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## Province Should Pay .....

Visiting Terra Cotta Conservation area recently, we were struck by the fine effort being made to provide public recreation by the green belt areas so rapidly disappearing in the metro Toronto region.

The spacious park has swimming and picnic areas, plus accommodation for campers which are on a par with any private resort operator could provide and superior to many. That it should have to be provided partly by taxpayers of the surrounding municipalities is wrong. The province should be the largest and most generous provider for the benefit of all residents to area residents only.

The problem of conservation is real today, and cannot be solved by the mere wish to do so. It must be solved by the province.

to the subject. The Credit Valley group is one of the best, and has rightly included public parks in its program.

It is in no effort to discourage their efforts that we suggest more emphasis on persuading the provincial government to pay the whole cost of such park projects. There have been undercurrents of unrest among some district municipalities about the growing costs of conservation, and we should hate to see the large work of water storage and large-hatched ground suffered if an expenditure were to be imposed on the municipalities.

Parks like Terra Cotta Park will bring pleasure to park users, recreation will go on during the bad and pressure at the right places.

## Pensions Yet! .....

Suggestion of an alternative to the re-election of Mayors and Presidents of Councils given to a pension system for all councillors is one which deserves serious attention from the authorities.

The fact that the suggestion comes from a man whose term as Mayor of Georgetown for 28 years he re-entered the political scene after a period for pension, enough to set an example of service making him eligible, shows that municipalities must take a stand on just how sincere they go in their efforts to help his public service.

The whole question of pensions for councillors is a matter of concern to us all, which we fear has quite disappeared in the past decade.

We can see no reason why the remuneration for men who do a full day's work for hours to serve on council, school boards and hydro commissions.

But the present claim for a pension in the Toronto area communities is as follows: at a meeting, and in Georgetown, a pension of \$13 for councillors, a minimum of \$10 is taken.

Pay proponents will argue that a councillor is underpaid at \$13 a month. And if one considers that a councillor may spend up to ten hours a day on his duties,

then 40 committee meetings are counted for a year, and start at \$10 a person, and add on the others so that a councillor, an average part-time job, is not to be sneezed at either.

The latter must realize that, and when you get paid for service, you should demand any increase in payment for that particular job.

The figure does not include the 13 days of Council service in April and May, the days when there are only three ways to make a living, but there are many.

There are many, of course. In Georgetown, for instance, we find the local commissioners' Chamber of Commerce, chamber of commerce, chamber of trade, local trade, scouts and guides, a local variety of youth in clubs, bands, etc., each way, plus for a man with an outlet for his spare time talents. His payment cannot be measured in money, and in exchange in the value of satisfaction in serving his fellowmen.

It can be argued that payment for public service is largely token, to keep the men. We can't think, however, that it is token, or worse, token, than they were a dozen years ago when it was no longer a mark of a man to receive a dollar for payment.

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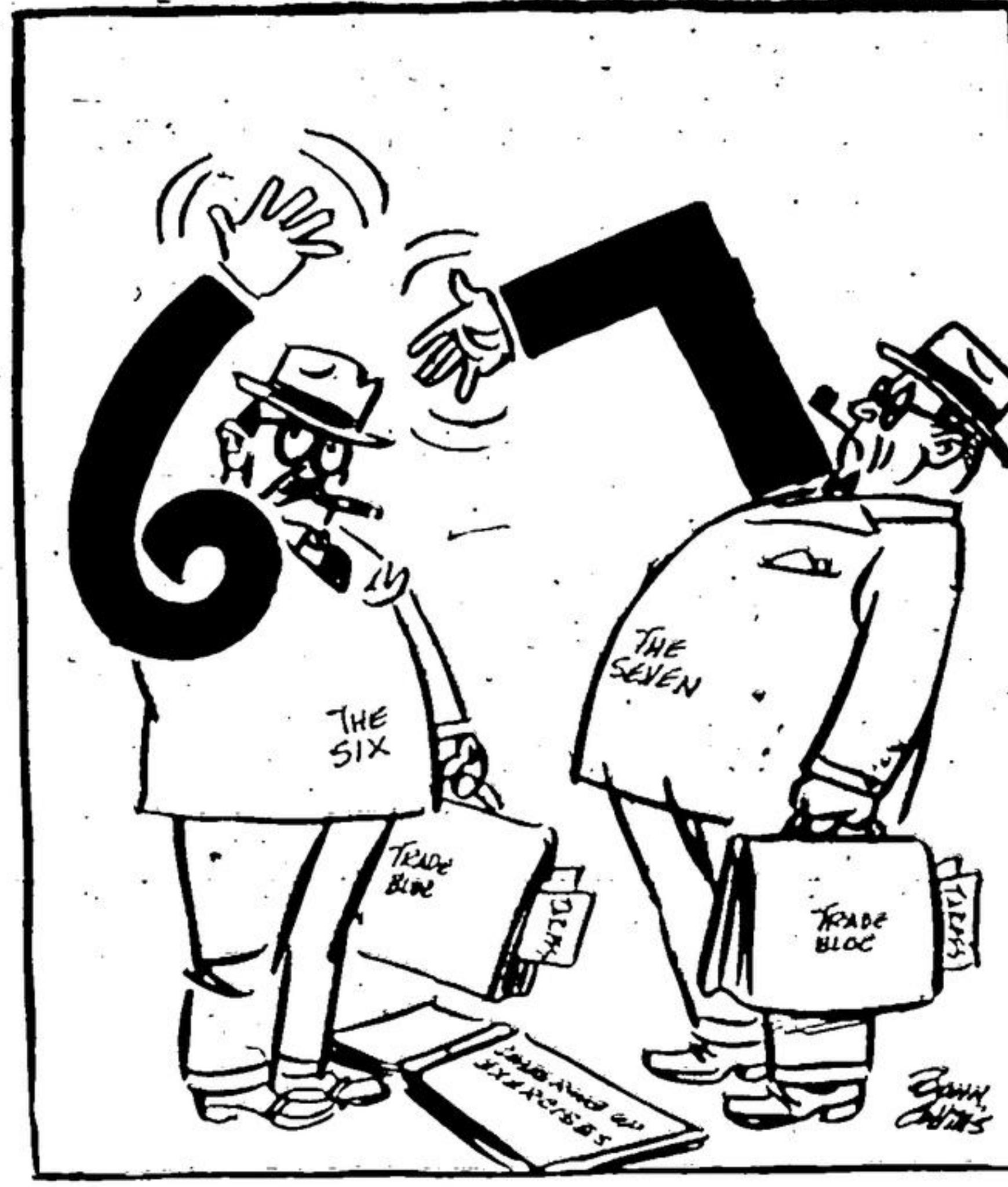
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Most of these ice breakers seem to be passed on your knees. That's as good a method as any of about half stiffness and reserve, and levelling differences in rank. Here's one of them. It's called Rabbit. "All knelt on the floor in a circle. The leader asks each one, in turn, if he knows how to play rabbit. When they admit they do not, he rises and says, "Well, I guess we can't play it then, no one knows how." That would certainly establish an informal, friendly attitude at any party.

Here's another. "All are asked to kneel in a circle to be initiated into the order of Siam. They are requested to repeat after the leader the oath of allegiance: 'Ova Tayan Siam.' They say it slowly at first, then rapidly. On by one they realize that they are saying 'O what'

At times, we are guilty of wrongly thinking ourselfs, it is one of the habits a reporter must face. But never is it done with intention. Mr. Cass,



THE DIFFICULT ECONOMIC HANDSHAKE

## Sugar and Spice .....

DISPOSED BY BILL SMITH of the Waterloo Echo

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All I can say is that it makes me sick with envy. We sure didn't have any fun like that when I was in the air force. Night after night we'd just sit around the mess and drink beer and argue.

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Oh, we did have a few old games that might crop up once in a while at a station party. But they were pretty effeminate, badly organized efforts, compared to Rabbit, for example. We did have one, though, that was played on hands and knees, like these new ones.

Two large, preferably thick-headed young pilots were chosen. Each was given a weapon consisting of newspapers or magazines tightly rolled. They were blindfolded. Then on hands and knees they stalked each other. Idea was to find your opponent and club him unconscious. First to draw blood was the winner, and the loser had to buy a round for all hands.

Another of our simple little games was something like that one they play at the women's Institute, called, Sing, Say or Pay. We'd all stand in a circle. Each in turn had to tell a story, sing a song, or have his trousers removed and a pint of cold ale poured over that part of his anatomy between navel and knee. This always led to some goodnatured, boisterous scuffling, in which one type lost two front teeth and another got a warped nose, at one party I remember.

At the Gregory Theatre, "Jim Burke", starring Jack Holt, "Million Dollar Baby" starring Ray Walker and Arlene Judge, and "Vanessa" starring Robert Montgomery and Helen Hayes.

Then there was Boomerang. This was played only when most of the players were leaving first thing in the morning for a new station. First, you gathered all the plates and saucers from the dining room. Two teams were picked, and each retired hastily behind a barricade consisting of the piano or a large table turned on its side. Then you skinned a plate every time one of the opposing team stuck his head up. You'd get one right back at you, hence the name Boomerang. This was a jolly, cheerful game designed not only to break down the traditional reserve of the fighter pilot, but also every window in the place.

And of course there was Mass Rugby. This was a high spirited game. In which any number could take part. Having to gallop over the chesterfield, and around the tables made it more interesting. The smallest pilot in the mess was used as a

## Controversial Corner

By Lai Cass

### Around The Nation

#### Quebec Election Results

A majority in our history has come to grips with the larger problems. If this government cannot deal with the larger problems, the winter of 1960-61 may be a grim one indeed.

#### All Eyes On Avian

The latest information on our youngest industrial venture is that the Avian 2/180 should be ready — with a much improved model — for flight testing in about three months time. I feel sure that most of us in Georgetown feel an almost personal interest in this bold step toward the future.

If you are a staunch Liberal, Federally and Provincially, you will probably view the Quebec results as an indication of decreasing support for J. D. B. Conservatives at Ottawa. If you are a staunch Conservative, you will take quite a different view and not see any contradiction between the Quebec vote and the Federal Government's strength.

My own opinion, which may be quite wrong as Quebec and the people are in a hurry to move, is that the Union Nationale lost the election partly because the voters were revolted against the corruption, violence and dictatorial policies of the UN and partly because the crowd-pulling masses of the master campaigner, Maurice Duplessis, were too strong.

In any event, if the Quebec results are any indication, then the French Canadians people have returned to the federalists, long lost and undemonstrable, as a natural result of the election.

The new government has not a majority in itself, 43 to 44, but an average of 17 to 19 per cent of the vote, from 17 to 19 per cent of the population. With 21.4 per cent of the voters of 10 per cent of the population, it is well that the UN did not do worse. Not because the UN did not do worse, but because the federalists did not do so bad. The Duplessis machine did not do so bad.

#### BURLINGTON

Ontario's most modern municipal fire dispatching headquarters designed and built by a single man — Fireman Bill Weston of Burlington Fire Department — will go into operation here early in July.

#### ERIN

An Industrial Committee has been formed in Erin, Ontario, for the promotion of the village in undertaking to obtain industry for the municipality.

#### TRAFALGAR TWP.

Casey Stengel of the New York Yankees will probably be in town any day to see what makes the Hawks fly so high in the Trafalgar Police Softball League.

The Hawks have scored 94 runs in the past two games to lead something of a scoring race, and in league play.

#### ACTON

Action merchants are looking forward to seeing a large turnout for their first attempt at sponsoring a community picnic scheduled for Action Park, Monday, July 11, when races, contests, games and refreshments will be provided to the people of Action Free.

#### CALEDON

"We're delighted with the result of the endeavour," says spouse Mr. W. F. R. Stubbs, a leader in the movement to have Caledon incorporated as a police village. He was commenting on an announcement from Caledon Township's Reeve Thomas Glassford that third reading had been given by the council to that effect.

#### MILTON

More than 550 residents of Milton and the surrounding territory took advantage of seeing at first hand the "inside" operations of the Bell Telephone Company's dial exchange building here, during a two-day "Open House" display last week.

#### ORANGEVILLE

Work on the new addition to the Orangeville District High School got under way last Thursday, as a Guelph construction firm began moving earth.

#### OAKVILLE

Thirty young men from different parts of India made a short stop in Oakville on Friday morning, and had breakfast at a Coborne Street restaurant. The group, who had come to Ontario to inspect Hydro installations, had been at the atomic research centre at White River, and were on their way to the big Hydro plant at Queenston.

#### WORD OF THE WISE

Small worries are worst when they are idle and are often dispersed by motion like a flock of gnats. — Charles Horton Cooley.

