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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Government Gives a Boost....

A technical wing at Georgetown High School which will cost local taxpayers practically nothing in direct taxes is almost too good to be true.

But it is a fact, and another year will see this handsome addition in operation for the benefit of future generations of students who can then avail themselves of a larger field of training than the present restricted academic and stenographic courses.

It will be welcome news to taxpayers. And it is a step which is long overdue, for education is a matter which should be handled by senior governments, rather than expecting each municipality to find its own resources in a matter which is of primary importance to Canada's future.

The school will, of course, cost us money, though less painfully than in direct taxation.

Federal and provincial governments have no magic money tree to provide funds and must in one way or another, secure funds from taxpayers.

In fact if one is realistic, it is probable that in a system where education costs are to be largely borne by province and dominion, towns like Georgetown will actually be subsidizing less prosperous municipalities and paying somewhat more than their tax share.

With this we are in agreement, and we look forward to the day when operating costs too will be shared to a larger extent by province and dominion.

### A Restful Vacation....

Wonder how many people are like us when it comes to a vacation?

Usually we look forward to a motor trip, a bit of sightseeing and a few meals in good dining spots. For we are one of those individuals who don't fish, don't golf... and are past the age of tennis and sun-bathing.

Maybe it is advancing years, but this summer we decided to take a week and relax at the beach. And with some trepidation, and some good natured ribbing from the distaff side, we embarked on our week.

Oh, we had projects, mind you. There was a front door screen which needed replacement. A stuck-tight upstairs window which needed a new hook and eye. A woodshed window to open. Some odds

and ends of wood for sawing. The new Kincardine hydro nuclear plant to tour. This week's editorials to write.

And we can report a number of projects completed.

The screen got installed (Saturday night before we came home). The window got a hook and eye (Sunday afternoon). We read a book. We had one swim. And we had a thoroughly enjoyable week of doing nothing.

The wood will get split on a later week-end. We'll visit that nuclear plant yet. And we'll get in some sightseeing later this summer, perhaps.

Meanwhile, we can thoroughly recommend a week of suspension. You'll be surprised how fast the time can go, too.

### Should Be Visited....

Barely a handful of local people turned out Monday to see the new sewage treatment plant which provides Georgetown with one of the most modern sanitary disposal systems in the province.

The official opening was perhaps not a time convenient for many to make the visit, and we hope that council may consider later on advertising an evening when four of the plant could be arranged for taxpayers to see where their money has been spent.

Anyone who has seen the plant will be struck by the beautiful setting in valley land formerly owned by William Emshie and George Cleave. And impressed by construction which has not defaced the landscape as one might expect of a sewage plant.

Machinery is housed in attractive buildings. Odour is at a minimum. And the very latest methods are being used to reduce sewage to a harmless effluent which can be dumped in the Credit, long polluted by waste which has made the river unsafe for swimming and water use.

The Ontario Water Resources Commission is doing a fine job of steering municipalities along proper channels of waste disposal and clear water sources. Benefits of such projects will be of lasting value to towns like Georgetown which, without proper direction, might never have tackled such essential works on their own.

## THE DISTRICT at a Glance

### BURLINGTON

A \$302,850 local improvement project to provide storm sewers, curbs, gutters and paved road in Mountain Gardens Area of Burlington was approved last week by Burlington council. Although work would be started this year, the bulk of it would proceed in 1962.

### BOLTON

July 4th was the magical day for 35 Toronto youngsters. They left the city's hot, shaded streets to spend ten days at Bolton Summer Camp. 2,400 mothers and children will stream through the gates this summer.

### AURORA

The new Aurora Bandshell will be one of the most exciting small bandstands in Canada.

architect Werner Blohm of the Toronto firm of Biskup and Bradley believes. Built by the Aurora Lions it cost \$3,795.

### ORANGEVILLE

Amaranth Tap School Board has forwarded a proposal to the Ontario Department of Education seeking tentative approval to erect a six room school. This would replace the two room school destroyed by fire last month.

### STREETSVILLE

Streetsville council in a special meeting last week unanimously passed a motion leasing the arena site in Streetsville Memorial Park to the Arena Committee. When construction costs are fully paid the proposed arena will be turned over to the town as a gift.

### MILTON

Milton recreation committee in a letter to Milton Council Monday urged the formation of a parks board. To make the change council will have to receive a petition with 200 signatures and call a vote by the ratepayers.

### WORDS OF THE WISE

One can acquire everything in solitude except character. — Stendhal.

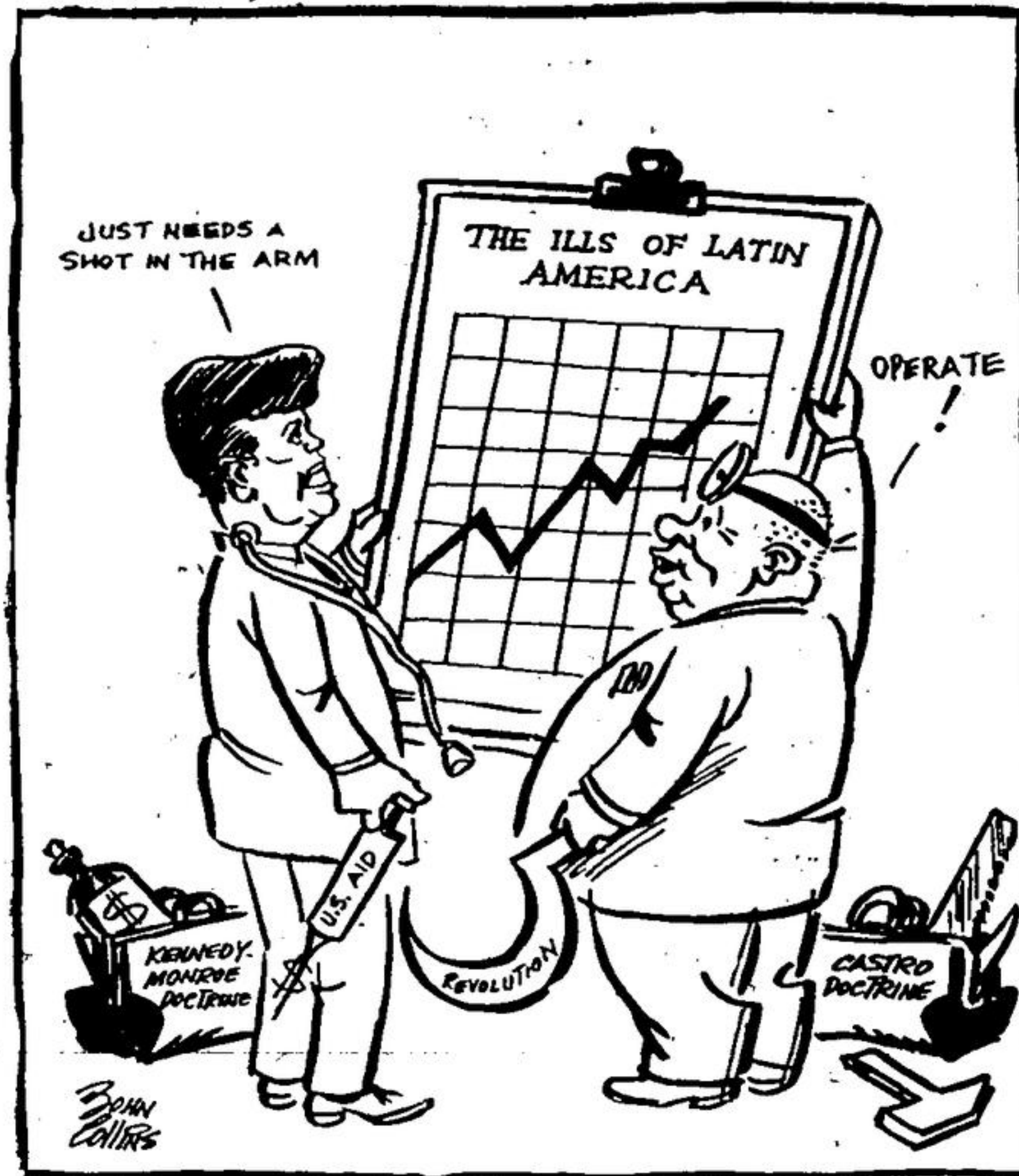
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### THE MAIL BAG

## No Smear Campaign But YMCA Makes Profit

80 Stevens Crescent, July 10th, 1961.

Dear Editor

You are kind enough to print in your paper my explanation for the benefit of Mr. Freeman who wrote to you last week making a mountain out of something that had no bearing on the subject printed in the paper. We were not comparing the YMCA to a community centre at the meeting. It is quite evident from the tone of Mr. Freeman's letter that he is a staunch supporter of the YMCA for which I must congratulate him, but for his accusation that I am trying to start a smear campaign against the YMCA I am afraid he is way off base and that it is he who is doing the smearing. If he had read the editorial covering the meeting or had attended, as an open invitation was extended to anyone interested instead of jumping to conclusions he would have been a lot better off.

I would like to once again clear the good gentleman's confused state of mind and review the highlights of our meeting once again. The question the Rev. Sir asked me was, and I quote, "as a body they were not invited to this meeting, but once we progressed along we would extend an invitation to them, but for the present, we were inviting only non-profit making organizations to attend, and from this point on till the end of the meeting the YMCA was never again mentioned. So please tell me where the smear campaign was indicated.

This remark about the YMCA seems to be the point that Mr. Freeman raises his objection but I am well informed on my statement for which I cared to voice my opinion, and it is he who is in a confused state of mind. But before I carry on any further I would like to point out that the ratepayers do not wish to become involved with any disagreement with any other organization or mixed up in any politics as both the YMCA and a community centre are worthwhile community projects and no one has any other wise.

But in order to clear myself on the point of profit making I repeat, the YMCA is a profit making organization open only to a limited number of people, and this is a fact and here is an example for my good friend, Mr. Freeman. At the corner of Stanley and St. Catherine Streets in Montreal is a very large YMCA and should Mr. Freeman go to Montreal and apply for a

turned over to the town as a gift, and I mean just that, and mortgage free of course, otherwise it would not be a gift. I also stated that this could only be done with the support of the community as a whole, and that the building would not be raised until sufficient funds were raised to put the building up which would take about three years. No one made mention of increased taxes, but it is certainly taken for granted that a project of this type must depend on fund raising activities and public donations the same as the drive for the hospital and from service club support, that is of course, unless there is a hidden Santa Claus who will supply the Centre as a gift, and this I doubt very much, and I am surprised that Mr. Freeman could think it could be accomplished any other way than stated.

Mr. Freeman also fails to realize the most important point of all in his mention of the costs of upkeep and where he gets a figure of \$8,000 I never know and where would this money come from. Well as a non profit making organization under a federal charter we

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## ECHOES..

From the Pages of the Herald, July 8, 1951, and July 22, 1956

### 10 Years Ago

The change of ownership of a local business was announced last week with the sale of Bradley Bros. Meats and Groceries to Walker Cleave. Mr. Cleave took over on Monday, July 16th.

Winners of three prizes in a lucky draw sponsored by Georgetown hockey club were chosen Thursday. Norman Fendley, Carolyn Bienn, each got a cheque for \$100 and Cecil Dobie of Milton, \$50. Mayor Harold Cleave made the draw.

Bob Lucas, who was at Camp Ipperwash, underwent an appendix operation at the Military Hospital in London, is returning home Tuesday.

Scouts attending the camp at Irish Lake, near Markdale are Jack Livingstone, George Mann, Teddy Hewdale, Keith Tracey, Bobby Tracey, Donald Puckering, Ross McGillivray, Bruce Denham, Kerry Jepson, Bill Hardman, Bill Hancock, Tommy Dobbe, Francis Hulme, Donnie Seddon, Douglas Tucker, Billy Farmer, Doug Jennings, Paul Prust, Don Livingstone and Wayne Gribbens.

### 25 Years Ago

Joe Wilcox won three firsts and Frank Carter and Norm Barber were also winners at Canada's Greatest Band Show, the Waterloo Band Festival where the Georgetown Lorne Rifles Band placed second to Hanover in their class.

Editor Joe Moore says "This is the time of year when people who wouldn't think of eating with a fly on their table will go on a picnic and devour a meal in the presence of ants, gnats, chiggers and varied other flying and crawling critters."

At the Gregory Theatre "Desire" starring Gary Cooper and Marlene Dietrich; "Sutter's Gold" starring Edward Arnold, Lee Tracy and Bonnie Barnes; "Robin Hood of Eldorado" starring Warner Baxter.

## SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

Well, here I am back on the treadmill of a summer course for teachers. Nothing has changed much since I was here before, last year, when I began what may turn out to be one of the most brief and brilliant teaching careers on record. Or may not.

The fellow with the big pneumatic drill starts at the same unholy hour, right below my window, as last year. The list of rules in my cubicle is the same as last year, suggesting that residents are not prohibited from introducing hooch, but stating flatly that deliveries of beer will not be accepted at the porter's lodge.

Most of the familiar faces are back, but a few are missing. It reminds me of the old days on the squadron, when we'd come back from leave and find new faces in the mess, and learn that Paddy and Jock and Dave and Tony had "gone missing."

It appears that Bud, a stout chap who was in real estate, was shot down in the wilds of western Ontario. George, a refugee from a big electrical firm, didn't return from a mission to Peterborough. Jim, a former insurance salesman crashed on takeoff, and is repeating the course. Mrs. K., who thought teaching would be better than keeping house, had to be taken to an institution right after the Christmas exams.

Most of them completed their first tour of operations, however. My old side-kick, Squire, degree from Cambridge and 10 years as an accountant, is right across the hall. Young Pete, fresh out of industry, the good-looking kid who must have those Grade 11 girls in a frenzy has made the grade and likes the trade.

Father O'Hooligan, the jolly Jesuit from County Cork, is with us again. Mrs. J., who was about seven months pregnant last summer, has accomplished her mission, and is slim as a snake this year. Old Jock, thick Scots accent and Bohemian newspaper world behind him, has joined us. And young Jeanie with the dark brown hair, who doesn't look old enough to be in Grade 12, let alone teach it, is there to make us feel fatherly, as well as look it.

The above is a typical cross-section of the people who are taking the course with me. They come from all runs of life. Not walks. In age, they are well above the average of the teacher entering the profession in normal times. That is, before the war boom in babies, who are here now, thank you, and all set to be educated. Not to mention the increase in teachers' salaries.

Most of them wouldn't have touched teaching with the proverbial ten-foot pole, when they first graduated from college, because of the shabby pay and the shabby treatment of the profession.

These have changed. As a result, people whose experience adds up to thousands of years in the arts, business and industry, are entering the teaching profession.

This, in my far-from-humble opinion, is going to pour a rich transfusion into the veins of teaching.

Those who went into teaching and have carried on bravely, and with dedication, may sneer. They need not. They are respected and admired, those who are good at their jobs, by us newcomers.

We might compare the old-timers to the "regulars" in an army. They are the backbone of the skeleton of the vast, new

structure needed in war or emergency.

The new people flocking to the colors are like war-time volunteers. There is a great deal of talent among them. They bring fresh approaches, new ideas. Some of them will be useless, just as some of the regulars are dead-heads.

Down here at the university, there are thousands of teachers, taking summer courses. Many of them, like me, are merely qualifying, getting their trade papers. Others are here to improve their financial status. No other reason.

Still others — and bless them — are here to improve their skills as teachers. Some are here solely to get away from their wives and families for a few weeks. And bless THEM.

What do we study? Well, take myself, for example. One of my courses is Educational Psychology. I presume that's all about psychology and education.

But they have the danged lectures at eight o'clock in the morning and I haven't time to get to one yet.

Then, there's the History and Philosophy of Education. I have some pretty good notes on that course from a fellow who took it last year, so I don't have to go to those.

Then, I take History and Geography. The first day I had to write my column in the History period. The second day I had to go to the veteran's hospital for my annual check-up, and missed it.

The next time, I got a little mixed up in the time-table and arrived at 2 p.m., to find the lecture just ending. But I made one this week, and it's all about Greeks and stuff.

I also take English, but I taught that last year, so I know everything there is to know about it. Participles and poems and metaphors and all like that. We take Latin, too, but it's 22 years since I studied Latin, and there doesn't seem much point in going back that far, for a little lousy Latin.

Then, there's Guidance, which is all about talking to teen-agers and getting them jobs and things. But I taught that last year, so I know all about that. I've been talking to him and trying to get him to mow the lawn all summer.

So there's the course in a nut-shell. But do you know the part of the course I like best of all? It's when I get home, Friday evening.

And a little brown girl says, "Hi, Dad, smuck, what kept you—so late, can I go swimming?" And a long, lean, brown kid I wouldn't recognize, if it weren't for the fact that he's wearing my best sport shirt, says, "Hi, Dad, smuck, how'd you like to take us to the drive-in?" And a sophisticated, tanned doll, who bears no relation to the crabby old wife I had all winter, wraps me up like an ananada, and murmurs, "We missed you!" That's the part of the course I like.

### WORDS OF THE WISE

Let no man be sorry he has done good because others have done evil! If a man has acted right, he has done well, though alone; if wrong, the sanction of all mankind will not justify him. Henry Fielding.

Best way to carve a tombstone is to chisel in traffic.

## Predict Halton Will Triple in 20 Years

## Georgetown Third In Average Wage

"Halton and Peel may triple their population between 1956 and 1976" according to the first Economic Survey of Ontario since 1957 which has just been released by the Ontario Dept. of Economics.

The 340 page study suggests that the population of Halton in 1976 will be 216,000 as compared with a 1956 population of 68,297. It is noted that figures are "merely informed guesses based on estimates made in the Ontario submission to the Royal Commission on Canada's Economic Prospects modified by changes in trends."

### Concrete Facts

There are some interesting concrete facts on Halton as revealed in the study.

The county's population in 1956 had a greater percentage in the age range (17.1%) than any other bracket. Only 2.6% of the population was aged 65 population exceeds the provincial average of 26.4%. It is noted that 4.5% were 70 or over, which exceeded only in sections of Northern Ontario.

### Fewer Horses

The county's farms have experienced changes, too. The number of horses in the county has decreased from 2,700 in 1951 to 680 in 1960. Cattle, swine, and sheep have increased in quantity while milk cows have shown a slight decrease.

The production of limestone has taken a tremendous leap from 283 tons in 1945 to 1,962,777 in 1958.

Surveying the province's manufacturing report notes "Although manufacturing is

widely dispersed from one boundary to the other the Golden Horseshoe of Ontario which extends from Oshawa to the Niagara Peninsula, contains the most concentrated structure of manufacturing activity in the province. The two economic regions in this area accounted for about 58% of Ontario's selling value of factory shipments in 1958."

### List Manufacturing

The 1958 figures on manufacturing show Acton with 18 establishments employing 934

employees, a payroll of \$7,338,000 and production of \$31,420,000.

On the basis of these 1958 figures Milton had the highest average wage at \$4,084 followed by Oakville at \$3,925, Georgetown at \$3,850, Acton at \$3,485 and Burlington at \$3,482.

The growth of manufacturing in Halton has climbed from 4,004 employees in 1946 to 10,752 in 1958 with an annual payroll of \$42,041,000.

The metropolitan region, which includes Halton, Ontario, Peel and York counties, ac-

counted for 48% of building permits issued in the province in 1960. Detailed figures by counties were not included in the report.

Motor vehicle registrations in Halton quadrupled from 7,283 in 1946 to 31,866 in 1959 or from 1% of the Ontario total to 1.7%. In the Metropolitan region there are 34.7% of the total Ontario vehicles.

According to the Ontario survey 94% of the population have television sets in the 21,900