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## ... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

### Overglorify Academics, Perhaps

With so much stress being placed, and rightly so, these days on education, we sometimes wonder if we haven't underplayed the advantages of trade training while glorifying the positions which advanced academic training can bring to a young man or woman.

Not meaning at all to detract from the value of a college education, at the same time we must not lose sight of the fact that there are equally interesting occupations to teaching, engineering and the professions which not only fulfil important missions in life but are lucrative to the pocketbook and the mind of the man who studies to that end.

Men like the late George Adams, a skilled bricklayer, come to mind. His work was surely as satisfying as if he had belonged to one of the so-called "white collar" professions. A skilled carpenter, a printer, a bulldozer operator, a tool and die maker are men who command respect and a sizeable pay check in our society.

It is a sad fact today that not enough young men are taking advantage of the technical train-

ing available in larger centres, and that the apprenticeship system is fading. One can't blame too much the young people who are lured by immediate higher money to forego a basic trade training — one can be critical, sometimes, of their parents who perhaps do not push hard enough to have them make less money and get more trade education.

Labour unions have been guilty, too, we fear, in demanding too high a starting wage for unskilled youngsters. All education is not acquired in the classroom, and if a business is willing to train a man, too high a wage should not be expected during the learning process.

Notwithstanding the above, we would not recommend any young person who has the ability leaving high school before at least completing four years and preferably five. If a doctor or teacher is willing to take four or five extra years for his higher education, after high school, so should a tradesman. And a high school diploma is an asset in future, no matter what profession a man may follow.

### Real Boost for Hospital

If there's a medal for energy, then members of the Lions Club should be awarded them.

Fresh from the triumph of almost single-handed building and paying for a community swimming pool, the club has pledged itself to a whopping \$25,000 donation to the planned Georgetown hospital. And the first project, a hockey game for the traditional Spittnik Cup, will raise the first stage of the pledge.

It will be a real boost for the men and women who have worked so hard these past few years to get this free will aid from one of the

town's service clubs. They have had an arduous job, considering sites, engaging architects, approving preliminary plans ... only when a fund drive was on the horizon, to have it stalled by the Avro layoffs.

While immediate action on soliciting public funds is not contemplated by the hospital executive, it will be comforting for them to know that the Lions will be working in the background, and that each dollar raised is one more brick, one less dollar to raise in the future.

### Library Use Stressed

The Canadian Library Week Council is asking support during the next few weeks in encouraging Canadians to make more use of their public libraries — a campaign in which we are more than willing to share.

Despite the visual attractions offered by movies and television, sport car racing, hockey games or motor trips, nothing is quite so satisfying to the spirit as a good book. We pity the person who does not allow himself the luxury of escaping from worldly cares for an hour or two between a book's pages. And we pity, particularly, the youngster whose mother or father does not read him to sleep at night until he has almost memorized fairy stories, Bambi, Black

Beauty, Heidi and the dozens of stories which are part of the magic of childhood.

Reading is the least costly of hobbies. It costs only a pittance a year to use the excellent facilities provided by the local library, which is thought so important by provincial and municipal governments that it is maintained from their treasuries.

But one shouldn't stop there. A reasonable amount of the family budget should be apportioned to building a library of good reading for the family. Not only is this of current value, but it is something which can be passed from generation to generation, for good stories never grow old.

## The Folly of Municipal Poverty . . .

by Ian Cass

At this time of the year, many Ontario municipal councils are meeting to determine the taxation rate, or mill rate, for the current year. The auditors' comments are in, the budget requirements of the various committees have been established, and the time has come for the elected representatives of the community to make one of their most important decisions. It is unfortunate that the average council member will be influenced by a desire to please the more vociferous and short-sighted members of the community; the omnipresent members who can see merit only in lower taxes.

The desire for reduced taxation is, to a certain extent, understandable. We are assailed on all sides by demands for money: direct taxation, locally and federally, indirect taxation, provincially and federally, on everything from cigarettes to motor cars. Much of the money taken by these taxes is spent on items of such vast scope and size that it is not only difficult for the individual to judge the merit of the expenditure, but it is also difficult for him to feel any direct benefit or personal involvement.

Tremendous sums of money, lifted from taxpayers' pockets, are spent on what might be called "intangibles," such as foreign aid, national defense, price supports and provincial grants, to name just a few. The unfortunate taxpayer sees little or no direct benefit to himself or family and often wonders if there is any benefit to anyone. Similarly, in large towns, municipal expenditure is on such a large scale that personal identification with the various projects is difficult.

In a small town the size of ours, however, the situation is rather different. Town expenditure is almost completely confined to essential items with which most taxpayers are familiar — education, roads and police being three of the important ones. Money spent on roads is used to maintain and improve the roads we use every day; money spent on schools removes the necessity for our children to attend "shift" classes; our policemen are familiar figures to us; on every hand, the work and services provided by our municipal taxes are available for our inspection. We can see, first hand, what this mon-

## Halton Students Contribute \$4800 to Junior Red Cross

Milton, Ontario  
 March 28th, 1959

Dear Mr. Editor:  
 During February and March, the public schools of Halton County, (inspectors of Halton No. 1 and No. 2), numbering some eighteen thousand pupils, conducted a campaign for funds for the Ontario Junior Red Cross. The contributions made by these pupils totalled \$4,789.88 and indicated the usual fine support that our school pupils give to this worthwhile cause.

We would appreciate very much any publicity that you might wish to give to this matter in your newspaper. The following additional information regarding the province wide work of the Ontario Junior Red Cross is included. During the six month period, May to October of last year, 2,934 children in Ontario were assisted through the Handicapped & Crippled Children's Fund. Many of these received dental treatment in the three dental coaches which at present are stationed at Matabewan, Noelville, and Richard's Landing. Hearing aids, clothing, drugs, orthopaedic appliances, etc., were provided for 776 children during this time. Homecraft parcels of "things to make" were sent monthly to all crippled children confined to their homes. Forty-four children psychologically affected because of severe malocclusions and mouth malformations were under treatment. One hundred and three pupils were provided with glasses and are now making improved progress in school. Six audiometers were on loan to elementary schools.

Yours truly,  
 Margaret Gemmill, Sec'y.  
 Halton Teachers' Institute

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### Where Are We Heading In Hockey Here ?

After a number of years absence from the local ice palace, we decided last week to take in a game or two. Didn't want to get too excited after our prolonged absence from the place, so dropped in during the second period of the two last Walkerton games. Didn't expect to find standing room at this play-off after remembering back to the days when you had to line up at 6:30 in order to get tickets, but alas there was still plenty of room.

Where has the old hockey spirit gone? Surely TV hasn't cut into the national winter pastime too! The game hasn't changed. It is still the fast-moving affair as we remember back in the thirties and early forties. In fact you can see no better hockey than the local team displayed at these play-off games. The spectators haven't changed either, only there are fewer of them. They can still thrill to the superb skating, the scintillating stick-handling, and the hefty body checks. All that seems to be lacking is the effort to promote mass hysteria ... no that's not the word, but it will suffice to convey the idea.

We still see the old faces at the timekeeper's box, Bob Lane and Tut Harrison to mention a couple. They've held the spirit longer than most of us, and through their efforts Georgetown can still be proud of their hockey record thru the years. Art McAllister was still doing an excellent chore on the mike, although a comparatively newcomer to the other. Strangely enough we didn't get to know all the local players. Guess we should have started earlier in the series. However we did notice a couple who were just starting out when we left off. But thanks to Bill Hunter and his executive who have continued this grand sport, and probably with a face-lifting at the arena in the not too distant future we hope, we might again see the line-ups for tickets and the sound of cheers and boos echoing across the town.

—G.M.G.

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### CLUB MIDTOWN

Well, I'm back again. The 1959 committee has been elected and there are a few changes. The committee is made up of the following well-known figures: President, Barry Timleck; vice-president, Roger Adick; secretary-treasurer, Linda Korzack; executive, Wendy Saunders, Barb Lusty, Dorothy Thomson, Jim Goodlet, John Benham, Mike Williamson and advertising manager Dave Jones. Yours truly is Club Midtown columnist.

On April 10th Harvey Smith will play for the Friday dance, and "hang on" April 24th it will be the ravin', rantin' and roarin' "Dynamones" so be at Midtown on these special dates. Membership crests come out shortly and cards are available for 10c right now. So get yours at Midtown.

Stick around gang And I'll tell you a tale, About how to become an all Canadian male.

Take a stroll up to teentown, Listen to the tunes, You'll be a rockin' and rollin' soon.

And all around town R'll be well understood That you go to Club Midtown Like all the gang should!

Now that I know I can't write poetry or songs, what else will I try? Oh yes! My top ten predic-

### NEW POLICE CRUISER PURCHASE UNWARRANTED

31 Byron Street,  
 March 23rd, 1959

Dear Sir:  
 The decision of council to purchase a new cruiser for our police department is, I feel, wholly unwarranted.

This was done over the objections of councillor Ernest Hyde, who contended that the car now in use should have a motor overhaul done on it and that it would probably be good for another 68,000 miles. He referred to the provincial police cruisers which travel much greater mileages than our local cruiser which has gone only 68,000 miles.

Councillor Hyde aptly pointed out that the town's financial position was such that any unnecessary expenses should be curtailed.

Further investigation of provincial cruiser operation has revealed that they constantly have to travel over the roughest of roads at high speed, which contrasted with the town's paved roads are much harder on the vehicles. Another feature is that seldom is the motor of the provincial officer's car shut off as it is necessary to keep it running even when not travelling to pick up headquarters broadcasts. Hence a recorded mileage of 100,000 would represent motor operation for travelling 150,000 miles.

I am not opposed for one moment to having our police equipped

### CAR-TRUCK COLLISION AT QUEEN AND McNABB CORNER

Part of the nearly \$2,000 required for the new vehicle might have been spent to increase the pay of the officers, to bring their wages more in line with that of the provincial officers, as they perform all the duties of their higher paid brother officers.

Yours truly,  
 —Ed A. Peters

Damage in a car-truck collision at the intersection of Queen and McNabb Streets Saturday afternoon was almost \$1000 according to Cst. Ted Scott who investigated the smash.

Involved in the accident was a 1951 Pontiac driven by Renee May Gadd, 38 Ann St. and a 1950 International truck driven by J Van der Meer of Esquering township. The Gadd car was proceeding east on McNabb and Van der Meer north on Queen when they met at the intersection. Mrs. Gadd applied the brakes but was unable to avoid striking the side of the northbound truck.

Approximately \$850 damage was done to the truck while the other vehicle suffered an estimated \$200 damage. The accident occurred at about 3:05 p.m.