

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Support A Good Thing!....

"S.O.S. EVERYONE" reads an advertisement in this week's Herald for a meeting to organize night school activities for next fall. And, according to a spokesman for the present committee, they mean what they say.

After several years of successful activity, there is a real possibility that night school may fold unless more interest is shown by a larger group of men and women. Present committee members feel they are too few in numbers and that they have been carrying too big a load. And they are frankly discouraged at the enrolment for 1960-61 which not only was the lowest yet, but which saw many people drop out of courses they had started before the end of the term.

It would be a great pity if night school were to be inoperative in future.

Georgetown has been foremost in this field of after-hours activity.

A great variety of things were available — metal and woodworking, welding, typewriting, drama, square and ballroom dancing painting, hat making, public speaking to mention only a few. Courses were limited only by the number who enrolled.

There is no place where more qualified instructors are readily available. Town and district has many skilled teachers and we are close enough to three metropolitan centres to be able to economically bring teachers from Hamilton, Guelph and Toronto when needed.

Not only have Georgetown people benefitted by learning and perfecting new skills, but a side effect of the classes has been a meeting place for new and older residents of town.

We are certain there are many who would gladly help serve on the organization committee. Some may be bashful and think they would be accused of pushing themselves. The majority probably feel, as in any activity, that the committee is doing a good job and doesn't need more help.

Neither is the case, and they can be assured of a warm welcome when they attend the meeting called on Wednesday, May 3rd.

If Georgetown is to continue its successful night school record, then it's up to you and you and you. If interest is shown it will continue. If not, there is every possibility that it will not.

### Industrial News is Good....

It was a pleasure last week to be able to headline an addition to the Standard Products plant. And the news that the plant is to double its present 40-man work force by the end of the year is a welcome one to a town which has not been progressing industrially as fast as it is geared for.

The factory, which produces a number of automotive glass assemblies, is one which the town hoped would be many, when the Ford Motor Company located at Oakville. It is the type of industry which is a benefit to a town — large enough to be an important addition to a town, and small enough to not affect the economy too greatly with any ups and downs it may have.

While the industrial picture has not been as expected, it is well to remember that our established industries have been

showing steady progress in the last few years. Smith & Stone, Alliance, Provincial Paper, P. Graham Bell Associates, and Varian Associates have all had building additions. Avian Industries is still in the development stage of its new gyroplane, and smaller factories in town and district seem to be operating on an even keel.

Industrially we are far from depressed. A large American firm has been teetering on a decision to locate a branch here for two years, and only last week there seemed to be renewed indications that the decision point is being reached and Georgetown may be it.

Perhaps we are due for some of the optimism that we should be feeling, and Georgetown is finally going to get its share of the hoped-for industry which has been flocking into the Toronto metro area.

### Taxing Parking Plazas?

Whether parking areas in shopping centres should be subject to business tax is a point which could be debated with good arguments on both sides.

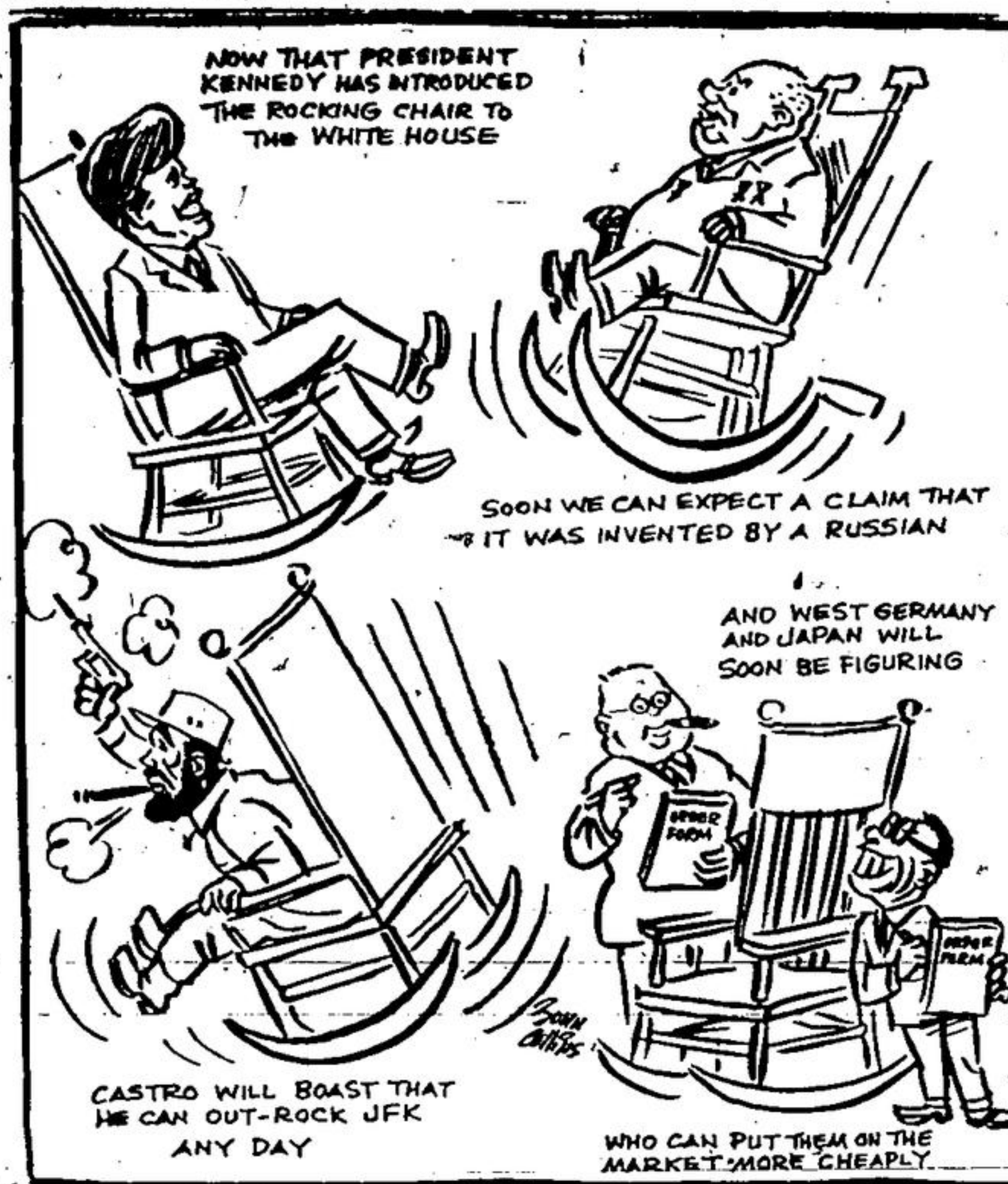
Proof is shown in conflicting opinions of a county tax assessor which thinks they should be taxed and the county judge who allowed an appeal by a local supermarket against the assessment.

The matter is one of concern to ratepayers because according to the assessment commission there could be a tax loss of \$7,000 on more parking areas were to be exempt from business tax.

We are inclined to agree with the opinion that the tax is a proper one. Besides, it would be a large parking area, a store which would be a business.

The area, then, whether it is outdoors, or has a roof over it, becomes an integral part of the operation of the business. It could be called a waiting room for cars. On occasion, too, as the assessor has pointed out, the parking area at the Loblaw location has been used for a miniature circus and on that occasion definitely became a part of the business premises.

Council has acted wisely in petitioning Queen's Park to include the question definitely in the Municipal Act. At present the status is ambiguous, for the reason, of course, that shopping plazas are a new merchandising enterprise in the past decade or two and only when a problem arises does the matter come to the fore.



OLD ROCKING CHAIR'S GOT ME



## SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

Things are tough all over. Unemployment is creating nightmares in Canada. The Laos situation is confused. The blacks are rising in Angola. And there's hell to pay in Cuba. And do you know something? I don't give a damn. Normally, these circumstances would be of the utmost concern to me. But at the moment, I couldn't care less. Let them all go to it. I'm too busy getting ready for Opening Day.

To the non-fisherman, this may seem puerile and irresponsible. But Drake had his game of bowls before going out to clobber the Armada. And I'm going to enjoy one more Opening Day, even if I emerge from the bush at the end of it. To find that Canada has declared war on Castro.

What is Opening Day? What does it signify? Well, on the surface it is merely a day on which about a hundred thousand Canadians pour into the wilds at daybreak, seeking their lives of a few thousand trout. In the process, they alternate their wives, catch more colds than trout, and struggle home exhausted but happy.

However, there's a great deal more to it than that, underneath. It's a response to an avulsive impulse as compelling as that which makes a wolf howl at the moon.

During the winter, the anglers slumber under the tranquillizers of overheated homes, television, and big meals. The trout fisherman looks and acts like any honest citizen. He is no more fussy than the trout itself, buried in mud at the bottom of a stream, sleeping the winter away.

But when the egg winds of April blow, and the ice breaks up, look out. The rainbow swarms up the streams to spawn. The lovely speckled darts. The voracious brown pawns. And within the fisherman, something savage and primitive stirs and calls. By Opening Day, it has swelled to a lust that will be appeased by nothing but the blood of a six-inch trout.

Opening Day has, for the trout fisherman, the significance, the symbolism, the grace and passion that the bullfight holds for the aficionado.

Here, there's no use going on like this. I'll try to reconstruct the ritual of Opening Day for you, and perhaps you will see for yourself.

First of all, it must be approached with the proper feeling. You don't just pull on some old clothes and charge into the bush with a fishing pole. Nothing of the sort. No more than you'd think of rushing up to the first attractive woman you saw and embracing her rudely.

out of the car and eagerly exhort her to "just look at that water!"

All she can see, poor soul, is a muddy little stream. But you know perfectly well that that hole below the bridge is boiling with speckled trout. You will bet any amount that there is at least one huge rainbow or maybe a pair, lurking behind that big log which you are sure would be there if only the water were clear.

That's the way you work up to it, gradually. You just go out into the country and spot all the places where the trout are as thick as flies. This saves a lot of time on Opening Day. And, of course, you keep it to yourself. You don't want a whole crowd of those fellows from the city jammed around you while you're catching your limit.

The night before Opening Day for the fisherman is like the night before her first big dance for a maiden. The air is electric with excitement and while you're getting your gear together some of the chaps drop in, just to see if you're all set.

And no, they can't stay a minute, because we have to get up at four, so we'll be right at the pool at first light — well, maybe a short one and make it light. And first, thing you know it's 3 a.m. and you haven't started looking for your waders.

Three hours later, you totter out of the house, feeling as though you'd been clubbed. But the cold air hits you and your savage, primitive instinct begins to surge again. And you sneer down the street at the darkened houses of all the little, soft people who are still in bed.

And you race for the stream, blood pounding through the raw, dark morning. With the heater on high, and you slip up that back road and park a quarter mile from the pool so nobody will follow you and spoil that first glorious cast.

And you stumble through the bush, careless in your hurry to be the first, and alone. And in the dark, you tear your pants and go in over the top of your waders. But the wild excitement drives you on, in different to discomfort.

And you feel your way along the little path, past the big stump, until you know the pool is just ahead. And you stop there and breathe deep in the darkness, and you feel good, and alive, and carefully, by touch, you put your bait on. Then, the black turns to gray, you advance cautiously to the pool's edge, and prepare for your first cast of the season, feeling like a king.

And swiftly comes the first light now, to reveal, standing shoulder to shoulder, nineteen trout fishermen ringing the pool.

## 10 and 25 YEARS AGO ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald, April 25, 1951, and April 29, 1936.

### 10 Years Ago

A Georgetown man, Flying Officer John Wilson is a member of No 428 Transport Squadron which has been supplying Korea with troops for the last nine months from its base in Tacoma, Washington.

Miss Edith Allison has resigned from Georgetown High School staff to accept a position at Napier High School. Miss Allison has been a commercial teacher here for three years.

A former Georgetown minister, Rev. Colin Todd, receiving his Bachelor of Divinity degree last night at the convocation of Victoria University.

For the third time since the Lucky Strike Bowling Club opened a few years ago, water has done serious damage to the alley. A tap up-down was apparently turned on and left running over the weekend.

### 25 Years Ago

Mr. Richardson of the Ontario Forestry Department was the guest speaker at the Lions Club dinner on Monday. It is the intention of the Lions to plant 60 trees here under the supervision of Mr. Richardson.

The Public School concert was held in the school auditorium on Tuesday and on Thursday. Four members of the Anzolein Chorus, Daisy Grant, Azolyn Hayes, Daisy Grant, and Robert McMenemy were presented with prizes by the chairman, J. D. Kelly.

Boys standing on the old radial embankment and throwing stones are responsible for a number of broken windows in the rear of the Gregory Theatre and other buildings. There is going to be trouble for the boys when their names are handed into the Chief.

Don't miss the Protestant rally under the auspices of the L.O.L. and the L.T.B. in the town hall, Glen Williams, on Thursday, Rev. Morris Zeidman is the guest speaker.

At the Gregory Theatre "Exclusive Story" starring Gregory Theatre and other buildings. There is going to be trouble for the boys when their names are handed into the Chief.

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## Controversial Corner

by Ian Cass

### CALAMITY IN CUBA

The temperament of the people, their standards of living, the climate and the low standards of education in many of the countries lying close to the equator, make government in those countries a very fragile thing. So it is in Cuba as well as the Congo, in Venezuela and Colombia, in Malaya and Burma, in the Philippines and in Arabia. Whatever form of government exists does so by force of arms to some extent.

### Canadian Army

It is difficult to imagine our government using the Canadian army against their major political opponents — the Liberals — but control of the army, not support of the voters is the deciding factor in many countries even now. It is one of those rather embarrassing aspects of the Western Alliance, whose avowed purpose is the preservation of democracy, that a number of its members have no democracy — no elections, no free press, no civil justice.

### Major Powers

Since the end of the last war, major western powers and in particular the U.S. have provided a great deal of assistance, military and otherwise, in order to hold up political dictatorship in various countries around the world. This obviously poses the question of whether the U.S. is dedicated to the protection of freedom and democracy or is merely determined to prevent the spread of communism and doesn't much care what type of government exists in its place.

### Strong Man

That Castro, the Cuban strong man, is now perpetuating the very evils he once fought against does not seem of prime importance in the U.S. That he has shot his critics, that he has no intention of holding free elections and that he has taken over the press, radio and TV does not necessarily condemn him in the eyes of U.S. diplomacy. The previous dictator in Cuba, Batista did all these things just as most dictators do, but he was considered progressive and friendly to the U.S. so it was overlooked. In the oil lands of the Middle East in South America and Far East countries, dictators exist or have existed with U.S. support.

### Doesn't Matter

U.S. political policy has, during the past few days, emphasized the Dulles belief of "if you aren't with us you're against us," still has a strong following there. Moreover, it has also emphasized that if you are with us against communism it doesn't matter how you run the country. The fact that in some of these countries political methods exist which emphasize many evils of totalitarianism is a fact which cannot be ignored. Political tyranny cannot be excused and overlooked because those who practice it are friendly to the U.S. That country is supposedly engaged in a vast defensive and offensive military program aimed at preventing the spread of communism because it is a political tyranny.

### Few Know

These are the facts which must be weighed against the abortive invasion of Cuba by anti-Castro forces. Few people know that the U.S. government was in a position to permit the invasion or to forbid it. The invasion took place therefore, the U.S. government gave permission and in doing so committed one of the biggest blunders in the history of U.S. diplomacy. Coming after the Dulles regime this is quite an achievement.

### Calamity Indeed

That Mr. Kennedy, who had started so well, who had created such improved U.S. relations in the United Nations, and for whom the Western Nations had such high hopes, should have been a party to such a fiasco is a calamity indeed.

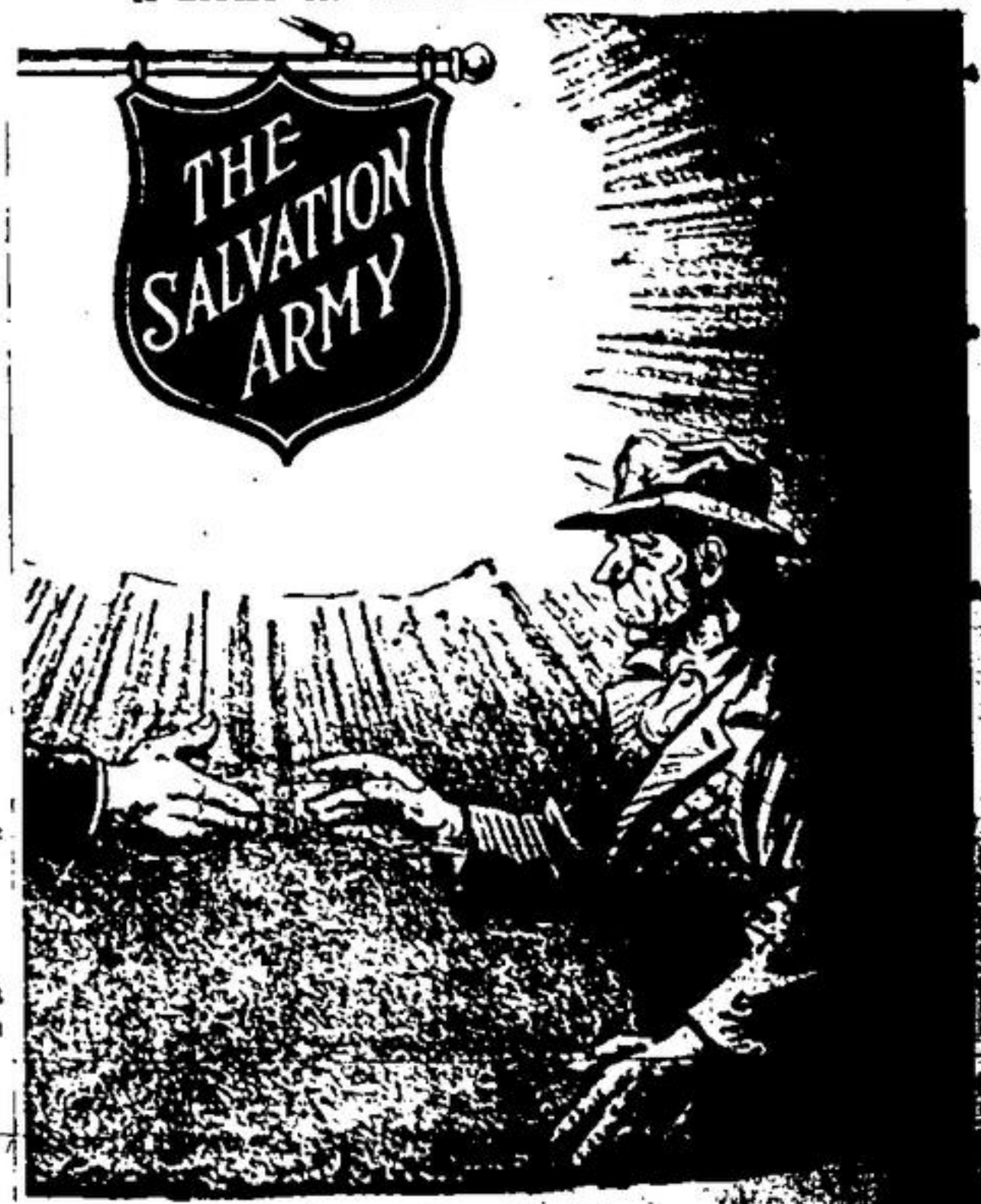
### Great Deal

Fidel Castro has tried the patience of the U.S. to the extreme point — few will dispute that. U.S. business interests have suffered the loss of vast investment. A propaganda campaign is being conducted.

### WORDS OF THE WISE

The seeds of youth, when there is less responsibility, are enjoyable — but the anxieties of youth are a very heavy market, and there are few young people who escape them. — Eleanor Roosevelt

### A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS OF DESPAIR



## WORLD WAR II CARTOONISTS RIB LORNE SCOTS REUNION



"SHOULD Auld Acquaintance be Forgo't?" Popular Cartoonist Les Callan forecasts what will likely be the most common conversations at the Lorne Scots reunion.