

EDITORIAL COMMENT

One Pocket or the Other...

We are frankly puzzled by the entry of a deficit in the town's water department into a major political issue.

Over a period of years, the town has spent some \$38,000 more on water services than it has taken in in water revenue.

In case any ratepayers think there is something wrong in the department, we can assure them that no particular council or councillors are to blame for the deficit.

The water controversy has been complicated by a method devised to play for the new sewage disposal plant.

Why The Objections?

We cannot understand why people object so violently to paying a bit more for their water.

At present, the household pays \$1.50 a month, plus 75c extra for the use of the sewers.

For this we get a product which we can drink, use for cooking, wash dishes and clothes, water our gardens, wash the car, bathe in.

Fine Type of Citizen...

Howard Kantner was the kind of man who left an impact on the town where he spent the greater part of his life.

He was a man who rose from apprenticeship as a carpenter to operating his own building supply and contracting firm.

And while working hard to make a success of his private business, he felt an obligation to his community to serve in a public way.

He had been a member of the public school board and the hydro commission. He was one of a group of men who took on the hard task of operating the arena as a community project when the Board of

those who use the sewers are the ones who should pay the bill.

The by-law was set up to allow reduced rate to industry, proportionate to the amount of water which actually enters their sewers.

It is now claimed by some that industry should pay the full 50 per cent. And the mayor has said that if this had been done, there would be no \$38,000 deficit.

If this were so, it would mean that four industries would be out of pocket \$38,000, and there is the question of how far a town can go in expecting industry to foot too large a share of the tax bill.

The charge that residential taxpayers have been subsidizing industry has been disclaimed by water chairman Don Powers. He says that if the surcharge were abandoned and paid for in the general tax rate, a majority of householders would actually pay slightly more than they do now on their water rates.

Perhaps the only way to solve the argument is to do so.

Whatever is done, the water department cannot continue to operate at a loss and must be subsidized either by a rate increase, by the general tax rate, or by higher sewer payments by industries.

Without a town water system, every residence would be put to the expense of digging its own well, and each of us would not have the plentiful supply guaranteed by a communal system.

If we find the cost of supplying this exceeds the rates charged, there should be no major objections, any more than the cost of installing roads, providing police protection or any other civic service.

One has only to read about the value placed on water in Hong Kong to realize how fortunate we are in getting so much for so little in Georgetown.

Parks Management was formed. As a contractor, his services on the board were particularly valuable. His last public service was as a member of the building committee of the new Georgetown Hospital, and he derived keen satisfaction in being able to contribute his advice.

He was an elder of his church, a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellow lodges, and for recreation enjoyed lawn bowling.

Man like Mr. Kantner are missed in a town. Their example should show today's young people what can be achieved by hard work and business ability, and how it is important not to concentrate solely on personal gain but to share the talent you have in a public way.

Rattlesnake Reservoir Gets \$128,000 Government Assist

George A. Kerr, M.P. today announced that the Provincial Government has approved a grant to the Halton Region Conservation Authority in the amount of \$128,250.00 for engineering and construction of the Rattlesnake Point Reservoir on the Twelve Mile Creek in Halton County.

The grant is 75 per cent of total estimated construction costs. This is one of the reservoir sites considered by the Authority and is to be located in the Rattlesnake Point Ravine upstream from Leaver Brothers mushroom plant and the town of Milton water wells.

The estimated storage of the reservoir is 90 million gallons of water and the grant is in line with the Provincial Government's plan to encourage the construction of reservoirs throughout the province by local Conservation Authorities.

During a thunderstorm, do not stand under a tree, whether it is in the open field, or on a city street. If you are in the house, keep away from chimneys, fireplaces, stoves or other metal objects. Don't use electric metal equipment or wiring.

Table with columns for location and dates: Oshawa Aug. 20 to 22, Ottawa (Can. Can.) Aug. 21-29, etc.

A Bible Thought For The Week

And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the garments of them that slew him. - Acts 22:20.

AREA BEAUTY SPOT



-Peter Jones Photo

LIMEHOUSE WATERFALLS OUT MATCH FOR HILTON

HILTON FALLS on the farm of William Mahon, R R 2, Campbellville has been hailed as Halton county's beauty spot by some, but the Georgetown area has a match for it in this cascade at Waterfalls Playground at Limehouse.

NEWS DESK EXTRAS

by Terry Harley

- World news quote: "I hope and pray now that the shooting has stopped..."
News item: "He had the privilege while in North Africa to view a number of rare Egyptian tumblers..."
Council coverage: "After the verbal exchanges council moved that the report be approved and placed on file..."

NEWS ECHOES

From the Pages of the Herald, 1954 and 1959

10 YEARS AGO

Total cost of the new waterworks addition was reduced by \$9,000 when council revised recommendations of engineer Roberts dropped some construction and made other changes.

Rumour became fact when it was learned this week that Mayor Jack Armstrong and clerk-treasurer John D. Kelly, after council endorsement, signed an agreement with Dalrex Developments Limited which might lead to an unprecedented industrial and commercial growth, and a housebuilding program which could double the town's population in a few years.

A business established seven years ago in town has been sold with the new owners taking over in October. Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Pearce of Collingwood will henceforth be the proprietors of Rosedale Floral which has been operated by Thomas Easton, an Alliance Paper foreman, his wife, and father-in-law, Jesse Brandford.

25 YEARS AGO

Mr. Matt Hunter of Georgetown won first prize in the old time fiddlers contest at Erin on Monday.

Editor Joe Moore says: Perhaps many cannot remember way back 70 years but those who can will recall the great snow storm of October, 20, 1869, when snow came so early that turnips and potatoes were buried in the fields and apples were frozen on the trees, and there was no thaw until spring. Just an old-fashioned winter.

Thomas L. Leslie of Georgetown was elected president of the Halton-Peel ex-Wardens' Association at the annual banquet Monday night.

Increased rates of pay for all ranks of the local militia was announced at the armoury last week. Privates \$1.30 a day; Lance corporals \$1.50 a day; Lance-Sergeants \$1.90 a day; Sergeants \$2.20 a day.

SUGAR AND SPICE

The Wonderful Filler

As a teacher of English and a former weekly editor, I note with despondency that standards in the weeklies are sagging rather noticeably since the days when the weeklies found their finest flowering - the days of Smiley, that is.

Both as an editor and an English teacher, I must protest. Pretty soon there'll be nothing to cling to in this country but stumpy maple leaves and sooty two-line fillers.

The 'filler', as all newspaper people know, is an item, anything from one line to a paragraph, that fills out the page. The whole page is made up, and there's a hole left, a blank space. You stick a filler in it.

The filler is a vital component of the newspaper, and the main source of the liberal education of some readers. It says: 'The natives of Baffin Land are immune to lung cancer because they smoke only potato peelings dried in cow manure. Or something of the sort.'

Another one might inform you more briefly, that 'Two hundred and twenty four unwed fathers are born every third Wednesday.' Or something of the sort.

My quarrel today is with the tampering that has taken place with what I consider the greatest filler ever written. It happened a few years ago. We were ready to go to press.

We had already used up all the supplied fillers about Halton land and unwed fathers. We had thrown in about eight red-hot one-liners like, 'Support your local Red Cross' and 'A stitch in time saves 9' (no room to spell out the nine).

But still this gaping little slit eyed us. Like a cobra. Then it came. Genius. I wish I could claim it for my own, but one of the boys in the back shop had the flash of inspiration.

It read: 'Harold Jones has the gout. Five words. One line. Perfect.'

The statement was true. Mr. Jones, a respected local citizen, did have the gout. No room for

a libel suit. But what suggestions and implications and allusions and suspense were there in those five words! What a tam-moal of speculation and comment!

From those who did not know him, - 'Who is Harold Jones?' From those who had never heard the word - 'What is the word?' From those who had heard it - 'I'm not surprised.' From those who did not know what it was, but wouldn't admit it - 'I wonder if he's taking anything for it.'

This was all very well, I considered it my high point as a weekly editor. It was a short story that Hemingway would have applauded. The English was impeccable, stripped to the bone, true alive.

And what do I read in the same weekly five years later? This mushy, slushy, phony, waddy, sentimental filler: 'Mr. Harold "Skinny" Jones is suffering from the gout again.'

Isn't that disgusting? Mr. Jones is now 'Mr. Jones.' He is now addressed in the false intimacy of a nickname. He no longer has the gout, he 'suffers' from it, a hideously hackneyed phrase. And the word 'again' has about as much impact as the statement that Canada 'again' spent more on liquor than on missions.

I think it's time I look another whirl at weekly editing, if only to prevent such degradation of genuine works of art.

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