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OUR READERS WRITE:

Paradoxical situation

Dear Editor:

Anyone reading Bill Smiley's column in The Champion of May 31 may have been struck as I was with the interesting paradoxical situations of his two children.

One well-educated daughter with no employment and a dim future and one son a "Baha'i" pioneer with "psychic foresight... living happily, hand to mouth".

We are all too familiar with his daughter's story as elaborated upon by Bill himself, but what about his son in Paraguay? What would motivate a young man of 27 years to leave his native Canada and journey thousands of kilometers to teach and work amongst people with strange customs, languages and traditions?

Anyone investigating the Baha'i faith (note the correct spelling) with an open mind cannot help but be impressed with its relevance and urgent importance to all of the people of the world to-day. Hugh Smiley, along with dozens of Canadian Baha'i pioneers in all corners of the world, is committed to the Baha'i principles and devoted to the service of God so as to sacrifice the security and affluence of his native home in exchange for a life of solicitude and poverty which is far more rich and rewarding than we at home can easily imagine. Paradoxical but true.

David Phillips
104 Bronte Street
Milton.

It pays to advertise, says Edgar Foster, Woodward St. A couple of weeks ago he approached The Champion to see if it had a picture of Rev. J. W. Cooley, who was preacher at the Milton Methodist Church here from 1901 to 1904, as it was needed by a church in Walkerton. The newspaper didn't have one, but offered to publicize the need in the People Column.

Well, George Houston of Oakville (brother of Cliff, of Milton) read about the request. He attends Humbercrest Church in Toronto, and J. W. Cooley's son Frank Cooley is also a member there. Mr. Houston put Mr. Foster in touch with Mr. Cooley, and at last report, the picture is on its way. How's that for results?

Champion staffers held an enjoyable steak barbecue on Friday evening, at the Acton home of advertising sales representative Mary Watson. Mary's father Tom Watson, a former Acton restaurant owner now working in The Champion's printing plant in Acton, brought his chef's apron out of retirement as chef for the evening—and did a super job on the steaks. It was such a good party, we all threatened to go back again.

Another Champion staffer, Marg McNeill returned home recently from a holiday trip to Great Britain with her husband Burke. They brought home a copy of the New Milton Advertiser, published in New Milton, Hants, England.

Battered wife syndrome

Dear Editor:

As I learn more about the battered wife syndrome, (my problem was mental abuse) I now can understand how a great injustice is being perpetrated, where women and dependent children are involved.

When we as a society cannot protect our defenseless, then we must come to grip with the fact that we may not be the humane society we try to portray ourselves as being. I am not trying to lay the blame on anyone person or persons, because it would be unjust to fit everyone into a pigeon hole.

I've received calls from women who are being abused and they have no-one to turn to. I feel very angry and sad because I can't assist directly in their plight, or tell them of others who can help them make the move from a life of unrest to a more peaceful setting.

To some women, I seem to be very strong, but I would like these women to know that I was not always the way I am now. At times, I still have to fight the urge to be passive from time to time (it's much

easier to not make waves.)

What I am trying to say is: I understand the fear, and lack of confidence that women feel after many years of abuse. With God's help and time, perhaps we will be able to eradicate the suffering of women and dependent children, we have to look inside ourselves and find that inner strength that lies within.

I would like the women to know that there are people in the world who really care, and we will continue to fight as long as such injustices continue.

I might add that since we have had such excellent press coverage, many volunteers have come forth and if this continues we just might become the compassion oriented society we should be.

Anyone wishing to share their story with me (confidences will be respected) please write to 308 Burloak Drive, Burlington, Ont. L7L 4W5.

To the future
Gloria Hincks
Chairman
The Stopover Committee



Did you know that a small beer contains as much alcohol as a strong drink and that six ounces or more of alcohol per day can lead to alcoholism and cause cirrhosis of the liver?

Cut sales tax Jelinek says

Consideration should be given to removing federal sales tax from all Canadian owned and operated small business manufacturers according to High Park-Humber Valley MP Otto Jelinek.

Jelinek recently won the Tory nomination in Halton. Jelinek was speaking in the House of Commons on a proposal to raise from \$10,000 to \$50,000 the level of sales by manufacturing firms which would make them exempt from paying the 12 per cent federal sales tax on production and sales.

Jelinek said the measure promoted by the government didn't go far enough and would only effect less than one per cent of the small businesses in the country.

"I believe consideration should be given instead to re-

moving the federal sales tax from all Canadian owned and operated small business manufacturers. This would not only help the overall small business community, but make Canadian produced goods competitive with their imported counterparts on which "federal" tax would continue to be collected."

Jelinek says small businesses should be defined as one that is owner operated and not dominant in its field. The government definition limits the number of employees that can be employed.

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Marg says they enjoyed a visit with C. F. Curry, editor of the weekly paper and he gave them a tour of his shop. He prefers to print the paper with his own transformer, run by a diesel gas engine—claiming hydro rates are exorbitant.

It's graduation time again, and many local students are obtaining their degrees and certificates at area colleges and universities.

Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, reports three local people among its 750 grads this spring: Mary Louise Bean and Douglas A. Card of Milton received general Bachelor of Arts degrees while Laurence J. Trenwith received a diploma in business administration.

Warren Craig Biggar and Mary Clare Stinson of Milton are among the 500 receiving undergraduate degrees at Trent University in Peterborough. Congratulations, students.

Congratulations this week to John Wood, present secretary of the Milton and District Kinsmen Club, who has been elected as 1978-79 treasurer of the club. He'll be installed in office June 23.

PHILOSOPHITS

By Edith Sharpe

Don't be afraid to talk to yourself, it's really the only way you can be sure someone is listening.

They say mental hospitals have more men patients than women in them. Who do you suppose put them there?

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