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## ... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

### New Prime Minister

Canada will have a new prime minister this week when Lester Pearson takes over from John Diefenbaker.

It is a development which will, to some extent, please members of all political parties, for it was evident after the federal election that the Progressive Conservatives could not hold office, regardless of technicalities by which the outgoing government might have stayed in power a few months longer.

Election results, both in total vote and in number of seats acquired (130 for the Liberals) were decisive enough to mean that only the Liberal party has the capacity to form a government. With rupture behind the scenes in P-C leadership, with

defeat of several P-C cabinet ministers and with indications that Social Credit and NDP might support the Liberals at least in the early stages of a new government, the handwriting was on the wall.

The fortunes of politics are hard and brutal. No one should know them better than a veteran of the political wars like Mr. Diefenbaker. Whatever his reasons for trying to hold on, even for a week or two, he has lost even more support, for no one likes a poor loser.

People are contrasting him now with St. Laurent who, when his Liberal government shared the same fate a few years back gracefully bowed from office and became a respected senior elder. Mr. Diefenbaker should have done the same.

### Strong Shift in Halton

In no riding was it more obvious how political trends can shift than in Halton.

Less than a year ago, Sandy Best had a majority for the P-Cs until the service vote elected Liberal Dr. Harry Harley with 98 ballots to the good.

This time, five thousand people must have changed their minds, for Harley amassed 9366 over Best prior to the service vote. It was a county-wide sweep, with a majority registered in every polling division, rural and urban.

In prior years, Dr. Best had been on top in similar fashion when he ousted county Liberal candidates just as decisively.

The Halton results reflected a national more than a local situation.

No one can deny that Dr. Best had been an able parliamentarian. He had

made many major speeches in the House of Commons, had been mooted many times as being slated, if not for a cabinet post, at least for a position of authority. He combined academic qualifications, and ability as an orator with a career as a farmer. He has youth and energy which is an asset to present-day politics.

His defeat was fore-ordained by national events — and by an opponent who had many of his qualifications. For in his year at Ottawa, Dr. Harley has also proven adept in speaking and action.

Halton has been fortunate in being represented by men who have made their presence felt and who combine an interest in national affairs with the equally important task of looking after the smaller details of Halton affairs on which we count from a federal member of parliament.

Meanwhile, there is the possibility of creating a number of neighbourhood play areas — parkettes, as they might be called — which in many ways would fill the bill for youngsters in town.

We think particularly of a vacant lot near our home where night after night, in summer, there is a ball game — football in the fall — sleighriding in the winter. It is ideal for children and isolated enough, we hope, that no neighbours are adversely affected by the noisiness.

But this playground, like most, is subject to the good nature of the property owner, who, if he wishes, can fence it off to the public or eventually will sell it for building. It is not proper to expect that he will forever be a good Samaritan and pay taxes on property for children's enjoyment.

Would it not be possible for council to look into purchasing such playground areas? Upkeep cost is small, a bit of weed cutting or grading now and then and that is about it. And it could pay dividends to generations of youngsters.

### New Park for Centennial

A new town park serving particularly the residents of east Georgetown is mooted as a possibility to mark Georgetown's 1964 centennial year.

Mayor Hyde expressed this hope in a recent speech, and Councillor Bill Smith is particularly active in promoting the idea which was propounded at a meeting last Thursday in the municipal building.

Stumbling block, of course, is availability and cost of a location and the fact that Georgetown, with a fairly high tax rate at present, and a plenitude of places and projects on which to spend tax money, can stand no heavy drain on the town treasury.

It would thus be necessary to seek a large share of the cost of parkland acquisition from public donations. Whether residents would shell out as they did for the hospital, or would be cautious with their donations, as in the case of the swimming pool, is the question.

The project is certainly needed and is worthy of attention by both council and interested citizens.



SPRING BREAK-UP

## FIFTH OF A SERIES Letters From a "Trouble Spot"

Letters from a Georgetown soldier in Viet Nam

When he received a posting much luck. In Hanoi, spitting to the Far East a member of the Canadian Military Band on an assignment of the habit of eating, Albert Carter began putting his observation on paper and sending them home to the officers and members of the practice for the present was on Loyal Orange Lodge 245 of which he is a member. So he took a note, shiny black, with judge found the accounts. This absorbing that they submitted them to the Herald and part of the first letter appears below as article No. 6 of a new series.

Among the foreigners there at that time were the various embassy staffs including British and Australians, about 20 more or less beautiful horses at the Philippine hospital. The Canadian, Indian and Polish members of the International Commission, French and American troops, French civilians, and a mess of foreign engineers, and a mess of the local Consulate, Vietnamese, and some of the hotel. In a square of mud in the centre of the city is a fair fountain, rather plain fountain of concrete called the 'Fountain of Eternal Water' or something like that. The only trouble is that about 20 days of each month someone forgets to turn on the water.

There is quite a bit of live stock about the city. In the centre are hundreds of fowls, fowls that sleep all day and hoard all night. Going outwards you come across the poultry and dog held, and the outskirts you find a few buffalo, hulkers, and a few horses grazing on the commons beside the roads and around the temples.

The Canadian compound contains the officers' mess, sergeants' lounge, QM stores, and some sleeping quarters. The other sleeping quarters are some distance away in three villas, and communication between the two points is made along a trail that winds among native houses, clumps of trees, and which passes over mudholes by means of logs and planks. Passing along this trail you trip over vines and sleeping quarters are menaced by fierce looking turkeys, are quacked at by the queer looking little black ducks, scatter chickens, from underfoot and are snapped at by vicious children.

Traffic is quite varied, being a mixture of the various European sports cars, little European sports cars, bullock carts, pedicabs, bicycles, ancient trucks, and my vehicles, and motorcycles. Prices are terrific, even in those places with fixed prices, such as here. I went into one bar and had a gin and tonic. Two BU'CKS! And the waitress came and took away the unused tonic I fixed her. "I didn't leave any tip. When I mentioned this to one of the fellows, he told me that I was lucky. I did not go to an EXPENSIVE place."

Meanwhile, back in Halton, one of the more disturbing things about life over here is the practice of spitting. In the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the British are trying to get rid of it. No spitting over the place without seeming to be in a hurry.

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## SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

I don't know what it's like for all you folks in inland towns, but this is a rugged time of year for the housewife in these parts, near the waters of the Great Lakes.

Right about now, our womenfolk should be coming into their own. In most localities, the ladies, bleats and praise them, are working like slaves, bounding their husbands, chastising their children, and generally making life unbearable for all about them. It's house-cleaning time.

But in this neck of the woods, things are different. The girls work just as hard, beef just as bitterly, and turn things just as topsy-turvy as their inland sisters. But nobody pays any attention to them. At least none of the males in the family do.

Only the few women with the foresight to get at their spring cleaning early in March get much reaction around here. Those who leave it until the ice goes out of the creeks might as well forget about getting any help, attention or sympathy.

Women carefully lay their plans to have the old man help them paper a room on his day off. Comes the time. She gets all the junk out to do the job, turns around to call him, and he isn't there. He's a couple of or 10 miles away, watching the rainbow trout trying to jump the falls, or mucking about the banks of a stream looking for speckled or splashing about at the mouth of a creek seeking some sign of the smelt running.

He arrives home after four p.m. The old lady has just washed the paste off her hands, brushed the cobwebs off her hair, and put the adhesive tape on the scrape she got on her elbow when she fell off the step ladder. She's sitting down with a strong cup of tea, trying to tell herself to be reasonable, trying to muster enough strength to begin peeling the potatoes for dinner.

"Let's get at that job, kiddo," he cries jauntily, his face glowing from fresh air and the three beers he stopped off for on the way home. "We'll never get on; that's all."

But there comes a breaking point. After this smelt nonsense has been going on for about ten days, even the old man and the kids turn a bit green when somebody suggests a 'nice feed of smelt.' And that's about the time it usually happens. One day the lady of the house answers the doorbell, and there stands one of the neighbours.

"Thought you might like a little treat," he grins, and steps aside to display proudly a bushel basket overflowing with uncleaned smelt.

That is the day the man of the house comes home from work to find his smelt net ripped to ribbons, his chest-high waders chopped into two inch squares, sixty pounds of smelt rotting in a heap on the front porch, and his wife facing a suit, entered by the neighbour, for assault with a deadly weep-way home. "We'll never get on; that's all."

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## LEGION NOTES

by Don. N. Platt

Legion members are seldom asked to devote much time to ward improvements in the Branch. Most work is undertaken by the job's proposer, hence no call for volunteers is necessary. We say seldom because occasionally the call does go out and one of those times has come.

A Legion undertaking which every member could and should devote a small portion of his available time to is the membership drive. The acquisition of new members is important to the future of the Legion. A fact that concerns us all.

There are hundreds of eligible members in Georgetown. Toward membership some need only a slight nudge, others will succumb only to pressure approaching those used by our Two-dart teams, one of them press gang. The methods used are left to the discretion of Tillsonburg on Saturday and the member The Branch asks home empty handed only that these possible men become actual members.

"Wining and dining" have long been accepted methods of enticement. With this thought in mind the membership committee and "entertainment" committees pooled their energies and came up with a plan. On Friday, April 26, the "wining and dining" wing ding and fry to take place in many a day will erupt at Branch 120. Along with entertainment flourish at great expense from far reaches of the country, the tables will be graced with gastronomic delights prepared by our own culinary artists that would delight the palate of the most discerning gourmet. (Gourmet — that's a glut in wearing tails).

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## SCRAPBOOK

The committee to handle the building of our Branch scrapbook has been tentatively set up and the quest for old pictures is about to start. For the present, Jim Murphy, Alex Taylor, or yours truly, will gratefully receive all offerings. Any picture depicting Legion people or events is of interest. Add as much written information regarding the picture as possible in order to help the committee arrange the book in chronological order.

With the season of spring cleaning getting under way pictures may pop out from anywhere, so be sure to save them for us.

The names of the full committee will be published later when the complete group is finalized.

**50-50 DRAW**  
Lucky Winner - Percy Chaplin  
Ticket Seller - Pat Chamberlain.

## BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

And Jesus came and spoke unto them saying: All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. — Matthew 28:18

Individuals and nations may expect to get power for life only from Him who possesses and controls it. Submitting to proper authority is the first step towards being granted authority yourself.

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