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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Rumours Not True

A rumour that the Herald will close its printing plant and maintain only a sales office in Georgetown has been going the local rounds.

The rumour is perhaps a logical development of recent news that the Times and Conservator in Brampton would become a daily some time soon.

Someone got the idea that this would mean a combination of the two papers, the story began to spread and more than one reader has enquired about the Herald's future.

We can say, unequivocally, that there is no truth whatsoever in the rumour.

The only association between the Brampton and Georgetown weeklies is in their ownership by the Thomson firm.

Each is a business entity, setting its

news and editorial policies, engaging its own staff and operating as an autonomous business within the framework of a larger firm which benefits the business by providing equipment and advice not available to a sole proprietorship.

Since the Thomson firm purchased the Herald over two years ago, seven of the then-staff of eight are still at their jobs. One employee left for a position with another firm. And two new staffers have increased the payroll to ten.

The Thomson firm has a large investment in Georgetown and, as a company interested in operating daily newspapers, looks to the day when the Herald will be a daily also. In the years between, it will continue to serve as a bright, independent weekly, as good as a dedicated staff can make it.

### Bright Addition to Education

One of the best features of a growing town is the increased educational facilities which can be offered.

Those who remember the old high school which outlived its original usefulness architecturally long before its demise, are constantly impressed with the handsome new school with bright classrooms, a large gymnasium, fine laboratories and attractive grounds.

As teaching staff increases, more specialists have joined the staff to provide a higher standard of education than a small town school can afford.

And now comes the wonderful news that in another year, a full technical course will be available for young men and women who do not wish a full academic five years.

### Feather in GHS Cap

A 191 point sweep of the four-school track and field meet which included 21 new records was a red letter day for Georgetown High School.

The athletic teaching staff is to be congratulated on a splendid job of coaching, while the students themselves can share praise for their performance at the meet which was held in Guelph.

The coincidence of planning which resulted in the school board having its plans ready just when senior governments introduced legislation allowing 100% grants for such technical schools is almost like a visit from Santa Claus and will have warm commendation from ratepayers.

But it should be remembered that the school board did not jump on the bandwagon for a matter of dollars and cents. Plans for a technical school were in the making long before there was any knowledge that other than the usual government grants would apply.

In years to come, GHS will provide education on a par with anything offered in city schools.

One more example of Georgetown's good fortune in having country living with city conveniences.

Athletics is an incidental, but very important part of education and the well-rounded student combines the proper proportions of academic and extra-curricular activity during his high school days.

Nothing can help that elusive thing called school spirit more than a triumph in athletics, and the excitement generated at GHS by the track meet record should start a new era of school patriotism.

## In the Mail Bag

### All This . . . And Retroactive Too!

10 Albert Street  
Georgetown, Ontario  
June 2, 1961

Dear Mr. Editor:  
If Mr. Cass is entitled to his tuppence worth, surely I as a poor long suffering taxpayer and listener at nomination speeches for many years, am entitled to tuppence hapenny worth . . .

Each year prior to nomination day we hear an endless amount of Ballyhoo and well-worn cliches from the candidates on how they love to serve the good old town, enjoy the work on council, will serve to the best of their ability, feel it a public duty to give their all to their fellow citizens and if elected promise to do all in their power to promote economy, good government and lower taxes with all the necessary services for us poor little taxpayers . . . then once elected . . . what a change comes over them . . . work, work, work and no rest . . . everyone picks on them . . . no one gives them credit for the long hours of blood, sweat and tears . . . then the chance to raise the pay comes along . . . so what do we hear . . . not just a couple of dollars . . . but let's go whole hog and make this a paying proposition . . . all the nomination day bluff is forgotten in their haste to get at the "green stuff" . . .

No one asks these men to take this terrible chore that seems to be their lot . . . and in fact no one asks them to raise their pay each time the opportunity presents itself . . . it slips through so fast that it is history before we realize it . . . all this and retroactive too . . . Thank you Mr. Editor . . . and Mr. Cass

Yours very truly,

Cec Davidson

### Thinks Year Book Good Achievement

32 Maple Ave. W.  
Georgetown, Ontario

Dear Mr. Editor:  
I have just finished reading a copy of the Georgetown High School 1960-1961 Year Book. All those who took part in compiling this are to be congratulated. It is well worth reading. Even if you do not have children in High School as yet, you will, I am sure, take great pride in knowing something of their future activities. To the principal, staff and students of Georgetown High School, many thanks for a delightful Year Book.

Teenagers! They are wonderful people!

Sincerely,

Helen Salter

### Scores School Board For Delay in Classes

49 Weber Drive  
Georgetown, Ontario  
June 2nd, 1961

Dear Mr. Editor:  
Last night we attended a meeting of the Georgetown School Board as a delegation representing the Georgetown Auxiliary for Retarded Children. Our purpose was to ascertain the views held by the School Board on the formation of opportunity classes.

We would have been very pleased and gratified to have left that meeting with a definite yes and a date set at even 12 or 24 months hence for, make no mistake these classes are not formed overnight, it takes time and planning.

At least we were told they were engaged on research. Although the board, when asked could offer nothing conclusive in this respect, the point is

how long does research take, they were first approached on this subject three years ago.

Their hesitant attitude is beyond our understanding because an opportunity class is a MUST in every community and we KNOW we have many children in Georgetown who need special attention.

Excerpts taken from the Dept. of Education publication on opportunity classes have been formed into an article by the Auxiliary Publicity Chairman for the benefit of those readers who may not fully understand the term, opportunity class. This article can be found in this edition of the Herald.

Perhaps our visit was not in vain we would like to think the board will feel as strongly as we do for these special children.

Let us have action soon, PLEASE.

Faithfully,

Peggy Treahy,  
Auxiliary President  
Audrey Milward,  
Auxiliary Vice Pres.  
Audrey Lett,  
Auxiliary Director  
Pat Hurst,  
Auxiliary Publicity

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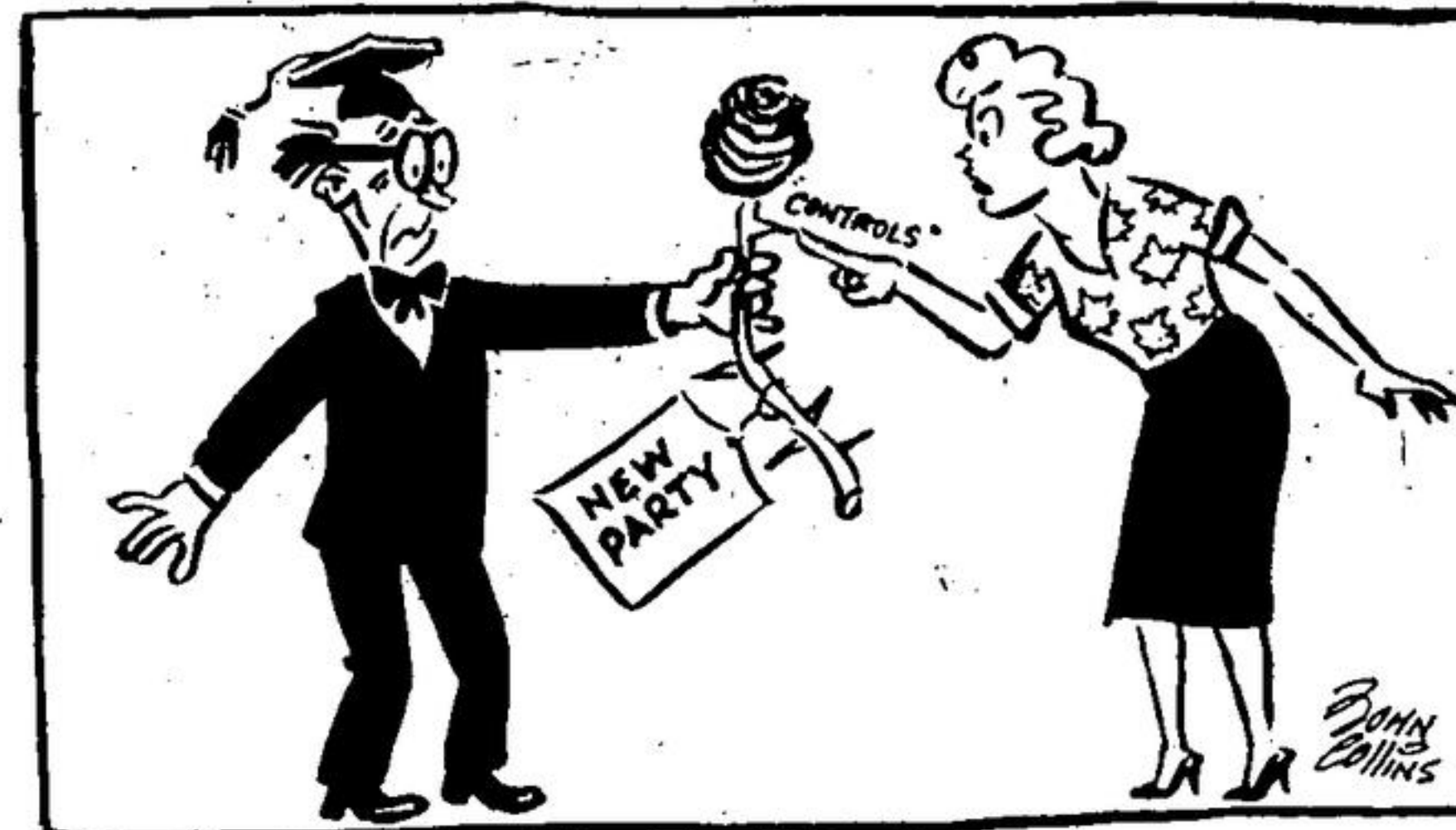
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STILL HAS THORNS!

10 and 25 YEARS AGO

### ECHOES

From the Pages of the Herald,  
June 6, 1951 and June 10, 1936

#### 10 YEARS AGO

• THE McMillan's, Ken, Glad and Joyce, have started their annual round of horse shows and fairs, and already have several prize ribbons to add to their collection from shows at Brooklyn and Stratford.

• Moura Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Kelly, was a member of the 21 students class of the Macdonald Institute girls school at the Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph on Friday.

• Charlie Harris, employed with the Milton District Co-operative in the county town for five years will be manager of the Georgetown Branch. He assumed his position when the Co-op takes over the business from Del Malby next month.

#### 25 YEARS AGO

• With the removal of Fred Cripps from Brampton next month the Georgetown Hockey Club will lose a popular player. Fred has always been a favourite with Georgetown hockey fans.

• The construction of the ornamental street lighting system in Georgetown will be completed this week and will be officially turned on Saturday evening, June 20th.

• W. C. Grant, barrister, etc. associate as student with Arthur G. Slaight, KC, of Toronto, will open an office in the O'Neill block, Georgetown, on July 2nd.

• At the Gregory Theatre . . . Lady of Secrets, starring Ruth Chatterton; The King of Burlesque starring Warner Baxter and Jack Oakie; Wife versus Secretary, starring Clark Gable, Myrna Loy, and Jean Harlow.

## Ontario Weeklies' President Urges Stronger Editorials

At the annual convention of the Ontario Weekly Newspapers Association 216 delegates in Ottawa last week heard their retiring president, Eugene A. Macdonald, urge stronger editorial writing on the part of the editors. The manager pointed out Ontario weeklies were much improved in format and reproduction qualities as noted by competition adjudicators and were forging ahead as most people still "had to see things in print to believe."

**Prime Minister**  
Besides hearing the Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker tell them the weekly newspaper was an institution in Canada, the delegates were received at Rideau Hall by General Vanier, the Governor General and Madame Vanier.

**Hosts**  
Hosts at receptions and functions included Dominion Brewer Association, Ottawa Gas Co. Ltd., Imperial Oil Limited, Canadian Bankers' Association, E. B. Eddy Co. Ltd., and Ontario Hydro, W. Ross Strike, Q.C., the chairman of the commission was the speaker at Hydro's luncheon. At a noon luncheon, the members of parliament were hosts to weekly publishers and ladies of their various constituencies.

**Officers**  
The following officers were elected President, Herb Campbell, Dutton Advance; immediate past president, Eugene A. Macdonald, the Glengarry News, Alexandria; 1st vice president, Bert Smith, The Weekly Post Credit; 2nd vice president, Lynn Lashbrook, Mercury, Rodney; manager, Wenden Leavens, The Enterprise, Bolton; directors: Harold D. McConnell, Times, Tilbury; Dan Southcott, Times-Advocate, Exeter; Carl Manore, Express, Meaford; A. Y. McLean, Huron Examiner, Seaford; David Dills, Free Press, Acton; John Morris, Journal, Prescott; Reg Workman, The Press, Winchester; K. Glendinning, News Recorder, Delhi; P. Hvidsten, Times Journal, Uxbridge.

## Says Children Need Opportunity Classes

### Auxiliary Presses Board for Action on Classes

"Georgetown children who need the benefit of Opportunity Classes are suffering while the public school board investigates their feasibility here."

So charged Mrs. William Treahy, one of a delegation of four who last Thursday quizzed the board on their progress in investigating the Opportunity Class program. Mrs. Treahy and the rest of the delegation, Mrs. W. Millward, Mrs. Peter Hurst, and Mrs. Robert Letts are members of the Georgetown Auxiliary for Retarded Children.

The board's search for information regarding the Opportunity Classes began last fall when Retarded Children's Association representatives Mrs. Ernest Hall and Mrs. Max English visited the board to ask why they were not available here.

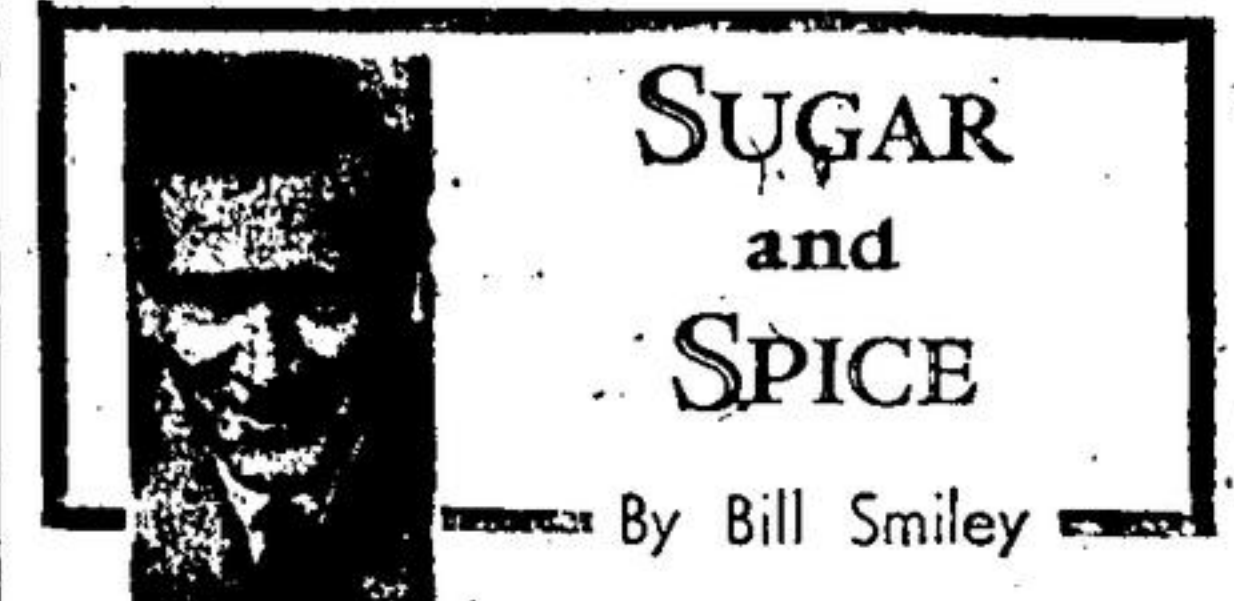
Mrs. Treahy asked the board what had been done since then and what was being done at the present.

**Space**  
"We're still investigating," replied board chairman Ed Wilson. "One of the problems facing us is space. We are presently short of normal academic teaching space and the commencement of an opportunity class program would make us even worse off. Though we are interested in Opportunity Classes we still have to see whether or not it can be worked out."

Mrs. Treahy suggested the board seek information from other schools which are using the system and when informed that the board had already taken such action asked whether or not the board realized that assistance in beginning the classes was available from the psychiatric clinic in London. Mr. Wilson said that the board was not aware of that and welcomed the information.

**A Year**  
"We may seem to be moving slowly to you people," he added, "but it takes two years to build a school and a year to get a vast new idea organized."

Mrs. Treahy pressed for a time limit. "Then would we have them (opportunity classes) in a year's time."



What this country needs more than anything, in these trying times, is more conservatives. Now, don't go all chalky and trembly like that. I don't mean Diefenbaker Conservatives. I mean good, old fashioned conservatives.

For the past couple of decades, 'conservative' has been practically a dirty word. People were as afraid of being considered conservative as they are today of being considered communist. Lying awake and lonely in the small hours last night, I realized suddenly, with a flash like a camera bulb that at heart I am a conservative. It was such a shock that I sat bolt upright in bed.

"This woke my wife, who lurched to her elbow, turned on her bedside lamp and moaned, 'Whassat?' This, in turn, disturbed my daughter, in the next room. She yelped in her sleep, rolled over abruptly, and crushed the cat, who sleeps beside her. He squalled and dug his claws into her. She hollered. All this woke Hugh, who staggered out of bed and went to the bathroom.

The sound of running water was too much for the rest of us, and there was a steady procession to the place, which wound up with me having to go down and let the cat out. It wouldn't come back in and twenty minutes later, standing there shivering and calling him and worrying a little because we're not sure it's a boy, cat and he might get pregnant if he was out all night, I consigned the whole conservative issue to the appropriate place.

But this morning, on sober second thoughts, I realized that I had truly seen the light, that I was a die-in-the-wool conservative. I experienced a vast wave of relief, as though I had just emerged from the confessional, or had just been awakened from one of those dragging, nagging, not quite terrifying bad dreams.

You've no idea what a relief it was, to shake off that false face of liberalism I have been wearing all these years, uncomfortably. I felt better and better as the shabby, borrowed layers of tolerance, reason and desire for change peeled off one by one, and left me an honest, naked, intolerant, slightly prejudiced small-C conservative.

"Oh, boy!" I chortled. "No more having to get sore at anti-Semites. No more having to be nice to Irishmen or Armenians or Negroes, unless I like them. No more having to be tolerant of half baked religious sects. No more pretending that women are as smart as men."

It's wonderfully refreshing to be able to look at life through your own sharp prejudices and emotions for a change, after years of gazing at it murky through the thumb-printed thick lenses loaned by small liberalism.

No longer, for example, must I put up with the slightest pretence of admiring modern architecture. Now I can say what I think: that new churches look like either tents or silos; that you can't tell a new school from a new factory; that the new split level homes, with picture window above and garage yawning below, resemble one eyed harpies who had just been delivered of monsters, by caesarean section.

Oh! I'm going to enjoy my conservatism, I can tell you.

**WORDS OF THE WISE**  
The greatest blessing of our democracy is freedom. But in the last analysis our only freedom is the freedom to discipline ourselves.

—Bernard Baruch

### MERRY MENAGERIE By Walt Disney



"I ran away FROM a circus!"