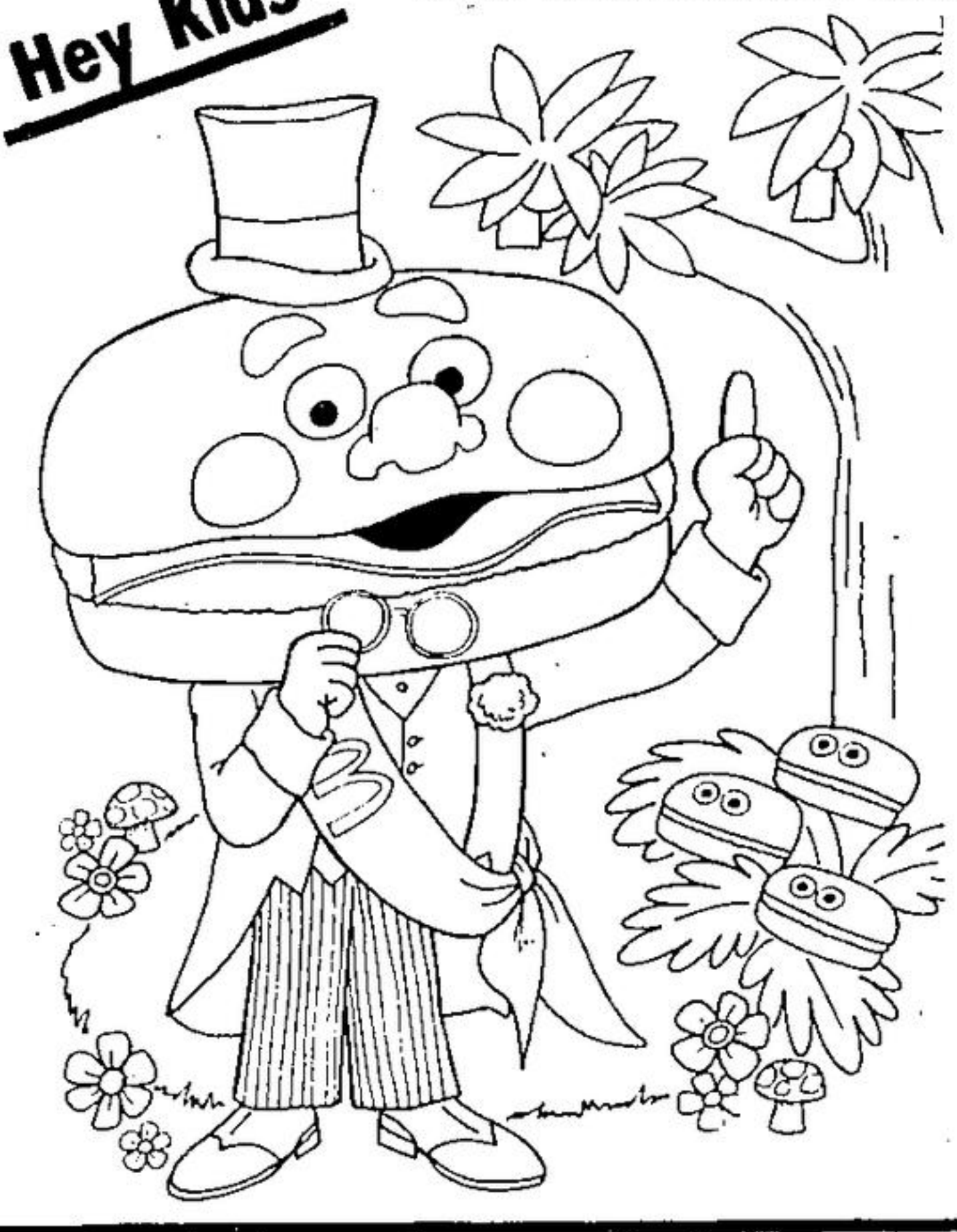


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License parents? Certainly

By GERRY LANDSHOROUGH

According to Mary Van Stolk, president of The Tree Foundation and author of *The Rattled Child in Canada*, "parents are the fifth largest killers of children in North America."

Mrs. Van Stolk is part of a fast-growing number of people myself included, who believe that the time has come for Ottawa to "license" parenthood.

Now before you throw the column, proclaiming so much nonsense, I urge you to read the following.

Ottawa's hanging death of five-year-old Adrienne Paquette could have been avoided if the Children's Aid Society had not returned her to her parents, according to Judge Livius Sherwood.

As punishment for dirtying her pants, Adrienne's hands and one foot had been tied behind her back with strands of lingerie. Left gagged and teetering on one foot while strung up to the ceiling joist by a length of lingerie tied around her neck, the child slowly strangled to death.

The child had suffered a series of bruises and broken bones in 1973. The child's father has warned Children's Aid that she was in danger if returned to her mother. The mother was eventually sentenced to 21 months in reformatory and two years probation. Mrs. Paquette has four other children.

Hutchinson, Kansas - Mr. and Mrs. Hagerman have been released on \$5,000 bail pending a preliminary hearing for a murder. They kept their 16-year-old son locked in a 7 foot by 8 foot on and off for the past four years.

The boy was found by Detective Ben Muci encrusted in human waste and covered in sores but otherwise in fairly good condition. Detective Muci was told of the boy's condition by an acquaintance of the family.

Chicago - Barbara Avery, 17, has been found guilty by murdering her 39-day-old daughter Tomika by Judge Earl Strayhorn.

Barbara had apparently wanted to go to a birthday party planned by relatives but she couldn't find a babysitter. So she dropped Tomika down the chute of the compact-increaser in her South Side home and went to the party. She'll be sentenced on June 2.

It is possible to continue on with endless cases of abuse, terror and atrocity that is happening here and now to children in North America.

The swing to "children's rights movements" have been spurred on by incidents such as the above. A child or infant has no defense against the sick mind of a raging parent.

Child abuse is becoming so prevalent that it is no longer a priority to understand "why" they do it, what is important is to find new alternatives for stopping it.

Children's Aid Society as a protection agency has "outgrown" its ability to offer help to an abused child.

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YOUR WEEK AHEAD By DAMIS

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TAURUS Apr. 20-May 20 The New Moon is in your solar money sector which puts emphasis on personal finances or other possessions. Be wary of unrealistic schemes.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 The spotlight is on you. Developments to your liking bring social popularity. Keep your social and business activities separate.

MOONCHILD June 21-July 22 Make sure of your facts before presenting your case. A secret desire becomes a reality.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 Associates seem quite unpredictable. Your plans for change are best kept low key. Avoid the pessimist.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Career matters can be troublesome. Let your abilities show forth to good advantage. Be confident.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Your creative thinking brings honor and a steady climb to the top. One you meet while traveling becomes a close friend.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Financial matters, especially those involving another's money, cause anxiety. A partnership venture should be examined for hidden aspects. Heed your intuition.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Relationships with others, public and personal, are of immediate concern. You must act decisively and avoid a tendency to vagueness.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Take care of health matters. Keep the body functioning at top efficiency. A co-worker is grateful to you for your assistance.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 A new romance infuses you with the joy of being alive. Keep your vision clear and be alert to deceptive actions.

PISCES Feb. 19-Mar. 20 Home and family are where your interests are. A move at this time could be very unsettling.

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BOOK REVIEW A look at ourselves

By CAROLINE CARVER

While Canadians have been muttering to themselves that their history books are either tediously academic, or written by non-historians who don't know what they're doing, Time-Life Books has quietly come out with an excellent work about the development of Western Canada.

The latest in their Old West series, it's *The Canadians*, by Ogden Turner (McClelland and Stewart Ltd.: 237 pages; \$10.55).

This is Time-Life at its best - well researched, informative, and full of pictures that tell a thousand words. No writing, however colorful, could present the reason why New Westminster used to be called Stumpville, as vividly as the double-page photograph used in the book.

The Canadians begins and ends with a disconcerting abruptness, without the historical preambles with which writers usually work into and out of their subjects.

But the text itself is full of almost gossipy pieces of information, sifted out painstakingly from acres of research material.

It sometimes shows a rather un-Time-like passion, reflecting the delight of the writers in finding the Canadian West such a dramatic and exciting subject.

THE LITTLE THINGS

However, as Pierre Berton has discovered so successfully, it's the trivia that brings history to life for us.

The story of the Mounties, for instance, is a fascinating one in itself, but it's the vignettes about people like Jerry Potts that help us imagine what it really must have been like.

He was a half-breed scout for the Mounties, with an uncanny sense of direction, but a man of so few words that he frequently irritated the Indian chiefs by translating their lengthy speeches into only half a sentence.

On one occasion, he listened, silently to a chief's speech for so long that the Mountie Commissioner finally tapped him on the shoulder to ask him, what was happening.

"He wants grub," was Jerry's reply.

Or, when asked, after guiding the Mounties on an endless day across the prairie, what lay on the other side of the hill, Jerry's reply was, "Nulder hill."

THE IDEAL SETTLER

For a long time no attempt was made to settle the prairies because conditions were considered too harsh.

But when it was eventually decided to encourage it anyway, one government minister was in no doubt about what type to look for:

"A stalwart peasant in a sheepskin coat, born on the soil, whose forefathers have been farmers for 10 generations, with a stout wife and half-dozen children."

Many of the settlers who came were far from stalwart. But they soon became so, if they stayed.

There's a delightful insert chapter on the Reverend Duncan who didn't just stop cannibalism among the dreaded

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ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann: I am a married woman with three children under 10 years of age. I have a fine husband who travels in his business and when he's home he falls asleep on the couch every night after the 10 o'clock news.

Three years ago, when I was having an affair with a bachelor, I became pregnant. I was never sure whether my husband or the bachelor fathered the child. The pregnancy was a big surprise to me because I had had my tubes tied after my third child was born. When I missed a couple of periods I thought I was going into an early change of life.

My doctor examined me, said I had a tumor and not to worry - it might disappear.

After gaining 17 pounds, I went back to the doctor and insisted he reexamine me. Sure enough, I was in my seventh month.

That "tumor" is now two years old and he is a carbon copy of my ex-lover, who married a school teacher six months ago. A person would have to be blind not to see the resemblance. My husband has never said word to me and neither has anyone else, but I suspect they are just being tactful.

I have a strong inclination to tell the child who his real father is when he starts school. I also want to confess to my husband before someone says something. Please advise me. - Z-Code in New York

Dear Z: Keep quiet. Many lookalikes are not related. Because of your guilt you are probably exaggerating the resemblance in your mind's eye. Since it is entirely possible that your husband fathered this child, you'd be a fool to make any bizarre announcements.

One thing you should surely do, however, is to get another doctor.

Dear Ann: I have a friend I'll call him Maximilian. Max has a dog (I'll call him Phido.) Phido has fleas (I'll call them Igor, Ramon, Jeremiah, Amos, Valentino, Pancho, Christopher, Gert, Tiny Tim, Kismet, Ardeshir and Lucinda).

Recently, after Max and Phido had been to my house for a visit, I found Valentino and Lucinda had stayed behind. When I noticed them they are making love in my oriental rug which I will call Karambostan.

My question: What shall I call their numerous offspring? Or should I just call an exterminator? And if so - what? - Love your Column Otherwise

Dear Otherwise: By all means call the exterminator. (He won't care what you call him so long as you pay him.) And while he's there, please ask if he has a highly potent flea powder that will eliminate pests like you.

Dear Ann Landers: When a wife and a husband are in a car together and the wife is driving, what does it mean? I say it means the wife is in the driver's seat - figuratively as well as literally. What do you say? Twenty-five dollars is riding on your answer. - Winetka

Dear Win: Wrong. It could mean (1) The wife likes to drive and the husband doesn't. (2) He's tired and she isn't. (3) He's bombed and she's sober.

Don't get burned by a "line" that's too hot to handle. Play it cool with Ann Landers' guide to "Necking and Petting-What Are the Limits?" Send your request to Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11995, Chicago, Illinois 60611, enclosing 50 cents in coin and a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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Nature centre move

The move of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority's Outdoor Education Centre from Terra Cotta to the Vaughn house on the Ninth Line will be discussed again tonight at a meeting of the Information and Education advisory board in Meadowdale.

CVCA member Gail Maltby expressed concern at previous meetings that access to the new site might be difficult at times during the winter months. The house is near the 9th Line and 27 Sideroad.

Mrs. Maltby suggested that an equipment building be moved closer to the barn and antique farm equipment be placed on display in the building.

The proposed move is scheduled for April 1, 1979.

Are you NEW TO TOWN, or have you just moved into a new home?????

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4-H meeting

By ANN REID

The Halton Junior Dairy Club held their first meeting at Allgrove Farm on May 8, 1978. The meeting started with Ken McNabb explaining the various parts of the dairy cow; then we judged a group of two year old Holstein heifers. Everyone gave reasons for the class. Jeff Muris, the official judge, gave his comment and the official placing.

Learning survival

By SUSAN De FACENDIS

Many changes take place over the years of child-raising, but nowhere is it more apparent than those progressive steps one observes at the dinner table.

One shudderingly and thankfully emerges from those early years when they stuffed corn kernels in their ears and believed applause was for finger-painting; those far-off days when my husband would look despairingly at me and mutter: "Pass the wine."

We then narrowly escaped from the next phase, just one slight step ahead of starvation on the child's part and choking stomachs on ours, when they would refuse to eat anything, unless it was smothered in ketchup.

Naturally, as a concerned mother who did not wish her children to reach adulthood still sticking peas up their noses, I did everything I could to promote gracious living during that moment of the day described glowingly in all the women's magazines as "dinnertime togetherness."

I reasonably explained over and over again to my offspring, that forks were a very good alternative to fingers and most definitely were not intended for stabbing each other. Milk was for drinking, so they would grow big and strong like daddy, and was not for belting whose milk could disappear the fastest through the central panel joints of the table onto the floor.

"Pass the wine," I would wildly sob.

I even attempted a short experiment of moving them all into the dining room, setting a table complete with tablecloth, candles and a single rose from the garden, in the mistaken belief that a little "class" might instill some decorum in them. When I discovered however, that linguistic dangle from the chandelier would never win an interior designer's award, it was back to the kitchen again.

Those early years did however, provide some compensations. It was a delight to watch them begin to mature and become reasoning beings, reaching a positive highpoint when, with the issuance of the first weekly allowance, they finally learned to recognize their father and stopped calling out "da-da" to every passing male in the supermarket.

As they grew older, ornaments could be placed about the house once again, thus reducing the impression that me was living in a bomb shelter, and the need for a babysitter gradually disappeared because, with their expanded social activities, they were no longer even home.

Now, while increasing years have modified some elements of dinnertime togetherness, I am reaching the conclusion that no era of childhood is without its hazards.

New ones crop up with regularity.

At 14, Louisa now speaks nothing but French, thanks to her school immersion programme. Now while I consider this a blessing because, if I were to understand her it would undoubtedly cost me money, her father becomes quite upset. Don't misunderstand me, he has nothing against knowing a second language, just as long as it is Italian.

Richard meanwhile, somewhere between the soup and the nuts, begins expounding on the theory of relativity, wherein time moves backwards if you can achieve a speed faster than that of light.

My husband and I are still looking despairingly at each other across the table and muttering: "Pass the wine", which simply proves a theory that some things never change.

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