

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Election a Thriller

The federal election, after getting off to a slow start in the initial stages of the campaign, ended up a real thriller. Right up until election night, prognosticators would have us believe that the Conservatives would be re-elected with a somewhat reduced majority, with the Liberals and NDPs picking up an odd seat here and there.

Locally, in Peel and Halton, the upset will have people talking for a long time to come. For Peel, election of Liberal Bruce Beer ended an unbroken Conservative majority since 1899. For Halton two candidates had to bite their fingers until Monday when the official count, including the service votes, revealed Sandy Best's 61 majority was reversed and Dr. Harry Harley will go to Ottawa for the Liberals.

Country is Confused

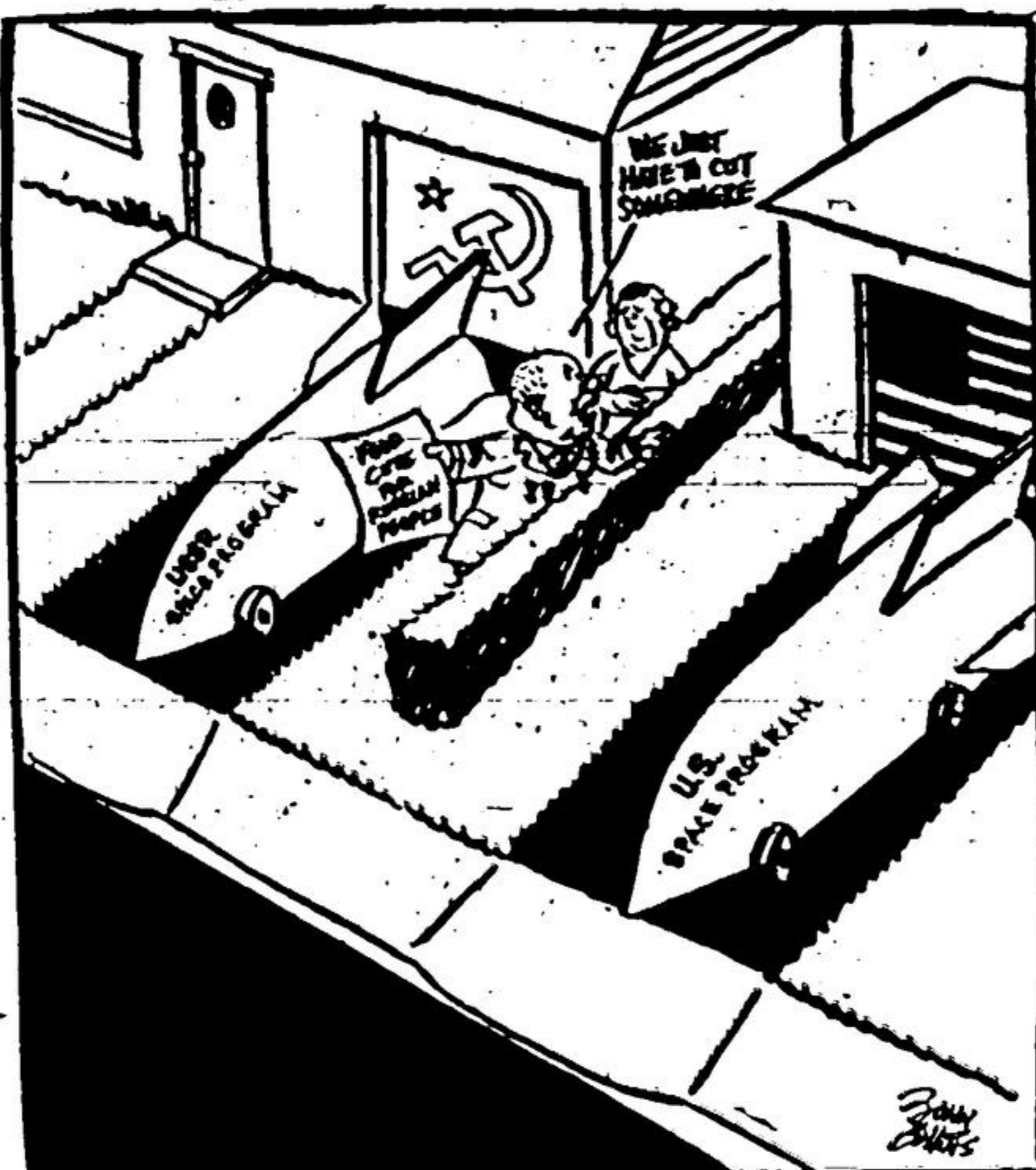
That Canadians are confused is evident from election results. And we wonder if there mightn't be a better system of government than the time-honoured two-party idea which has prevailed in Canada since Confederation. There is too little difference in the philosophy of the two older parties nowadays, and the newer parties are offering nothing radically different in their political theories, that elections are tending to be a vote for the man idea, rather than adherence to a party line.

For a political stalemate of the type that exists in France where there are so many parties that none can get enough majority in office for any protracted period? Or could it be that we should conduct our federal parliament similar to municipal ones, devoid of party politics. Perhaps it might be an idea worth trying. In this system, each electoral district would elect the man they wanted at Ottawa, rather than the party. And at the same time we would vote for a prime minister and a deputy. These would select their cabinet just as a mayor chooses his committee heads, and a term of office could be set - two years, four years, whatever might be thought best to give an administration a proper chance.

Refrigerator Warnings

Every now and then a tragic death occurs because a curious child enters an unused refrigerator, shuts the door and isn't located until too late. Wide publicity has been given to two such cases recently in Ontario. We hope that our readers have checked their own homes and safely removed any chance of this happening to a Georgetown child.

Empty fridges can be just as dangerous, as can anything which has a light lid which can be opened from the outside but not from inside. What should be done is a government directive to makers of refrigerators calling for a magnetic lock type of door, or some similar safeguard. Meanwhile we hope every reader will check their home for any hazard of this kind. If you have an unused refrigerator, particularly, remove the locking device so the door cannot be completely closed, or bind it securely with knotted rope so it cannot be opened by a child.



IT'S HARD TO KEEP UP WITH THE KENNEDYS

Fluoride In Your Drinking Water

It may be next year or it may be next week, but sometime in the near future, Georgetown will be faced with the fluoridation question. This column is to sway opinion but to inform readers of the facts about fluoridation based on information from the Health League of Canada.

MINNESOTA DEMONSTRATES BENEFITS OF FLUORIDATION. New evidence of the effectiveness of a sound fluoridation program was demonstrated recently at Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. A dental survey of school children, covering a ten-year period, reveals a 70 per cent reduction in dental caries among those children who had lived continuously in that community since fluoridation of the water supply was started in 1951.

ately she has forgotten "Joel" her fezzed, sleepless parents have a new worry. Lori loads all her dolls, stuffed toys and precious possessions into the baby's crib. This is her offering to the altar of motherhood, but her parents spend terrifying minutes every time Lori is mixing, or is too quiet. Has she smothered the baby with her gifts of love? "Oh well," says I, who never went through this harrowing experience, having been smart enough to birth my sons seven years apart. "They'll soon both be in school and all these troubles and sleepless nights will be forgotten."

WHAT COUNCIL DID. Seeking to borrow debenture money at less than 6 1/2 per cent interest charged when the government floats municipal bonds, council has given the Bell, Gouinlock investment firm two weeks to attempt a private issue for the George Kennedy public school addition.



Diary of a Vagabond

JEALOUSY HURTS. Leslie Patricia has celebrated her third month in this vale of tears. Or should I write, "in the din of Lori's tears." Lori, like all first children who have reached the age of two plus and find the affections of their parents suddenly shared with a wiggling, speechless bundle of humanity, spent the first days of Leslie Patricia's advent into the Barker family in a fearful rage. She had been prepared for this event for months by being obedient loving child, she turned into a little monster. Each morning at five a.m. she was up for the day. She conked anyone on the head with the garden tools "mommy bought. Lori so she could help daddy make things grow" if they so much as dared try to comfort her. Inside that stout little body was a broken heart and nothing but resentment. Lori was going through that period of adjustment most first children have to experience when a new baby comes into the home.

Private Borrowing Sought for Town

Another bond firm had expressed interest originally, he said, but later declined. Asked by Reeve Elliott, Mayor Sargent said no reason had been given other than the condition of the bond market.

Seek Hazard Control On Property Owners

Georgetown council is considering legislation which would force property owners to overcome hazards on their property. At a recent council meeting, Reeve John Elliott expressed strong criticism of poor drainage in the Egan subdivision, which makes large quantities of water to create a hazard for children.

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SUGAR and SPICE By Bill Smiley. Advertisement for a product, featuring a small illustration of a person.

Coming up, dead ahead, is the deer hunter. This is the big lug about the biggest week end of the year. It means the beginning of two beautiful months in which he can take other week end on our radar. Various bodies of water with variously named hardware, and advent of summer. According to an old saying, still, summer actually begins on June 21. But try to tell that to a school teacher, glassy-eyed, who leaves Sunday and warm running shoes at home. Through the last week of class with children whose minds and hearts have had the classroom to the great, green, thrashing outdoors. Try to tell it in the tourist operator, whose cabins are as empty as his cash register, whose boats quitted the shore like so many gutted crucifixes, whose dining room echoes only the lone tread of his wife, as she limps in from the kitchen to see if there's any point in preparing dinner for non-existent guests.

What Canadian is not thrilled of urchins pour forth in an ebullient tidal wave from their schools, filled with a burning sensation of freedom, which will last about 48 hours. That's when the factory work er, who has spent 11 months putting round pegs in square holes, or something of the sort, sets off, quivering with LIFE, for his two weeks with pay, ready to half kill himself golf, swimming, drinking beer, dancing, or whatever it is. Let's see, now, was it the day Sir Wilfrid Laurier composed Oh, Canada? No, that doesn't seem to ring a bell. Was it the day Barbara Ann Scott swam across Lake Superior? I don't believe it was. Wait a minute. It's coming back to me now. It was the day somebody drove the last deep, inner warmth that comes into Sir John A. Macdonald. Anyway, happy the next two months, they'll get First of July, and try to restrain like it, and do the washing within bounds of decency as our whole nation goes haywire with joy during the celebration. For the bass fisherman, it is this - our glorious national holiday as peculiar in his way as a holiday.

ECHOES

From the Pages of The Herald, June, 1951. 10 YEARS AGO. Council ruled Monday that no action be taken on a petition of nine merchants to squash a by-law shifting open night from Saturday to Friday, and on a petition by one druggist as neither represented one-third as required. A similar motion by one operator of a variety store did not find a mover or seconder. Earl Scott, Limehouse, is entering the Canadian Old Time Fiddlers Contest this week at Shelburne. Fiddlers from all parts of Canada are expected to complete the play-downs on Friday night. The semi-finals and finals are scheduled for Saturday. A grocery store established by Bob Harris two years ago in Stewarttown has been purchased by Ken Wilson of Toronto. Mr. Wilson took possession this week and moved into the house in which the store is located yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Harris have moved to town. Don Barrager was installed a Lion Chief when the club held an outdoor meeting last week at the home of the retiring president Ray Whimes. Jack Gunning was named 1st vice president; Clarence Kennedy is 2nd vice president and Albert Tennant is 3rd vice president. Entertaining at the garden party in the park Thursday were Vince Mounford, amee, The Royal City Four, Joey Hollingsworth, the Paul Brothers and Shirley, Alf Sutton and Andy Cuthbert.

THE MAIL BOX

Doesn't Believe Evolution Theory. June 22nd, 1962. Apt. 4 - 43 Main St. N., Georgetown, Ontario. Dear Mr. Editor: In Toronto's three leading papers we read an article re Adam and Eve banished from Garden of Eden. In company with many others my own comment was - "HOW DARE THEY." When Darwin proclaimed the theory of evolution and told us we came from monkeys, no one paid too much attention, thinking he was harmlessly off-balance. However, it would seem that many scientists followed his lead with ever increasing zeal till we read in our newspapers items that even tell us our ancestors were fish. Not content with making devil bombs to destroy this beautiful God-created universe, they have turned their attention to the minds of men, to destroy their faith in the Bible, which is "GOD'S WORD OF TRUTH!" In Genesis ch. 1 ver. 21, God clearly states that living creatures were brought forth AFTER THEIR OWN KIND, they did not evolve then any more than they do now. If evolution were true, why did it stop with man? Romans ch. 3, ver. 4 says LET GOD BE TRUE, BUT LET MAN BE A LIAR. The countless places in the Bible we've against adding to or

THE DATE BOOK

June 24-30, Swim for Health Week; June 25, 1876 (84 years ago) Gen. George Custer and his 265 men were wiped out by Sioux Indians at Battle of Little Big Horn; June 25, 1950 (12 years ago) the Communist troops invaded Korea; June 26, 1917 (45 years ago) First units of American Expeditionary Force reached France during World War I; June 27, 1880, (82 years ago), Helen Keller born; June 28, 1902 (60 years ago), United States purchased the unfinished Panama Canal from France; June 28, 1902 (60 years ago), composer Richard Rodgers born. FRENCH ADVENTURER. Olivier Gloux, the colourful French-American novelist of the last century, who wrote under the name, Gustave Aimard, is recalled by the Book of Knowledge. After a voyage to America as a cabin boy, he lived for ten years among the Indians in Arkansas and Mexico. Later he travelled as a soldier of fortune in Turkey, the Caucasus and Spain, served as an officer in the Garde Mobile in the Paris revolution of 1848 and as commander of the "franc-tireurs" of the peasantry in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-2. Many of his adventure novels were translated into English.

MERRY-MENAGERIE By Walt Disney. Advertisement for a cartoon, featuring a drawing of a man and a bear.