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SUGAR AND SPICE by Bill Smiley



The Holiday Horrors

Next person who chuckles at me, "Huh. Nothing to do now until school opens in September, eh?" is going to get a punch right on the nose, even if it's a dear, little old lady who says it.

That's how I feel about things after three weeks of "holidays" from teaching school. If the rest of the summer is anything like this they'll be putting fresh sod over me about the middle of August.

It all began innocently enough, when two kids stole a taxi while the driver was having a beer, rammed it into the side of my car, across from the tavern and vanished.

Next day I had to dash a round trip to the city of 200 miles with my daughter, for her final teeth-straightening appointment. The whole deal cost me $700. Know her reaction? She's going to miss her braces. "Gee, dad, they're a status symbol. Everybody knows that."

Next day I cut grass all day because visitors were coming. They were old friends. And we were a lot older next day, after hitting the sack at 6 a.m. Up at noon and out for golf. Ever seen two old care-horses trying to pull something up-hill which they couldn't even pull down-hill? That's what Pete and I looked like as we drag-tailed our way up to the 18th green.

Had to get the first-born out to his summer job on the boat by 8 a.m. next morning. But had no trouble waking up. The ruddy birds started yacking at 4 a.m. two paper boys had a violent altercation about conflicting routes under our window at 6 and the construction gang tearing up the road in front of our place got their mechanical monsters snarling by 7 o'clock.

Wrote column, planted grass, weeded flowerbeds soothed wife, distraught, because her son was leaving. She tried to make a big symbolic deal out of it. "Don't you realize this is the very last day in his entire life that he'll be at home, one of us?" (He'll be home two days a week all summer, but apparently that doesn't count.)

Next day, took Hugh to his boat again at 8, put car in body shop to have door fixed, wrangled with insurance company, helped two high school valedictorians with their speeches, told wife to stop fretting about her son, told daughter to stop fighting with her mum.

Whole family was going to boat to see Hugh off on maiden trip, to his unutterable disgust. Car wasn't ready. Panic. Tears. Recriminations. Borrowed a car; beetled to dock. Boat almost out of sight when we arrived. My fault, though wife was half an hour out on embarkation time.

Early a.m., drove wife to town 30 miles away for eye examination. Couldn't find doctor; he'd moved. My fault. Late. Dashed for home after exam which confirmed opinion wife is eagle-eyed.

Had to change and drive 30 miles to still another town for big ceremonial dinner. But wife had to dally and watch a wedding before we left. Got there when most of the booze was gone.

Insulted by lady who thought my wife was my daughter. Entertained by lady who fell flat on her face on the lawn after bar re-opened. She got up gamely, chortling, "He never laid a glove on me."

However today has been peaceful. People and their kids invited for outdoor dinner. It rained. Hugh arrived from boat with two accomplices, headed for a beach party. Kim is on her way to a pyjama party for some kid leaving town.

Really quite placid. Mom down stairs doing eight acres of dishes. Dad sitting writing his column. And the blasted construction gang working overtime out front. Holidays? You can't beat them. But if you can, please beat them to death with a big stick. Roll on September!

Wedding

COX — BOUDREAU

St. Joseph's Church, Petit de Grat, was the scene of a pretty summer wedding recently, when during Nuptial Mass and a double ring ceremony celebrated by Rev. James Momburquette, marriage vows were exchanged between Madeline Clair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Boudreau of Little Anse and Clayton Cox son of the late George James Cox and Caroline Cox of Newfoundland.

Miss Ann Landry presided at the organ and accompanied the church choir.

Upon entering the church the Briday party was blessed by the priest and accompanied to the altar followed by their parents and other relatives and friends.

The bride wore a floor length dress of Chantilly lace with lily point sleeves. The bouffant skirt flowed into a chapel train. A short veil with pill-box style crown of white organza trimmed with small pearls and she carried a bouquet of deep pink and white carnations with pink streamers.

Miss Clara May Boudreau, sister of the bride was maid of honor while Miss Raylene Theriault of Sydney, a cousin of the bride and Bernice Short were bridesmaids. They wore identical street length dresses of silk organza in deep pink, with headpiece to match, white gloves and carried bouquets of pink and white cranations with pink streamers.

Robert Samson was best man, while Donald Boudreau and Gerard Boudreau were also in attendance as ushers.

Following the Mass, the wedding party motored to the home of the bride's parents where breakfast was served to one hundred guests. Later they motored to Sydney and on their return a reception was awaiting them in the parish hall. The tables were attractively set for the occasion centered with the three-tier wedding cake which was cut in the traditional manner by the bride and groom and served to the guests by Mrs. Jerry Landry.

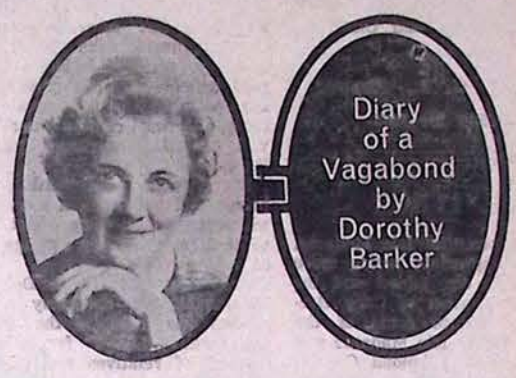
Rev. James Mombourquette proposed the toast to the bride to which the groom responded. A delicious supper was served to upward of 350 guests. Mrs. Boudreau, mother of the bride, wore an ash pink dress with all white accessories and a corsage of pink and white carnations.

The bridal party later left on a honeymoon trip to Prince Edward Island. The bride travelled in a turquoise boucle two-piece suit, with white accessories and a corsage of pink and white carnations.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox received many valuable gifts including a sum of money. On their return they will make their home in Little Anse.

Their many friends and relatives wish them a long and happily wedded life.





PONIES ON THE BLOCK

For the first time in over six years, registered Shetland and Welsh ponies will be offered at auction. The Canadian Pony Society, a non-profit organization with a membership amounting to some 400 scattered from one end of Canada to the other, has the lofty ambition of improving the strain of these minature horses. With this in mind, a committee composed of members of the directorate have screened the animals offered for sale and have selected thirty-five to be offered to the public.

On the evening of July 21, in the Thorobred Society Sales Pavilion at Woodbine Race Course in Metro Toronto, breeders will bid for the animals they think will do the most to improve their stock.

When I read the press release for this sale I was reminded of the days when ponies of these two breeds, were shipped by boat load to this country. They were transferred from boat to railway freight cars and arrived at destinations many hundreds of miles from the port of their landing.

Remember the story of the shipwreck off the shoals of Sable Island when ponies swam to shore, surviving in sufficient number to breed in large troops? In the process they have degenerated into wild shaggy creatures of little use to man and not worth the rescue. Not so many years ago, a suggestion was made that they should be slaughtered and used for canned dog food. Though this sounds almost barbaric it meant as a humanitarian undertaking, for there is little on Sable Island on which such a huge number of ponies can subsist. Sea grass and sand is a slim diet. The sand has splayed their hooves and, though they were originally a small breed, they are now spoken of as "runts". There was such an uproar against the proposal from the public that it was abandoned. The ponies still breed and roam the island.

Welsh ponies have been maintained since early Saxon times and the graph of pony breed popularity has had many ups and downs. Not so long ago, at the turn of the century, one of the status symbols of the era was a Shetland pony in every stable to draw a Geverness cart for the transportation of the children of the family. Demand for cheap saddle ponies grew so fast the breeds degenerated into "scrub" animals.

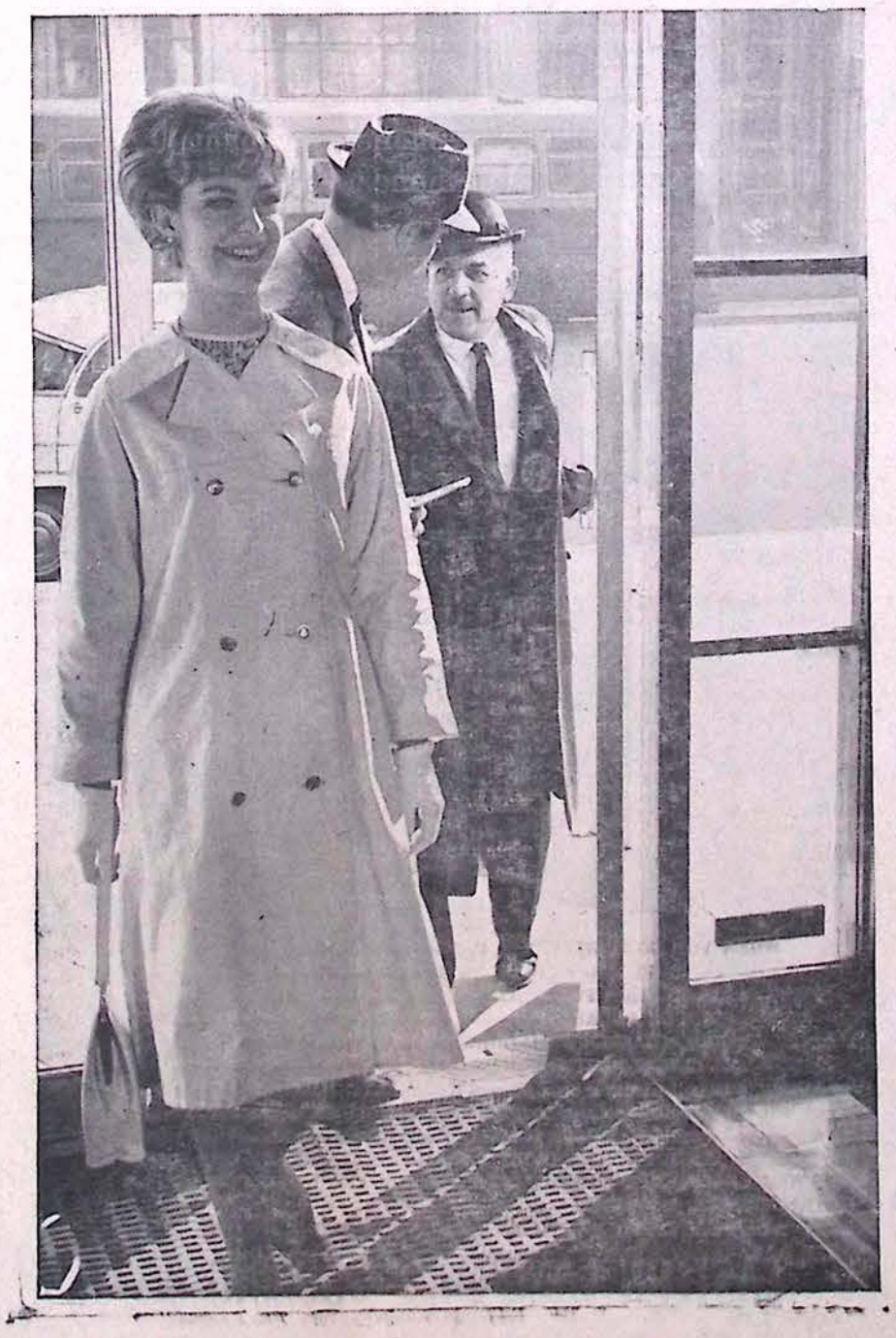
After the formation of the Canadian Pony Society in 1901 the addition of registered stock in their stables improved the strains. Though the sale is primarily to bring animals to better show stature through breeding the eventual goal is to increase their popularity among our population.

BREEDERS DIFFER

There is considerable difference of opinion among breeders as to whether Shetlands make as good saddle ponies for children as the Welsh strain. One enthusiast, with a raft of ribbons to the credit of his small animals, told me there is no better pony for children than the Welsh breed. Sure footed, kind and good natured, he believes these small beasts which at one time worked in the coal mines of Wales, would make the best saddle ponies for a child. His ribbons, however, were won by Shelands proudly prancing in harness at the Royal Winter Fair, Ontario Horse Shows and country fairs.

Maybe ponies are not arriving by the boatload at our Canadian ports these days, but they are still being consigned from overseas breeders and traveling by freight across our land. One certainty, only the finest stock available has this privilege, for that is the only kind breeders are interested in purchasing.

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At the annual meeting of the Sydney Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society, Mr. W. J. (Bill) Stephens, was re-elected President.

Mr. Stephen's who is president of J. W. Stephens, Ltd., one of the largest dealers in Lumber and Building Suppies in the Maritimes, has served as President of the Sydney Branch of the Red Cross for the past several years and in his report and that of the Sydney branch, shows splendid co-operation and progress in the Sydney area under his able and sincere leadership.

We congratulate Bill on his re-appointment and wish him and his officers continued success in their noble work.

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Tourist Trade

Here on beautiful Isle Madame, we would appreciate seeing more tourists visit our Island and the Tourist Association of Cape Breton should induce some of the tourist traffic to Isle Madame and other parts of Richmond County.

If we follow our history closely we will find that Isle Madame holds for the visitor a treasure of historic wealth dating back over 200 years.

Its about time some of the tourist trade, be routed to Isle Madame, thereby giving our business men an opportunity to share in this business and to allow for future expansion.

We understand the local Board of Trade are not satisfied with a secent tabloid section of a daily newspaper, featuring tourist attractions on Cape Breton Island and where no publicity was given to Isle Madame. We can well see why the Board of Trade are disappointed and have requested a statement from the Cape Breton Tourist Association.

We note by the Minutes of the Municipal Council where a grant of $300.00 was placed in the estimates for 1964 and again at the last session $300.00 was placed in the estimates for 1965 toward Tourist Promotion in the County.. Before making further grants we suggest that the Council receive some assurance of better promotion of the Tourist industry in this County.

LITTLE ANSE
HOME & SCHOOL ASSN.
HOLD MEETING

The June meeting of the Little Anse Association was convened by the President Mr. Albert Martell, with the singing of O Canada followed by the minutes.

Mr. Paul Doyle reported that at present the only way the School Board could buy TV's for the schools and have the Province pay their share was as a capital expense. TV's are not yet approved by the Department of Education as a teaching aid for which grants will be paid. The Board's policy is therefore that TV's for schools will be bought on a priority basis which means that we do not know when we will get one.

Forms and letters were read under correspondence and the Treasurer's Report and Committee Reports were given.

It was moved by Mrs. Joseph W. Samson, seconded by Mrs. James Benoit and carried that fifty cents per pupil be given for the Home and School treat this year.

It was moved b Mr. Paul Doyle and seconded by Miss Geraldine Clannon that Mr. Anthony Samson be appointed as a delegate to the Provincial Association annual convention at Amherst in July.

It was moved by Mr. Anthony Samson and seconded by Mrs. Joseph W. Samson that the treasurer withdraw money from the credit union as needed.

It was decided to hold a lobster party to be planned by the Social Convener for June 20.

The annual meeting was called to order by the President with a prayer. The President and all convenors gave their reports.

The financial report was adopted on motion of Mrs. Alvina Samson, seconded by J.srM eohps son, seconded by Mrs. Joseph W. Samson.

New officers elected for 1965-66 as follows:

President — Mr. Anthony Samson
Vice-Pres. — Mrs. J. W. Samson
Secty.-Treas. — Mrs. Violet Boudreau.

Conveners:
Program— Mrs. Roseanne Benoit

Social — Mrs. Mary Boudreau

Education— Miss Geraldine Clannon.

Membership — Mrs. Rose Boudreau.

Publicity — Mr. Paul Doyle.

The British Isles are a part of the European continental shelf.

WEDDING

FORGERON — LeBLANC

A wedding of interest took place at St. Mary's Basilica at Halifax when Miss Eleanor LeBlanc, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hilary LeBlanc of River Bourgeois, was united in marriage to Curtiss Forgeron, son of Capt. and Mrs. Hubert Forgeron of Port Royal, C. B. Rev. A. Robertson performed the double ring ceremony.

Given in marriage by John Rogers the bride looked lovely in a walking suit of white peau de soie, trimmed with black embroidery, a net headdress trimmed with bows white satin slippers, corsage of red sweetheart roses, a cut crystal necklace with matching earrings, gift of the groom.

Miss Anita Bouchard was bridesmaid and wore a navy and white linen suit, picture hat and white accessories. Her corsage was of yellow roses.

Best man was Ulysse Doiron.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the "Town and Country Lodge" for a large number of relatives and friends. The mother of the bride wore a pink boucle suit with white accessories, and a corsage of white and pink carnations. The mother of the groom wore a printed two piece dress with white accessories and a corsage of red carnations. The toast to the bride was proposed by Alphonse Spaggnola and was responded to by the groom. Best wishes were also extended the happy couple by several of the other guests. They later left on a honeymoon trip to various parts of the province.

They will reside in Halifax.

We join with their many friends in wishing them a long and happy wedded life.

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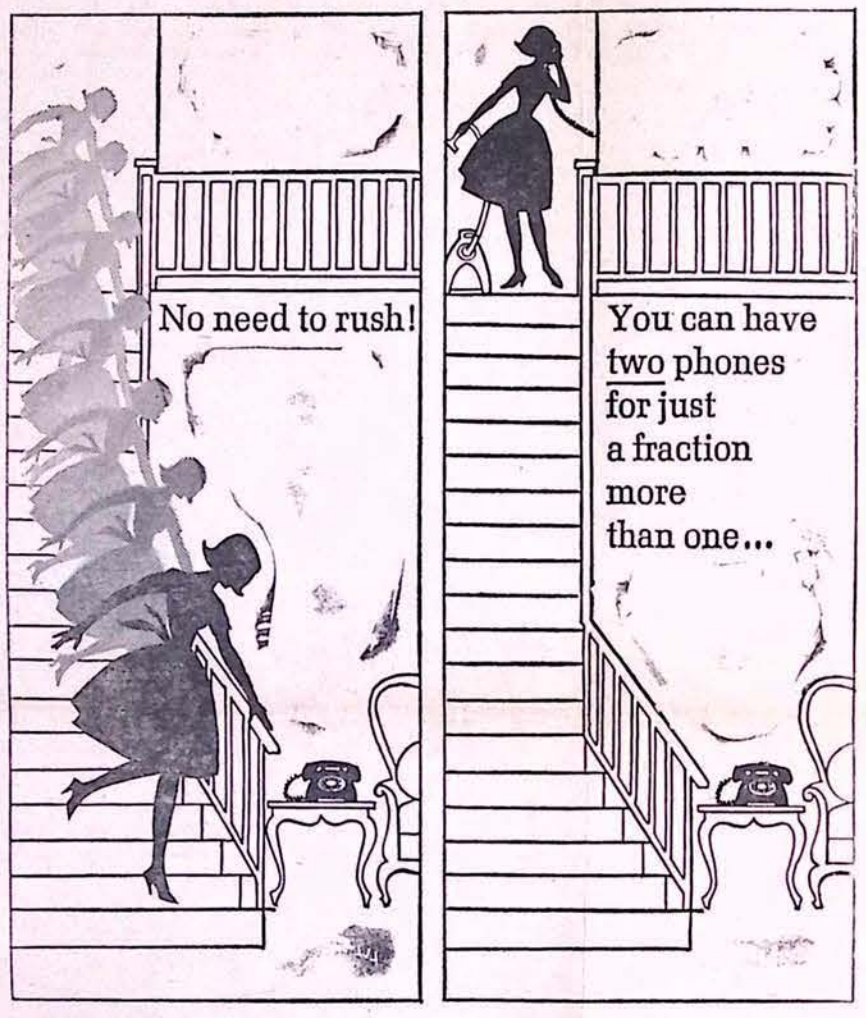
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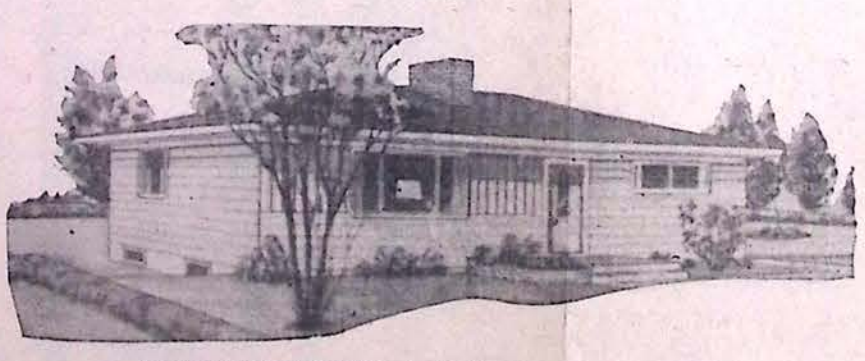
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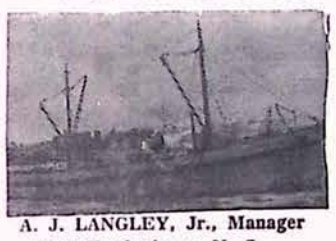
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