# Editorial Page

# Regional Government...

to the Plunkett Needs Study of Halton and Peel. efforts to attempt to co-ordinate the thinking of all the various boards and commissions into one dream by professional planners - dreamers who anyone else. have had no municipal government experience.

Having observed the tribulations experienced in Toronto and its suburbs through the metro type government where elected city councillors form the super government we cannot see this as a realistic solution.

We feel the regional government should be elected directly to the position and only for one position. To elect a man mayor of a municipality and expect him as well to represent the community in the regional government is just building up a work load few men could undertake, let alone successfully fulfill.

We would like to see the regional government directly elected\_by and responsible to the taxpayers. If these regional representatives are elected from the municipalities and their individual voting power in the regional government weighted to correspond to the populations they represent it would appear to us that the democratic principle of representation by population would be accomplished. As well, each municipality would be assured a voice at the regional government level.

Education and Hydro Electric power throughout the county should not be by other elected or appointed boards. There is no reason why these two services cannot be administered by the Regional government. The regional government would then become a scaled down version of Queen's Park with departments of professionally qualified staffs administering the policy established by the elected representatives. We will then have a regional government composed of the Departments of Education, Hydro, Justice, Welfare Services, Highways, Assessment, Fire, Finance and Public Works capable of meeting the needs of a growing region.

## Spring Breakup . ...

This Sunday's

A great many indications of spring have been reported. The first robins are here; the groundhogs and bears have made their appear-. ances; the frogs are croaking; the creeks and maple sap are running; the snow is disappearing; the streets are being swept and the winter's grime is being uncovered with the melting of the snow. Perhaps the best and most reliable sign of spring is the scheduling of Auction Sales. In this week's issue there are no less than six auctions advertised. As spring arrives and summer appears on the horizon, either the desire to get back to the land - or get off the land, we don't know which - becomes manifest in the number of farm sales scheduled.

Another sure sign of spring we expect to hear of any day is the emergence of the para-

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son of Bolivia.

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3.45 p.m.—Sunday School.

(Georgetown)

Class.

sites, who prey on the susceptibility of others. been handled by the American' networks. Un-There are the fly-by-night con-men who arrive doubtedly the networks would have been able Acton Council has completed its submission to sell everything from home improvements, to clear all other programming so that the propaved driveways to encyclopedia. Any salesman ceedings inside the House of Commons would We would like to commend the council on its who knocks on your door with an introductory have been available in every living room in offer, a demonstration installation or a get-rich the country. We think Canadian TV missed scheme is open to suspicion. Any reputable firm great opportunity to show the Canadian electors coherent presentation. While we don't agree in selling door to door will stand and encourage the great dignity and singleness of purpose with detail with all the recommendations contained in a thorough investigation of its services and pro- which our nation's important business is conthe submission it is gratifying to note the sub- ducts. Any-offer that has to be accepted and ducted. CBC, instead of junketing off to Munich, ers. mission is the distillation of the thinking of all signed for immediately can be considered not to local groups. It is practical because it is the be advantageous to the home owner. It's up thinking of people actually carrying out the job , to you to look after your own interests - after of municipal government and not some pipe- you sign up it's too late to ask for help from

### Distribution of Seats...

In Halton County we have for many years poet T. S. Eliot. But one of his have me reduced to one great enjoyed the benefit of having the same electoral boundaries for both the federal and provincial governments. Not the least of which has been the fact that in both cases the boundaries comprised of the whole of the County, which gave an additional purpose to Halton's functions as a

With the redrawing of the electoral boundaries for both the senior governments complet ed, it is definitely assured that the division which has been made will place Acton in two hands, chill the bones, redden the distinctively different ridings. It is our under- of la grippe in three months. standing that the redistribution was engineered Holes in your overshoes. Faces by the same group of men, but for two different masters. We had hoped through this singleness of the commission there would be a very close flagging. Spring is merely a word relationship between the federal and provincial boundaries. This has not proven to be the case.

When we were in Ottawa a short time ago we expressed our dissatisfaction to our member, Dr. Harley, with this wide divergence of boundaries. The Doctor explained the difference arose because of the numerical difference in the representation in Toronto and Ottawa. He explained the number of seats Ontario has in the house at Ottawa was considerably less than the number in Toronto. Hence the boundaries for the ridings could not be the same.

Since we arrived home we have been reflecting on this explanation and we must agree that any attempt to change the number of seats from Ontario in Ottawa would be a futile exercise. However, there appears to be very little problem in changing the number of seats in Toronto. A whole new block of nine seats was added to the Ontario house in redistribution. If it is so apparently easy to add seats it follows that it would be just as easy to take away seats. If the size of the Ontario house were reduced to the same number as Ontario has in the federal house, all this confusion of overlapping ridings toes curled tightly, eyes burning would have been eliminated.

It has never appeared to us there is a great deal of difference between the men we send to Ottawa and those who go to Toronto. The one big advantage of fewer numbers in Toronto would be in the reduction in the number of unheard back bencher we now have. Undoubtedly the numerical majority the government now enjoys would be smaller and the government would perhaps find it in their heart to listen to intelligent comment their own members may offer.

the only criterion of success.

### Missed Opportunity ...

We noticed this week's coverage of the Ottawa ruckus by Canadian television and couldn't help but wonder how the same story, if it had emanated from Washington, might have

at an as yet undetermined cost, could have stayed at home and had boobs at both ends of the

Then there are the sponsors. We could have interested the brewers and distillers in the program from its sporting aspects; the soap companies could easily tie in on the whiter wash theme; and the headache and upset stomach remedies would have been a natural; somebody uished overseas service; with aw- ed in the mammoth procession of else could, undoubtedly as a public service, emphasize the great cultural aspects involved. Truly H. Alger (R.S.M.). He returned marched through Toronto to the we missed a great many fine opportunities show the Canadian public this latest sideshow put on by our high-priced all-Canadian perform-

# Sugar and Spice

I have a profound respect for | When the miseries of March lines, that which says, "April is bellow of frustration I put it to the cruellest month," is pure pop- work. "Old Buddy" I say to mypycock. He had obviously never self, "just go back 300 years. Let spent a March in these parts.

April is no bargain, but March is a month no honest taxpayer should have to put up with. At its best it is 31 days of pure drear; at it worst, a century of bleak horror.

Raw east winds that chap the nose, deaden the soul. Third bout of friends become hateful. Tail oipe and muffler gone on the car Eavestroughs sagging. in the dictionary. Winter is a monster clawing your shoulder.

If you're anything like me, you're hanging on by your teeth. This is fairly easy because your nose has been running, and you're keeping a stiff upper lip. It's frozen. And your teeth are exposed.

It's a wonder we don't all turn as mad as March hares and cut our collective throat if only to add a bit of color to relieve grim, grey March.

But cheer up chaps, all is not lost. I have a little therapeutic theory that works wonders. It is the only thing that saves me in March, from running out into the snow in bare feet and long underwear, babbling, "T. S. Eliot is mad, mad I tell you mad!"

I first discovered this theory when I had trouble sleeping. Af ter a long evening of too much work, too many fags, and too much coffee, I'd crawl into bed, and lie there as rigid as a rake, brightly, no more chance of getting to sleep than getting to heav-

One such-night I remembered. "Listen, Buster," I told myself. "Fifteen years ago tonight, District High School; Mrs. Susan you were lying on the floor of a box-car, freezing, hands and feet tied with wire, on your way to a prison camp.

"And here you are lying in a G. W. McKenzie from the Acton fed to her, and has replaced the soft bed, in a warm house, with Robert Little school. warm woman beside you and Contestants will include two a resulting increase in mastitis. warm blankets over you, and no speakers each from Esquesing. Bigness in any endeavor is not necessarily night-fighters shooting up the Nassagaweya and Georgetown; es of the disease and possible place, and no guards wandering one each from Acton and Milton, steps to reduce its occurrence, in to give you a kick. So what three from Oakville and one each Halton County farmers should be if you don't sleep a wink?" In 14 from Milton and Georgetown sep- better prepared to fight it. seconds I was asleep. It works arate schools. every time.

> Now the same technique ap- the direction of Acton music sup- chers, are going on a students' my sanity in March.

yourself go, now. Not three miles from here, they were eking out their March, half-frozen, starved

And I think about them the Indians, nearing the bitter end of a bitter winter, in their And always the cold. long-houses. Men, women, children, dogs, pell-mell in a seventeenth-century Nissen hut made of boughs and bark and skins.

Two or three hundred human beings crawling over each other in about the space you and your family occupy. Cold. Hungry. Stench unbelievable. Smoke from cooking fires indescribable.

The last of the meat gone. The maize reduced to a few handfuls. Spruce tea and moss stew on the menu. Hunting impossible because of the slush. Flabby breasts and swollen bellies. And always the cold.

No refrigerators stocked with steaks and roast and milk and Try it.

to the zone finals to be held at school

Brookville school, Tuesday, Mar.

riends and general public is ex-

pected to attend the Friday night

performance which includes not

only speaking competitions but

Chairman for the evening wi

be principal W. D. Elmer Smith

from the M. Z. Bennett school in

Acton, Judges will be Miss Diane

Dubecky from the Georgetown

Jensen, speech correction teacher

from Oakville, and Victor Heaps

from the Ontario School for the

musical and dance numbers.

29 in the afternoon.

Public Speaking Competition

To Name Two for Halton Final

Public school pupils from Mil-I from the M. Z. Bennett school; a

ton, Acton, Georgetown, Oakville double duet from the Robert Lit-

and Esquesing and Nassagaweya the school including Diane Bous-

Townships will compete Friday field, Cathy Hinton, Bonnie Bris-

evening at the Robert Little publow and Barbara Pratt; Highland

lic school, Acton, with first and dancers Susanne and Karen Ric-

second place winners going on ketts from Milton senior public

A large crowd of parents, will be presented with a trophy.

Deaf, Milton. Timekeeper for the a more efficient unit, has already

speaking contest will be principal drastically changed the ration

Entertainment while judges are | -Ten Georgetown high school

choosing winners will be under students, with one of their tea-

eggs. No shelves of canned goods No supermarket a few blocks away. No heat, no light. No bath-

bills." True. Wanna trade?

I listen to my wife who is not fighting with Mrs. Abenaki about who gets the fire next, to make dog soup.

And my March madness is gone.

All contestants will receive

books and the first place winner

Hold Workshop

Some 95 Halton County dairy-

men attended the Mastitis Work-

shop in the Masonic Hall, Milton.

on Friday, March II. Doctors H.

J. Nely and F. C. Nelson, Veter-

inary Services Branch, Guelph.

presented this workshop on all

phases of mastitis prevention and

control. They stated that man has

rebuilt the dairy cow to make her

call with a milking machine, with

By discussing the various caus-

room. No books. No television.

the wind whistling around the housemaid. house. I sniff the waft of pot roast from the kitchen. I pick up a book, put a record on the hi-li.

# sit by the fireplace, listening to role of nurse and R. Bacon of Two pupils of Miss Ethel Frank-

Dr. Hugh Austin has sold his ment Society debated "Should dental practice here to Dr. George [Farmers' sons enlist?" Decision Sirrs who will assume his duties was given in favor of the affirma-

# The Good Old Days...

# 20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the Issue of the Free Taken from the Issue of the Free

ory near Guelph.

Acton Y.M.C.A. ladies' badminton club had a very successful tournament with the Guelph Y.W.C.A., taking 10 out of the 12 matches played. The first victory 150, was won by Miriam Ritchie and Dorothy Morris. The second 5-0 game was won by Florence Salt and Dorothy Morris.

nual officers' ica at the home of Camp to quell the disturbance. Mrs. M. Schroeder, Bower Ave. The regent, Mrs. C. Matthews: pre- come before the House. sided. Mrs. Mainprize, on behalf years of efficient service given by new brick residence. the retiring treasurer, Mrs. Mc-Donald, and presented her with a crystal rose bowl. Miss Chant, the local school nurse, was the speaker of the day.

no income tax, no mortgages, wood town hall by the members a light pink and the radiators givno insurance policies, no fuel of the local Institute. Main fea- en a new coat of aluminum. The bills, no ulcers, no doctor's ture was a play "Mushrooms ceiling panels, oak wainscotting Coming Up". Taking part were Mesdames G. F. McArthur, A. Not I. I turn up the thermos- Maltby, Crossland and W. Guild tat a bit. I mix a hot toddy. Then with Mrs. A. Ewers playing the

> lin. Miss Joanna Veldhuis and able to make their rounds, Miss Christina Lamb, have receiv-'ed first class honors in piano ex-

about March 20.

# 50 YEARS AGO

Press of Thursday, March 14, 1946. Press of Thursday, March 16, 1916. In a recent list of army men | Practically every rural and urdecorated for gallant and disting- ban municipality was representards of Mention in Dispatches we 15,000 representatives of 825,562 noted one from Acton, W.O. Jack petitioners for prohibition which from overseas a few months ago Parliament Buildings to present and resumed his position as the huge petition to Premier guard at the Ontario Reformat- Hurst. The parade was the most successful for reform ever held in

the Dominion of Canada.

It is regrettable that many men in khaki opposed the march. Halton's delegation and banner suffered perhaps the hottest attack of the melee. The banner was torn to shreds and the Union Jack and Canadian flags trampled under foot. Soldiers, remember, who are sworn to protect the The Duke of Devonshire chap- flag and private citizens! General ter of the I.O.D.E. held their an- Logic was called from Exhibition

The prohibition bill will now

Mr. Robert Watson has purchasof the executive, expressed the ed a lot on Church St. from Mr. appreciation felt for the eight Edward Dynes and will erect a

A quartette of G.T.R. men have been cleaning, tinting and varnishing the interior of the station. The premises are now spic and span and quite attractive. A few cynics will add, "And A concert was put on in Rock- The walls have been retinted and settees have been revarnish-

> Snowshoeing and moonlight sleigh rides have been popular with the young people this week. The roads were so badly drifted the rural mail carriers were un-

La Grippe has been quite prev-Ballinafad Mutual Improve-

# Service Road Approval Unlikely "Two Years to Make Up Mind"

The possibility of re-routing the The firm suggested the road has proposed service road between been planned to run almost parthe fourth and fifth concessions allel to the 401 Highway and of Nassagaweya Township was the headlights from cars going discussed briefly at Nassagaweya east on the service road at night

the 401 Highway, would divert. truck traffic from the Village of Campbellville. It has been in the planning stages for the past two years to make, up their

A letter from an engineering It was decided to try to have likely get government approval. lem.

would likely glare at motorists The service road, just north of going west on the 401.

> Councillors queried, " it seems strange that it has taken them

firm read at last week's an engineer attend the next meetmeeting indicated the proposed ing of the Township Roads Delocation of the road would not partment and discuss the prob-

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ner and program. Licryone Most Welcome

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