

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Could Be Complicated

While one could agree with the theory of a town council decision of last week, in practice a procedure which if it was adopted could lead to complications.

We refer to a resolution which would bar members of the immediate family of a sitting councillor from employment with the town.

Three things come to mind. Does "immediate family" include husbands, wives, and children - does it also encompass brothers and sisters - or could it also be interpreted as brothers-in-law, first cousins, etc., etc.

Does the legislation mean that, should a newcomer be elected next year to council any such relatives would automatically be relieved of their municipal positions?

And does "employment with the town" apply only to those directly working in the

town office and works staff, or could this also mean employees of the many boards and commissions which hold elected or appointed offices?

Certainly if council candidates are to be dissuaded from running for office because they have close relatives working in town and school board offices, for the hydro commission, in the library and arena, or at the swimming pool, it would appear to hamper a man's freedom to serve in a public capacity.

Yet if the motion is confined solely to town office and works employees, it seems to put an unfair stress on one public job compared with another.

Clarification should be forthcoming from the six councillors who voted for last week's legislation. There are implications in the motion which bear looking at a second time.

This Curb Might Work

A fifty percent boost in hospital insurance rates is not meeting with favour in Ontario. Yet, even this extra money will not supply enough to pay for hospital costs this year.

If the government could try a deductible clause, it might have a salutary effect, on one phase of budget balancing.

We do not think most people deliberately abuse hospital insurance. And yet there is a definite trend to more and more illnesses in hospital. One school of thought says this is all to the good - it might avoid more serious illnesses because of the early attention. But the extra load on hospital facilities is a prime cost factor.

What's The Explanation?

Our limited knowledge of economics doesn't permit us to solve the riddle of deficit financing by senior governments.

We know that an individual cannot spend more than his income for any protracted period of time or he is in trouble. Nor can one family. Nor can two, or three, or four.

A town must balance its budget each year. Moreover the Ontario government will not allow a municipality to plan more expenditures than its yearly tax levy calls for.

Where, then, does the cycle swing. And how does one justify deficit financing by the provincial and federal governments?

Doctor, too, must share some of the blame. It is certainly easier for a physician to have a majority of his patients under one roof, with specialized care, than to spend a good share of his time making rounds of town houses and farm homes which were part of his daily chores a few years back.

Certainly hospital insurance is here to stay, and it is necessary and good. But should not insurance be against major illnesses, rather than to pay for a day or two? If such insurance had a deductible clause, so common in automobile insurance, it might in the long run benefit everyone in reducing premiums, or at least holding the line. Otherwise, a year or two from now, up will go the rates again.

If people individually or in small groups are in trouble when they spend X dollars and only take in Y, isn't the country as a whole in exactly the same position? Is bankruptcy not as possible for a nation as for an individual? Only once have we understood an economic treatise. This was one on the theory that a country could overspend in depressed times, and make up the deficit in good times when wages and living standards were better.

Deficit financing today is hardly in this category. And if a country cannot live on today's income, what is going to happen if poorer times come in future?



"HELLO, DR. SPOCK?"

NEWS DESK EXTRAS

by Terry Harley

Five'll get you ten your neighbour's got an interesting story to tell. The same odds that you'll never hear it. That is the way it is in this community - and the next - and the next. Because people, on the unpredictable journey from the crib to the pipe and slippers, have habit of accumulating zesty experiences like so many burrs.

Such was the case last week when we interviewed the Georgetown men who were at Camp X at Angler when a hundred and some German prisoners of war fashioned their dining room for them.

NEWS ECHOES

Echoes from the pages of The Herald, 1939 and 1954

10 YEARS AGO

Forty-four residents of the park district object to a motorcycle meet planned for the park on the Dominion Day holiday week-end. The petition signed by the 44 asked council Monday to reconsider an earlier decision to grant use of the park for the meet.

A packed house Thursday and Friday nights greeted an ambitious opera by senior pupils of Chapel Street school when they presented Alice in Wonderland in Wigglesworth Auditorium. In the cast were Carlyn Biehn, Joan Cummins, Gordon Spence, Barbara Lusty, Tommy Henderson, Bob Hill, John Cummins, Raymond Fletcher, Keith Tracey, Wayne Preston, Dave Hiddleston, John Lenz, Lynda Whitmea, Ricky Chapman, Reg Crosby, Sean Waring, Ramela Williams, Paul Armstrong, Max Harris and Sydney Wether.

25 YEARS AGO

Council Monday instructed the clerk to prepare a by-law to prepare a by-law to be submitted to the electors at this year's municipal election asking their opinion on the possible installation of a sewage system.

Ad - Announcing the Grand Opening of E. Alcott's exclusive Men's Wear-Shop. Shoes \$3.98, dress shirts 89c, work shirts 59c, ties 50c, fine socks 13c, hats \$1.89, work socks 25c.

Mr. J. Kemshead is moving his bakery from Main St. to the premises lately occupied by Haddell's Bakery on John St. Kemshead's will be in the new premises in March.

Mr. K. M. Langdon is moving his law office from Main St. to the Gregory Theatre building on Mill St. in the premises formerly occupied by Dale and Bennett.

Social and Personal: Misses Kelle and Annie Ryan left last week for Miami, Florida, where they will spend a few weeks. Misses Lois Nielsen and Nora Cleave received first class honours in Grade 1 theory at the recent Toronto Conservatory of Music examinations.

cal craniums are stored in the indelible parts of equally engrossing escapades. Not necessarily history making as this one was - but gripping tales nevertheless - that will be locked inside for limitless time when the filing cabinets get too rusty to open.

Can't let this edition slip through without a comment on the latest trinket on the teen charm bracelet of undervaluing idols - the Beatles. This is right off the top of my head, as they say in the advertising sphere, but who can doubt that the Liverpoolians are riding the crest of wave of adolescent adulation for a single reason - their unshorn locks. Had they decided to try the wobbly success ladder with brushcuts, of course they would be still screaming to heard in the ocean of algarans.

But in the strange world of youth's heroes, where singers talents are measured by the length of their tresses they are now the cream.

We're not putting down the Beatles, just the system. The boys themselves might be good for their worshippers. Reports are that they are polite and well-mannered. They don't wear faded jeans and glittering blouses with upturned collars. Other than their toplocks, they appear to be the best original copies for the teen types to become carbon copies of in a decade.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

For what shall I profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Mark 8:34.

The obvious and expected answer is "nothing." Therefore the emphasis on cultivation of the soul should have a 100 per cent priority.

SUGAR AND SPICE

There's A Moral In It

Once in a while, it is the good fortune of an English teacher to come across a fresh, original piece of writing by a student.

When he does, it's a drink of cold, pure water after days of wandering.

In the desert of mangled syntax, cracked spellings, howling gibberish and bartered thinking through which U. has been ordained that he should job. It happened to me this week.

At first, I thought my judgement might be prejudiced, because I was quite fond of the youngster in question. I read it again. It was wounded good.

To make sure, I had it mimeographed and tried it on my Grade 13 students, as a piece for critical analysis. Their words and giggles confirmed my first impression. That he should do it in depth. They could find little wrong with it. It had tenacity, tenacity and emphasis. The tone was consistent. Well, here it is, just as it was written, as an examination, under strict. See what you think.

The title was: The Wandering of a You-Do-It-Yourself.

"My mother was extremely large and could make only loud whirring sounds in her throat. The thing that puzzled me to have I turned out to thin where she is such a fatso.

"Anyway, when I popped out looking like a real piece of cabbage, a long dark nose with a black mark beneath his left eye checked me and said: 'Oh, darling George, the nose on all over, even on the Queen's Head. I was later to discover that I had the honour of being the first bill to be on each bank of comfortable money. I was the one who would not the plot to murder.

"First of all I was given to an unsuspecting old lady for a packet of cigarettes. The decrepit old woman hesitantly handed them the change, all in nickels. They then turned and scampered out, leaving me to face the consequences. It turned out that the old lady

was a trifle goofy.

"One fine day she traded me for pennies, all pennies. I was pushed wildly into the buyers' pocket, where I met a girl ten-dollar bill. It was so easy and dark in there that I have to admit I was a little freak.

"Suddenly I was jostled and traded for more cigarettes. The store owner grabbed me and yelled, 'The Queen doesn't have that many-baggage on her nose.' The trail was led.

"Well, my boys were found. Unfortunately, they had already died from lung cancer, because they had smoked so many cigarettes when setting bills in motion.

"I write this while sitting amidst coals in a large furnace. The penetrating heat is beginning to stifle me. My breath is rousing shorter, the happy hunting grounds are coming nearer.

"But the moral of my story. If you're going to produce counterfeit money, make only one bump on the Queen's nose and always buy gum, not cigarettes."

The above essay was written by my daughter, Kim, age 12, Grade 8. A chip off the old block? I'm only surprised that her "could last sentence didn't say 'My breath is coming in short pants.'"

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DISTRICT NEWS AT A GLANCE

BRAMPTON
Within a year Peel Memorial Hospital will be bursting at the seams. The never-ending influx of new residents in the Brampton area is already taxing existing services and by year's end a full house is predicted by the administrator.

ACYON
A 10 cent per 1,000-gallon increase in present water rates could reduce taxation in Acyon by at least 2 mills. Last week's council approved the 10 cent water rate increase over the present 85c per 1,000 gallons.

MILTON
His Excellency Bishop J.E. Ryan, Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton, officially opened and dedicated an \$80,000 addition to Holy Rosary Separate school in Milton Sunday afternoon. The four-room addition was occupied shortly after Christmas by 140 pupils.

OAKVILLE
An Italian immigrant couple lost their life savings, a total of \$1,000, which disappeared mysteriously from their bedroom Saturday night, police said. German Esposito told police he and his wife had come from a trip to Toronto and found the cash metal box, kept in a bedroom closet, gone.

BURLINGTON
A group of businessmen has been formed to combat crime in Burlington. They call themselves "Civil Protection" and plan to discuss overall police protection in the town and possibly a linked burglar alarm system.

CHELSEHAM
Cheltenham area residents appeared at Chinguscouy council last week to discuss a proposed school in their area. Reaves Cyril Clark asked that an application to the Department of Education, be made, immediately.

PORY CREDIT
The school bus transportation haggles is on again with Port Credit being the current main sore point. The reason given for 20 children being refused permission to board a school bus recently was because they lived just inside the 3-mile limit and their admittance would cause over-crowding.

ROCKWOOD
Council met with the coordinator for public survival W. G. Moon in the town hall recently and suggested a committee be formed to assist in emergency measures there. He stressed the need for some organization in cases of disasters.

FERGUS
Fergus Chamber of Commerce last week concentrated on ways to publicize the town and attract the tourist. One suggestion was a tour for visitors who camped at Elora Gorge Park during the summer. They agreed on a bigger selling job on the Highland Games.

STREETSVILLE
At a special meet of Streetsville council last week, Chief of Police M. R. Hodgson was fired. He was on a probationary contract.

Railway Tragedy Occurred Just One Hundred Years Ago

One hundred years ago Georgetown hit the news head lines with a tragic railway accident which took the lives of three railwaymen. Jack Findley, 63 Melnyre Cresc. showed the Herald a clipping from a daily paper which recalls an accident which occurred on February 9, 1864. The accident happened on the long bridge just east of town, known locally as the 'Iron bridge'. A freight train broke into three parts and the last two cars carried the three men to their death in a plunge into the steep valley.

The article says, "One of the cars which went over the bridge contained carcasses of dead hogs. These were lying scattered among the splinters of timbers, iron springs and wheels." An inquest was held with Coroner James Barber and a jury. Victims of the crash were Robert Kennedy, James Wadlie, and Richard Crookham. The Kennedy and Wadlie names were well-known in the district, but whether the railwaymen lived here or whether it was coincidence, is not known.

The accident nowadays would have brought daily newspaper photographers within an hour. A century ago, it was a job for an artist. The Canadian Illustrated News, which featured the story reports: "On news of the calamity reaching this office, Mr. Gregory proceeded to Georgetown, involving an absence of two days. He sketched the bridge and wreck of the cars from the ice on the Credit River. The picture has been engraved by the expeditious staff of this office and is printed in this issue."