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11-year-old publishes daily news

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KALAMAZOO, Mich.— Jon Mason is a newspaper publisher with a staff of five reporters and editors. His paper has all the local news and sports — and it shows a profit.

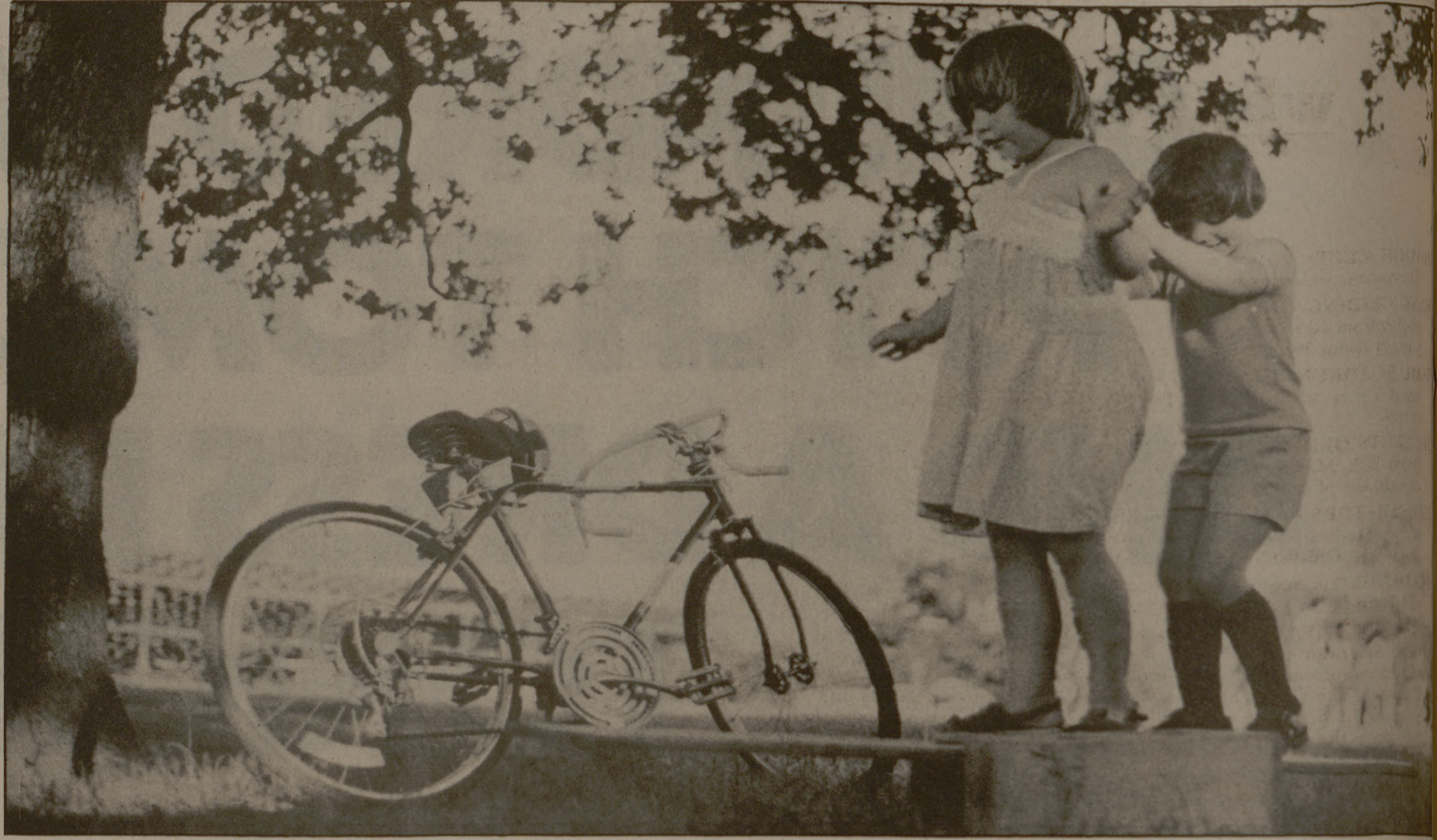
Jon is 11 years old. He wears three-piece suits, carries a briefcase, signs up advertisers like a seasoned pro and has enough initiative to qualify for the hero of a Horatio Alger story, 1970s style.

His newspaper, Children's Views, is distributed to 375 students at Parkwood-Upjohn Elementary School, where Jon is in the 5th grade.

Jon approached his principal, Jack Wickert, with the idea last summer and even persuaded the teachers to chip in \$28 toward the ambitious project.

"I just got out of his way and he's been doing the whole thing," Wickert said. "It was as smooth an operation as any I've had here."

Asked if he planned to pursue a career in journalism, Jon replied: "Not really. I'd just like to get a job."



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Canadian government 'intrudes' in provinces

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OTTAWA— Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King said more than three decades ago that Canada had "too much geography."

A few Canadian politicians still agree — though not everybody sees big as necessarily bad — and some would carve up the country. Others believe that regional differences give muscle and sinew to national unity.

First among the separatists, of course, though for reasons of language rather than geography, is Premier Rene Levesque with his promise to lead Quebec out of Canada's 111-year-old confederation.

Levesque and his governing Parti Quebecois see independence, despite the federal government's policy of bilingualism, as the only sure way to preserve and foster Quebec's French language and culture.

Canada's other regional differences, though not as emotional and fundamental as those of Quebec, nevertheless place strains on national unity.

Marc Lalonde, the minister for federal-provincial relations, said much of the resentment in the western provinces for the "Eastern establishment" was based on myth and an instinctive reaction that anything that comes from Ottawa will

be slanted against them.

Lalonde said one of the oldest bugaboos is that the federal government is dominated by French-Canadians who don't understand Western problems and are too preoccupied with Quebec anyway.

External Affairs Minister Don Jamieson, a Newfoundlander, said he hears the same old irrational complaints.

"The cry is always that there are too many goddamn Frenchmen running the country, while I and my English-speaking colleagues are seen as a tired old bunch," he said.

Lalonde said this mistaken view "is due to the high visibility that French-Canadian ministers have had over the last 10 years — and Prime Minister (Pierre) Trudeau in particular."

There are 10 French-Canadians, including Trudeau, in the present 32-member Liberal government.

Lalonde used a recent experience of one of his Ontario colleagues to illustrate his point.

The host of a radio hotline show remarked how difficult it must be for an English-speaking member of the cabinet to discuss a French Canadian question when "half the ministers in the government were from Quebec."

Lalonde said his colleague pointed out that there were only 10

French-Canadian members and that they had never at any time in the nation's history constituted half the cabinet.

"There has been no increase in the last decade," Lalonde said. "Obviously people feel threatened by these myths and the myths are cleverly exploited by some politicians and members of the media."

But clearly some of the suspicion and resentment felt in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba is created by what Westerners consider intrusions by the federal government in the provincial domain.

The premiers of the four Western provinces at a 1976 meeting in Medicine Hat, Alta., noted "the increasing tendency of the Government of Canada to legislate in areas which historically and constitutionally have been considered within the provincial sphere."

Because of their concern they set up an intergovernmental task force under the chairmanship of British Columbia, to examine the issue.

In its first report the task force outlined 61 items of concern. They included the fields of energy, other natural resources, consumer and corporate affairs, housing and land use, economic development, immigration and the administration of justice.

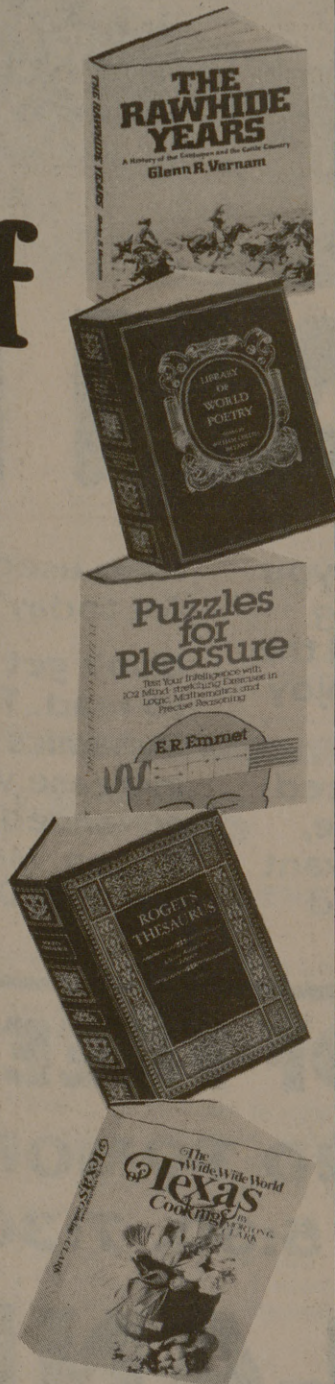
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