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## EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

### Had Readers Guessing

Last week's Herald pictures were something of a puzzle for readers.

No, it wasn't a new guessing contest ... just one of those things that sometimes happen to a newspaper, no matter how carefully it is scrutinized before the final printing.

On the front page, with an item about Mrs. Robert Lana's nineteenth birthday, was a young man in a UWO blazer. Mrs. Lana appeared on page 6, captioned as a bride at Union Church. Bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Carberry were missing altogether. And the mystery man was the new Ballinasloe minister George Bates, whose story appeared on page 7. An explanation can be almost as complicated as the mix-up itself, but for those who are wondering, here goes.

The Herald is typeset and put together at the Georgetown office, but the ac-

tual printing is done in Guelph. Pictures are reproduced by photographing a 'positive' on plastic and are also produced in Guelph. Early each week, pictures are sent there, carefully labelled. When the Herald pages are composed here in the shop, spaces are allowed for the pictures. A card-board 'mat' is made of each page, the picture spaces coded, and the mats sent to the Guelph office where they are cast in metal again for the printing process.

The plastic pictures are pasted in the allotted squares as the last stage in preparation.

There is always a chance of error, but usually not so glaring a one as in last week's issue.

This week we reprint the three pictures, with apologies to all parties concerned and with hopes that our readers will now understand some of the problems of producing a newspaper.

### Real Margin for Error

Not only do editors get grey worrying about pictures, they have nightmares sometimes about the words which appear in print each week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jones spent last week visiting in Montreal with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brown.

And here is what can happen ... 1. The copywriter can misinterpret his notes and have Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jones of Montreal visiting, etc., etc.

2. The typesetter can make an error in setting copy and have the item come out like this:

To illustrate, here is one sentence ... Mr. and Mrs. John Jones spent last week visiting in Montreal with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brown.

3. The proofreader can fail to catch the error and the item will be reproduced with the error.

4. The proofreader can catch the error, send it back to the linotype operator, who sets a new line of correct type which then goes to the composing room for correction. The compositor can replace the wrong line of type, so the item now reads:

Mr. and Mrs. John Jones spent last week visiting in Montreal with week visiting in Montreal with

5. When second proofs are pulled, the proofreader can again fail to catch the error, or

6. He can catch the error, send it to the machine again for correction and at this stage (a) the linotypist can make another error in resetting the line or (b) the compositor can replace the wrong line a second time. It would thus be possible to have the item end up reading

week visiting in Montreal with week visiting in Montreal with week visiting in Montreal with

7. As if this isn't enough to make any editor's hair grey, this isn't the end. Each line of type is a separate piece of metal and if the compositor drops type when he is transferring it to its proper place on a page, the lines can be transposed and the item can read

Mr. and Mrs. John Jones spent last Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brown.

8. And as a final possibility, the Social and Personal item can (a) get mixed in with other type and appear smack in the middle of a news item or (b) get lost or strayed in the shop and never appear in the paper at all.

That the Herald has such a low percentage of errors in the thousands of words which appear each week is a tribute to a hard working staff which checks and double checks as much as is humanly possible while still maintaining the necessary pace to produce an issue on time.

### Active Hockey Season Ahead

With both Intermediate Raiders and Junior Beavers making plans for the new hockey season, Georgetown will again have plenty of winter sport for arena spectators.

The Beavers, with one season under their belts, will be in better shape to appear in the win columns this winter. They made a surprisingly good showing last year, matched against teams which had been organized for some time. They will be the team to watch this year.

The Raiders, after a season in the West-

ern Ontario league, are returning to OHA competition. Their opposition will include some familiar towns which have not iced teams in Georgetown for some years. While fans will miss the Milton, Acton rivalry, they will look forward to again seeing Elmira in action. Dundas, Preston, Fort Erie, Hespeler and Paris are also in the loop.

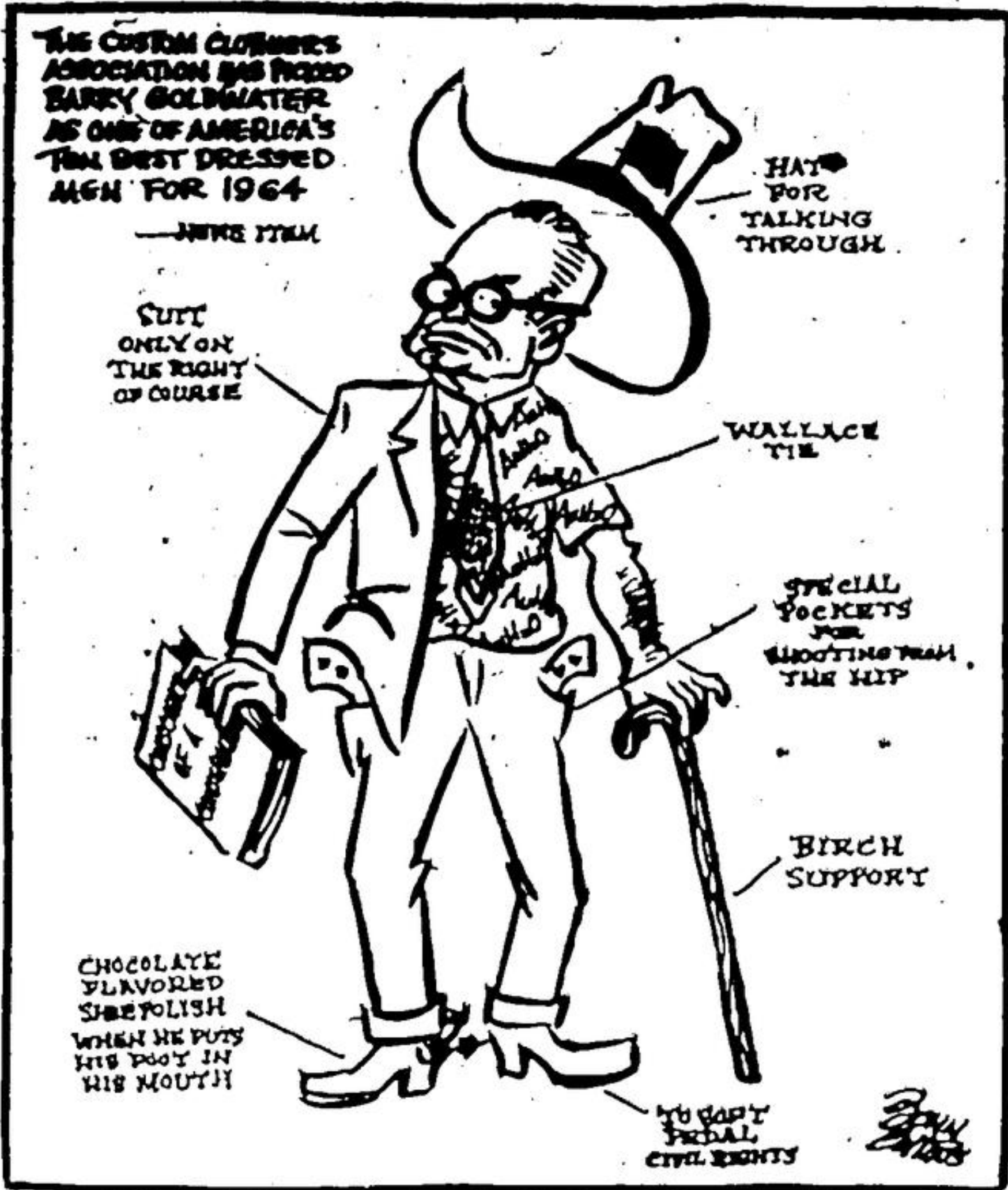
Coupled with the usual OMHA entries, the Saturday morning hockey league and the international bantam tournament, hockey will provide a good share of Georgetown's winter recreation.

## HARLEY TO HALTON

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

I was sitting in the House of Commons the other day as an eyewitness to the now famous 'blood throwing' incident. The Hon. George Nowlan, a former Minister in the Conservative Cabinet, had been speaking a few minutes, at the beginning of the debate for that day. It was after 'Orders of the Day' when the House of Commons was full. The Prime Minister had gone to his office, the Leader of the Opposition was leaving through some papers, the House was quiet. Suddenly something looked like a rolled-up paper, but brown or red in colour came hurtling down from the Opposition Gallery over my head. As my seat is lower down in the Chamber, and this occurred just above the middle of the House of Commons, I was not splashed as were several Liberal members as this container passed over our heads. I thought at first someone in the Gallery had accidentally dropped something. It crashed in the centre aisle, in front of the Hon. George Nowlan. He looked up, paused and said: "It's not his heart's blood, it's his brains." After a moment of stunned silence, Parliament went on as before, as the Protective Staff moved in. During the dinner recess all evidence of the red blood was removed from the green carpet. I think all Members were surprised at the mild sentence of \$25 fine after this act of contempt of Canada's highest court of legislation. Compare this with the \$500 fine just handed down to a performer at the Ottawa Central Exhibition for having her performance 'too suggestive.' The flag debate continues unabated. As I mentioned last week, Monday through Thursday is devoted to the flag and Friday to the estimates of some department of govern-

ment. At the present time we are discussing the amendment requesting a plebiscite, and a sub-amendment detailing how this should be held. There have been two plebiscites in the history of Canada. In 1898 prohibition was the subject of a plebiscite, the majority, except Quebec, were in favour of prohibition but no action was taken by the Government. In 1942 conscription was the subject, and the government was permitted by the plebiscite to proceed. It is interesting that this plebiscite took 38 separate regulations, required 38 separate forms and took 3 months to complete. A plebiscite is out of keeping with our system of parliamentary government. There have been no plebiscites in the United Kingdom's history. In our system Members of Parliament are elected on the basis



BARRY THE BEST DRESSED MAN

## NEWS DESK EXTRAS

By Jerry Harley

The start of another school term for students and teachers is the only time of the year when a sentence comes at the end of a short period. They mutually regard the switching on of the educational treadmill with reluctance.

"So who doesn't, you say?" The connoisseur of the byproduct of the brain stuffing process that's who. The collector of the scholarly flubs known as the 'school boy howlers'.

Unlike the hesitant participants, he regards the treadmill as an assembly line of exam paper goods that tickle his fancy better than any writing staff of Danny Kay's, armed with ostrich plumes, ever could.

We offer the following samples:

**From English Grammar paper:**  
What is the antonym of word? Geddyp!  
Poultry has a singular known as chicken.  
Good punctuation means not to be late.

**From Nature Study paper:**  
Now that the dinosaurs are safely dead, we can call them clumsy and stupid.  
Dogs are much quicker than people. In less than two months they are a year old.

**From Science Paper:**  
Inside every molecule are many, many Adams.  
A vacuum is an empty space with nothing in it.  
You never know how a rocket will behave because they go through stages.

Many broken windows result from masonic boons.

**From History Paper:**  
William Bendix invented the automatic washer.  
Sir Walter Raleigh was a rich sailor with a golden hind.  
President Lincoln was called Honest Abe because he was a good man, but homely.  
The Pony Express was a system worked out to send ponies through the mail.

**From Geography paper:**  
Canada and Australia have two things in common. They are both in the Commonwealth and they are both far apart.  
Until the missionaries came to Africa the cannibals ate each other.

**From Literature paper:**  
Robinson Crusoe met Black Friday in 1706.  
Jason was always looking for the golden fleas.  
Juliet's balcony became famous.

**From Health paper:**  
It is healthy to inhale deeply before you expire.  
Scurry is a disease caused by too fast living.  
Hives are caused from fooling around with bees.

**And Music:**  
An oboe is an instrument popular with poor English folks.  
Ready to start creating again, class, Aw ah — wait for the bell!

## Quebec Conference 100th Anniversary for Stamp

A new five-cent postage stamp to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Quebec Conference that led to Confederation will be issued by the Canada Post Office, Sept. 8th, and was announced by the Hon. John R. Nicholson, Postmaster General. The stamp will be the seventh special issue in the 100th program.

In announcing the stamp, Mr. Nicholson recalled that it was at the Quebec Conference of 1864 that delegates from the provinces which are now Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes hammered out the seventy-two Resolutions which eventually formed the core of the British North America Act of 1867, Canada's written constitution. The constitution was, therefore, one of the milestones on the road of the creation of the Canadian nation.

The Quebec Conference stamp follows an earlier issue of party policies and programmes. (I might mention here that in Halton this part of the platform was discussed on several occasions.) The Parliament is then expected to make decisions in the national interest based on the platform. Normally, if Parliament decides it cannot support the Government on any matter of policy, it refuses to do so, and a referendum in the form of an election is held. This is not true now of the flag issue — it is a free vote and the Government will not fall regardless of how the flag issue is decided.

In discussing these matters it has been suggested that the

matter be referred to a Committee of the House of Commons for a recommendation to bring back to the House of Commons. The Government has agreed, provided that some limit be put on the debate when the matter is returned to the House of Commons, and that the Committee spend only a stipulated amount of time on this study. If this is not done then we have done nothing but waste time, to begin the endless discussions all over again. Unless something is to be concluded, to send the flag issue to a Committee, is merely procrastination of valuable time and effort.

## SUGAR AND SPICE

### Things Were Hectic!



How I envy the fellow who has 2 weeks holidays! He takes his family to a cottage, or on a motor trip, or out camping, and that is all there is to it. He can go back quietly and sashay back to work. Things are always pretty hectic around our place in the summer but this was the hecticest ever. As a teacher, I'm almost frantic for school to start so I can get off the ferris wheel.

Five weeks of summer music school for Hugh. Three weeks of a different summer music school for the old lady. Two weeks of camp for Kim. Two weeks of refresher course in English and two weeks as a weekly editor for me.

Now this doesn't sound so bad, when you say it quickly, but all these things were going on in different places at different times. The result was a combination of the Grand Prix, Musical Chairs, Who's Been Sleeping in My Bed and Let's Break the Bank.

My wife gets home every Saturday night, heads for the basement with a huge armful of soiled clothes, and we don't see her until it's time to get in the car late Sunday and charge off once again in all directions.

Last Sunday, for the first time in six weeks, the four of us were under the same roof together. We were all a little uneasy at being with the strangers.

Hugh came through virtually unscathed despite the trembling and trepidation of his parents. He talked us into extending his stay at the summer school from three weeks to five, in a letter emphasizing the 'inspiration' he was getting there.

After deep and midnight consultations, we reluctantly sent off the requisite extortion for the extra two weeks. Soon after, another letter arrived. In this one we learned he had been out for dinner — steak and mushrooms, Chianti, the works, with a Yank girl whose father was an English teacher, was divorced, and was having an affair with the daughter of the bartender in the place they'd eaten.

Hugh's momma was ready to call out the militia, declare war on the U.S., and invade if necessary to snatch her boy

back to safety. My father was trying to soothe her fears and at the same time, remembering, with not a little sadness, what he was like at that age.

However, he surprised us. He arrived home the day he was supposed to. Even more amazing, he had some money left. Completely astounding, he looked only slightly depressed. In those five weeks he had become 17, fallen in love at least twice, bought a pipe and tobacco, cooked for himself for two weeks, living mainly on pabulum and cheese, and been in a beer joint.

None of this bothered me too much, although his mother gave him an interrogation that would have done credit to Inspector Malgret.

Perhaps the most rugged two weeks of the summer were those I spent as a weekly editor. It all began with a wedding — my partner's, and very nearly ended with a funeral — mine.

And how doubly devastating it is to be a weekly editor in a tourist town, where every old friend cottager within a radius of 40 miles is hell-bent on wrecking your marriage, your constitution, and the next day, with his hospitality.

Oh well, the worst is over. There remains only a gritting of the teeth, a grinding of the loins, and a hardening of the resolution, to get through the last week of summer — the weekly newspapers convention. When that's over, and I come home, a shambling shadow of the fine healthy young fellow I was on the first of July, my plans are made. I phone a sanatorium, take my 30 days sick leave, and resume living about the end of September.

### A Bible Thought For The Week

H. B. Dean

"And there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched."

1 Samuel 10:26

There is no substitute for heart felt religion, and no lasting work without it.

The number of drownings during Summer weekends is a tragic reflection on Canada's regard for safety rules. Never swim alone, don't swim when tired or within two hours after eating; if you are a non-swimmer but enjoy getting into the lake, be sure to wear a government approved safety jacket.

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