

## ... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

### Reciprocity in Business

An excellent response is being met by canvassers in the current YM-YWCA campaign which is seeking \$10,000 to meet anticipated operating costs for an 18 month program presently in the advanced planning stage.

The 'Y' is thus assured of a cordial reception in the Georgetown community and it will prove of immense benefit to succeeding generations of young Georgetowners.

While the organizing committee has rightly geared its efforts to a minimal program as a start, and has avoided any discussion of a permanent building in the foreseeable future, there is an opportunity coming up which might be too good to miss.

We speak of the present post office, soon to be abandoned for the new high-way structure being built.

The Building would be almost ideal for the type of program which a YMCA conducts.

It is centrally located, well constructed, with plenty of space and with minor alterations could be a 'Y' building which even the most optimistic could never envisage in a town this size.

Rumour has it that the town would have first option on its purchase as a municipal building. If so, there would be the alternative of using the present Main St. location as 'Y' headquarters.

### YMCA Meets Good Reception

Commenting in a Herald editorial of last week, a businessman asks this pertinent question:

"We are asked to contribute generously to civic projects: a hospital, a swimming pool, a YMCA program. What do we get in return?"

His inference, of course, is that a merchant should expect a measure of local patronage, from residents. And while he agrees that this is forthcoming from many, he feels that a somewhat larger share should be expected.

No one would expect every dollar that is made by a local resident to be spent in town. For a town cannot be an economic

entity in itself any more than a province, a country or a hemisphere.

But one could expect that, price and quality, being reasonably equal, that Georgetown would get a large percentage of the shopping dollar. And in the case of our friend, who deals in a service type business for which rates do not vary among agents for this service, it should be axiomatic that the large majority of such business should be locally handled.

What we mean to say is this.

No businessman gauges his contributions to charitable or civic enterprises by what he hopes to get. But it is only human for him to expect that those whom he helps will feel some loyalty in return.

### Churches Measure Growth

A town's growth can be measured in several ways, not the least by the number and size of its churches.

Twenty years ago, Georgetown was represented by only five of the major denominations, United, Anglican, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian and Baptist.

Since then, a Christian Reformed Church has been added, one more United, two Baptists, Jehovah Witnesses and Pentecosts. And church halls have been added to the Presbyterian and United churches.

At present a \$51,000 addition is planned for St. John's United, designated as a Christian education building, and the Lutheran Church has purchased property preparatory to forming a Georgetown congregation.

Only major denominations not represented in town will then be Evangelical, Jewish, Salvation Army, Unitarian and Christian Science and the day will come, in a larger town, when any or all of these will appear on the local scene.

### THE MAIL BAG

#### Boosts Plebiscite On Land Release

216 Delrex Blvd.  
21 October, 1962

The Editor,

At the October 15th council meeting the issue of the residential land release has been tabled again. I am, of course, referring to the proposed agreement between Georgetown and Delrex Development Ltd. permitting the latter to subdivide an additional 1100 residential lots with only the scantiest provisions for simultaneous industrial development.

I have always been, together with what I believe to be a large percentage of the Georgetown population, opposed to the signing of this agreement.

The draft agreement is now before the Department of Municipal Affairs which is expected to give its opinion as to whether or not the plan ought to be implemented. Because

the department has not yet sent its reply, certain councillors are now suggesting to forget about the Municipal Board and to sign the agreement without having obtained their advice.

Let it be remembered that the question of the land release is a highly controversial one. Council itself was divided when it voted on it and it took the tie-breaking vote of the mayor to come up with only a slim five to four in favour of the agreement. Since then numerous petitions have been made urging Council to abandon or at least defer the issue.

If now, after listening to a letter from Delrex Development Ltd., efforts are made to bulldoze this thing through, we are becoming suspicious. It is only six weeks until municipal elections are held. As I have suggested before, the land release question should be decided in a plebiscite, which could conveniently be held at the same date. If, in the dying weeks of the present council

year an ill-advised decision is made, the members of next year's council will have to face the consequences. The present councillors simply cannot afford to take on such a responsibility.

C. Hildebrandt

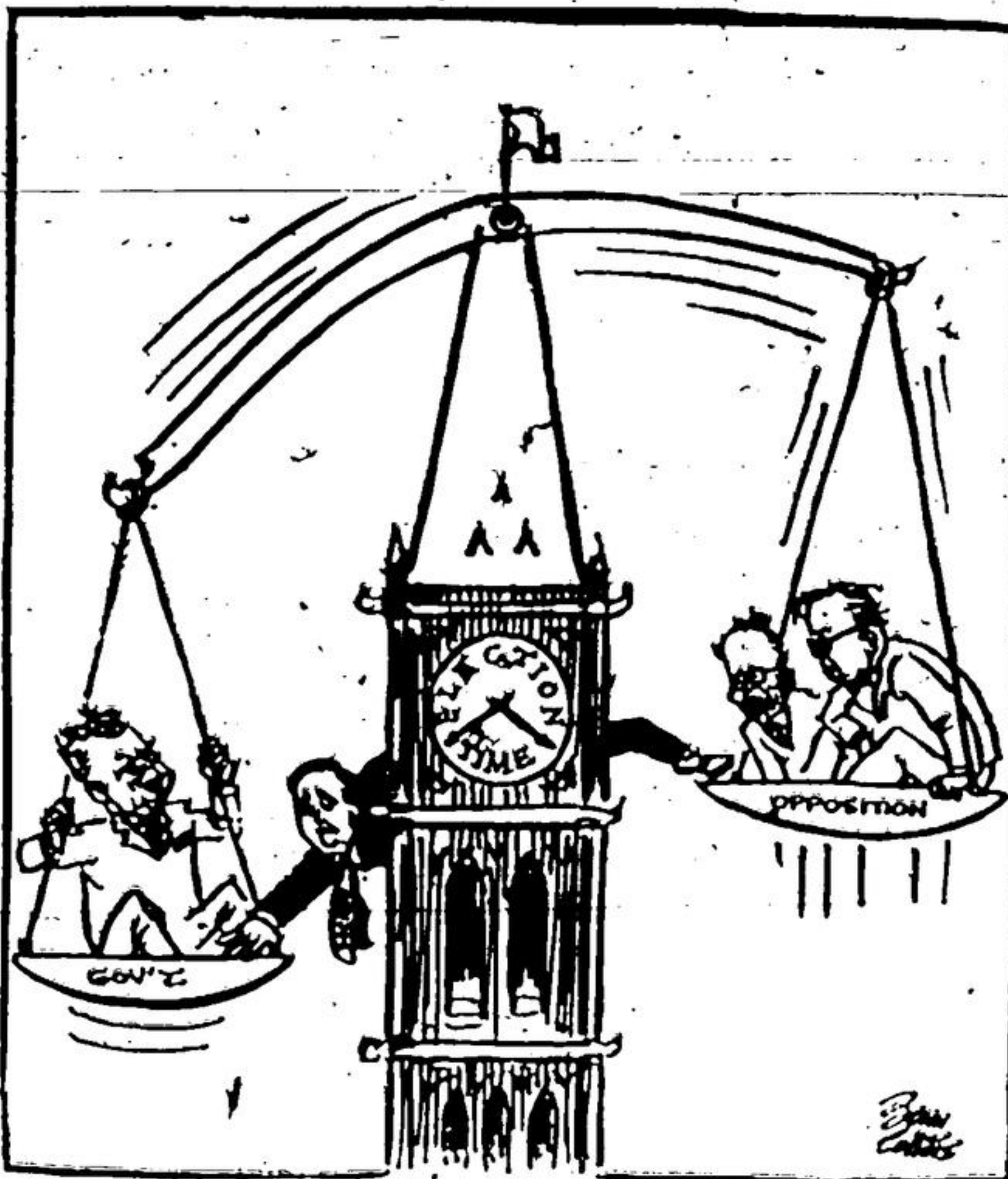
### THIRD IN A SERIES

Legal Gains from Georgetown records dating back to 1865.

#### IT'S A BY-LAW DID YOU KNOW...

That any men attending a fire anywhere in town may be deputized on the spot by the Fire Chief and ordered to assist in battling the blaze. Section 22 of By-law No. 49 which deals with the Suppressing of Fires states: That in case of any fire in the opinion of the Chief and in his absence, of some senior officer, the assistance of any male inhabitants of the town present at such fire is expedient and necessary to prevent the spreading and progress of such fire, it shall be the duty of all such male inhabitants to present and they are thereby required upon being requested to do by any such chief or other officer to give their active and full assistance for such purpose under the order and direction of such chief or other officer, and in case of any person refusing or neglecting to give such assistance he or they shall be liable to be punished as hereinafter provided.

Upon conviction they may be fined a sum not less than one dollar nor more than \$20 for each offence, and in default of payment of fine imposed and cost of prosecution it may be lawful for the convicting Justice or Justices to issue his or their warrant to levy the same by distress and sale of the offenders' goods and chattels to make the amount of fine. Or it may be lawful for the Justice to commit the offender to the common jail of Halton County for any period not exceeding thirty days.



TIPPING THE SCALES

## OTTAWA REPORT

BI-MONTHLY OBSERVATIONS BY DR. HARRY HARLEY, M.P. FOR HALTON

Since our last report two weeks ago the debate on the Speech from the Throne has terminated. A further amendment was proposed by the Liberal party which criticized the Government for imposing taxation on the people of Canada, as imposed by the port surcharges, without giving Parliament the right to approve or disapprove by debating the measures by the elected representatives of the people. This amendment was defeated by combined votes of the Social Credit and Conservative members. The motion of approval of the Speech from the Throne was passed by this combination against the opposition of the Liberal and New Democratic parties.

Parliament began its business of legislation on Friday, Oct. 12th, 1962. The first resolution and bill was the Export Credits Insurance Corporation. The intent of this bill is to raise the amount of special insurance coverage under the Corporation from \$200,000,000 (two hundred million) to \$400,000,000 (four hundred million). The increase was necessary as the previous amount was already almost used up.

In addition this bill, which eventually received unanimous support from all sides of the House, will allow the Export Credits Insurance Corporation, to accept promissory notes directly from the importers, rather than notes made out to the exporter by the buyer. During the debate the New Democratic party introduced an amendment which was voted down by the House. The amendment would have committed Parliament to lending money to poor countries and the amendment was ruled out of order by the Speaker as only the Government may propose expenditures of money.

This bill passed, and debate has begun on the resolution to amend the Farm Credit Act to increase the capital of the Farm Credit Corporation from twelve million dollars to sixteen million dollars so as to increase the lending capacity from three hundred million to four hundred million dollars.

Two quick votes were taken yesterday after an appeal against the Speaker's ruling re the type of question asked ministers on Orders of the Day. The Speaker was upheld and debate on the farm resolution continues. This should make money available to farmers in our county, but more detail will be given later.

### THE MAIL BAG

#### Says Honest John Deserves Title

9 Ewing Street,  
Georgetown, Ont.  
October 22nd, 1962

Dear Sir:

I would be pleased if you would reprint this letter which I am sending to the Leader.

As one of a group of women in Georgetown, who are closely following Council news, I wish to thank you for pointing out to your readers that we have at least one councillor whom we can label with these words, Honest John. At least there will be no doubt in our minds of the honesty of one man; however, we could have hoped that you would also have given an 'A' for effort to Mr. James Emerson since it is well known that he has spent many long hours in an effort to overcome the serious off-balance between industry and housing in Georgetown.

## SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

For the past two weeks I've been 'watching it'. That is, if there is such a thing as a bachelor with two great galumphing children, I have. No, my wife hasn't left me. Nothing as exciting as that.

I hadn't been left alone with the kids for years — and those years were quite small. In those times, we all enjoyed it thoroughly when Mom went away for a few days. What only did we get the Old Marriageese off our minds, but reverted joyfully to the pigs that man and small children are at heart.

We ate whatever and whenever and whatever we pleased — We let the dishes pile up in the sink and the dirt pile up on the floor, with equal indifference. We wore the same socks for days. It was a real holiday, even though we always caught supreme hell when the boss got home.

But something has happened since these days. Either I've grown a lot older, or the kids have grown a lot more complicated, or our household arrangements have increased immensely in complexity. This time, it was no fun. It was just plain boring, not to mention exhausting. I've never been so glad to see anyone as I was to see the old Trouble 'n' Strife when she walked in the other evening and started glaring around to see what kind of a mess we'd made.

In the old days, cooking was fun when I was left in charge. There was flair and imagination, vision and variety, in our menu. We might start off with a bowl of 'Pabnum' garnished with pineapple. The next course might turn out to be meat pies and ice cream. We'd wind up with chocolate bars and pop, or cherry tarts and French Fries. The kids loved my cooking, and there was never a scrap left over.

Somewhere in the intervening years, these youngsters have been ruined. They've turned into horrible little conformists. They want meat and potatoes and all that sort of junk that dirties a lot of dishes and is also pretty dull. And in place of snacks each, they have 12 little trail of cookie crumbs, banana skins and apple cores from one end of the house to the other.

I did learn one thing during this appalling fortnight. I found out that my wife was not just an old crab, as the kids and I had firmly believed for years. During the last decade, she has informed us at least twice a week, that we are a trio of 'filthy bums' or, alternatively, 'dirty slops'. She has told us faithfully, and to our faces, that we are selfish, thoughtless and useless. We just shrugged it off. We thought all women talked like that.

Well, let me be the first to admit publicly that she was right. At least, she was right

about the kids. It's inconceivable that two children who have been trained for years to be good, old fashioned virtues of industry, cleanliness, helpfulness and obedience could be so lazy, so dirty, unhelpful and ill-mannered.

Here and now I make some promises. Never again will I walk out of my shoes and let them lying in the middle of the kitchen. Never again will I leave empty beer bottles and heaped ash trays all over the joint. Never again will I hang my jacket on top of the refrigerator. Never again will I snort contemptuously when my wife walls about the sloppiness of the kids, and hand her that old broomie. "They're just normal children."

And I do further promise that forevermore hereafter, I will pick up my socks, wash the ring off the bath tub, wipe my feet of the door, and force the kids to help with the dishes every night. With a whip, if need be.

And I hereby retract every snide remark I have ever made about running a house being a soft touch. It's not looking after a house and raising a family is all right for the birds — birth them, feed them for a few weeks, then kick them out and move to a new house but it crushes the sensitive spirits of such people as me and all the housewives in the land.

However, every skeleton has its closet, and there's a black cloud for every silver lining. With this in mind, and in the light of the last few weeks, I know that, should I be turned out of my present job, I could easily find another: capable, middle-aged housekeeper; willing; experienced cook; good with children; to live in; top salary; no scrubbing.

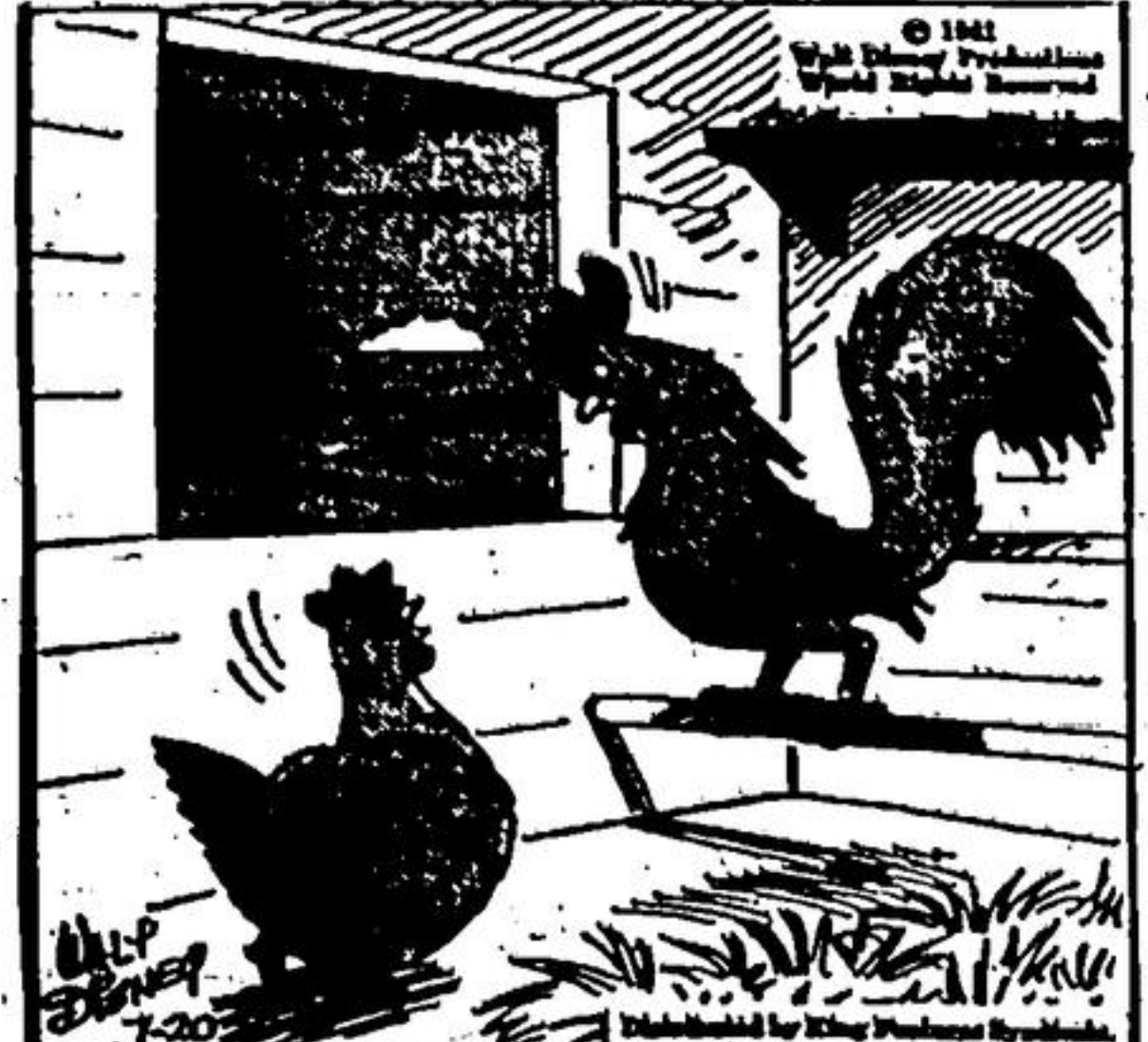
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### WHO NEEDS IT

The last time we were in a record store, we asked the man if he stocked a record that taught English. "Nah," he replied, "and there ain't no call for it, neither."

### MERRY MENAGERIE By Walt Disney



"Wake up, Henry! It's almost time for you to get the sun up!"

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