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## EDITORIAL COMMENTS

### Changes in Political Scene

Monday's elections in town and township sparked more than the usual amount of interest.

On one of the rare occasions in recent years when Esquering offices were not filled by reclamation, the deputy reeve ousted the incumbent, and one school board member was defeated when five men vied for the three seats, the first time in history that there has been a board election.

Georgetown council also saw some changes when a veteran poll header ran in consolation position, and the town's only lady councillor was defeated in her second bid for office. Here three present councillors will be joined by three newcomers. A successor to Mayor Armstrong is still to be chosen, with nominations scheduled next Tuesday.

Assuming that Cr. Ern Hyde will be unopposed in his bid for the mayoralty, the 1960 council, according to election literature issued by a majority of the successful candidates will be heavily weighted against any large-scale house building in town without compensating industrial assessment at least as far as Delrex is concerned. Four elected men plus Mr. Hyde were included

in eight signatures on a "statement of policy" which so stated this in an advertisement last week. Another new councillor generalized on the same theme in his election publicity.

Control of housing, other than in the Delrex subdivision is governed by the subdivision by-law, a recent amendment to which allows a payment of \$400 per lot in lieu of maintaining the ratio. Unless this legislation is changed, there is no legal bar to house building applicants who satisfy this requirement if they so wish.

Delrex Developments is precluded from building houses on unleased land without amending the 60-40 agreement by which the firm guarantees a 40% industrial-commercial ratio in town, a matter which has been in the discussion stage for several months now.

A report on subdivision costs, presently in preparation by the town auditor, will, of course, have an important bearing on any future deliberations of council on the land release question, and until the report is received and studied, there can be little further council discussion on the housing subject.

### Milestone in Herald History

Today's issue marks a milestone in the history of the Herald when, for the first time, all town copies of the paper will either be delivered by carrier boys or girls or purchased over the counter in stores.

Some 600 residents who formerly paid a yearly rate and received their copies by mail will now be served by a new system designed to speed delivery of the weekly edition once it is off the press. They join an equal number in the eastern part of town who have had this service for over a year.

While there has been a minimum of inconvenience in making this change, it is likely that there will be a few hitches before

### Newspaperboy's Creed

Believing the young carrier boys are getting good business training for the future, the Herald has taken some trouble to explain to them the importance of conducting business in the proper way.

Distribution of the Newspaperboys' Creed was included in this plan, and the thoughts expressed are worth repeating for readers to ponder also, we believe. Here it is:

#### NEWSPAPERBOYS' CREED

"I believe in Salesmanship and Good Service; in the newspaper I am selling; in the firm I am associated with, and in my ability to get results.

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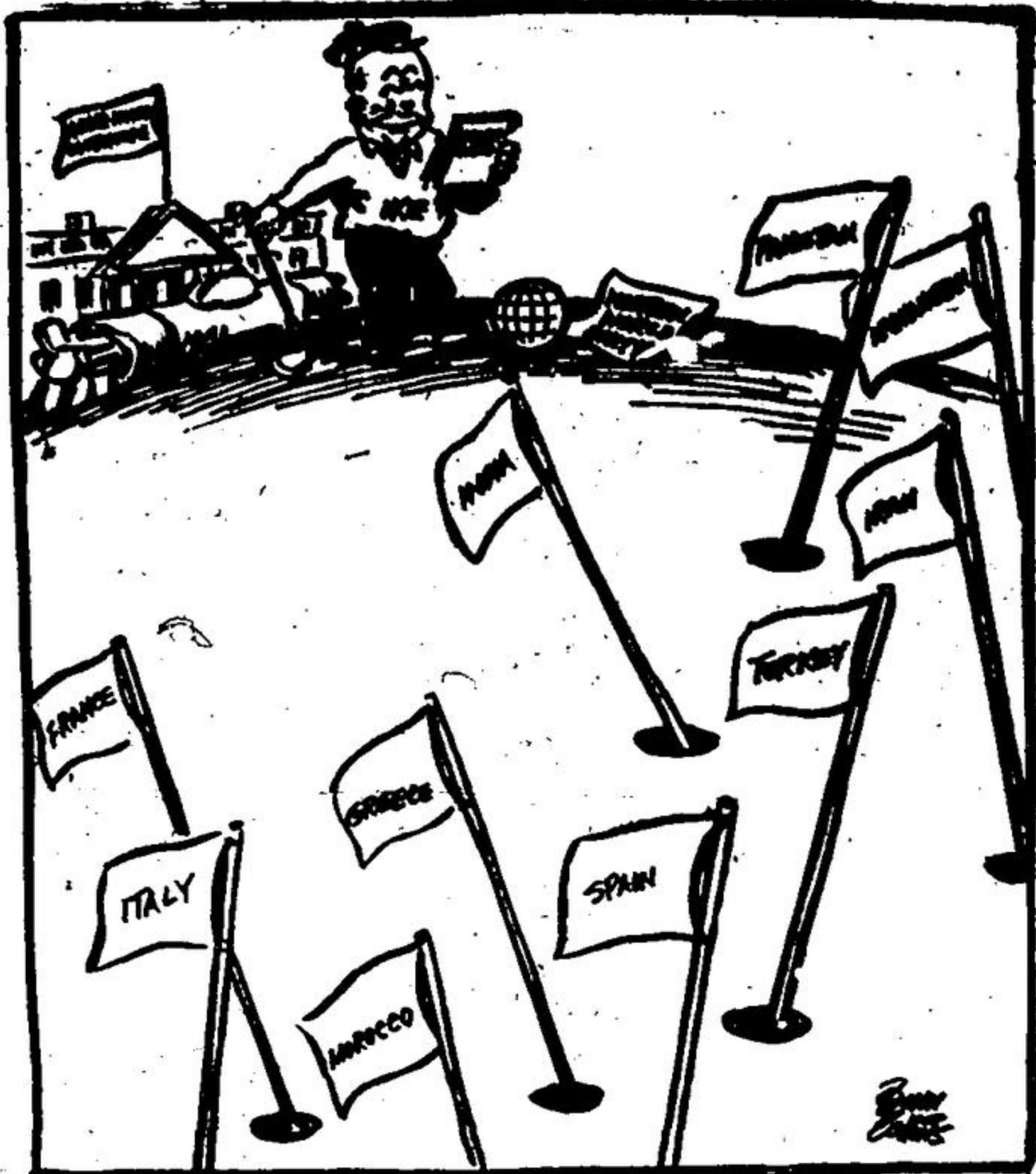
laughing, not weeping; in boosting, not knocking, and in the pleasure of selling newspapers.

I believe that a person gets what he goes after; that one order today is worth two orders tomorrow, and that no person is a failure until he has lost faith in himself.

I believe in today and the work I am doing; in tomorrow and the work I hope to do; and in the reward which the future holds.

I believe in Courtesy, in Kindness, in Generosity, in Good Cheer, in Friendship and honest competition.

I believe that the best way to help myself is by helping the other fellow."



WHAT A COURSE!

## Controversial Corner

by Ian Cass

### THE RAPE OF CANADA'S NATURAL RESOURCES

Conservation. This is a familiar word. It should be, because every Canadian who holds any public office, from the insignificant up to the Prime Minister, pays tribute to it. Every individual, whose position depends on public support, pays lip-service to the noble aims of Conservation. There is plenty of grandiose talk of protecting our forests, our water resources, our wildlife our soil; even our fresh air. There is, apparently, such a surfeit of support for the principles of Conservation that one might wonder at the lack of action. The lack of action springs from the necessity of upholding the principles of Conservation only so long as they do not interfere with the inviolable rights of any Canadian to 'make a buck.' If, in making this 'buck,' he pollutes our rivers, destroys our forests, or contaminates the air we breathe, this must be forgiven on the grounds that he is a businessman trying to make a profit. Any attempt to limit the relentless destruction and contamination of our natural resources must play second fiddle to the expansion of commerce and the sacred rights of making money.

This is why Canadians can be a Conservation minded people in a country with no sound Conservation policy. Canada is the most recently 'developed' large area of land in the world; the latest conquest of the axe, the plough and the greedy hand of man. In the exploitation of the natural resources of this vast land, we shall see if the lesson of the deserts created by ancient civilizations in Iraq, Iran, Egypt, China and India have been learned by twenty centuries of 'progress.'

There are two absolute extremes in Conservation; the one applies to Canada and the other to Israel. In this country we need a program aimed at preserving and improving our heritage of abundant fresh water, vast forests and rolling plains of fertile soil; Israel, having inherited a man-made desert, is faced with the grueling task of reclaiming it—a program which may take a thousand years, a program of grinding labour, repeated setbacks and continual frustration. Nearly all the 'poor' nations in this world are poor because of one thing, one factor is common, the inability to produce enough food. This is true of India and China—it is just as true in the Middle East and S. America. The rich and prosperous areas, Canada, the United States, Europe and so on, also have a common factor, enough food. There is, however, a dangerous difference between the European approach to agriculture and forestry and the N. American approach. Generally speaking, the European countries have adopted a policy of wise land utilization, crop rotation and forestry management on a sustained yield basis.

This policy has resulted in the continued increase in European agricultural production and, particularly in Scandinavian countries, has protected the forests from destruction. In N. America the huge natural resources of land and forest are being destroyed at a shocking rate, a rate which is probably unique in the history of man. This thoughtless destruction is one of the blackest marks against the over-enthusiastic support of the principles of 'free enterprise.' Surely, the use of the word enterprise in this phrase is a contradiction of terms!

In N. America, this irresponsible disregard for the laws of nature and natural history has already rendered useless more than one hundred million acres of once fertile soil. True, most of this area is in the U.S., but this is due to the more rapid development of that country and a hotter climate rather than to any superior approach to land conservation in Canada.

Closer to home, in the Province of Ontario, it is estimated (Ont. Govt. White Paper 1954) that the present stands of white and red pine will only last for another 17 years at the present rate of cutting. In S. Ontario alone, forest cover has been completely removed from 8,000 square miles of land incapable of producing anything but trees—no adequate steps for replanting have been taken.

Our water resources have been treated in a like manner. In S. Ontario, 80% of what were once permanently flowing streams now dry up in summer. In the W. Humber River, during March, the flow was measured at 4,000 cubic feet a second; in September it was less than one cubic foot—a direct result of uncontrolled runoff caused by the destruction of tree cover in the Humber Valley. Furthermore, during the heavy flow in March, 2,700 tons of precious topsoil was being washed down the Humber every hour. Anticipating the aspect of our apathetic and indifferent approach to water conservation is the increasing pollution of our once clear rivers and lakes with sewage, industrial waste and garbage. In soil conservation the story is the same. We stand by and watch while indifferent farming methods on many farms result in erosion of top soil which took nature thousands of years to create.

This is no subject for idle discussion, if sound Conservation methods cannot be introduced voluntarily they must be enforced by law.

Note: This week's column has attempted, briefly, to establish the need for Conservation. Next week, methods of preventing the further destruction of our natural resources will be discussed.

I am indebted to the Conservation Council of Ontario for some of the figures used here. For those who are interested in becoming better informed in this subject, I recommend a ten cent booklet published by the Council entitled 'Ontario's Future? Conservation of Else', which is available from their office at 85, King St. E., Toronto.

## Sugar and Spice

Disposed by BILL SHELLEY of the Waterloo News

The other day a fellow from the Toronto Star, Ben Rose, was interviewing me. At least, I think that's what he was doing. That's who he said he was, anyway, and he came down to the house, and we had a beer, and he borrowed some books from me.

We asked some questions about how I got started in the newspaper business. While sorting out the confusing answers, an odd look passed over his face. He said: "Really, then, you've never had any other job?" I floundered mentally back, through the past twenty years and had to admit, somewhat sheepishly: "By the way, I guess you're right." I never thought of it that way.

It was rather a sobering thought, but I didn't let it bother me at the time. Tonight, however, I was reading the Help Wanted ads in the evening paper I do this once in a while, just to see if anybody wants a used editor for a forty-hour week at \$10,000 a year. There aren't many openings.

As I read down the columns, which pleaded for real estate salesmen, nurses, pressmen, upholsterers, production experts, commercial artists, stenographers and shortorder cooks, that remark made by Mr. Rose flew into the back of my mind like a bat, and hung there, upside down, squeaking.

My eyes started to slide down the list with something akin to panic, until all I was seeing was a blur of Aggressive Young Man, Bricklayer, Coding Clerk, Stationary Engineer, Junior Comptometer Operator, Female Receptionist Good Appearance, and a lot of other things I am definitely not.

I got hold of myself, slowed down, and read every ad carefully. Do you know the only

job, on three pages, for which I was qualified? It read: "100 MEN WANTED. Highest wages paid to distribute advertising matter. Paid some day. Phone so-and-so." That's a job stuffing handbills under doors.

Anyway, it was quite a job to realize that here I am, nearing middle age, and the only job I'm qualified for, if I lost the one I'm in, is peddling bills with a bunch of rummies. Now all this doesn't necessarily mean you don't have to know anything to be an editor. Nor does it mean that all editors would be useless in any other job. I know some editors who would make excellent bartenders. And vice versa.

Of course, it's not entirely true that I never had another job. I did work at several things, for short periods, in between, sort of. For instance, I worked on a passenger steamer on the Great Lakes, in summer holidays. There I learned to sort dirty linen, polish brass, wipe up after the septic, and shoot crap. But there doesn't seem to be much call for this sort of thing in the Help Wanted.

Another summer, I worked in a factory, where I learned several trades. Like welder's helper, for example. I used to pull the welder's dirty great tanks around for him, on a sort of cart affair. Then I had to sit and watch them, while he went off into a building to weld. There had to be a man watching the tanks, in case they blew up, or something. Company rule. But I don't see any ads looking for a Welder's Tank Watcher.

Later that summer, they put me to running the freight elevator. I enjoyed that, until the day I fell asleep at the bottom of the elevator shaft and everybody went home and I was locked in the plant and had to

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### OFFER PRIZES FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

Prizes for outside decorations on Georgetown homes are again being offered this year by the Chamber of Commerce.

Judging will be done during the week preceding Christmas and following days, and residents are reminded to leave their lighting displays on each evening.

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### 25 YEARS AGO

#### ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald, Dec 5, 1934

Magistrate McIveen of Oakville held court in Georgetown last Thursday when a man was charged by Chief Marshall with attempting to destroy electric lights on the

Glen Road. He was found guilty and given suspended sentence.

Last Wednesday night a car driven by two Brampton men turned over in the ditch near C. W. Kennedy's on Guelph St. The men were badly shaken up and bruised and the car was badly damaged.

There is a fair coating of ice at the arena and if the cold weather continues it should be hard enough to skate on by Thursday.

A reward of \$100 had been offered for the apprehension of a gang of chicken thieves operating in the district.

LeRoy Dale was one of 82 new King's Councils appointed by Attorney-General Hon. Arthur Roebuck.

Chapter 1 of Fighting with Kit Carson starts at the Gregory with the feature presentation Saturday "Peck's Bad Boy" starring Thomas Meighan and Jackie Cooper.

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ALLUMETTE ISLAND IN THE OTTAWA RIVER, WAS SO NAMED BECAUSE THE REEDS ALONG ITS SHORES WERE USED FOR MATCHES.

EIGHT OF THE TEN PROVINCES BORDER ON SALT-WATER.

THE PLAINS OF ABRAHAM ARE NAMED AFTER ABRAHAM MARTIN, A RIVER PILOT.