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Our Opinion

What is an opinion?

Our opinion does not necessarily reflect all the feelings of all of the people. Rather it is designed to encourage others to form their own opinion and perhaps share it with us through the medium of print.

Everybody is entitled to an opinion. Voicing one's OPINION is one of the prerogatives of a free society. Mind you in this area voicing one's opinion can sometimes bring with it dreadful repercussions.

Opinions voiced on street corners or in coffee shops are sometimes put to silence when the opportunity is presented to have them printed in a LETTER TO THE EDITOR, however one must remember that if you hold an opinion honestly given the facts at your disposal others are obliged to accept it as being what you believe and have no right to condemn you for holding to that belief. Often an opinion can be expressed in a sarcastic or exaggerated manner to make a point more vivid or explicit, but many a time they are just issued out of feelings of frustration or irony. Irony is a wonderful word, it means, expression of one's meaning by language of opposite or different tendency. But to continue, it seems to us that an opinion column in a community newspaper is a kind of "hanged if you do, or, hanged if you don't," type of situation.

To have a good readable paper an Opinion Column is essential. Without it a paper lacks spunk and versatility, therefore setting forth an inoffensive, but uninteresting, rag ... What do you the reader want?, what would you like to see in the paper? WRITE to us and let us know.

Sometimes opinions, even though truthful, can hurt. But wouldn't one rather be stung by the truth than mocked by lies, e.g.; would you consider a person your friend if you bought a new hat and they acclaimed its beauty, all the time thinking how stupid and unsightly it looked. We think not. The truth may hurt, but in the long run it will be appreciated.

Ah! what a wonderful thing an opinion is. It's impossible to have one that agrees with everyone else's, but one thing is sure, it belongs to you and no matter how hard people try they cannot take it from you. By the way the dictionary defines opinion as: judgement or belief based on grounds short of proof. So you seen when our Opinion Column disagrees with the opinion you personally hold, it's good to remember that it's not Bible, just the views of some fallible mortals.

P.S. What you have just been reading is only OUR opinion.



Letters to the Editor

Just a little information I would like to pass along to our Terrace Bay hockey fans.

I am sad to say our Bantam Hockey Team for the 85-86 season had to fold because of lack of players. They only had 8 skaters and 3 goalies, who were willing to form the Bantam Team.

I am proud of each one of these players, but disappointed in the fact, that we had such a shortage of players to make a team. The players we have are very enthusiastic and love

the sport.

There are many fans in Terrace Bay that take an interest in hockey. The reason being our players play with such pride and dedication. They pour their hearts into each game and that's why this sport is so entertaining and competitive.

It is so unfortunate, the players want to play but there just isn't enough manpower.

I wish the best to these fellas that are hoping to still play hockey this season for

another team. If they all don't get to play hockey, it's an unfortunate situation.

I am very proud of Terrace Bay and I have always been proud of our Terrace Bay hockey teams. My heart goes out to these players that want to make us a Terrace Bay Bantam Team.

I am sure a Bantam Team representing Terrace Bay will be missed in this town this coming hockey season.

A fan of Terrace Bay

"No Nonsense" Tips

A lemon at room temperature is much juicier than a cold one. Immerse a refrigerated lemon in hot water for a few minutes before using.

To re-use a leftover baked potato, sprinkle with water then heat at 350 degrees F for about 20 minutes. Good as new.

Store lettuce and celery in paper bags, not plastic. The paper will absorb moisture, rather than trap it as plastic does, keeping the vegetables fresh and crisp.

Rinse frozen vegetables in warm water before cooking to melt some of the ice. To keep jam or marmalade soft and easy to spread, try this - when the jar is about three quarters full, put a teaspoon of water on top of the jam or marmalade. Let it stand overnight to absorb the moisture.

Contrary to popular belief, it is not necessary to let your car idle for any great length on cold mornings. Idle for about a minute, then avoid high speeds until your car is warm. You save fuel this way, and save wear and tear on your car as well.

Arthur Black

Czechs have Canadian jokes

How do we laugh at ourselves? Let me count the ways. We have Newfie jokes. We have Polish jokes. We have jokes about parsimonious Scotsmen and blarney-spouting Irishmen and repressed Englishmen and blustery Yanks. But do you know what we don't have? Czech jokes. As far as I know there is no sub-category in the annals of humor, wit and whimsy devoted to jokes about Czechoslovakians.

Which is a great pity, because the Czechs have jokes about us.

I'm not joking. My sources tell me that there exists in Czechoslovakia a time-honored tradition known as "Canadian Jokes." It all goes back to the twenties, when the Czech avant-garde kindled an unrequited love affair with things Canadian. Czechoslovakia gave birth to something that came to be called the "Tramp" movement. The Tramps -- beatniks 30 years before the North American variety appeared -- were anti-urban and pro-wilderness. They

were back-to-the-landers who took to felling trees in the country's forests and erecting log cabins way back in the hills. Their spiritual leaders were Jack London and Ernest Thompson Seton, and perhaps Sergeant Preston without the scarlet tunic.

The Tramps adopted what they thought to be quintessentially Canadian customs. They sat around campfires each night, singing songs. The Tramp women called themselves "squaws." Most of the men puffed contentedly on "calumets" while they composed and sang songs that frequently featured a celestial chap by the name of "Manitou."

The Tramps (also called 'Wild Boy Scouts') stumbled through the twenties, but in the decade following that, the movement positively thrived. Czechoslovakia did not escape the Great Depression. Out of a population of only 12 million, more than a million Czechs could not find any work. Most of the unemployed were young people and the option of play-

ing Cowboys and Indians in the bush among congenial companions became as much a matter of economic necessity as one of personal choice.

Fine, you say -- but what's all this got to do with Canadian jokes? Well, Canadian jokes became part of the Czechoslovakian Tramp movement. Actually, what the Czechs call a Canadian Joke we'd call a practical joke. You know -- loose top on the salt shaker, short sheets on the bed, frogs in the bathtub, that sort of thing.

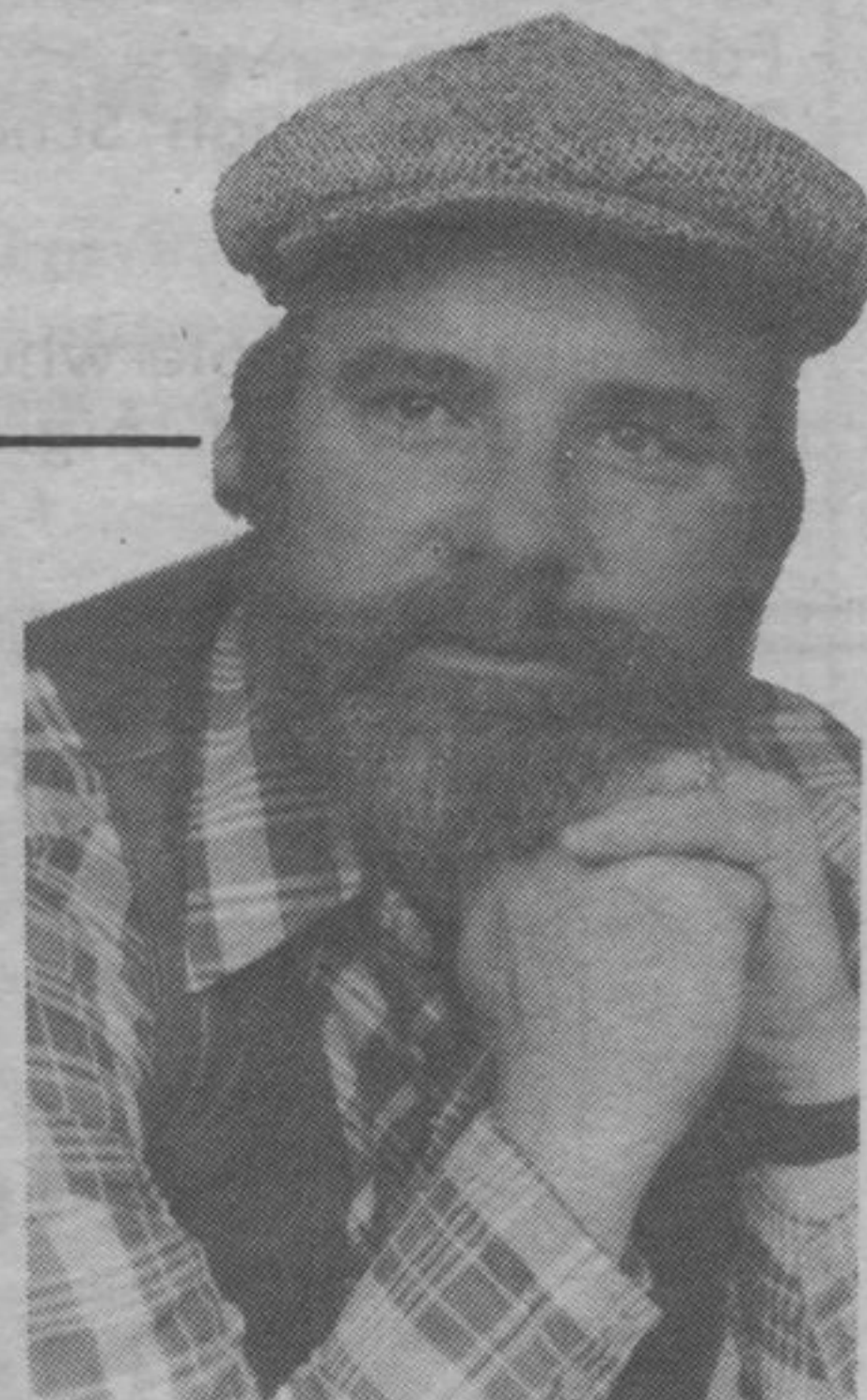
In Czechoslovakia, a Canadian Joke can be played on you at pretty well any time of the year, but they tend to occur in clusters during an event called, ironically enough, "Canadian Night." A Canadian Night was -- and is -- a kind of wild, free for all party that, again, can happen any time, anywhere... but usually occurs in rustic surroundings at camp or cottage.

On a Canadian Night, just about anything goes. It is Czechoslovakia's answer to Mardi Gras, New Year's

Eve and a Grey Cup Weekend all rolled into one brainbursting gala. During a Canadian Night the participants dance and sing and drink and carouse much, much more than any mortals ought to. There is only one rule that governs a Canadian Night: Don't fall asleep.

Anyone who drops off, does so at their peril. For it is upon the snoring and somnolent that the most enthusiastic Canadian Jokes get played. These jokes can range from relatively mild capers, such as smearing the sleeping innocent with shoe polish, to more malevolent manouvers such as ever-so-gently pcking up a victim in his cot, and, careful not to wake him, setting the poor wretch adrift on a raft. Imagine going to sleep in the comfort of your tent and waking up on a raft five miles down the lake.

But Canadian Jokes aren't merely physical -- there is a verbal variety, too. Wanna hear a genuine, made-in-Czechoslovakia Canadian joke? Okay, but remember, you asked for



it. This one comes from a 1936 Czech publication called "The Story of the Six Tramps, or, the New Czech Legends." I am quoting the Joke in its entirety.

"We threw away his oar and said: 'Do you have an oar? But now you have no oar.' Then we turned over his canoe, and said 'Did you have a canoe? But now you have no canoe.' And then he drowned, and his soul rose over the waters, and was asked: 'Do you have a body?' And it said: 'Sorry, I don't have a body.'"

Hmmmmmm. Perhaps something was lost in the translation.