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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Your Children's Future

Attention of all parents is drawn to an article appearing in this issue prepared by the National Federation of University students, pointing to the need for careful choice of subjects in high school by young people who are uncertain of their future activity.

It is the first in a series of articles which the Herald has offered to reproduce as an aid to students and their parents, and the Herald is being used as a testing ground, with hopes that later the articles can be widely circulated across Canada.

Use of the Herald came about through an enquiry by UWO student Tom Forgrave, who recently brought his group to town to explain details of university courses to high school seniors. And this newspaper is happy to play its part in this important work.

As we have said on many occasions, education nowadays has reached the point

of a 'must' if young people are to make use of their capabilities in a world of automation.

This week's article points out the prime importance of early decision on options which are offered, for long before Grade 13, the point of no return is reached for many university courses.

Youngsters in their early teens cannot be entrusted with decisions affecting their future life, and the wise parent will keep in touch with school authorities, particularly at the start of a year when options are being chosen.

There are few parents who would see their children in physical want. Most young Georgetonians are adequately clothed, fed and housed.

It is just as important, and maybe more so, that children not be in mental want, and it is a parent's responsibility to provide proper guidance in the important formative years in education.

### More Than Housing Problem

We listened with interest and some amazement recently when a government spokesman explained to council how a town can supply low rental housing for families whose income does not allow the purchase of a house, and whose family size precludes securing private rental.

It is a situation which commands government attention, and we cannot quarrel with current measures to make life happier for youngsters who might otherwise grow up in city slums. Nor are we unhappy to see families removed from squalor which breeds disease and crime.

But we think that there is a further step which government should take.

For comparison purposes, take a disease like tuberculosis.

Without research into its cause and cure, we could keep building more and more hospitals to house those who contract the disease. And we would be faced with a mounting cost to society for such buildings. Instead, while providing accommodation for TV victims, other branches of government constantly seek for its cure and that utopian day when the need for special

hospitals will end because there will be no patients.

Low rental housing should be approached in exactly the same way.

To our mind, the root of the problem is in the people who bring large numbers of youngsters into the world without considering how they will provide for their family.

Once with us, our modern society rightly demands that every human being receive the best possible chance in life, and if low rental housing can help, then we're all for it.

But at the same time, government should be concerned with taking measures to see that the problem diminishes rather than increases. And the only answer is to encourage parents to consider economics when they decide to bring new life into the world.

We are opposed to more and more public funds being poured into low rental housing, unless our government is taking equally definite measures to disseminate birth control information among lower income groups in our society.

### Missions Problem Too

On a worldwide scale, our religious missions in overpopulated countries can have little success unless birth control is a focal point of such programs.

All the Dr. Schweitzers in the world cannot stem the tide of misery which over-population causes in Africa and India. For if each person kept alive for a few more years produces other unfortunates, the problem

increases in a spiraling circle.

If one is to temper with nature's cruel law of survival, the tempering must be much deeper than caring for children after they are born.

It must, rather, provide a means of seeing that no more are born than can be reasonably cared for, first by their parents, and second by society.

## DISTRICT NEWS AT A GLANCE

### BRAMPTON

Another subdivision will sprout up in Brampton, but only if the public school board and the developer agree on a school site. Plans of Frontenac Developments Ltd. would put some 300 homes on the area bordered by John Beck Crescent, Clarence St. and Kennedy Rd.

### ORANGEVILLE

An Orangeville district resident, Adelaide Leith, has won \$2,500 first prize in a contest sponsored by the MacMillan Company. Her book, *The Great Canoe*, was chosen from among 120 entries. It will be published next fall.

### BURLINGTON

A new multi-million dollar Canadian-British company is eyeing Burlington as the location for an investment in major commercial projects. Canadian STV Developments Limited is a business partnership of Standard Life Assurance Company, and the Taylor Woodrow Group in Canada. The company is considering locations.

### PORY CREDIT

An indoor swimming pool in the new Port Credit Secondary School would be a good thing but there isn't money to build one. South Peel Board of Education Trustees agreed Monday. The district home and

school association asked the board to incorporate a swimming pool in the new building.

### STREETSVILLE

There was a four barrelled blessed event at the John O'Connor farm, R.R. 2, Streetsville, last week, when one of their sheep gave birth to four lambs. The rare quadruplet birth occurred on the O'Connor farm several years ago, but that time the lambs died.

### AURORA

Taxpayers were handed a surprise Tuesday when Aurora town council reduced its residential mill rate by 2.247 mills to a new rate of 54.768 mills. Industrial and commercial rates remained unchanged at 59.06 mills.

### FERGUS

A new public school will be erected in Fergus this year, the first time that the Fergus school board has had to undergo a new building program. Two additions have been made to the present school which now has 18 classrooms. The school population there has risen from 180 to 220 in a year.

### MILTON

The recent controversy over the town's name has been solved. Sandy Best, M.P. for Halton, announced last week. The old postal name Milton West will be changed to just plain Milton. The change is in effect immediately and although it will be approved by most Milton citizens, the old Milton West postal designation

kept mail from getting mixed up with mail for other Miltons, Wilton, Hilton and Malton.

### ACTON

Last Saturday afternoon with temperatures hovering not far above freezing, two Toronto salvage divers took diving equipment and took a chilly dip in Fairy Lake at Acton. Robert Forbes and Wayne Young of the Forbes-Young Marine Diving Salvage Company were testing equipment and were happy to find open water for their experiments.

### DID YOU KNOW?

A wholly new kind of surgical adhesive tape that sticks tenaciously, yet can be peeled from tender skin as painlessly and easily as pulling off a glove is coming into wide use. More important, says *The Reader's Digest*, this is the first tape in history that in itself apparently encourages uncomplicated healing. Called "Microporous No. 530" it is a product of Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Co. which hopes to put it on the Canadian market this year.

Starlings were first brought from England and set free in New York in 1890. Since then says *The Reader's Digest*, these persistent trouble-makers have spread like measles. They reached California nearly 20 years ago. The first starling was seen in Vancouver in 1946; by 1954 there was a total of 500, and four years later it had grown to 25,000.



### MOSCOW EXHIBITION

## Hump Yard is New Concept in Railroading

When the snow goes, Georgetown freight yards will be the scene of a major track laying and reconstruction program necessitated by the Toronto Terminal project which will create an entirely new concept in freight yard operations. What is a hump yard, and how does it work? Here are the facts.

A behind-the-scenes revolution in railway freight yards is near completion. For years railroads had been perturbed by the fact that freight cars spent too much time in standing operations and on delays in relation to rolling time in service. What was needed was a system that would deal out freight cars with the speed of a punched card sorting machine.

The answer was electronically-operated freight classification yards utilizing a gravitational flow basis. The Toronto yard will have 170 miles of track and will be able to handle more freight than the Montreal yard. Its completion will have far-reaching effects both locally and nationally. Coincidental with its building is the laying of a new access line. The yard and the access line will cost an estimated \$80,000.

A 628-acre Winnipeg yard is to open next year and will be known as the Sunnington Freight Yard after H. J. Sunnington, who was a CNR director for 20 years. The yard—now more than half completed—will have a total of 102 miles of track with 96 operating tracks for classification, receiving and departure. These yards each have several humps operational.

To people in Montreal and Montreal who have long associated steam locomotives and laborious shunting operations with railroads, these yards have proved to be a surprise package when visited. Closed circuit television, computers, teletypes, radar and light portable two-way radios are handled together in a communications network that make these yards the most efficient and sophisticated in the world. American railmen are visiting them with sketch pads and engineering notebooks.

Senior railway officials see these yards not as rival elements, but as an integral network that will be a key element in Canada's future development. All of them have room for expansion.

### West Indian Nurses Welcomed by Many

Twenty five offers of accommodation— including 13 from Hamilton—for West Indian nurses have been received in recent days.

The offers started coming in after a story by Vicky Innes in the *March 8th Gazette* revealed discrimination in housing practices on the basis of color. Of the 10 West Indian nurses working in Burlington, six had experienced discrimination while looking for accommodation.

"Of the remaining 12 offers, some have been too far from the Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital and are unsuitable for anyone doing shift work there," said Mrs. Winn who is in charge of the Women's Hospital Auxiliary accommodation service for nurses.

Six offers of accommodation were however, within reasonable distance— by bus or by foot. Three were in outlying districts, one was temporary, one was for the summer only and one had not yet been checked, she said.

Only four Burlington residents have consistently, now or in the past, taken in the West Indian nurses.

"I don't know what I would have done without their help," Mrs. Winn said.

These residents include Mrs. M. Allan, who plans to take an apartment soon with two West Indian nurses, and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Monachello, who have lodged several.

One problem said Mrs. Winn was the lack of bus service north of the Queen Elizabeth highway after 6 p.m.

Over 207,000 people of all ages took part in Canadian Red Cross water safety services and projects last year.

### THE DATE BOOK

March 18-24, National Wildlife Week — National Salesman's Week; March 18, 1837 (125 years ago) President Grover Cleveland born; March 19, Jewish Feast of Purim begins at sundown; March 20 Spring begins at 9:30 p.m. EST; March 20, 1852 (110 years ago), the book "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was published and subsequently sold six million copies; March 23, 1775 (187 years ago), Patrick Henry delivered his famed "Give liberty or give me death" speech.

### MERRY MENAGERIE By Walt Disney



## SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

Last thing in the world I want to do is turn this column into a weekly forum for education. What I don't know about the subject would fill the Sunday books of Cyclops, the mythical giant. But it seems to have a morbid fascination. After this week, we'll drop it for a while.

But I received a number of thoughtful intelligent letters after a recent column asking for opinions. Remember? The column dealt with the action of a high school principal who suspended for the rest of the year, seven pupils, all "repeaters" and all over 16, who were not doing their duty, in his opinion. I thought you might be interested in some of the ideas of readers.

Because of space limitations they must be cut to the bare bones. Most of the letters were longer than the original column, which asked readers what should be done about the undisciplined lump of youngsters in the school system — those whose contribution, for various reasons, consists of holding down a seat and holding up the progress of the others. Should they be kicked out, or should they be put up with?

A mother in Renfrew, Ont. suggests the problem is aggravated by poor teachers. The training of these creatures puts too much emphasis on diploma and degree, not enough on teaching methods, she says. Many mothers will agree. Few teachers will.

A teacher's wife in Vernon, B.C., told me to stop making cracks about teachers, and warned me to correct the situation in my next column. To heck with that. The teachers have a strong union. Let them sue me.

A male teacher claimed that if all the kids who are not working were kicked out of school, the labour unions would raise such a hue and cry about the extra labour supply that the pupils would have to be readmitted hastily. Which I doubt since when did the labour unions start running the educational system?

An elderly Montreal woman asked: "Do the children, or their parents, fully understand that a boy cannot get anywhere without education?"

She pointed out that, years ago, a boy could begin learning a trade as an apprentice at 12, but that's impossible now. She warns that it is mighty expensive to feed and clothe a young man of 16 to 21 who can't get a job.

Best thing to do in this case is marry the kid off, and let his father-in-law worry about him.

A reader of the *Paris, Ont. Star*, who is an aunt, volunteered her opinion — a return to the practice of publishing students' marks, at each examination, in the local paper.

She thinks this would prod lazy students, and more important, lazy parents. She assails the "business" towards children that is practiced today, claiming it saps their moral fibre. And, she says, despite the new method of avoiding anything that will upset the children,

there are just as many hearties and compulsive drinkers as ever.

But she concludes, "Throwing a few out of school once in a while does clear the air and relieve feelings, but it is not the best answer."

From Bowling Green, Ohio, comes a lengthy analysis by a teacher and councillor, William R. Gibbons, who formerly taught in Ontario. Referring to the original column, he says, "Unless the attitudes of these so-called young people have been changed by the action, this approach to the problem is not only negative, it is callous and feckless... The problem has not been solved. It has only been shifted from the school to the community."

He suggests that this sort of action will give students the green light to juvenile delinquency, making them live up to the role of "lay" and "good for nothing" which has been assigned to them.

He goes on: "These kids—at least most of them—don't need to be psycho-analysed. They need some adult help and a situation in which they can learn in areas in which they are capable and interested and where they can achieve and gain self-respect."

This can be done, he implies, by the provision of more vocational courses, which would teach the youngsters a skill saleable on the labor market.

He ends his letter: "Schools are operated by trained adults, people who are supposed to understand and help youth. We are better equipped to adjust to the kids, but too often we require them to adjust to us, or vice. Can we?"

I could answer to that. "Why not?" But I won't. Well, there are some slants on today's youth, and their schooling. I agree with everybody, but not very much. What about you?

### QUICK STUDY

The Indians had no iron tools until the Europeans came to America. They had no firearms or steelbladed weapons. Nor did they have horses, cattle or sheep. But, says the Book of Knowledge, they were quick to adopt these gifts in trade with the white men.

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## ECHOES

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### 10 YEARS AGO

- At the High School, Commencement Wednesday, in St. John's church hall cash prizes from the board for 1951 scholarships went to William MacCormack, Irene Neale, Mary Beckett, Eileen Oates, Dan Souther, Dorothy, Williams and Shirley Burt.
- President of Halton county CCF Association again for a second term is Stan Allen of Georgetown. Mr. Allen, who is a Smith & Stone employee, is a member of the Georgetown council and is president of the IBEW Union at the Smith & Stone plant.
- A native of Georgetown, who has lived in Toronto for several years, Bill MacSowan has started a concrete block business in Glen Williams. A few years ago he started the block business at Orillia, near Todmorden.

### 25 YEARS AGO

- The second annual reunion and supper of the employees of the Dominion Seed House took place last evening at Hunter's Inn.
- Mr. Fred Anguish of Brampton is Georgetown's new CNR stationmaster filling the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. Hill last month.
- At the Gregory Theatre: "The Magnificent Brute", starring Dick Powell, Joan Blondell, and Victor Moore; "The Green Light", starring Anita Louise and Errol Flynn.