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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Urge Children Read More

There is nothing with which we are more in accord than Young Canada Book Week which is being marked from November 15th to 22nd.

Locally the public library board notes the week with a display of new books for children and it is hoped that a great number of parents and teachers will realize their value.

Nowadays, there is a definite impediment to children's reading habits in the television set, a standard piece of furniture in most homes and one which commands a large share of the leisure hours of most of the household.

It is more of a handicap than a reward to youngsters of today to have a TV set.

For while the TV set is a boon to the radio and read of the same time, it can

not read and watch pictures with only one bit of eyes. So it is, that every hour spent watching TV is one hour less for leisure reading. And it is a matter which should cause some concern for parents today.

We do not suggest you throw away your TV set.

But we do suggest that television viewing be regulated, and definite times set for reading.

They should grow up with not only the books of the adventures of Tom Sawyer, the tales of the adventures of the boys and the stories of Dickens. Nor should any girl not be familiar with Little Women, What Katy Did, or The Mill on the Floss.

We hope Young Canada Book Week will encourage more reading among this generation. It would be a pity if today's youngsters could not share the joys of a recreation whose benefits are boundless.

Present Location the Best

Expropriation of land on the highway by the Dept. of Public Works is surmised as a first step to location of a new post office in town. And we don't agree.

The present post office is a handsome building whose usefulness for other than another type of public building is open to question. Next door is a blighted area, a half-burned building which has been offered for sale for many months and is apparently unobtainable at the asking price.

At one time there was a post box, that the building would be demolished for a chain store, but this did not materialize. Failing such a demolition and building we can see no real use in store for the old Rosy

other than creation of apartments which would be no particular asset to this downtown location.

What we would like to see happen, would be for the postal authorities to purchase the adjoining property which would supply ample parking space, one of the drawbacks of the present post office, and when a larger building is needed, add a wing to the building at the rear or wherever it would best suit.

We do not argue that the highway location would not be a good one for a new building. But we do hate to see a handsome building abandoned, when an addition could be such an effective addition to the downtown scenery.

They Work... We Can Help

If you, like us, have a young fellow interested in hockey, then you owe a vote of gratitude to the sports minded men who willingly give up their Saturday morning sleep-in to coach, manage referee and supervise the hundreds of hockey hopefuls who crowd the ice from 7 A.M. on.

Not all the fathers have the ability or the time to spare for this citizen building program. But there are few who haven't the time to turn up to watch their boy play.

If you haven't made a point of attending the games, resolve to do so in future.

Not only will your youngster get a lift from knowing his dad is watching, but you will be showing the men in charge that you appreciate their efforts. And it is an effort granted that a man wouldn't volunteer unless he likes the job, it is still no fun to get up so early every Saturday, and hustle a team into uniform and out on the ice.

Dedication Speaker Has Distinguished Career

Of interest to many local people who saw last Sunday's Prince Edward Regiment (Canadian Remembrance Service) will be Adrian Milne and served in the outline of the career of the guest speaker of that day.

Lieutenant General Graham second in command first enlisted in the Canadian Army as a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Force in March, 1916, when he was seven years of age. Since then, 1939, and a year later was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and four years when he was appointed to command the 7th Brigade in the 3rd Division in overseas with the 15th Brigade in the 1st Canadian Expeditionary Force in France and Germany. In May, 1940, he was demobilized and later in the same year entered St. John's and part of the Italian campaign. In the spring of 1944 General Graham returned to Canada and

was appointed Deputy Chief of the General Staff in charge of training, and at the close of the war was transferred from the General Staff to the Adjutant General's Branch as Deputy Adjutant General. In November, 1946, he was posted to England as Senior Canadian Army Officer in London where he remained until October, 1948.

In 1948, Brigadier Graham was promoted to Major General and appointed Vice Chief of the General Staff in Ottawa and remained there until February, 1951, when he was appointed General Officer Commanding the 7th Brigade in the 3rd Division in Ottawa. On September 1st, 1955, he was promoted to Lieutenant General and appointed Chief of the General Staff.

During the operations in Sicily, General Graham was awarded the Distinguished Service Order and in operations in Italy, in the winter of 1943-44, was awarded the Bar to the DSO. Subsequently he was created a Commander of the Order of the British Empire and has been honoured by the United States Government with the award of the Legion of Merit, and by the French Government by the appointment of the Legion of Honour and the award of the Croix de Guerre.

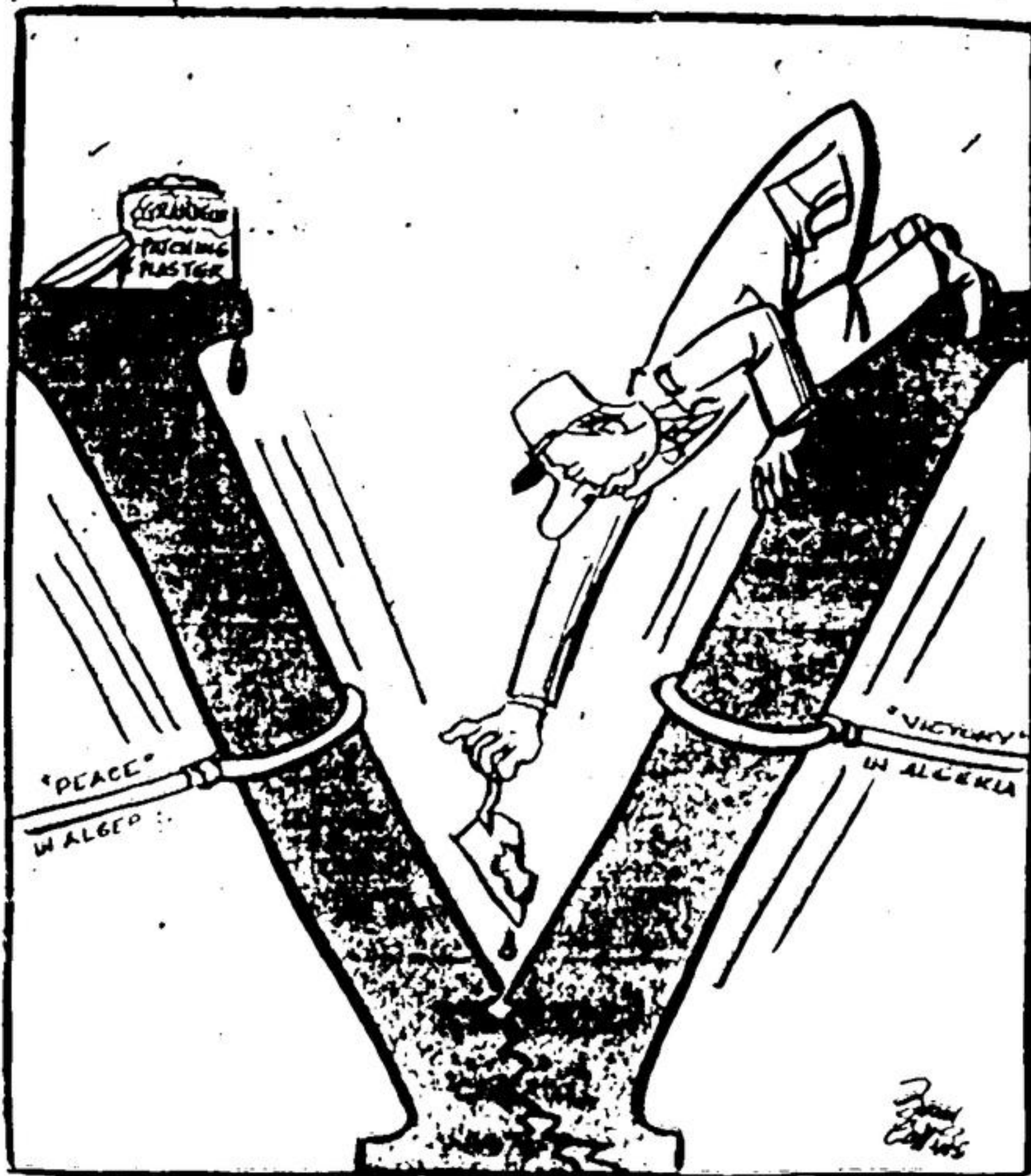
Avro Giant Stirs

A further stirring to life of Malton's giant Avro Aircraft Ltd. was hinted at by Sir Roy Dobson, chairman of the parent company, A. V. Roe Canada.

A new aircraft subcontract larger than any received since the death of the Arrow is expected to do the trick.

New employment will be necessary but Sir Roy has not yet announced the extent or elaborated on the news.

No agreement has been signed he said but the company's constant efforts to round up more business may soon mean new employment for the aircraft division.



THE FIFTH REPUBLIC

Controversial Corner

Reiterates Views on Frills in Education

In a letter to the editor last week, Mr. Tom Farragave wrote that he disagreed with the column on the subject of a driver training program in schools. He said that the program would be an extra curricular activity — a point which I did not dispute. He mentioned that Georgetown High School had an excellent teaching staff — another point which I did not dispute. He said that school games are essential to a good school spirit — this I agree with and supported in this column a few weeks ago.

Driver Training
It would appear from this letter that the writer supports a school driver training program because "pupils and teachers would have an excellent opportunity to become more intimately acquainted." This strikes me as a pathetically weak argument for further weakening the already threatened structure of education.

Basis of Problem
It does, however, disclose a point of view regarding schooling which forms the very basis of my problem. This is the popular point of view amongst many young people and some adult students education must be sold to students attractively packaged like a cereal. That the adult taxpayer must dig deeper and deeper into his pocket to provide more and more modern, single storey, well gassed, beautifully decorated schools, it must provide more laboratory and library facilities, bigger gymnasiums, larger and better equipped playing fields — more of everything and in greater variety. Having done all this we must then try to sell the student on the idea of education. We must try to make schooling so attractive that youngsters will all rush to attend.

Lot of Bunk
This is a lot of bunk. Since time started, youngsters have looked on education, many of them at least, as a bore and a chore and a nuisance. Even Shakespeare wrote of the school-boy with "shining morning face, creeping like a best possible snail unwilling to school."

As adults, we certainly have a duty to provide the best educational facilities possible for our children. Let us remember two things: let us remember that the real purpose of education is to train the functioning of the mind; let us also remember that to try to make education universally attractive is likely to undo its main purpose and is, in any case an attempt to combat the inevitable — as King Canine found out, this can be a very embarrassing experience.

Pathetic Showing
Finally, after the pathetic showing in the High School examinations by local students this year, few people should be looking for further non-academic distractions either within or without normal school hours.

Another Look at Capital Punishment
Following the execution of two men in Great Britain, the outcry against capital punishment has gained renewed vigour. The two men were convicted of a wife's murder after beating another man to death with a calculated and aware brutality. The crime was in the very limited category of murder still punishable by death in the UK.

ECHOES

10 AND 25 YEARS AGO

From the pages of the Herald, Nov. 15, 1950, and Nov. 30, 1935

10 Years Ago
Rev. J. Leonard Self, will take over the pastorate of Knox Presbyterian, Midland, in January. His departure will be not only a loss to Norval but to Georgetown as well where he has been recreational director for two years.

25 Years Ago
Jack Thompson was master of ceremonies at the Amateur Competition under the auspices of the Georgetown Pipe Band in the Gregory Theatre Thursday night. The winners were Class 1, Raymond Johnson, elocutionist; Mary Culbert, vocal soloist; Class 2, Alice and Lane, guitarists; Emerson, Davidson and Apple, guitarists; Class 3, R. Carter, tenor soloist; Frank Carter, clarinet soloist.

At a bridge party last week Miss Dorothy Marcellus dealt Miss Marie Fleck a hand of 13 spades. This is a very rare occurrence and we know only of one similar case in Georgetown when some years ago the late Dr. Heath dealt J. B. Mackenzie a hand of 13 of the same suit.

The Georgetown Hockey Club held their first meeting of the season in the arena on Monday night. The new officers for 1955-56 are: P. B. Blackburn, president; F. J. Haddell, vice president; Clarence King, secretary; Nathan Silver, treasurer; and George Riddall, executive member.

Contest Float Projects
Decision to enter a float in the Santa Claus parade and to conduct a Christmas decoration contest for local homes was made at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce executive last Wednesday.

Harold Hairston and Jack Crichton were named to head the float committee, and Jack Armstrong and Murray Henley will take charge of the decoration contest which has been a popular Chamber activity for several years.

A general meeting is planned in January, when members of three district Chambers have been invited to sit in on a panel discussion which will be slanted to ways that a Chamber of Commerce can best serve a community.

THE DISTRICT at a Glance

ACTON
Acton Theatre will be closed on November 28th. Rossy Manager Murray Harrison was informed of the news last week. The theatre has been losing money for two years.

ORANVILLE
Oranville may become the mecca for model-makers and hobbyists since weekend tournaments are being made by the local Chamber of Commerce manager for a League of Associations devoted to construction of railroad, aircraft and ship models to accompany a display by the North American Circus Model Builders slated for showing there.

BRAMPTON
A special committee of the planning board will meet with Wainwright Construction Company to discuss a proposed 33 unit apartment building to be erected in Brampton.

ORANVILLE
In Oranville residents may be required to have a permit to burn leaves. The township council after lengthy debate decided to shelve for further study.

MILTON
Over 600 attended the official opening of Milton district High School recently. The new structure on Williams Ave. in Milton was constructed by the J. B. Mackenzie company.

BRAMPTON
Twenty dollars was the estimated cost of a gas telephone ripped off the wall of a firm, Georgetown, have been laying foundations for the building to come.

Points Need For County Museum

The first of a series of articles tracing lines of the interesting history that could well form the foundation of a Halton County Museum whose the History of Ontario's fastest growing county may be properly displayed, described and shown to local residents and visitors.

Nestling in the heart of Ontario's "golden horseshoe" area the busy, bustling County of Halton. It includes eight thriving municipalities, five towns ranging in population from 4,000 to 40,000, numerous small villages and new row-on-row subdivisions, a portion of the Niagara escarpment, the residents call "the mountains" two fine large creeks pouring water from the headwaters into the lake, homes, business and commerce, industries and farms.

It is a picturesque county with centuries of interesting history now covered over by millions of dollars worth of development, yet here and there — untouched by the growth of a nation — we find rare places of unspoiled nature where searchers may find the peace and solitude which contrast so well with our everyday life.

Halton's progress over the past 50 years, and especially the past 10, has been fast and furious. Hardly a detail has been missed as this once agricultural community thrives and booms, and makes a name for itself from coast to coast.

Willing to Donate
John McKee is a man who has spent the spare time of the last 20 years of his life developing the most interesting presentation of the early Indian life in this part of the country. He is willing to date this case of his life to a county museum.

John's collection of rare Indian artifacts — his writings about the Indian times before the white man invaded Halton — and his unceasing quest for presenting this story to a listener are treasures awaiting the establishment of this necessary facet of our heritage.

But who could start a museum? County Council? Conservation authority? Women's Institutes? An informed as yet historical society? This is a question yet to be answered. Let us suffice to say a team is needed, and now.

John's collection of Indian artifacts right here in Halton County are a priceless start to the museum. Add to this the many dominant antique collections that he in basements, attics, garages and storerooms across the county, and the few articles now on display commercially and preciously here and there on the map, and a museum is born.