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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Regrets and Good Wishes

News that Rev. 'Cookie' Royal and his wife are soon leaving for a new field of work in Goderich is a matter for regret among those who have been associated with them during their ten years at Norval and Union But, as always, when a minister departs, there are good wishes to express too, for he is advancing in the work of the church to a larger congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal have both been active community workers.

Besides serving their Presbyterian congregations faithfully, they have associated themselves with such activities as school board, lodges and service clubs, boy scouts and Home and School. They have many friends outside their congregation who will miss them.

The Herald editor is one of them.

It was always a pleasure to have Mr. Royal stop in at the office for a chat. And we found him particularly helpful in his contributions to the news columns, when he often took the time to write interesting accounts of special events for the edification of readers.

We wish them Godspeed as they plan their departure, and hope they will retain a spot in their hearts for many years to come for this part of Ontario where he spent his first decade as a minister.

Like Old Times!

A lot of people haven't been as faithful followers of the Raiders in recent years as they used to be. Ourselves included!

It was a real treat to attend the opening game Friday and find that seats were almost at a premium when we arrived.

We'll be honest, too, and admit that the ticket our young hockey enthusiast received that day at school had a bearing on bringing dad and mother out to the game. And we're sure there were others in the same category, judging from the preponderence of parent-son combinations we saw in the arena.

The Raiders were up to form too, and perhaps sparked by a good crowd who weren't afraid to use their lungs and the evening was a howling success in two ways — crowd reaction and team play.

We intend to be a better fan this winter, and we hope others will be back on more occasions to see our pennant bound team as they seek another Ontario title. As for the hockey club, we would suggest that a once-a-month effort on the school tickets would be a good pepper-up for crowds. The kids love the free tickets, and the gate receipts show a healthy upswing when adults get this impetus to attend.

Always for the Underdog

We wonder how many people are like us — always cheering for the guy that is behind?

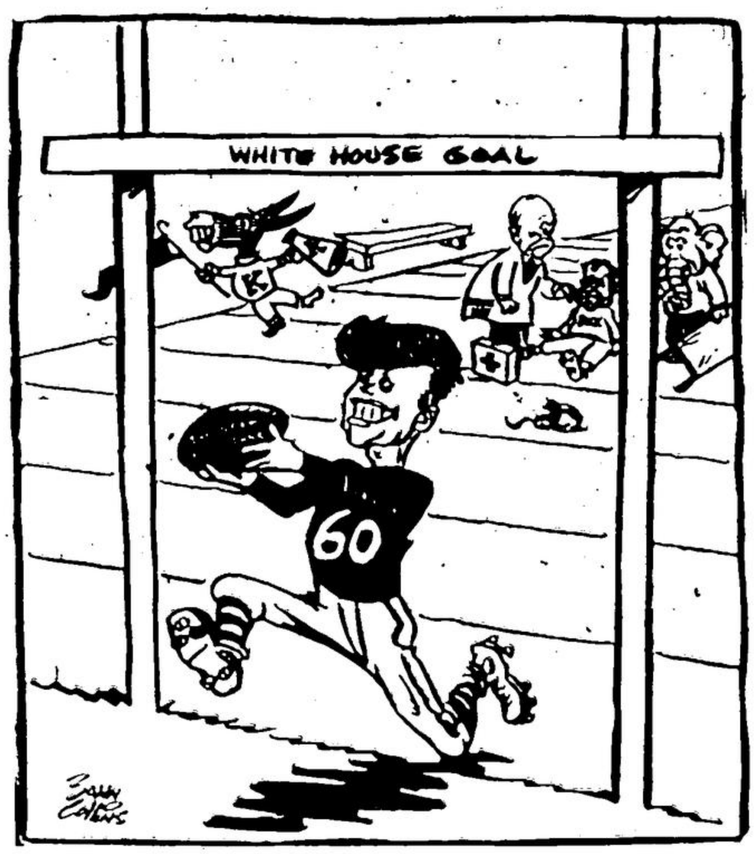
Anyone who has this odd quirk will be in the same mix-up as we have been on a couple of recent occasions.

In the American presidential elections we had no strong preference. Closest we could come to an opinion what that we personally were more impressed with Nixon, but thought a change of government might be better for the USA and the world, with some face saving necessary which a new administration could do more gracefully.

That night, as we watched returns, however, we kept rooting for Mr. Nixon. But next morning, when Kennedy was all but the winner, and Nixon appeared to be pulling ahead, we reversed and started pulling for Senator Jack.

Again on Sunday we were torn two ways, this time in a sports contest when, after cheering for Argos most of the way through a tough game, we suddenly found ourselves a Rough Rider supporter. Then, after two quick touchdowns, we reversed again and once more became an Argos fan.

It's confusing, but interesting!



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THE DISTRICT at a Glance

BURLINGTON

Burlington taxes will jump by four mills because of new sewers and sewage treatment plant it was estimated last week. The new system will serve some 45,000 the projected population of the community in 1968.

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BRAMPTON

Brampton's incoming council must decide whether or not the cenotaph should be moved to make way for a new city hall. Letters were received from the Brampton Canadian Legion and the Legion Ladies Auxiliary opposing a move.

STREETSVILLE

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Streetsville was 138 years old Sunday.

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ACTON

A perfect safety record for Acton Hydro workers for the past year earned them a safety award for 1959 from the Electric Utilities Safety Commission. Superintendent Doug Mason received the award on behalf of his men.

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OAKVILLE

A new science city forecast last week by the Financial Post, may be located in the Oakville - Trafalgar area. The location hinges on approval by industry of an idea sparked by successful ventures in the U.S. and the U.K.

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ORANGEVILLE

People in the Orangeville area witnessed a spectacular fire when a giant earth mover owned by the Dinsmore Construction Co burst into flames on Highway 9. The huge tire which was next to the burning engine may have to be replaced at a cost of $1500. It is more than 6 feet high.

Rotary-Ann Bursary to Elizabeth Sloan

The annual Rotary-Ann Bursary was presented this year to Elizabeth Sloan. Elizabeth attended Georgetown High School for five years, attaining high academic standing and is now in her first year of Science at McMaster University, Hamilton.

She will enter the specialists course in Chemistry and Physics in her second year and upon graduation plans to teach these subjects.

Controversial Corner

by Ian Cass

New Orleans and its Shame

Recent events in New Orleans as the battle for integration continues, must have shocked and horrified millions of N. Americans — Canadian and American alike. The coverage provided by television makes it impossible to shrug off this situation as the distortion of news men.

The U.S. continues to be painfully surprised and hurt by the amount of criticism which is aimed at it by countries which the U.S. feels should be more friendly. It is true that the U.S. is often insulted by spokesmen of nations which are receiving U.S. aid in the form of cash or kind, but as long as free men can be heard, this situation is likely to continue. I hope a great many people will read a book called "The Ugly American," which is quite informative regarding U.S. operations abroad and was written by two Americans.

However, when residents of New Orleans can stand and jeer at 6 year olds because they are attending school, when the parents encourage their children to behave like morons and thugs, when 'grown up' people line the streets and attempt to intimidate little girls, when the TV camera goes right into the mobs of white people and reveals their naked hate, their unthinking violent reaction and their ignorant prejudices — I shiver for the future of mankind. Our rocket rattling Mr. K on the outside and a bright, chromium plated sickness on the inside. The millstone of the original rottenness of slavery, still hangs around the necks of the South.

Another Lesson from Eastview

I hope that all those who are in municipal affairs and those who aspire to be, will read carefully the results of the provincial enquiry into the affairs of Eastview released last week. Eastview Town is virtually part of Ottawa and its administration including mayor, reeve, clerk-treasurer, auditor, bankers and pretty well everybody else is clearly under suspicion as a result of the disclosures. Open disregard for the Municipal Act, illegal borrowing of funds, illegal and profitable use of council property and equipment, no tendering system, contracts awarded to companies owned by council members, no adequate audits, bank loans made without proper authority and so on, all these things have apparently been going on in this town. Various members have been described as inept, incompetent and ignorant. This is bad enough, but when you read the report the word needed is dishonest.

I think the Dept. of Municipal Affairs must come under strong criticism also. As long ago as three years ago the finances of this municipality were checked by the department and found to be in bad shape. It was stated then that they would be watched closely. In view of the sums of money which have been misused since then — reported to be half a million dollars - the close watch does not seem to have been very effective.

The Citizens League in Eastview are naturally very upset with this incompetent, corrupt administration and are going to field a complete list of candidates for the next election. I wish them well, but it could be pointed out that the citizens elected the last lot.

I am writing this column from Eastview and can see the mist rising off the turgid water of the Ottawa River — or what might be called the open sewer line of our Capital City. This is not the first time that municipal government has been under fire in this area. I wonder why the municipal level of administration should be so weak in the area which houses our top level of government.

Laundromats and Sunday Opening

I cannot for the life of me see why there should be all this fuss over Laundromats opening on Sundays. This is an unattended operation and if people want to wash clothes on a Sunday, I fail to see why this is any more sacreligious than washing a car. Nobody would attempt to stop people doing washing in their own houses on a Sunday, so why discriminate against people merely because they lack the equipment. I think those who are being trying to close Laundromats on a Sunday are more interested in perpetuating a prejudice, than saving a soul.

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Thomson Negotiates For Irish Daily

Roy Thomson, Canadian newspaper publisher, is negotiating to take over the Belfast Telegraph, Northern Ireland's only evening newspaper.

The Telegraph has a circulation of about 195,000 — the highest in Northern Ireland.

The purchase price is estimated at between £1,800,000 and £2,000,000.

The bid, if successful, would be the Thomson's group's first entry into Northern Ireland.

Thomson moved into Scotland in 1953 when he bought the Scotsman, an Edinburgh daily with an international reputation.

Last year he bought control of Britain's Kemsley newspaper group, which controls many newspapers throughout England and Wales.

Thomson controls about 70 daily and weekly newspapers in Britain, Canada and the United States and recently acquired newspaper interests in Nigeria. He also controls the Scottish television network.

Newspapers in Georgetown, Brampton, Oakville, Orangeville and Guelph are part of the firm.

Legion Members Will Sport New Badge

The Canadian Legion this month celebrates its 35th anniversary with a new badge.

Although retaining the general shape of the old badge, the new one, designed by heraldic expert Alan Beddoe, Ottawa, incorporates many changes.

Chief change is in the dropping of the 'British Empire Service League' after the name 'Canadian Legion.' This was made necessary when the Commonwealth Association, of which the Canadian Legion is a member, changed its name in 1958. It is now known as the British Commonwealth Ex - Services League.

While still associated with the BCEL, the Canadian Legion has deleted reference to the other organization on its new badge.

The Royal crown continues to denote service of Legion members in armed services. A single red maple-leaf on a white background, symbolizes Canadian, and the word 'Legion' appears on the scroll at the base. Three poppies lie under the scroll. Around the border of the badge in Latin is the inscription "We will retain their memory."

The new badge will be in general distribution in January.

Safety Drive Seeks Common Sense Only

"Canada has many national campaigns each year asking for our dollars to help preserve life and health. This is one that asks only for our sense," said Ira G. Needles of Kitchener, Ont., chairman of the Canadian Highway Safety Council, national sponsors of the nation-wide Safe Driving Week campaign, Dec. 1 to 7 inclusive.

Mr. Needles, recently elected to a second term as CHSC chairman, declared, "Common sense is all anyone needs to keep from killing and being killed in traffic. Without it, Canada's highways will continue to be battle arenas between motorist and motorist, motorist and pedestrian. The loss of human life will continue to exceed that of many a war between nations. Let us walk and drive sensibly and we will save thousands of lives and prevent scores of thousands of crippling costly accidents."

He pointed out that Safe Driving Week is an "awareness" campaign, designed to reduce traffic deaths, injuries and accidents by emphasizing, for a week, the dire need for safer driving and walking.

Museum At Kelso?

County Council continues to pursue the idea of establishing a Halton Museum. The Kelso dam site may become the location, according to Deputy-Reeve A. Service, of Nassagaweya. After a discussion at the Conservation Authority meeting, he felt their reaction would be favourable. Both Grey and Bruce County museums will be visited this week.

WORDS OF THE WISE

All women are mothers of great men - it isn't their fault if life disappoints them later. —Boris Pasternak.

10 and 25 YEARS AGO

ECHOES

From the Pages of the Herald November 22nd, 1950 and November 27, 1935

10 YEARS AGO

- Rev. Arthur Dayfoot with his wife and daughter Kathy landed in San Francisco yesterday and will be with his parents in Oak Bay, B.C. later this week. He is a former Georgetown man who became a United Church Missionary in China.
- Another Raider star, Leigh Bradbury, has retired. No one, including Leigh, knew when he skated onto the ice in Stouffville last week that he was making his final appearance in a Raider uniform. A collision with former Raider star Hal Gibson which damaged his jaw brought on the decision.
- North Halton High School District Board voted 8 to 3 at its meeting Monday to build a new central school on No. 7 Highway between Georgetown and Acton. If approved by the Dept. of Education, the school will be located in the Silvercreek vicinity.

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25 YEARS AGO

- George Guthrie, for 37 years a member of the Toronto police department on Sunday took over the duties of deputy chief for Toronto. George is an old Georgetown boy of whom we are all proud and we congratulate him on his well earned promotion.
- At the Royal Winter Fair Cat Show, the Siamese entry, largest in the history of the show was topped by Princess Chula of Penang, imported and owned by Mrs. A. M. Nielson, Georgetown.
- Councillors A. R. Speight and P. B. Blackburn are retiring from council at the end of the year. They have both performed their duties faithfully during their term of office and the thanks of the ratepayers is due them for the service they have rendered the town.

Early Halton History is Steeped in Indian Tradition

by Roy Downs in the Milton Champion

The second in a series of articles tracing some of the interesting history that could well form the foundation of a Halton County Museum where the history of Ontario's fastest growing county may be properly displayed to local residents and visitors.

The Indians in this area were supposedly friendly neutral Indians. Along the shores of Lake Ontario were the Mississaugas who were primarily fishermen and very quiet tribes. Along the north shore of Lake Erie were the neutral Indians who produced the flint in quarries and traded with other tribes for many miles around.

Things remained fairly peaceful and quiet until the English, Dutch and French arrived with guns. Then in 50 years the Indian developed from the stone age man using stone weapons to the modern Indian using metal, copper and iron. The rapid change-over to other methods of living disrupted the way of life and destroyed the balance of his household.

Just Hunting

They could live easily by just hunting, while the women still worked hard. They became degenerate, indolent, looking further afield for something to make life interesting.

In 1649, 16,000 Iroquois of the Five Nations district south of Lakes Ontario and Erie, became weakened by smallpox and other European diseases. On December 7th, they attacked the Hurons, at St. Jean (near Collingwood) and destroyed it. They spent the remainder of the winter with the neutrals on this district, then in early spring led their attack on the north again and wiped out most of the Petuns.

Join Local Bands

Some of the Hurons who had escaped the winter slaughter pushed south and joined with the neutrals of this area. When the Iroquois returned to the southern section of Ontario to wipe out every tribe, the Petun survivors from the north joined the local bands and fled south to the Straits of Michilimackinac.

From here on, the fate of those Indians who inhabited Halton is sketchy because they split up and travelled far and wide. Some headed for Green Bay, Wisconsin, and a Jesuit Mission was set up there. Some, in 1653, joined a band of Algonquins and wintered south of Sault Ste. Marie. A fugitive band of neutrals made an alliance with the Ottawas and went up the same route.

The Petuns and Ottawas arrived near Bayfield, Wisconsin, and organized an expedition against their Sioux neighbours. But the Sioux country was full of lakes and marshes and with 3,000 Sioux surrounded the invaders, only one man escaped.

Built Fort

Those who stayed behind on the raid returned to the Isle of Mackinaw, moved to the mainland and built a fort and village from which explorers Marquette and Joliette set out to discover the Mississippi.

Eventually, all these Indians became known as Wyandottes and ended up in Kansas. In 1761 some Petuns joined an alliance and in 1842 all surviving Petuns were rounded up and settled in Kansas reservations.

Burned in Mid 1960's

Where the local neutral Indians ended up, is hard to say. All that remains of their early days here in Halton are the burned out village sites destroyed by the ravaging Iroquois. One camp found by this local archaeologist was attacked and burned in 1649 or 1650, he said.

Following the mass slayings, the Mississaugas, unscathed by the invasion, moved into this district and took over the empty land. It was sold to the Crown in 1784.

(It seems ironical, when you look back on it now, to realize that it was the English guns given to the Iroquois in the United States which caused the slaughter of the early possessors of the land on which we now live and fly the flag of our mother country, England.)

Agricultural Types

Our local Indians were mainly agricultural types — growing corn, squash, natural fruits, and fishing and hunting to stay alive. They used the Lake Erie flint for arrowheads, knives, scrapers, drills and spearheads, and their trading between tribes developed many of the roads we drive along today. They even traded shells and wampum from the East Coast and traded shells with the Petuns and Hurons to the north in exchange for tobacco. These bands also traded shells, tobacco and corn to the Algonquins for medicine bags and health potions.

Their contributions to modern civilization still stand out today. There is the corn, and the roads. Our system of government is based on the principle of the Iroquois confederation which was set up in the 1500s — 300 years ago. Our women — as were theirs — are free and equal in social life.

Founded Thanksgiving

The Indians were the first to use trench warfare and scout methods. They founded the Thanksgiving custom which was first mentioned in 1643. And the tobacco harvested by the Petuns in those early days is now being grown all over the continent.

As for the finer things in life, the Indian was highly cultured. Their ideas and feelings went into their beautiful pottery, their basket weaving, and their ornate pipes.

We owe much to their early men of Canada. Yet how here in Halton, do we honor them?

(continued next week)

"FIGHT? WHAT FIGHT?"