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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Shouldn't Be Measured in Dollars

There has been a radical change in opinion about remuneration for public service in the last

In our short memory, we can go back to the days when the only local benefits accruing from public service were the honours entailed. Payment to municipal councillors was unthought of, much less to members of school boards and hydro commissions.

Now our last stronghold of free service among elected officials is the public school board which, to our knowledge, still serves gratis. Most appointed bodies, library board. with the sole thought of service.

According to a discussion last week at council, we are to be faced with still another paid organization, this îlme a committee of adjustment which will hear appeals against the zoning by-law when it becomes law.

Payment for such service is a subject which can be debated at some length, and to which neither side of an argument can have all points of government. in its favour. We can go so far as to agree with or a conservation group.

by stages from \$5.00 to \$13.00. We do not voting day.

argue that a council member's service is not worth this, but we question how any figure can be arrived at as an accurate one. This march of progress has been abetted by a provincial government which sets ceilings on such payments, and one could interpret this as justification for such payments.

voting larger and larger shares of the tax dol- ition board, mider the chairman petitive. Under pressure from lar to the point of maintaining a paid group of administrators, complete now with a lifetime pension if a man can hold on to his seat for three successive terms.

We are rapidly going back to the old board of parks, cemetery board, etc. also serve Grecian days when public service was a profession, recognized as such, and for which training and payment was established accordingly.

If w are to have professional rulers, whether at the federal or local level, then we should return to those days. There should be training courses in our institutes of higher learning for politicians. And a prerequisite of contesting public office should be a degree in the science

Perhaps it would not be a bad thing to a token payment to men who serve a town in . have our country's affairs in the hands of traina capacity of public trust. And yet we cannot ed personnel, controlled by public election, but assess the services of a councillor or a school all versed in the procedures of government trustee above those of a member of the planning Specialized training should ensure to a larger board or a church organization, a service club extent a man's governing qualities. And if politicians are to reach the point where they make We have watched succeeding councils vote politics a profession, we should require more themselves meeting fees which have advanced training than just the ability to garner votes on

Town's Share Too High . . .

ways which go through a town should be paid from provincial funds.

fake a town like Georgetown, whose entire length is traversed by Highway 7. For years highway traffic was impeded by a rough and dangerous stretch of roadway which the town could not see its way fit to afford fixing, and which, when finally done add-

ed a sizeable chunk of debenture debt to an already full portfolio." to Guelph will again pose a similar problem ficult a figure to arrive at.

A larger share of cost for provincial high- for highway authorities, for the Georgetown stretch will be a bottleneck. And we can see no reason why Georgetown ratepayers should subsidize highway travellers' and pay a large sum to speed their way through our town.

It is a question to which the Dept., of Highways should give some study. Certainly, town should pay its share of cost for using a highway as a town road. An easy way to figure would be to take a similar busy roadway They have fought a long and los Douglas Creswick of 91 Prince in another part of town, estimate its upkeep over And the end is not yet. Contemplated a period of years, figure from this a yearly cost widening of the highway to Norval, and the and have the town pay a similar figure for high- and left the railways to carry the making a left turn off Quelph certainty that this will eventually be continued way maintenance. And it shouldn't be too dif-

Ambulance Volunteers Needed.

Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service needs more volunteers, according to one of the members who asks some publicity for the group.

According to the ambulanceman, the ranks of volunteers have been thinned by members who have moved from town since the Ayro layoff, and there has been no increase in newcomers. Which means that those who are left are serving longer tours of duty and carrying a heavier load than it was originally anticipated.

With a shifting and increasing population, there are no doubt many newcomers who are potential GVAS members. The present membership wants them to know that they would be welcomed. Any information they wish to know can be obtained from members, who would be happy to have them attend a meeting of the handling system in which the

The GVAS is a public service of great importance to town and one which should command a full membership.

Three Busses Take Teeners For Day's Fun at Wasaga

The first in a series of bus trips; partaking of the offerings of the pleted the return trip at about planned by Club Midtown took Wasaga midway. Three buses 11 p.m. The journeys to and some 100 teeners to Wasaga's san- were used to transport the eager from Wasaga contained some of dy beach on Sunday where they teeners to the Ontario play- the day's peak enjoyment for the spent the day sunning, surfing and ground where they stayed from

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The club met at the Corner Curboard on Main St. at 8.30 Sunday morning where they were picked up by the buses and comparty as close to six hours of singing made each bus load a mobile glee club. Chaperoning the group were Mr. and Mrs. Calvin King and Mr. and Mrs. Dale-H

The enterprising Midtown executive also hope to stage a street dance at the new shopping plaza in the near future, the proceeds to go to the hospital fund. Other bus trips would take in Toronto and Kitchener.

Norval United Church Rev. R. Freel, B.A., B.D.

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Controversial Corner

TEAMSTERS WIN OVER CANADIAN RAILWAYS

Many readers will recall the truckers' strike which occurred in Southern Ontario last April. Perhaps the most outstanding feature of the strike was the fact that Ontario Labour Minister Daley The purpose of this meeting was appealed to that upstanding leader of U.S. labour, Jimmy Hoffa. to achieve a settlement. The main issue of the strike, and reported issues were many, appeared to be the truckers' objection to the use of rail piggyback services by the transport companies involved.

board has denied the companies

Canada does not need any in-

crease in long-distance heavy

truck haulage. We need a more

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Mr. Goldenberg's conciliation

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The railways already

The immediate result of the strike, goods are brought by tractor-trail and Mr. Daley's appeal to Hoffe, er to a convenient railway pick-up was a blow to Canada's transpor point, the trailer is driven onto tation system and a weakening of a flatcar taken by rail as far as Canadian control of Canadian lab- possible, and then hooked our. The U.S. Teamster Presi- another tractor for the final phase dent succeeded in getting control of its journed by road. The sysof Ontario Local 938 - a local tem works Well, and avoids which had been something of a usual costly time-wasting oper thorn in his flesh for some time, ation of double loading and un-Therefore, the immediate result loading previously associated with of this Ontario strike, was to combined rail and highway haul-

strengthen the empire of a age. And now Mr. Goldenberg's labour leader who has already conciliation board has seen fit to boasted of his ability to cripple impose limitations on the use of the U.S. economy, a man describ- this progressive system, to state ed by the U.S. Senate as " a men that the two transport companies ace to the nation", a man who involved may only use this method boasts of a police record "as long under certain conditions. The

This is by way of introduction: their right to send legal freight the main issue in the strike was in a legal manner; it has denied At the federal level, we have governments sent to conciliation. The concili- the railways their right to be comthip of Carl Goldenberg, has just the teamsters' union, who didn't nanded down its findings. Its have a legitimate grievance in the verdict was that Smith Transport first place, it has exceeded the and Kingsway Transport compan- authority of any conciliation

ics must favour their own drivers board. If the railway workers go in preference to the use of rail on strike as a result of jobs lost way piggyback transport. This is through the diminished use of a very short-sighted, dangerous piggyback flatcars, perhaps Mr. situation, and one which I sin- Goldenberg could be persuaded to cerely hope will be challenged by chair the conciliation work in that the Minister of Transport on the dispute! rounds that the board has shown itself to be incompetent, influenc-

ed and unrealistic. The conciliation board has vir efficient railroad system to handle tually told the two transport com. the bulk of our long-distance panies that they are not free to freight. choose the type of transportation have two strikes against them as which they feel is best. I am no far as competing with the truckgreat advocate of free enterprise, ing industry is concerned-they but the people of this country have to build their own railroad have chosen that system of gov. tracks; the truckers use the highernment, and I see no reason why ways, paid for by every motorist conciliation board, or any other and taxpayer in the country. non-representative body, should be empowered to undermine it. It try needs an efficient trucking in-

is the old story of whether or not dustry just as it needs efficient management has the right to man railroads, but we cannot tolerate age-Mr. Goldenberg presumably any attempt to promote one by thinks not. Now this dangerous submitting to pressure groups precedent has been set, why from the other. When the presshouldn't truckers strike against sure group involved has the con-'he use of air freight, or, for that taminating hand of Hoffa behind matter, against the use of lake or it, this is even more reason to coastal shipping? There is far stand firm against it. too much fathcaded legislation surrounding Canada's transporta- | board must be told to think again tion system already—some of it company inspired for protection against competition; some of it inspired by union stupidity, like the piggyback affair.

The railways of this country have been the whipping-boys of politicians for too many years. collision opposite the Delrex shop-They have been criticized, violent ping plaza Monday, July 20th when ly and continually, for their inef a car driven by William R. Horbal ficiency, bad-management, of 44 Arrowsmith Ave., Toronto. rates and out-dated equipment. collided with a car driven by ing battle with the trucking com Charles Dr. panies who have run off with The west bound Creswick car, a nost of the plums of the business 1959 Renault Dauphin sedan, was rest. The Tailways were mainly Street into the Loblaw parking lot responsible for the economic de when the accident occurred, about velopment of Canada - without 6.45 p.m. them the West would still be an The damage was estimated at infant. The rail system of this \$400 to the small Creswick vehicle country is essential to its progress and \$300 to the 1958 Buick conand economic health. It must be vertible driven by Mr. Horbal. maintained, either as a limited in- Cst. Harley Lowe made the inefficient operation draining away vestigation. tax dollars or as an enterprising concern and a source of national revenue. The inescapable fact remains-Canada could not survive

without her railways. The piggyback system, developed by the railways, is a minimum

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Board Hold's Meeting With R. C. Parishioners At Holy Cross School on Wed-|chairman; Stan Walsh, Bob Brick,

ing for all members of the parish. treasurer. to answer questions and discuss

ation of the school, Tony O'Byrne, the board chairtype of discussion followed.

problems concerning the oper-

During the meeting Mr. O'Byrne! paid tribute to Bob McDermott, ently from Montreal on the S.S. past board chairman, for his zeal- Sylvania. It is her second trip ous contribution to the board and back, having had a visit in 1922. its undertakings since its incep- Mrs. Herbert is planning to visit

board members are Tony O'Byrne, sisters there.

nesday evening. July 22nd the Ted Hand, Joe Strite and John school board held an open meet- Dickson. Ed Malison is secretary-

VISITS HOME AFTER FORTY YEARS HERE

First time home in forty years, man- opened the meeting and an Arthur Herbert, 6 Guelph Street, interesting question and answer will be spending the summer in

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert sailed rec with her three sisters and two bro-Before closing the meeting the thers who live in the Greenock chairman introduced the other area, while Mr. Herbert will be in board members. The present the Rugby district. He has two

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