

In the Quebec situation it has been noteworthy that both Premier Davis and Opposition Leader Stephen Lewis have been acting as statesmen rather than politicians.

Both of them, obviously recognizing the delicacy of the situation between Quebec and Ontario, have been resisting what must be very strong temptation to get into the fray and have been withholding any comment.

But the Liberal leader has been sounding off across the province and playing what appears to be straight politics on the Quebec issue.

### FEEDING GRIST

Smith has been saying that Ontario can't "afford" to lose Quebec, that we are ignoring French Canadians in Ontario, and has been criticizing both Davis and Lewis for not attacking separatism.

All of which would make wonderful grist for the mill of the separatist press in Quebec. That is it, if Smith were only a bit more unparliamentary. Fortunately, he is not a figure of any consequence in Quebec and his positions probably won't be given any prominence.

### IT'S POWER

He is, however, putting a burden on the

other two leaders, and we have to ask ourselves how long they will be able to resist the attacks not only by Smith but of other interests and groups and individuals in the province.

They would realize that Smith enjoys a political advantage, for there are a good many unknown and unthinking people in the province who believe we should be blasting away at separatism and Rene Levesque, not realizing that this would be playing directly into the hands of the Quebec leader.

It is noteworthy that Levesque has already started to stake out his anti-Ontario position, by accusing a "fifth column" of businessmen with trying to undermine him.

And there will always be a strong temptation to persuade ourselves to abandon principle and try to bend this group.

Compared to politics, statesmanship is never easy.

To be fair to Smith it would be ignorance on his part rather than political pandering which would have drawn him into his position.

He himself says that he is not going to be frightened off by a separatist press.

This makes as much sense as would Fay Wray saying to King Kong in that old movie that she wasn't afraid of him. Fear doesn't enter the picture. It is a question of power.