

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Without Him — No Y...

Retirement of Don Parker from the post of chairman of the local YM-YWCA should not go by without a large word of appreciation for his efforts in this fledgling organization.

Mr. Parker, through his early efforts in organizing the Interested Citizens committee which brought about an eventual Y branch is the real father of the Georgetown branch. And, without deprecating the work of dozens of other men and women, we do not think the Y would ever

have got off the ground without his patient, determined and dedicated devotion to an ideal.

Mr. Parker is studying to enter the teaching profession.

If he puts even a fraction of this effort into training young minds, we say that he will be a valuable addition to whatever school uses his services. He is the type of man who exemplifies ideals of citizenship. And the Georgetown Y will not forget his contribution to town and district services.

School Column Enjoyed...

Last week's Herald contained the final instalment this year of the high school newspaper High Tales, which has been a feature of the Herald for well over a decade.

The paper has appeared less frequently this year, but it has shown a high degree of workmanship and readers have enjoyed the items written by students.

A word of praise should go to editor Stewart Saxe, sports editors Fred Roberts and Susan Trott and the many other contributors to High Tales. And staff advisor

G. R. Dickinson was helpful in advising students in writing procedure.

It is regrettable that the school year book, the Challenge, will not appear this year. It was revived several years ago. After a lengthy absence and has recorded school history for posterity. The year book didn't get off the ground this year. Let's hope next year it will be published again.

A year book is an excellent training ground for students, not only in writing, but in business methods. And each year makes it a more valuable memento of school days.

Can't Boast of This...

Prime minister Pearson recalled one of Canada's not-so-happy memories in a Toronto speech last week-end. He referred to the displacement of some 22,000 Canadians of Japanese ancestry from British Columbia during World War 2.

It is easy to be critical a generation later. In retrospect, what is alarming is not so much the fact that this happened, but that it had the tacit acceptance of the Canadian population and was a flagrant breach of what being born a Canadian should mean.

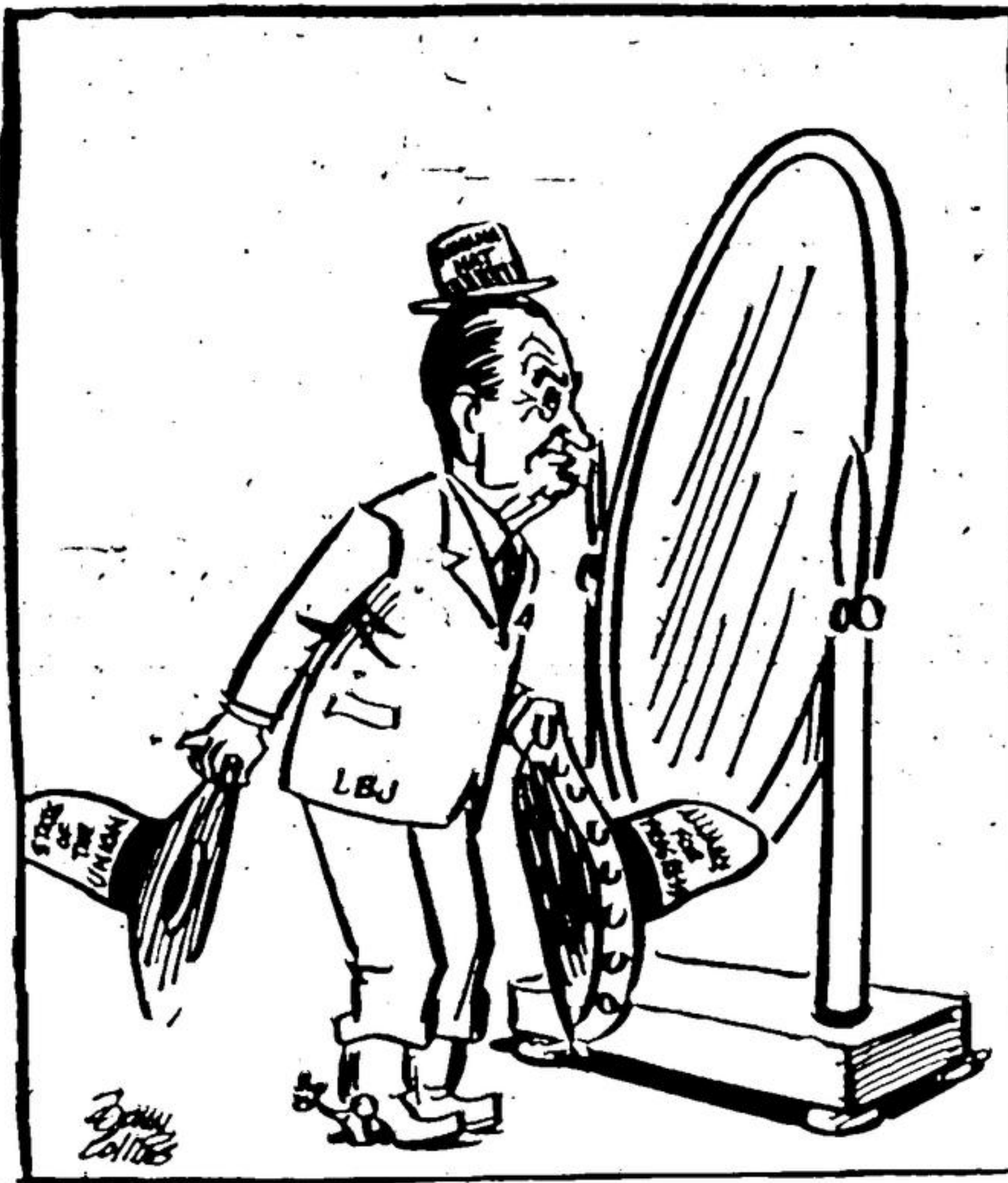
The fact was, that in a life and death struggle with Japan, our thinking became warped. There was no more justification for forcibly uprooting Canadian-born Japanese from one part of Canada, than

there was for similar action against people of German or Italian ancestry.

We lost sight, in the exigency of the moment, of the fact that any man born in this country is a Canadian and that his rights should be inviolate. We adopted, in other words, the Hitler theory of race superseding nationality.

Perhaps the prime minister would do Canada a greater service by tightening our citizenship laws so this could never happen again, instead of concentrating on the issue of a new flag.

We would like assurance that, no matter how tense international affairs may be, Canada never again discriminates against any man because his ancestors emigrated from another land decades before.



NOT HIS STYLE

MAIL BAG

Praises Majestic Car Club Says Credit to Community

SI HEWSON CR., Georgetown, Ont.

Mr. Editor: Since my appearance at the weekly battleground, commonly known as Georgetown council, I have declined to express my opinions through the medium of the local papers, choosing to air my thoughts at Council in the hope that sufficient publicity would be given where necessary.

However, because I believe that not enough publicity would be given to that which I am about to refer I respectfully submit this opinion in the hope that it will be construed in a manner acceptable to all who are interested.

At the Council meeting of June 1st, 1964, a letter was read inviting all members of council to attend an open house the following weekend held by the 'Majestic Rod and Custom Club'. Unfortunately the Mayor had occasion to argue with the CNR two days previously and came out second best, giving myself an opportunity to break the stone-like faces gathered around the council table. For a few brief moments some slight humour invaded that gloomy place and one or two guarded chuckles were heard to emit from those sphinx-like countenances, who usually reside there every Monday at eight, when I suggested in jest that the mayor was a member of that club.

Having second thoughts about the invitation to all members of council I decided to accept and purposely arrived at their clubhouse mid-morning on Saturday, thinking possibly to be unexpected. I must confess that few times in my life have I been more pleasantly surprised and pleased with the manner in which I was accepted and given a tour of their clubhouse and shown in detail their activities and accomplishments in the field of mechanics. Because I have been involved in a relative field of mechanics for quite a few years as a livelihood I was particularly pleased with the workmanship and technical know-how these young men seem to have acquired, obviously through hard work and the desire to make a place for themselves and gain some small recognition for their efforts.

The time and effort that was spent renovating the old barn which is now their clubhouse must have taken hundreds of man hours painting and cleaning, resulting in a pleasant atmosphere that any club or group would be pleased and proud in which to reside. My most sincere congratulations to the members of the 'Majestic Rod and Custom Club', they are a credit to the community.

— BOB FRANCIS

NEWS DESK EXTRAS

By Terry Harley

STEW POT POURRI: If somebody tells you they were bitten by a dead snake during their personal cavort in the Muskoka playground this summer don't immediately label him a candidate for residency in the rubber room. People are frequently bitten by dead snakes according to an information bulletin reaching this desk.

The bulletin issued by the Red Cross to educate vacationers to the habits of poisonous snakes in Ontario says "never start horseplay with a dead snake or use one to scare a fellow vacationer. Reports show freshly killed and decapitated snakes behave in a manner indicating a belated reflex action. Even if a person were to grab the neck an inch or so below the severed head, the head might turn and bite in exactly the same manner as if it were attached to the live snake."

While on the subject of vacations here's a note for local restaurant operators. Apparently American tourists traveling through this country are often disappointed after ordering Canadian bacon in a restaurant to get side bacon not realizing that this is the popular breakfast bacon for Canucks.

The reason for the confusion is this: They expect to be served back bacon a rarely in the US of A which the meat packers label Canadian-style bacon.

Not too long ago we noticed a sign on a closed department store which read "We Understood Everyone." We made a note of it and added it to our collection of unusual signs. Other gems in the collection: Sign in Montreal antique shop: "English and French Spoken Cash Understood." Sign in greasy-spoon-type dive in N.Y. state: "Not Recommended by Duncan Hines." Sign near heavy machinery in factory: "What You Don't Know Won't Hurt You - It Will Kill You." Sign in restaurant where particularly healthy waitress works: "Don't Waste Her Time By Asking Measurements. They're 32 - 26 - 37." Sign in front of Toronto repair shop: "Do It Yourself - Then Bring It To Us."

A sports story in the Acton Free Press last week describing a softball game referred to one team's "mound staff."

We're wondering when soft ball pitchers started delivering from a mound.

A press release we received from the Canadian Teacher Federation bore a familiar signature. Walter A. (Skip) Sargent, a Georgetown native and a graduate of GHS, Skip recently started to work with the CTF in Ottawa as Executive Assistant in charge of publications and press relations.

Greeting Cards Aren't What They Used To Be Dept: The inspiring sentiment on a Father's Day card we noticed in a local shop reads: "I'm glad your my father - you'd make a ridiculous looking mother."

To create a daily ton of newspaper manufacturing capacity in 1963 required a capital investment of \$110,000 to \$120,000, exclusive of paper and wood supply — about three times as much as prior to World War II.

SUGAR AND SPICE

The Image Has Changed.

As the school year draws towards its close, I can't help looking back on the past 10

months, my first hitch as head of the English department in our factory, with a mingling of amazement and amusement. I am amazed that I have not gone down for the 3rd time in a sea of paper. There were times when I rose to the surface only long enough to gulp a breath of ink, before being swept under by another wave of essays, or book report forms, or notices.

My amusement stems from another source—the old-fashioned image of the English teacher. There just isn't too much thing as a modern image of same.

For many years the image of the English teacher was fairly concrete. It was that of a wispy, gentle spinster of either sex, wholly dedicated to the written word. The only person in town who actually read poetry. Some kind of a nut who actually believed Shakespeare was thrilling theatre.

When I hold up that image beside the gallery of characters who taught English in my department this year, I chortle. There isn't even the most remote resemblance.

Let's see, now there's Jack, a vast young man of great good nature and courtly manner, who is a dead ringer for Henry VIII on one of the latter's good days. He's a beer drinker, a collector of antiques, and a former advertising salesman.

There's Mac, a former gulf pro. He's also an ex-bus driver, ex-hotel painter, ex-airman. He's an inveterate punster who writes some pretty funny stuff. As witness our production this year of his masterpiece, "Julius Seize 'er", in which the principal character was Dr. Bladder from Gaul.

There's Jeanette, five foot nothing, 98 pounds of doe-eyed French Canadian, who spent the first six months trying to convince the other teachers she was not one of the students, who can pin a six-foot 200-pound lout into

paralyzed, petrified panic with one flash of those eyes.

There's Geoff, the young Englishman who came here after a year of teaching in good English grammar school. He planned to spend a year in Canada, as a lark. He was horrified of the free-and-easy attitude of our teenagers. He was appalled at our materialism and love of comfort. Now he has a car on the never-age-or-plan, and is boasting about his salary. In short, he's become a typical Canadian.

We also have a gal who graduated in music, a former ambulance driver, an ex-charted accountant, a dream-shattered social worker, and a lady who got sick of house-keeping.

Not only do these birds not fit the old image of the English teacher, they don't fit the new one, either. There's not a beard in the bunch, an estate in the ensemble, a pansy in the patch.

And not one, thank goodness, is "dedicated" to the teaching of English. None shivers in ecstasy over a sonnet, bursts into tears over the beauty of an ode. But I do say my polyglot, hardworking crew has taught the kids more about English and about life than wussy an old gal whose idea of heaven was to make a journey to England and stand in reverence before the graves of the poets.

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HARLEY TO HALTON

WEEKLY OBSERVATIONS BY DR. HARRY HARLEY, M.P. FOR HALTON

THE PAST WEEK has again been a controversial one, mainly revolving around the flag issue. I am sure that everyone has by now seen the flag design, three maple leaves on a white background with blue borders. I have seen now a photograph of this flag flying and to me it is certainly acceptable. It has a distinctive design and easily recognized as Canadian because of the maple leaves. Mail is now pouring into Ottawa and understanding the Prime Minister's mail is approximately two to one in favour of such a distinctive Canadian flag. It is likely that discussion of the flag will start the middle or end of next week. The debate will probably continue until completion without interruption although it is very difficult to predict what will happen or when it will happen.

On Thursday and Friday the Special Committee on Food and Drugs was in Montreal to study at first hand how drugs were manufactured, tested and placed on the market. The most eye-opening part of the trip was a visit to the Hotel Dieu Hospital in Montreal where we saw the clinical investigation unit of the noted specialist on high blood pressure, Dr. Genest. Dr. Genest is supported in his work by federal grants, provincial grants and private donations in space donated by the hospital, therefore, he is an independent investigator. He is one of the more noted high blood pressure specialists in the world. His facilities were grossly inadequate, outmoded, old fashioned and archaic. His working space was here and there, on four different floors and very inconvenient and cramped. It is amazing that a man doing such research could turn out work in such conditions.

Canada spends a very small total sum on medical research of an independent nature. Gone are the days when research could be carried out in spare time and in small quarters with no equipment.

With the advances in technique, cost has become very great if one is to compete with others in this work. Under such circumstances it is easy to see why skilled personnel in experimental and clinical research go to the United States where funds are greater and more readily available. Canada must increase her medical research facilities if we are to keep top flight researchers in Canada.

District Labour Council

New Time Limit By-Law Should Attract Delegates

Better attendance by representatives of union locals in the Georgetown area and other parts of Halton was the reason for a new District Labour Council by-law that will turn off the meeting lights at 10 p.m.

Meetings of the District Labour Council start at 8 p.m. and from now on an automatic adjournment will occur at 10 whether the business agenda is completed or not.

The labour council's executive board in session Thursday night announced the new amendment in the Labour body's by-laws after approval by the delegates at the last regular monthly meeting.

This amendment was proposed and carried in order to have broader participation and a better attendance from all of the various union locals in the area. Labour Council president G. G. Heym stated.

"Our procedure will be streamlined in accordance with the time at our disposal. Three and four hour meetings in the past were just too lengthy for some delegates," Mr. Heym said.

"At the last meeting the Labour Council assembly donated \$10 to the African student Foundation which supports financially Africans studying in Canada.

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