

... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

Should Have Visitor's Book

Last week a federal cabinet minister visited Georgetown during the course of the election campaign.

In past years Georgetown has had such distinguished guests as Vincent Massey when he was governor-general, St. Laurent when he was prime minister and Diefenbaker when he was opposition leader. On many occasions, our proximity to Toronto allows us to have leaders in the sports and entertainment world, nationally and internationally known men and women in business and social work, visit Georgetown at the invitation of service clubs and other groups.

The record of these visits is perpetuated in the pages of the Herald.

But in addition, we feel it would be interesting to have a formal record at the municipal office in the form of a visitor's book.

The signature of the visitor, and a note about his reason for being in town would be an invaluable historic document in future years.

We suggest that council make provision for such a book this year and inaugurate a policy of having it signed, at the municipal office when possible, or at the event which a visitor is attending.

More Good Entertainment

A week ago we commented on the excellence of a Wigglesworth school operetta.

The next week we viewed another, this time presented by Chapel Street students, and it was another fine effort on the part of cast and staff.

And meanwhile another extravaganza, the annual skating carnival, took the interest of a full house at the arena.

The three were standouts, not only for the quality of performance, but for the attention to detail which had gone on behind the scenes. Anyone who has ever been

involved in such projects can appreciate the multitude of work involved. Costuming, lighting, stage setting are all major things in themselves. Preparation of programs, ticket sales and publicity, rehearsals, all play their part in the finished product.

In each case, the quality of the show proved that everyone had done their part well. The cast was letter perfect, the audience returned in enthusiasm what the young people projected in talent. And the hard work paid off in three evenings which will be pleasant memories for years to come.

Loan Cupboard Available

With Red-Cross month being marked in this district in March, particular attention might be drawn to a Red Cross service with which some residents may be unfamiliar.

One aid to a speedy recovery when sickness strikes is to have correct sickroom equipment in the home. Most homes have little more than a thermometer and could well do with more facilities. But proper equipment may be beyond the financial mean of many families.

The sickroom loan service of the Red Cross will assist more than 30,000 Canadians this year by making such equipment

available. It is loaned free of charge and should be prescribed by a doctor.

Crutches, wheelchairs, canes, air cushions, sickroom enamelware are some of the items which may be borrowed from the local branch.

This is one of the facilities that your donations make available.

Most residents were already contacted in last Monday's financial blitz. If you were out when the canvasser called and can spare a dollar or two, Campaign headquarters at the Delrex branch of the Canadian Imperial Bank will welcome your gift.

New Entertainment Low

Like most people, we are addicted to watching television and we want to keep on watching it.

But unless some of the 'special type' programs don't perk up, there will be some dark screens in homes if everyone feels as we do.

Take a Bob Hope show last week, usually good, light entertainment, but this time marred by some offensive banter between Hope and his guest, Frank Sinatra, in which pointed reference was made to Sinatra's romantic affairs and the perpetual gags about the alcoholic bent of another pop singer.

Sinatra is a good singer, and as entertainment we cannot necessarily rule him out because of the somewhat different life he leads. But when this life is projected as almost something to be admired, then it's time to call a halt. In its way, it is a worse influence on our children than books or

frank movies, for these at least are fiction, whereas this is a case of idolizing a man who has broken most of the golden rules by which we try to live.

For a different reason, take Ed Sullivan's show which starred one of the biggest No Talents which has hit show business since the Dolly Sisters. After murdering a standard, young Paul Anka lapsed into a new song which he apparently wrote himself. And if he had tried to embody all the worst features of an amateur night performer he couldn't have done a better job. The song was unmusical, inane, with unrhymed lyrics — so bad, in fact, that our own teenager was hard put to pretend that she was enjoying it.

We realize that every TV show cannot be tops.

But we think the producers should exert more control over shows such as these. And if they don't, TV will someday be a dead duck.

April Not Popular Time For Federal Elections

By Farmer Tisington

The March-April period is not popular for federal elections, only three having been held in March and none in April, until now.

Chief reason is that Canada's weather makes campaigning difficult in those months. But a secondary reason, and one that looms larger this election, is that April 30 is income tax deadline.

How much effect payment of income tax has on a voter's feeling for his government has never been measured. That it has some influence is not denied. This is especially true if income taxes have been raised. But even the necessity of filing a return is enough to make some people regard Ottawa with a slightly jaundiced eye.

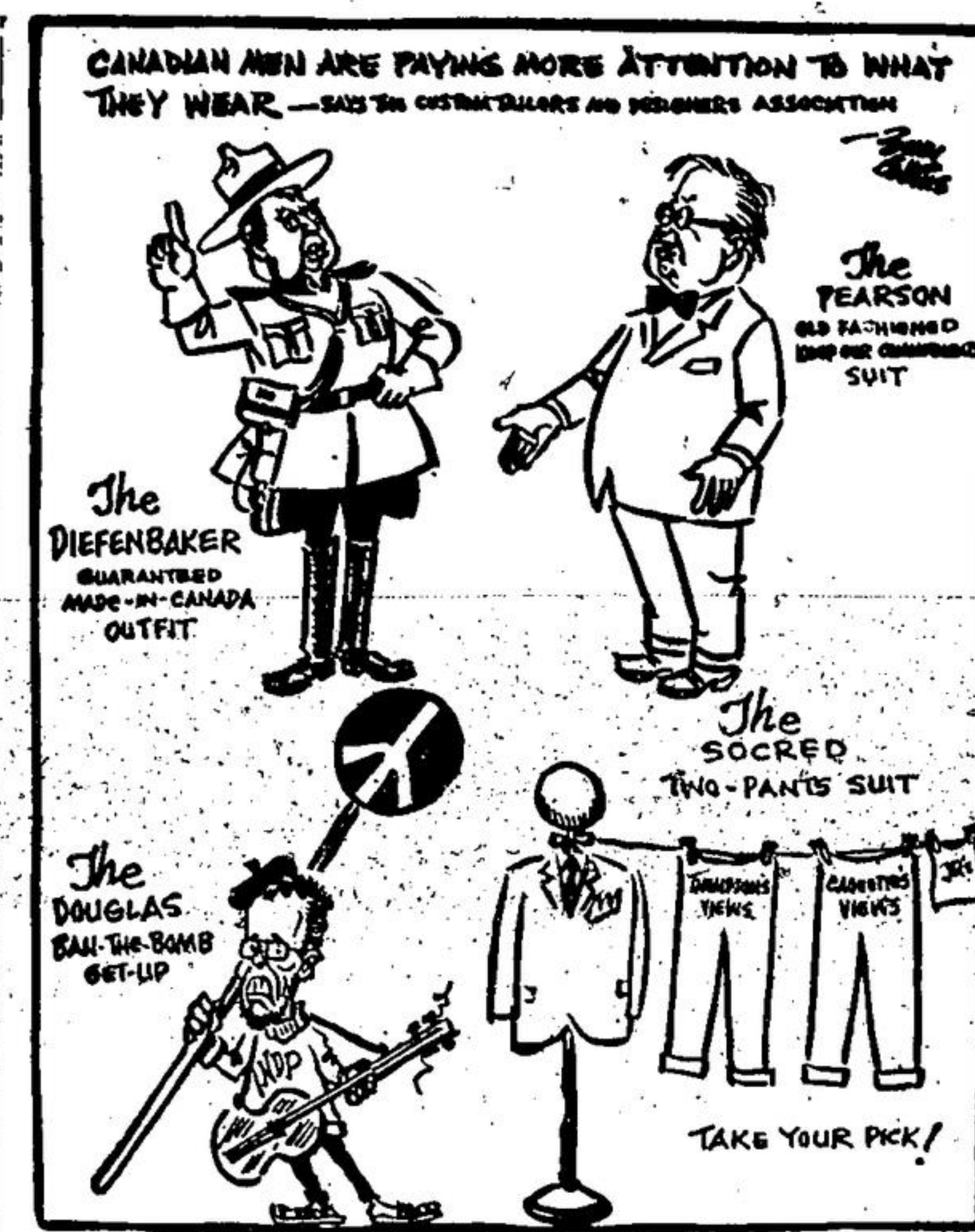
Several factors may hurt the Conservatives more than usual on April 8th. First is the coincidence of election day coming

of refund received is likely to be less than expected where errors have been made in calculation.

This year's tax is no higher than last year on the same income, but to many confused Canadian voters it will seem to be. And this could lead to desire for retaliation on April 8th.

In the midst of the tax filing period, then almost all tax returns are now processed at the Dept. of National Revenue's taxation data centre in Ottawa. Here, in a new building, at Tunney's Pasture, electronic computing equipment is handling returns faster and more efficiently. Previously, returns were sent to regional offices in each province. That returns now come directly to the capital will only tend to link the government more closely with the unpleasant payment many believe.

But more significant is that changes in this year's tax form, with respect to the provincial share of the revenue, are confusing many. Something close to one-third of the returns so far received contain errors. These errors are drawn to the attention of the taxpayer who, in many cases is being asked to remit a further sum. Most early returns are those seeking refunds. The amount



ELECTION COSTUMES



SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

There's one thing about Canadian weather — you'll never have neither patience nor die of boredom. This is my thought for the week as the equinox arrives. I think a Canadian March 21, the first day of spring, is just what the world suggests. Equinox is from the Latin Equus — horse, Nox — night, English translation — nightmar.

We don't know whether we are going to be sitting out on the patio in the sun, having lunch with the birds yelling wildly and the grass sprouting green, or huddled by the wind with a red nose, looking at a backyard of snow-deep snow, with a gale howling around the house.

THE MAIL BAG

Appreciate Cooperation for Skating Carnival

Dear Mr. Editor:
The Georgetown Figure Skating Club Committee would like to express their appreciation for the excellent printing done by your printers on our Carnival Programmes, Posters and tickets. We would also like to thank you for the placement of our advertisements and the interesting article and pictures published before the day of our Skating Carnival at the Georgetown Arena. I am sure that these excellent photographs and well-written articles did add greatly to our success.

We would also like to thank you for the follow-up article on our show which I am sure was enjoyed by the many parents who helped make our 1963 Carnival one of the most successful ever. We are very grateful to the parents who put in many hours of hard labour and of course their financial support.

We would also like to give a very special thank you to the arena management and to Mr. Lou Pankenn who worked through the small hours of the morning painting the very artistic designs on the ice. Mr. Pankenn's designs are a great asset to our show and we are sorry that they were overlooked in the follow-up article. We apologize for the unfortunate omission, his work was certainly appreciated and admired by many.

Thank you, I remain,
Yours truly,
—Norma M. Price

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. — Matthew 10:28

Beware of the tempter who whispers: "It doesn't really matter much if it is right or wrong. It only matters if you can make it work and get away with it."

It's refreshing, by George, I have neither patience nor sympathy with those traitors who complain continually about equinox arrives. What we should do is pack them off to England, where it rains all the ruddy time; or ship them to the desert, where they'd be stunned into sullen submission by the brutal thump of the daily sun; or pay their passage to the tropics and let them mould in the mildew of monotonous dampness.

We should be proud of our winters, for example. They're tough old devils, grimly clinging to their reign until they've wrung the last ounce of resistance out of us. Sometimes, I swear, one more week of cold weather would have everyone in the nation at each other's throat.

Then comes one of those incredibly soft, caressing days, then the wind is velvet from the south, the sun licks ice and snow with hot, ravishing tongue, gutters gurgle, and there's a lovely stink as the wrappings are peeled from the rotting, buried body of the earth.

Out in the ice, the steamboats hellow like trapped buffaloes. Out on the street, the kids stroll through puddles over their boots. Out in the bush, the trout bubble in the current against the snow, short and chuckle, and they race to their nameless destiny, free again after months of silent slavery.

Down at the dock, the boat owners prow, calculating, estimating, figuring the days until they can launch that leaky,

paint-peeling monument to man's eternal folly. Up on the hills, the fanatics are still at it, hurdling down over gravel and grass, rocks and roots, and occasionally some snow.

Up in the bedroom, the good wife views, with horrified delight, the sickening shade of last year's wallpaper, revealed by the yellow March sun. Down in the basement, the fisherman patters and mutters, swears and glares, ties flies.

Down at the park or the pool, room or the post office, the old gents, sick to the soul with confinement, suck in the sun, shivering, but once again defiantly alive, part of the world. Up in their rooms, the teenagers seem to be studying for their Easter exams, while their heads and bodies swirl their heady fluids of life, the juices of spring.

Up in the attic, the black squirrels perform their end-

ECHOES

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

TEN YEARS AGO

With Al Kuhn's Orchestra from Kitchener playing for dancing, lucky draw and spot dance prizes, employees of Provincial Paper Limited held their annual party on March 27th in the arena Rose Room. Rocco Lorusso won the door prize and spot dance prizes were awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Alva Grieve, Vi Clements and Bill Doherty. Lucky draw winners were John Farmer, Wilf Breen, Norman Herbert, Gene Pomroy, Jim Hiddleston, Ron Breen, Don Latimer, Chris Vandervoort, Harry Hale, Hugh Dickie, John Casaley, Alex Hendry, Mrs. Ed Shortill and Harry Shortill.

Council increased the garbage contract held by Bob Lane to \$5,500 at Monday's meeting. Crs. Allen and Hale both spoke against it. Mr. Allen said a jump from \$4200 to \$5,500 in a few years was too much, and he thinks the garbage could be collected cheaper by the townsmen. Cr. McGillvray opined that Mr. Lane had done an excellent job and has been giving cheap service for several years.

Sale of the Corner Cupboard Restaurant will be completed when the new owner, Stan Wade, assumes the management, next Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Wade have purchased the business from Edward "Pop" Holmes, who came here from Newmarket a year ago. After buying the business from Jim Colman he changed the name from Rose Bar Grill to the Corner Cupboard.

25 YEARS AGO

Georgetown runner's habit of turning out at the right time to defeat some of Ontario's outstanding track stars. Milton Wallace of the Monarch track club, Toronto, brilliant Ontario runner, seemed to be the one to take it on the chin. Last season Dave Crichton led Wallace to the tape in more than one race and again on Saturday Bill Collier, another distinguished local runner, administered a sound trouncing.

Provincial authorities have suspended the governor of the Halton county jail from which William Moore, Toronto prisoner escaped custody this week. He is suspended pending an investigation into circumstances of the escape, according to F. C. Neelands, deputy provincial secretary. Calvin Fleming, turnkey at the jail, has been appointed acting jailer.

The cost of relief in Georgetown has been gradually growing less for some time, and today the Herald was informed by Mayor Gibbons, who had charge of that department, that there is not one 'employable person' in town now on relief. For the past five months the cost of relief in Georgetown has been \$2,499.70 less than for the corresponding period last year.

less do-si-do, interrupted only by queer periods in which they don't scuffle, but chortle and crouch to the doubtless thousands of babes they have produced in the winter months.

Down in the basement crouches the cat, vast with unwanted kittens, brooding, patient, green-eyed.

Ours, I'm afraid, is not the spring of Oh to Be In England, Now That April's There. It's not the spring of thy jonquills poking their dainty heads thru the turf. It's not the spring of birdies and blossoms of gambolling lambs and tender green buds. All this is two months away.

Ours is a savage, sudden spring, raw and rugged, ornery and awkward, unexpected and uncomfortable, muddy and moody. But it's never dull. And boy-o-boy-boy, aren't we glad to see it!

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