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Good news budget

If you're a taxpayer in Ontario it would be hard to hate Finance Minister Ernie Eves' first budget.

After all, you are getting a cut in your personal income tax. How can you argue against that?

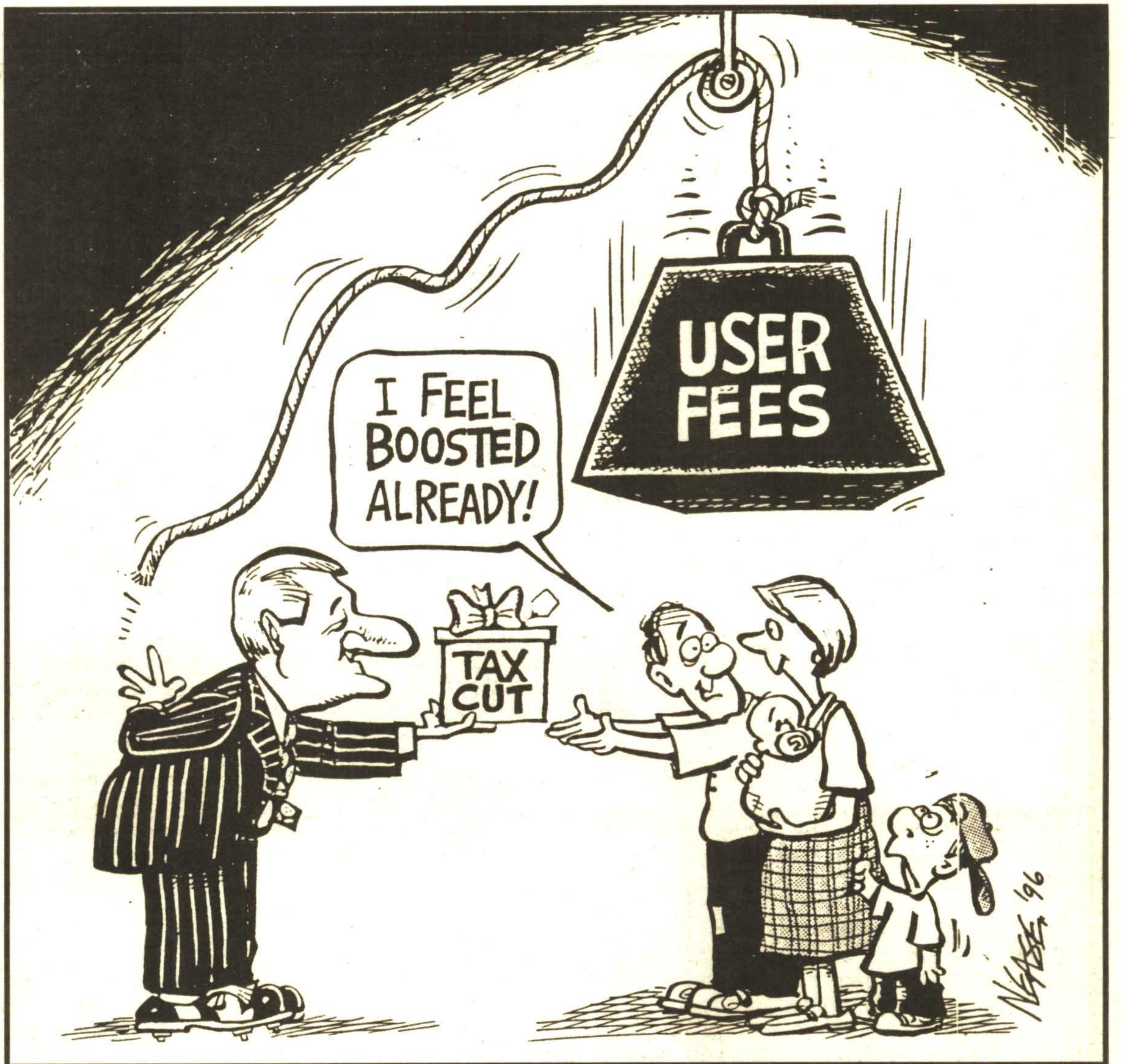
In "budget-ese" this was a good news budget all the way — and just what the Tories said they would deliver. Taxpayers get the largest provincial tax reduction in Canadian history and money has also been allocated to a variety of social service projects (school breakfast care programs and child care to name two). New home buyers can get a rebate of up to \$1,750 on the land transfer tax and that will only help the vital real estate market.

Small business also came out big winners with this budget as a variety of tax breaks were handed out. And money was even allocated to repair Ontario's deteriorated roadways.

This budget provided Ontarians with a lot of goodies but let's not be fooled that this budget didn't come without a price.

The Tories' trimming of the public sector and government downsizing has put more people on the unemployment line and that will place a further burden on Ontario taxpayers. The new health care tax in another sleight of hand by Eves although the well-to-do will be the hardest hit by this.

The opposition parties will be sure to denounce this budget but the bottom line is, this government has delivered something they said they would — a tax break, and that's good news!



Our Readers Write

Bill C-33 doesn't reflect common recognized good

Dear editor:

As a Canadian, it was a sad day for me, to hear of the homosexual gay community having won a protective phrase in our Charter of Human Rights.

This will not only open the doors wide for the promotion of their lifestyle; but it will also unlock new doors of power for them against those of us who hold to the traditional family model.

I've not lived a sadder day in my 38 years of being a Canadian.

A small minority group in our country and the relatively few who support them, have significantly changed the complexion of my country, for worse.

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From here on in though, I may have no choice.

I have just been forced to accept as natural, normal, healthy and good as the color of one's skin, their right to not only choose to function in counter-natural ways, but also to be able to promote this in open and unabashed ways.

When my future grandchild enters Kindergarten and "Ms. Susan" casually mentions that her loving spouse at home is "Ms. Linda," my adult children may be held in breach of law if they express displeasure at this setup and influence, or if they try to have their children switched to a different class.

How did all of this happen? I still can't believe it.

Perhaps we've gotten what we deserve.

So many of us have sat back for so long and left the moral and philosophical

influences of our times to those with more time, more intelligence, or more interest.

We've just experienced our first grand awakening if that's the case.

What I'd really like to know though is how a small and questionable group in our society got so far, so fast. I also don't understand what motivated our government to grant the wishes of this minority group, without considering the Canadian majority mindset and will, on this matter of such peculiar and controversial magnitude.

Perhaps our government is more naive to the repercussions of this move than what they make out.

As for me, I'm awake now.

I'm determined to work on my understanding of society influences and government's workings. I'm determined to do what I can to promote the commonly recognized good of all.

Naomi Craig Johnson

Halton police officer showed great consideration

Dear editor:

This letter is in praise of the Halton Regional Police Service for their excellent police work on my behalf.

On Sept. 8, 1995 a young person (who cannot be named due to the provisions of the Young Offenders Act) purposely kicked my cat in front of my house. Fortunately no permanent injury resulted. Officer Grose responded to my call and began what turned out to be a lengthy investigation. As a result of his dedication, the young person was charged with causing unnecessary

suffering to an animal and given a court date. On April 1, 1996, the young person pled guilty to the charge and the case was finally closed.

During the seven months this case was ongoing, Officer Grose was always available to answer any of my questions. He was attentive and devoted and never treated this case like it was

not important. Had this incident occurred in another jurisdiction, my call to the police may not have even been responded to.

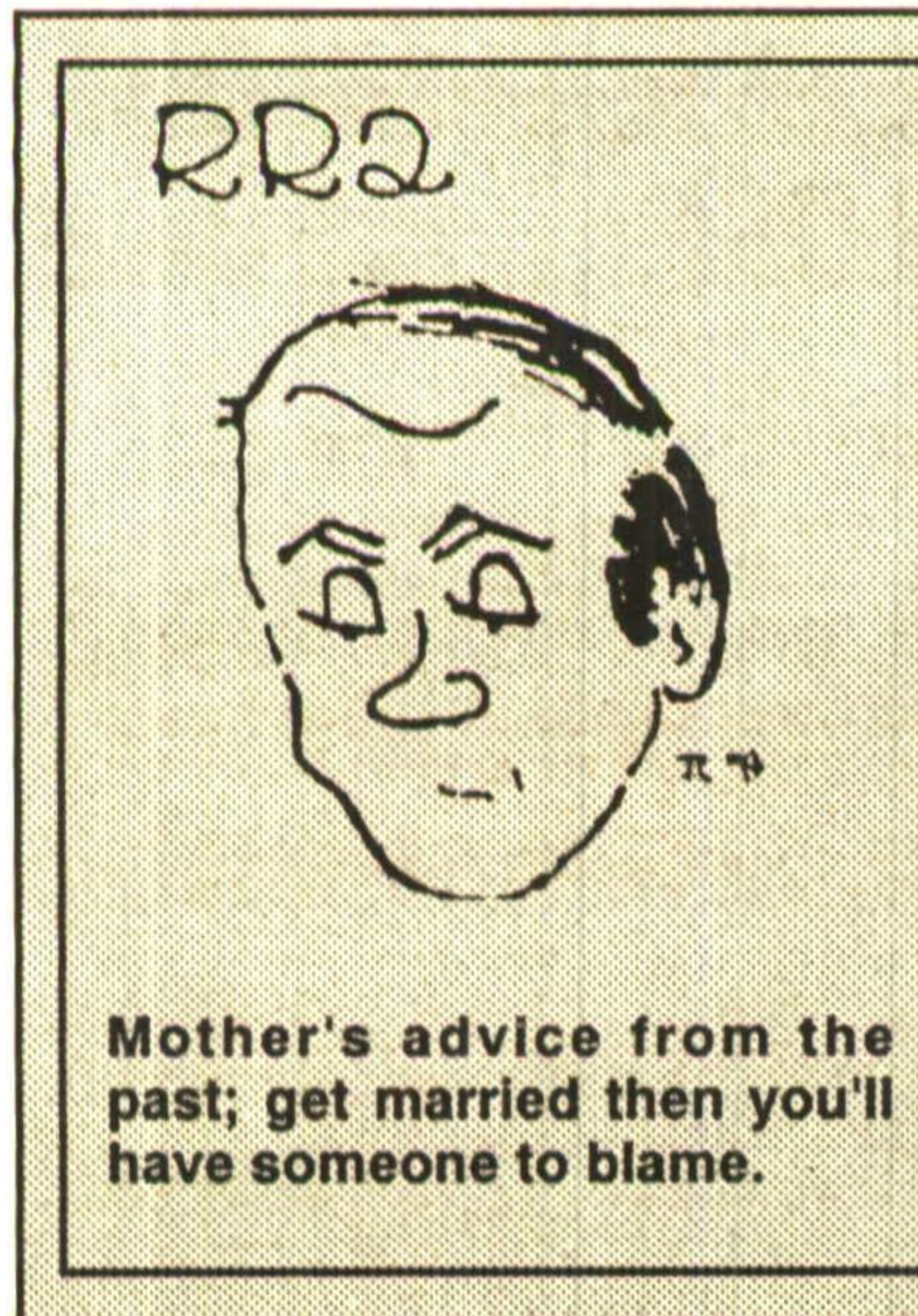
Though Georgetown is rapidly growing, this incident is proof that there still exists a small town feeling within our community. Thank you again, Officer Grose.

Cathy Champagne

Letters to the editor reminder

Letters to the editor are welcome. However, please remember that in order to be considered for publication, all

letters must be signed, and accompanied with a telephone number and address. Please keep letters brief.



Did you know?

Anna M. Jarvis was the force behind the establishment of Mother's Day. When Jarvis was 41 her mother died and during her mourning period, she came up with the idea of celebrating Mother's Day on the anniversary of her mother's death (the second day in May). On May 9, 1914 her efforts were rewarded when U.S. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed it official. Today, Mother's Day is the fourth largest card-sending occasion in Canada (25 million) and men are more likely to buy cards for Mother's Day than for any other occasion. The first year mother receives more cards than all other types of mothers combined.

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