

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1977

A Division of Canadian Newspapers Company Limited

103 Main St. South, Georgetown, L7G-3E5, Ontario

WILLIAM EVDOKIMOFF, Publisher

BOB RUTTER, Editor

PHONE... 877-2201

Second Class Mail Registered Number—0943

Mennonite virtues society's cornerstone

There are still people in our society who believe that non-violence is a virtue, that frugality, personal morality and virtuous living are the way-of-life ordained of their Creator. These are the same virtues that once were the cornerstones of our social order. These people believe that human energy is the best alternative source of supply and decline to depend on non-renewable sources of energy. These people believe in community living and mutual support.

Racism

The light seems to be slowly dawning that racism, long thought to be a problem of the United States, Southern Africa and a few other unenlightened areas of the world, has raised its vicious and evil head in Canada. We suspect that it has always existed here if the treatment of Canadian Indians and Inuit is any example, but the fact that our immigration policies and the treatment of non-whites in our big cities is becoming cause for concern has brought it out in the open.

Racism is indefensible yet almost universal. It is based simply on the belief that one race, color or creed is superior to any other. It is bigoted, plain and simple. It is also illegal, although the law in this country is too often not enforced.

There is a theory being expressed with frightening frequency that the victims of racism deserve it. After all, this antiquated mode of thinking says, these people came here from another country because they thought Canada was a better place than the one which they were leaving. Therefore, these bigots assert, they must be prepared to accept with grace all the insults, abuse and downright discrimination that is tossed at them because that is the way others "had to make it" in Canada.

The non-white, the immigrant, the minority should be humble and preferably stupid and should show their gratitude for being allowed into this nation of freedom and equality by accepting racism.

There is a cure for racism but it requires stern measures on the part of our politicians, police, churches, schools and all other institutions of society who must declare uncompromisingly that racism is unacceptable, illegal and will be dealt with severely.

Politicians and police must enact and enforce rigidly the strongest laws possible in a democratic society against these such disgusting practices. They must begin by rooting it out in their own areas.

yearn for the good old days and wring our hands impotently about the loss of values or spend hours over cocktails decrying the breakdown of family and the advent of the permissive society, the non-violent, hard-working Mennonite communities do something about it — they live their beliefs.

But look what they get for it. Do we try in some small way to emulate them? Do we encourage their peaceful attempts to live as they feel right without infringing on our rights to waste and spend more? Incidentally, no. Indeed, it seems we persecute them for living as we ought.

Recently in Ontario, the Old Order Mennonite dairy farmers, who produce milk using little or no outside energy supplies, found itself in direct conflict with the bureaucrats at Queens Park. Believing, as they do, that electricity is not for them, the Amish nevertheless produce high quality milk, chilled to regulations but without benefit of Ontario Hydro. The government has said change or go out of business. The Mennonites, peaceful to the end, are not fighting.

An even more bizarre case exists in Texas where a community of Mennonites was ready to transform the arid land they had purchased into a paradise using deep wells and hard work. They did not know, and the immigration authorities did not tell them, that they faced an unsurmountable series of obstacles — legal and otherwise — such as water rights sold to others, thereby making it illegal to drill on their own land; ineligibility to obtain work permits, making it impossible to obtain cash and now deportation as undesirable aliens. All this, for wanting to work land others wouldn't touch.

Something is clearly wrong in both these cases when, in a society tolerating the violence we do, a group of decent, hard-working, peaceful people are persecuted so easily by the representatives of all of us.

Who will take up the cudgels on their behalf, alibi peaceful cudgels?

The road to anomaly

There appears to be an anomaly in the action taken last week by Halton public works committee in seeking a redesigning of Trafalgar Road at Ashgrove.

The committee has asked for the possible redesigning of the roadway to take in farmland rather than residential lands. With the draft proposals for the regional official plan now before the public, it seems odd that while council professes to support the principle of saving farmland, one of its committees is investigating the use of farmland for road purposes.

When the plan for redesign of Trafalgar Road comes back for consideration, it is hoped that committee members will attempt to approve the project without need for farmland use. If not, then it would appear that the good intentions and principles under which council operates applies only to development of homes. If indeed the spirit of the policy is to save farmland then it must be applied to all situations and not become a loose policy where discretion prevails.

Poison at Queen's Park

New Democratic Party member Cyril Symes from the Sault asked Health Minister Monique Bégin about the English-Wabigoon river system, which the province has refused to close to recreational fishing.

And, a combination of an NDP'er and a woman in indignant action, Miss Bégin said her ministry was studying closing the system by unilateral action.

What a mess. One that probably could only be stirred up by an NDP'er and a woman minister. In the first place it is doubtful if Miss Bégin has any authority in this case, very doubtful.

The constitutional responsibility in the field lies with the province. And if she tried to step in, one of those snarly constitutional arguments could flare up.

That we don't want. In fact even what Miss Bégin has already done we don't want, or need.

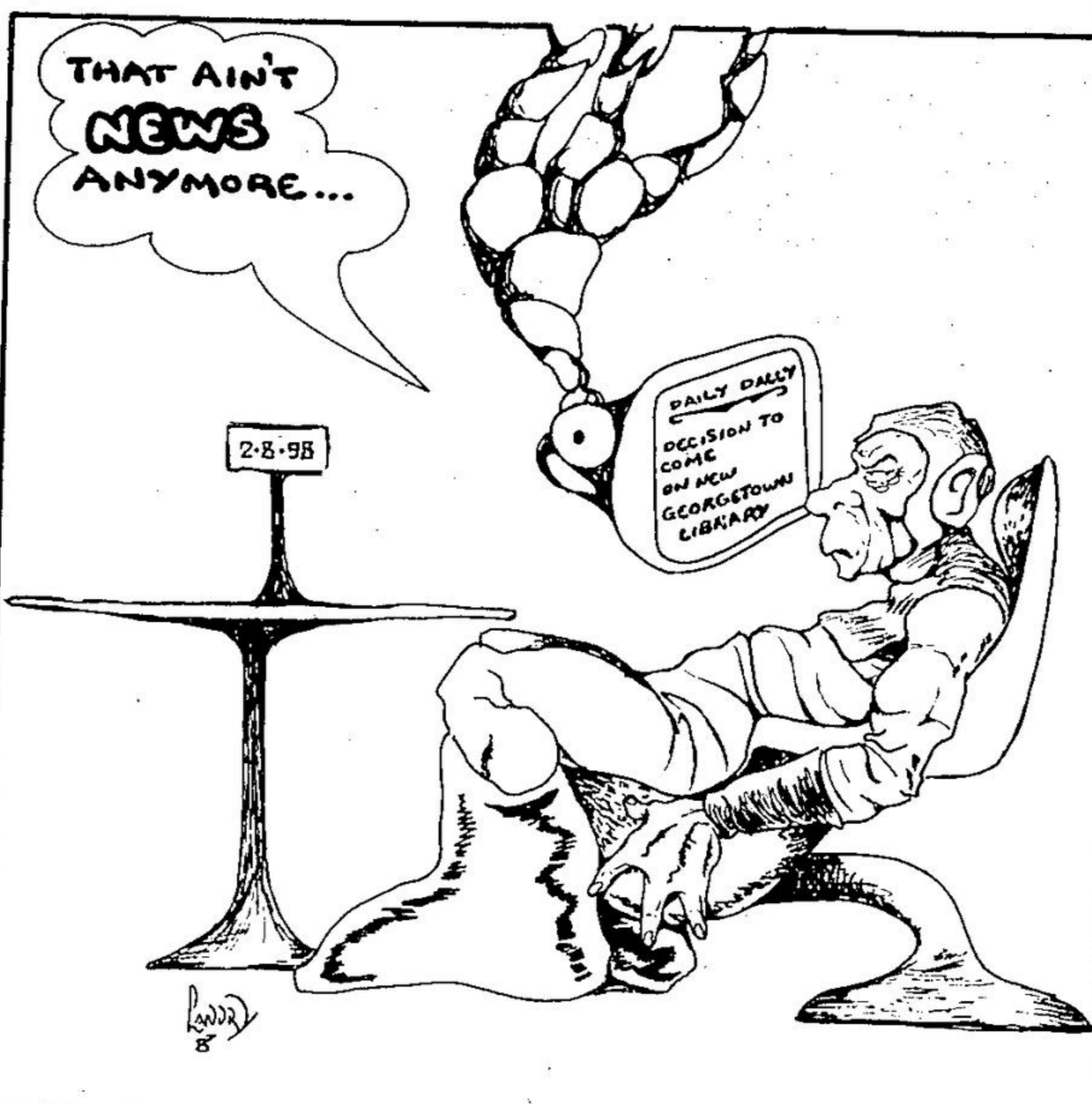
Here she is opening up once again the sad saga of mercury. A story which would be funny if it weren't dealing with the serious matter of public health.

It has managed to get the public seriously confused, and in a good many cases scared. If Miss Bégin were properly filling her function as the first spokesman for health in this country, she would state cases and allay public fears.

She would say that so far as is known you practically have to eat mercury fish every day of your life and for a prolonged period before you are going to suffer from it. And that the occasional sport fish won't do you any harm.

As for the NDP it has done some valuable work in environmental health on such matters as asbestos and lung cancer.

But it is like a little leecher who has hit a home run. New every time it goes to bat it tries for the long ball. And looks ridiculous swinging wildly and striking out.



'Abortion on demand is murder'

By GERRY LANDSBOURGH

A few columns back we wrote an open letter to Mom from Baby. This was meant as a tender plea against abortion. Because of the response to this column we offer the following to be considered.

What reaction would you have if told of a doctor who lost a young woman on the operating table and said the following to her husband: "I'm sorry about your wife, nurse check my schedule for this afternoon - oh, yes, where was I - your wife - well, like I said these things happen; you win a few, you lose a few. But I have to dash now, I'm due to tee off in an hour. You know how it is."

Too ridiculous to be taken seriously? I wonder. What comes across loud and clear is a total disrespect for human life or human dignity. Regardless of personal prejudices or cultural exchanges, we would probably all agree that no such person should ever be a doctor, should ever be in the position of holding another's life in his hands.

Such a person has a complete lack of

human understanding, compassion, sensitivity, but most of all he disregards the sanctity of life and places little or no value on it.

No matter how often a doctor looks upon the face of death, it is something he never becomes comfortable with. The life of each and every patient is a sacred trust, a trust that is never taken for granted. Each day doctors face life and death decisions. They never come easy; it never becomes a matter of routine.

The willful taking of human life is a heinous crime - we call it murder. There is something about an act of murder that strikes a cord within the deepest part of the human soul. Who among us remains unmoved upon hearing of a brutal slaying? How much more so if the victim is an innocent child?

Today there is a mass of faceless sheep in the guise of womankind who are led to believe they have the "right" to take a human life. These misguided souls seem to be under the illusion that an abortion is a simple operation and in a few weeks you forget all about it.

Abortion on demand is their right. Abortion on demand may as well read murder on demand.

We have laws that protect our wildlife - Save a Seal - Save the Canadian Bison - Save the Timber Wolf - hunting restrictions (to preserve the species) - wildlife sanctuaries. We protect defenseless things, yet what is more defenseless than an infant. Where is our cloak of protection to save this most defenseless of innocents?

The danger of abortion on demand is that it places little or no value on human life. Where the heart beats there is life and the human heart begins to beat on or about the twenty-fifth day after conception. By the time a woman finds out that she is pregnant, the infant-to-be has a beating heart; a beating human heart.

One cannot over emphasize the danger of rationalizing when humanity begins. If we rationalize that the unwanted child should be denied life for the comfort of the mother, the possibility of future neglect; his safety from hunger; his right to a life of quality, how long is it before we cry out against suffering; the blind; the weak; the infirmed; the crippled who may all lack a life of quality or someone's version of it.

Abortion is something that already exists. The life of the mother always takes precedent - but it is always a careful weighing of one life against another by those who are not emotionally involved. No doctor knowingly endangers the life of his patient. No doctor knowingly brings a syphilitic offspring into the world.

Rape is an ugly crime no woman should have to endure such an act without the right to demand justice for her human dignity. But to use rape as justification for another human indignity is equally wrong.

Abortion on demand does not safeguard our young, it does just the opposite. The young are now, and always will be, somewhat foolish and headstrong. Emotionally they lack maturity and experience. You cannot put an old head on young shoulders. It is often said that it is true that we have to build our laws taking into consideration the emotional instability of youth. Abortion on demand allows an already highly emotional young person sanction for lack of preparation, for lack of maturity. Maturity is the ability to see down the road ahead, maturity demands preparation and forethought.

For the older woman abortion on demand offers little. Abortion is not something that is very quickly forgotten.

Dr. Paul Kune, a noted German physician and author says, "No woman can get over an abortion without suffering mental harm." From the time of conception the body prepares for pregnancy. The body and the hormones have already "decided" on pregnancy. When the mind decides otherwise a violation of the soul by the mind. Very often the price is a variety of psychosomatic disorders that last a lifetime - pregnancy lasts only nine months.

Recently I was told that I should come into the 20th century - a man still zips up his pants and walks away while the woman is left to pay the piper. That's fine, but what of the emotional scars when dealing with the fact that you knowingly killed your own offspring?

Whether women like it or not, they have been designed to carry future human beings. Does nature's designing give them the right to decide to take a life? Man has yet to make any great improvement redesigning nature.

The time for action takes place before conception, not after - true, and being away, by the moment is a human failure. But do we have to compound that failure?

Abortion should only be considered as a life and death (emotional death included) situation. Abortion is something that must always be held in the most delicate of balance for if the pendulum swings and a woman can demand a life as her "right", we will have lost forever the sanctity of life.

If the blind must lead the blind, and women's right must push something, let them push "preparation on demand".

Abortion on demand does nothing to solve battered babies by - true, and being away, by the moment is a human failure. But do we have to compound that failure?

Abortion on demand is murder on demand, and God help us all if that every becomes anyone's "right."

Looking through our files

THIRTY YEARS AGO

Pretty nice to see the start of a new month of this week's weather summary. January was something to remember. It is interesting to note that the average minimum for January is 13 degrees (Fahrenheit), whereas this year it was almost 10 degrees below normal, at 3.36 degrees. Ten of the 31 days registered below-zero temperatures, and we never did see that January thaw this year.

Coun. Goodlett presented a letter from Town foreman Alf Collins on behalf of the Town men, asking an increase in wages to

meet rising living costs. Present wages paid are \$2,000 (Collins), \$1,850 (Herrington) and \$1,365 (Marchmont). This is on a salary basis with no overtime paid.

George E. Cleave, well-known Georgetown district farmer who is serving his second year as reeve of Esqueping, is the new warden of Halton County for 1968.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Those nice bright days of sunshine were not hard to take. The month of January was not very far from normal except for the amount of snow. The maximum average was 29 degrees (Fahrenheit) and is two degrees above normal, while the minimum average was one below normal at 12 degrees. The total snowfall was only ten inches, and that is six inches below a January average.

Georgetown has received approval for a 50-bed hospital to serve the northern part of Halton County. The latest estimated cost to construct equip and put into service a 50-bed hospital is between \$700,000 and \$750,000. New government grants will reduce the total when will have to be found by public subscription or municipal grant to a total maximum of \$180,000.

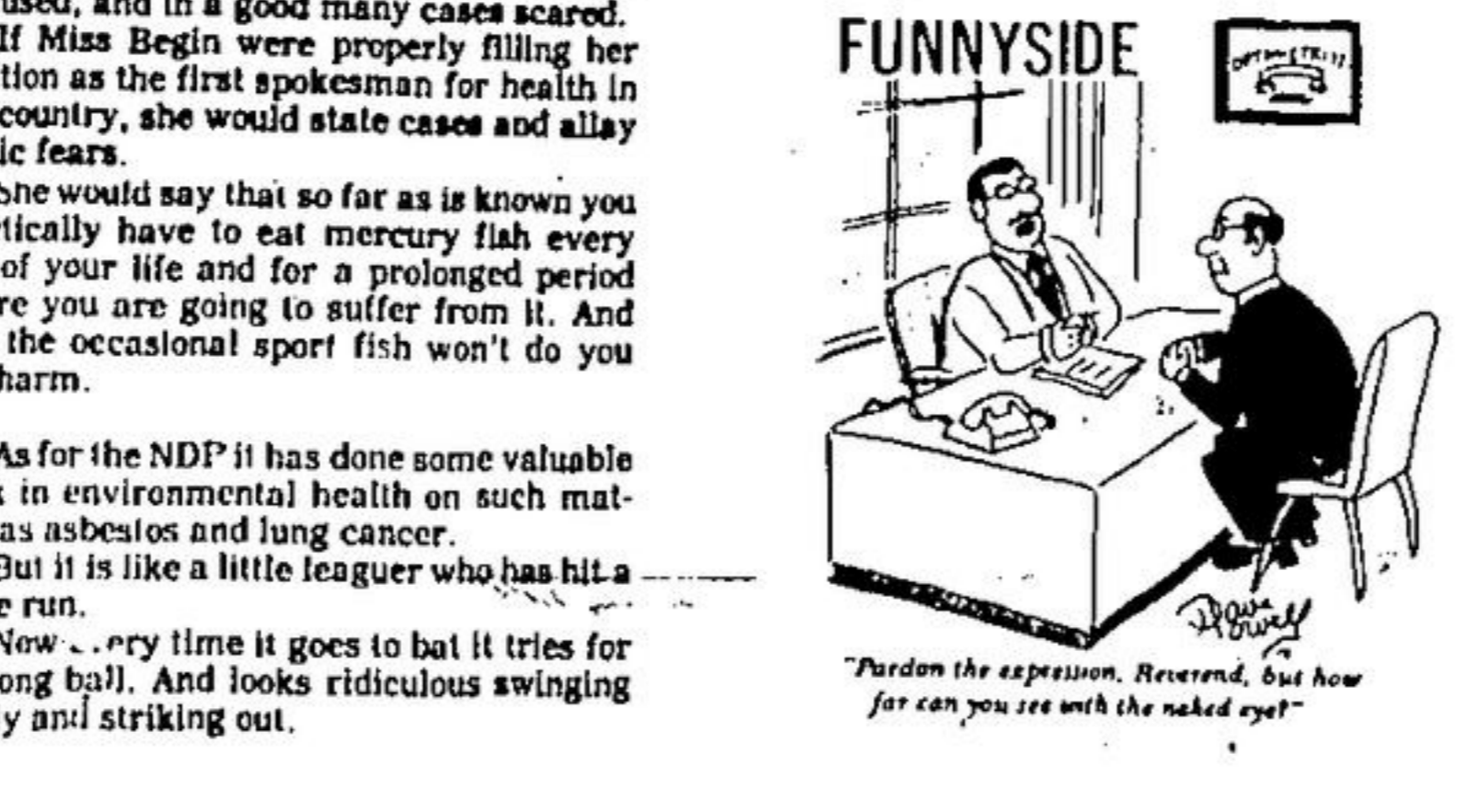
Georgetown will add a sixth policeman to the police force soon, and may increase to seven later this year.

TEN YEARS AGO

One hundred and three library members have now registered their views on the proposals for a new library. The most popular first choice was to extend the existing library supported by 60 members. 38 voted for a new library with the existing library to be used as a branch, and one member voted for a library in the next high school addition.

Alerted by the possibility of a major repair job to Georgetown's sewage disposal plant, Council on Monday asked Abitibi Provincial and Dornier papermills to cease dumping mill waste into the system, pending further investigation of the plant equipment.

On a split vote Monday council decided to advertise again for applicants for the new position of clerk-administrator. Last week, a man chosen for the job decided not to come and has accepted a position elsewhere.



A friend in need indeed

By STEWART MACLEOD
Ottawa Bureau
Of The Herald

In looking at how the prime minister finds all these lucrative jobs for his former cabinet colleagues, we mentioned the recent appointment of C.M. "Bud" Drury to the chairmanship of the National Capital Commission. And now we might look at this a bit further to see whether Trudeau's devotion to this close circle of colleagues is in the best interest of the country.

There is no doubt about Drury's qualifications and experience. He was educated at Bishop's College, Royal Military College, McGill University and the University of Paris, and during the Second World War he reached the rank of brigadier at the age of 32. He was a hot-shot young diplomat after the war and in 1949, at the age of only 37, he became deputy minister of national defence. And after entering politics in 1962 he held five different portfolios since his resignation from cabinet in 1976.

During his entire period in Ottawa he established a well-earned reputation as a tough, no-nonsense administrator. If he bungled any bureaucratic projects no one seems to know about them. One colleague has described him as "the perfect company director" — something he did try between his bureaucratic and political careers.

BIG INFLUENCE
Within cabinet, Drury had an enormous influence and it was obvious that Trudeau relied heavily on him for advice. But when he resigned from cabinet 16 months ago he said it was time for younger voices to be heard and he wanted to make room for them. Drury was then 64.

But when the prime minister establishes a profound respect for someone's ability, he hates to see them go to pasture. There are dozens of examples of him recycling old colleagues through unrelated careers.

When Drury resigned, Trudeau lost no time in recruiting his services as a special representative for constitutional development in the Northwest Territories. But this assignment hasn't been entirely smooth sailing for the old administrator. He has rubbed some native groups the wrong way, some don't want to meet him, and he has been criticized for not spending enough time in the North.

But the criticism didn't rattle the prime minister. When this latest vacancy arose and Trudeau looked around to see who should become the new \$60,000-a-year head of the National Capital Commission, he stopped at Drury, whose work in the Northwest Territories is not yet complete.

"I have every confidence in his ability to do a great job," said the prime minister.

This goes without saying. But with all the candidates available for a job like this, I think it's fair to question Trudeau's choice.

STRANGE CHOICE
The chairman of the National Capital Commission has to work with 28 different regional governments and organizations in co-ordinating the development of the capital area. The hassles are constant — swapping buildings for parkland, bringing municipalities together on bicycle pathways, trying to reach agreement on grants in lieu of taxes, and struggling to maintain a cordial relationship with the separatist government in Quebec which doesn't want a federal presence across the Ottawa River in Hull.

And while Quebec doesn't want the federal government in Hull, the city of Ottawa certainly doesn't want it either. The biggest federal-related issue in the city right now is the large scale transfer of public servants to new buildings in Hull. Ottawa now has nearly four million square feet of vacant office space.

So, with this in mind, it's passing strange that Trudeau should pick Drury whose hard-nosed determination played a large role in the government moving so many people to Hull. And later as minister of public works Drury was ultimately responsible for the new office buildings to house these workers.

The mayor of Ottawa certainly didn't welcome the appointment, and it's unlikely that the Parti Quebecois government will regard the former Westmount Liberal as a family friend.

You can respect Trudeau's loyalty, and anyone who knows Drury would certainly respect his ability and his great contribution to the country, but in this case, I think the prime minister should have looked a bit farther afield. It's not as though Drury needs the money.

Bible Digest

"Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and the right way." I Samuel 12:23 In light of this, we should never take lightly a prayer request or a burden that comes to our mind to pray for another.

the HERALD
A DIVISION OF CANADIAN NEWSPAPERS COMPANY LTD.
103 Main St. South, Georgetown, L7G-3E5
WILLIAM EVDOKIMOFF, Publisher
BOB RUTTER, Managing Editor
Phone 877-2201
Second Class Mail Registered No. 0943

AN AWARD WINNING NEWSPAPER
1976 - Best News & Features
1975 - Best News & Features
1975 - Best Composition & Layout
1975 - Best Editorial Page

Advertising is accepted on the condition that the advertiser agrees that the publisher shall not be liable for damages arising out of errors in advertisements beyond the amount paid for the space actually occupied by the portion of the advertisement in which the error occurred, whether such error is due to the negligence of the publisher or otherwise. And there shall be no liability for non-insertion of any advertisement beyond the amount paid for such advertisement.

National Advertising Office
The Canadian Press
43 Queen St. W., Toronto, Ont.
540 Cathcart St., Montreal, P.Q.