



# Castor Earl

## Dizzyin' medicine tax

It's enough to make a man turn to dring.

Every time your provincial government needs more money, she slaps another tax on hootch. The prices of beer and likker have just been hiked up considerable and look at wine. Lookin' at it is about all anyone can afford to do anymore the way the price has shot up.

If the provincial boys need more money, why do they have to get it from the necessities of life like booze, and tobacco? Why not tax somethin' less important like food or clothes?

Don't get me wrong, mind. It's not that I'm a drinker myself. No sirree. I'm a teatotaller from way back who thinks the fella that invented likker was doin' the work of the devil.

There are others around who enjoy a good snort now and again — more now than again — and I won't point the finger at no one except to mention that one of them writes a column for the Castor and thinks he's better at it than me. He's real hoity-toity and fancies himself the star attraction of this paper. How could anyone with a name like Beaver Bob put on fancy airs? Give me a good Christian name like Castor Earl any time.

Like I was sayin', likker has never crossed these lips. Except for medicinal purposes, of course. A fella has to get some comfort from his ailments some how.

I take the odd swallow for my smoker's cough, about once a day or so, usually early in the mornin' when I wake up I keep a bottle under the bed in the thunder jug which we don't need anymore since we got the indoor plumbin'.

I usually try to take that first pull of the day without the missus seein' me because she don't always believe I drink for my health and she accuses me of likin' the stuff. That woman can be so distrustful.

Then after breakfast I go out to the barn to poke around and usually my gout starts to act up. As luck would have it, I keep a bottle tucked away out there just in case so I take another stiff belt.

Before lunch, my rheumatis starts painin' me. I go to the bottle I keep in the broom closet and take a shot. Then after lunch my arthritis flares up, and before supper it's the croup, and after supper it's my trick knee that starts naggin' me.

I wouldn't drink before I go to bed except for this problem I have with dizziness at the end of each day. I can't figure out for the life of me what causes it. All I know is that the more I try to ease the pain, the worse it gets. A fella just can't win.

Then theré's my speech impediment. I find that I start to slur my words towards the end of the day so I take a nip for that. And I have a problem with my balance and start bumpin' into things and trippin' over Butch the cat and Bingo my dog if they happen to be lyin' in the livin' room watchin' TV. All in all, I'm in pretty bad shape and rely on my medicine to keep me goin'.

I keep bottles handy all over the house because a man never knows when he's goin' to take a weak spell.

But I never touch the stuff more than six or seven times a day and only a few slugs at at time. Ain't it just like the government to put up the tax on a man's medicine, the one thing he needs to keep goin'.

Anyhow, I got to run now. I feel a touch of writer's cramp comin' on and I'm goin' to see if I can find a little somethin' to cure it.

## Block parents still wanted

By Suzanne Schroeter

The Russell "Block Parent" scheme is now under way, and you should soon be seeing the red "Block Parent" signs in windows in Russell. Please tell your children and teenagers that houses with these signs are "safe" houses to go to if they are in trouble of any sort.

please call 445-2817 or 445-5478 for further details.

Russell is growing fast, and newcomers don't always know their neighbours. Lets get together on "Block Parents" and keep Russell a safe community for our children.

We would like to thank the Russell Lions for their generous monetary support which has covered the cost of such things as printing forms and buying the "Block Parent" signs.

## Wedding Reception

Open reception in honor of Pamela M. Thomas, Ottawa and Gerry Heymans, Russell, following their marriage June 23, 1979, at the Dr. Frank Kinnaird Community Centre, Russell. Neighbors, relatives and friends are cordially invited to share this happy day with them. Dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with buffet afterwards.

Without such support this scheme would not have been possible. To date, we have had forty-five applications from people who hope to become "Block Parents" — we need many more to make this scheme really work. If you are interested

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## Russell women talk taxes

The May meeting of the Russell Village Women's Institute was held in the Roman Catholic Hall with Mrs. Leo Bekkers and Mrs. Gordon Cooper as hostesses. Mrs. Richard Hamelin presided. Mrs. Edna Currie was sec.-treas.

Roll Call was, "Name something you would like to have done with your tax dollars."

Motto was, "Where do our tax dollars go?"

Citizenship and World Affairs conveners were Mrs. Ronald Hubbard and Mrs. Norman Inglis. Mrs. Inglis presented the motto and introduced the speakers, J. M. Dallaire, neighborhood assessor of Russell Township and Robert Charbonneau, Russell County Valuation Manager. The speakers were thanked by Mrs. Hubbard.

Mrs. Rudolph Bols served lunch and Mrs. William Nyenkamp and Mrs. Robert Gamble were luncheon hostesses.

The next meeting was to take place on June 5 in the Anglican Church Hall with Mrs. Isabel Bell and Mrs. Ollie Walsh as hostesses. A film on Thailand was to be shown.

## Coaster complete course

The Russell Coasters 4-H Homemaking Club completed their spring course on needle-point recently. Their achievement day was held at Bearbrook, May 5.

Many parents and friends were in attendance to see the beautiful work completed during the course. The girls would like to thank Joan Laviolette and Coby Bols for their excellent leadership.

A new summer course will be starting shortly on outdoor living. Any boy or girl between the ages of 12 and 25 who is interested can join by phoning 445-2113 or 445-2175. Come on, join the fun.

## Speaker entertains Metcalfe 4-H

The Metcalfe 4H Agricultural Club held its monthly meeting at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Mackie, May 9.

With all members in attendance, the meeting was called to order by President Susan Kingsbury.

Brent Reid of natural Resources was present as guest speaker. Mr. Reid presented a most entertaining talk on conservation and wild life. He described and demonstrated the process of trapping and preserving a beaver pelt.

Miss Kingsbury thanked the guest speaker on behalf of the Club.

The meeting closed with Scott Racine expressing thanks to the host and hostess for a very enjoyable evening.

It was decided that the next meeting would be at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Ken Kingsbury, June 13, at 8 p.m.

## Search on for Dairy Princess

The Russell County Junior Farmers are busily looking for contestants in this year's annual Dairy Princess Competition. This competition will be held at the Embrun Recreational Centre, Friday, June 22, from 8:00 p.m.

Interested candidates must be 18 years of age by August, 1979, and must come from a dairy

farm in Russell County. For more information on the duties, etc., of Russell County's Dairy Princess, please contact any of the following members of the committee: Bruce Armstrong: Russell, 445-5330; Karen Liptak: Ottawa, 237-7815; Bernardine Nooyen: Navan, 835-2099; Robert Smits: Navan, 835-2447.



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