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... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

Municipal Income Tax

Municipal government functions have changed radically in the past two decades, but the basis of taxation has lagged far behind. Originally, land ownership was a fairly sound basis for acquiring the necessary tax revenue for municipal functions such as fire protection and road maintenance. Such functions were elementary and amounted to little from one taxpayer's pocketbook. When a public education system was adopted, it was the first major cost imposed on property owner. And while senior government has stepped into this field with subsidies, it still accounts for a large portion of the local tax dollar. As Ontario's standard of living increased, town residents asked and were granted more and more services by their municipal councils. Road maintenance advanced from elementary dirt roads which needed only grading now and then for horse-drawn traffic to today's hard-surfacing. Better police and fire protection was provided. Sewer and waterworks systems were modernized. Payment for councillors and associated boards became the rule. Towns began providing such services as municipal arenas and swimming pools.

Long Way from Brotherhood

Increasing pressures are noted on the Ontario government to increase grants to Roman Catholic separate schools. We have not changed our opinion, expressed editorially last fall, and in fact the more we read about the current demand for equal grants to such schools, the more we think the time has come to end the problem once and for all, with a complete break which would have only public schools receive public tax money. We will not argue the point that Roman Catholics should not be entitled to have their own privately financed schools, the same as any other religious group. Though we are personally opposed to this religious division too. But we will strongly argue that no public money should be used for this purpose. And if it is, any religious group should be extended the same privilege. Picture a situation in which this might happen and it becomes somewhat ridiculous. Conceivably, Georgetown might end

More Should Belong

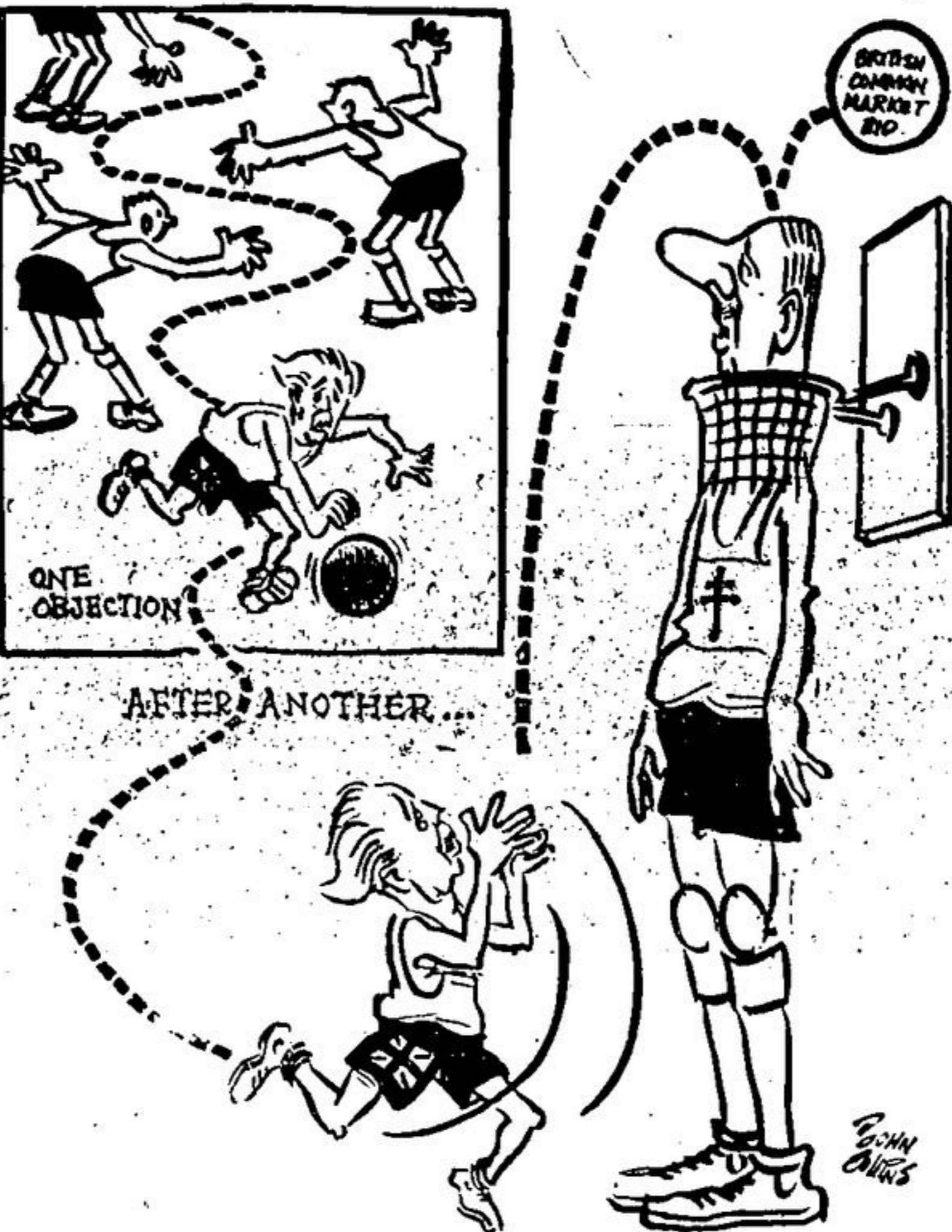
We sat in on a Jaycee meeting last week. "sat in" we say, because by Jaycee standards we are over the hill in membership qualifications. And 'young at heart' doesn't count in this Junior Chamber group which uses the calendar as its yardstick. What surprised us was that, as of last week, only twenty of the 'under 40' group have affiliated with an organization which to us combines the best features of service club work, with a self-improvement plan for young men. Basically, the Junior Chamber of Commerce is most interested in the latter.

Today, we find municipalities, particularly in growing areas like ours, saddled with heavy property taxes, despite fairly generous provincial and federal subsidies. And unless the tax basis is changed, there is no substantial relief in sight in future. What could replace it? It comes to mind that perhaps some serious thought should be given to using the same revenue basis as senior governments use — the income tax. If a town spends so many dollars a year, the money must come from somewhere. And it seems to us that income is as fair a basis as any on which to assess payments for these costs. It does not follow that the land owner is the moneyed man in a community. To the contrary, many of our senior citizens are numbered among those who own their properties, acquired from a lifetime of saving. And the yearly taxes are often crippling to people who have scrimped and saved for years to pay for their houses. A municipal income tax would be fairly easy to administer. Government machinery is already set up to impose and collect such tax and it could well be remitted in this way and rebated later to municipalities.

up with a multiplicity of elementary schools with each church promoting its own educational system. Educational standards would suffer... and more important, community life would take a backward step. It is vitally important, we believe, for our youngsters to freely associate with young people of all creeds. Imposing adult-controlled barriers to such associations by school division is one step in segregating youngsters by religion. In a smaller, but just as important way, we have seen the local boy scout and girl guide organization gradually become too closely allied with church denominations. If this keeps on, we may someday see religion used as a criterion for service clubs too. If religion is to divide us in local education and in boys' and girls' clubs, we seem to be a long way from that international brotherhood for which humans are supposedly striving today, where race and colour are added elements with which to contend.

For instance, the club is just concluding a public speaking course. Club meetings are conducted in rotation to allow every member the chance to preside and use his speaking training in a practical way. At the meeting we attended, there was a talk and discussion on parliamentary procedure. And an announcement was made that a course in business letter writing is the next instructional aid to members. There must be dozens of other young men in the district who would like to profit from the facilities which the Jaycees offer. We advise you to look into what the club has to offer.

EDITORS SHOULD GUARD AGAINST OUTDATING BY NEWS EVENTS



SOME DAYS YOU JUST CAN'T WIN

Game Warden Speaks His Piece



ROBERT REID

WANTS OPEN SEASON ON DEER

Halter County badly needs a deer hunting season. Robert Reid, county game warden and conservation officer, said today the province had been asking for a deer season now for seven years, but the county has been refusing it. As a result the deer population was up to 4,000, nature was out of balance and disease was rampant among undisturbed animals struggling to find enough "browsing ground."

Damage and risk from hunters should then be at a minimum, he said. Reid, a conservation officer in the fish and wildlife division of the Dept. of Lands and Forests, lives in the wild west of Milton below the cliff at Battle Lake point.

No 'Old Neighbours'

He came to Halton from Fort Francis in 1957 to fill a vacancy in the county. It was not the policy of the department to appoint a local person because of the difficulty he might have enforcing the fish and game regulations with old neighbours.

Although Reid's correct title is "conservation officer," description of his function of preserving forests and wildlife lecturing and showing films is still more popularly known as "game warden."

Reid declared today, "I believe it is the province's county objects to, not the hunt."

Farmers Complain

He explained many farmers were against the deer season because they had cut their fences, trampled their fields and blocked roads with their cars.

Also, the old hunter had tried to what some people he blazed away at a fox or a horse instead of a deer. "They had a deer hunt in Wentworth County this year right next to us and on such complaints were heard," Reid said.

He said among seven deer shot in Beverley swamp adjoining Halton County four of them had been suffering from disease similar to Bangs disease in cattle.

May Infect Cattle

He warned there was danger of the deer infecting domestic stock with their droppings and other contacts.

Reid advocated a two-day annual deer hunt at the beginning of the northern season. "This will bring some hunters into the county, while the majority will be still going north," he declared.

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Most Deer North

Reid said the biggest herd of deer were in Nottawasaga township, but deer roamed all over the county and were particularly plentiful on and down the banks of 12 Mile and 16 Mile Creeks.

Another 4,000 deer roamed Wellington County and the animals passed back and forth freely.

For maximum safety for humans, Reid suggested a short deer season allowing the use of shotguns only would be best. It was illegal to hunt with anything larger than a .275 calibre gun in the country, he said.

Anyone found with a 30.30 or 306 which can kill from a mile and a half up to two miles respectively was assumed to be hunting deer and charged.

A .22 rifle with the long cartridge are dangerous up to a mile. This is the rule most used against deer.

Reid said there was an 'open season' 305 days of the year on poachers using illegal weapons.

by radio cars and tracking down and catching poachers. Convictions had declined from 50 a year for all forms of illegal hunting and fishing to about 12 since Reid has been game warden.

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SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

For some reason, Valentine's Day brings out the worst in me. The idea of having a special day for expressions of love appeals to me, but not in the middle of a Canadian February.

At this time of year, I can hardly stand myself, let alone my wife, my neighbour's wife and various other people I'm supposed to love. Bearing this in mind, perhaps you will excuse the following anti-romantic tone of the following.

Nothing disconcerts a woman quite as much as the suggestion that she is not the finger-to-the-bone type of worker she claims to be. And that's a big statement, because an awful lot of things disconcert a woman.

Trouble is, most men swallow this legend. They come from work with their tails dragging, and barely have their coats off when the recitatory starts. They react in various ways to the avalanche that flows from them on everything she did from the time she got out of bed this morning.

One of the most widely used methods of retaining sanity is to paste an interested look on your face, go right on eating your dinner, and emit a repertoire of small sounds indicating incredulity, approval and sympathy, accompanied by popping the eyes, if your mouth is full, wagging your head from time to time, and shrugging your shoulders at the opportune moment. This gets you through the meal. Then she says "Why do you never talk to me?"

Another way of countering the vivid account of the way she got at the ironing right after she made the beds is to say: "Oh, put a sock in it. Who the hell cares how long it took you to wax the floor?" But this method is not recommended unless your wife is paralyzed from the waist down. And up.

The more subtle and intelligent approach is one I have developed, and which I am too public spirited to keep to myself. It is to read women's magazines. Practically every one of them these days contains an article about how to hold your husband.

For example, this week I found a couple of dandies. One reads: "Stop boring your Husband! Just cross the magazine of the article, put some fingerprints on it, and underline a few pregnant phrases. Then leave the open magazine in some place where she is likely to see it such as the bathroom or inside the refrigerator."

Next, find a few murder mysteries in which husbands have gone berserk and axed his entire family. Get into the habit of reading them aloud to your wife, jovially and with relish. Start grinding up aspirin tablets and dropping them into glasses of milk just as she enters the room.

When she starts talking about working so hard, fix her with a piercing stare and ask softly, "Are you really unhappy with your life, darling?" This method is practically guaranteed to give her something else to think about besides what she told the milkman when he shortchanged her.

It's all very well for women

to talk about how hard they work, what a state their nerves are in, from the continual pressure of "kids, kids, kids!" But for one, am not interested, and don't believe a word of it. Third of all, I'd rather talk about me.

If life is such a round of drudgery, why are they so frantic to get married? Oh, I knew the answer to this one, too. It goes like this: You need to talk to me about everything. Now you just sit there with your nose in the paper. Other people's husbands talk to them.

Of course they do, and so would we, wouldn't we, eh, if our wives would only SHUT UP!

Don't expect her to admit it, but today's women, if she is a fair mechanic, has a life that would make her grandmother turn green with envy. Some body else does her baking. A machine does her washing. The flour and groceries are delivered (unless she lives in the city, where the latter amenity has been dispensed with.) She doesn't have to pump water or chop kindling as shovel snow or shoot Indians or drive a team or birth babies or produce fruit.

She has so many time-saving devices she hasn't time to look after them all. And with radio, television, and telephone, she doesn't have to suffer the worst plague of her grandmother's loneliness. Or does she?

On top of the mechanical aids that have removed the drudgery from her life, she has a husband who might think that a woman's place is in the home — but wouldn't dare say it. Come on, kids, confess that you never had it so good.

Or do you?

Happy Valentine's Day. And even if it's only old Bill Smiley — I love you.

THE MAIL BAG

Says Pork Barrel Days Are Passing

14 Charles St. Georgetown.

The Editor, Georgetown Herald, Main Street.

Dear Sir:

It was interesting to read Mr. Best's comment on Dr. Harley's naive, since to an ordinary observer, Mr. Best also seems overly naive. In the last election Mr. Best's appeal was based squarely on the pork barrel, and judging from his latest remarks, his political philosophy does not seem to have advanced at all since then.

The pork barrel appeal is not as potent as it was; voters are more sophisticated than they used to be. But the essential condition for pork barrel success is confidence that the candidate concerned will be on the government side of the House. It is beyond Mr. Best's power to engender such confidence about himself, and as a serious practical politician not given to naivete, he should look for some more solid platform than the pork barrel he has stood on in the past.

Yours truly,
John Bellamy.

ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald, February, 1953 and 1958

10 YEARS AGO

- W O Musener, Bell Telephone manager for this area said that 65 phones were added in town last year bringing the total number in service to 1,715.
- First and second readings were given to a by-law changing the name of Factory St. to Park Ave. The by-law will now go before the county judge for approval.
- Council received partial plans for a new fire hall Monday as prepared by architect W. Hall of Brampton. The new building will consist of a three-bay garage, club room and apartment. A cost estimate was between \$27,000 and \$25,000.

25 YEARS AGO

- Food prices: Potatoes (10 lbs.) 13c; Grapefruit 5 for 25c; Prunes 6 a head, Old Cheese 2 lbs. 25c; Shortening 2 lbs. for 25c; Rice 2 lbs. for 11c; Pork Shoulder lb 15c; Round Steak Roasts 21c lb; Butter 35c lb; Side Bacon 29c lb; Coffee 29c lb; Apples (9c basket); Salmon 12c lb; Sugar 10 lbs. 51c; Carrots 6 qt. basket 15c.
- Reeve George Davis says that the paper mill road from the 9th line to the Credit River has been taken over from a county road and will be completely rebuilt this summer.

DISTRICT NEWS AT A GLANCE

BURLINGTON

A coroner's jury last week heard the details of an accident that took the lives of two town employees in December. The only survivor, Donald Korloko said his two companions were walking the rails to see who would buy coffee when a freight came out of the dense fog at 45 miles an hour. An investigating officer said when he arrived he found the bodies in pieces.

OAKVILLE

On strike Coca Cola workers are picketing a small Oakville grill, the B & M Snack Bar, which according to them is the only store in Oakville still selling Coca Cola. The chairman of local 361 (soft drink workers) of the International

BRAMPTON

Plans of a four-member gang to pass forged checks in the area were brought to an abrupt end early Monday morning following a raid at Brampton's Elmerston Hotel. Town and township police walked in on the group as they were in the process of making out forged checks.

PORT CREDIT

Representatives of Regent Refining (Canada) Ltd. will appear in court Feb. 25th to answer to two charges under the Factory, Shop and Building Act arising from the death of three workmen at the refinery November 8th. One of the dead men was from Hornby.

BELFOUNTAIN

The Peel Historical Society Monday gained a summer museum when the Credit Valley Authority lent

their cottage with a collection of articles representing life in Peel County. Pioneers' records, books, cooking utensils and clothes will be displayed in the Belfountain cottage.

ORANGEVILLE

The old roundhouse which served the CPR railway at Orangeville since 1907 is being torn down. In the days of the steam locomotive the roundhouse was the service centre. Since the introduction of diesel engines, the roundhouse has become obsolete.

HILLSBOROUGH

Members of the Hillsborough Community Association opened their new Community Centre last Friday. The opening of the building climaxed months of planning. The \$38,000 building houses an auditorium, center dance room, snack bar, kitchen, dressing rooms and fire hall.

Here's a thought from the Ontario Safety League: Don't try to outdistance, outmanoeuvre, out bluff or outbrag other drivers... try to outlive them.

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