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## ... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

### Time for Resolutions

New Year's is time-honoured era's season for looking ahead, for making new resolutions, for assessing what one has done in the previous year and deciding on a course of action for the year ahead.

It is a time of exhilaration. No matter what troubles may have befallen in the year ending, man's eternal optimism tries to wipe the slate clean, start afresh and approach the new year with hope.

It is that eternal flame which makes every citizen a potential prime minister, the rage to riches philosophy which made Horatio Alger the most popular novelist of his day.

Though we know in our secret heart we all won't reach the top, there are stages on the way, and if one arrives at that next

plateau of his dreams, be it monetary, spiritually or physically, if one small lot of his resolves is satisfied, the year is a good one.

We're all for New Year's resolutions if they are sensible and if there is a genuine desire for self-betterment. But one must strive to implement them, not sit and wait for a fairy godmother to wave her wand.

Whatever goal one sets in life, can only be accomplished by dedication, by work, by sacrifice and self-discipline. Whether one is wealthy in dollars, in friends, in inner contentment, one has constantly to work at it.

Success is not a passive factor in life. It comes only through making the best use of the talents you have been given.

### Jarring Note to Christmas

A noticeable increase in vandalism is causing concern for those who like to decorate their homes for the Christmas season. This year Georgetown was particularly gay with outside lighting which represented hours of work and no little expense for householders.

Those who put their displays up early were particularly the target for bulb snatchers. One home we know was visited on three successive nights. When one loses a couple of dozen bulbs, it is not only a nuisance to replace them, but costly too, at fifteen or twenty cents per bulb. At our own home, what we hoped would be a colourful lighting on Christmas eve was not, for we

had no spares, nor could we purchase any for a couple of days.

Walter Gray, whose Church St. home just off Main is always a beauty spot was hit by the vandals this year. And the complete destruction of the Chamber of Commerce sign at the eastern highway approach to town, was a major work of pranksters.

We hope the people concerned will confine their activities to another form of holiday fun next year. If bulb snatching becomes widespread, residents will soon tire of decorating and the lighting which makes Georgetown such a beauty spot will disappear.

### Esquasing Could Share

Suggestion of Reava ELLIOT that Esquasing does not pay its fair share of fire protection service is a matter which will be dealt with this year by the two councils.

The system by which Esquasing provides one fire truck and pays a fee for fire calls received beyond town limits has been of mutual benefit to both municipalities and is a pattern which could well be followed in other public facilities.

One which has come up from time to time is the provision of recreation services, particularly in the operation of the Georgetown area. Occasionally a councillor will breathe fire and proclaim that he doesn't think the town should continue to foot all the costs of a building which extends its benefits to many township young people. But we have yet to hear any serious discussions or any proposals made by the town to change things.

It is natural that Esquasing politicians would not welcome such a move with open arms. They have a business to run, ratepayers to satisfy and are interested in getting the most mileage from their tax dollar.

They are also intelligent men who, if presented with a set of facts would doubtless give some consideration.

Esquasing has a particularly concentrated township population in the Glen, Norval and Stewarttown and the arena is used by dozens of young skaters and hockey players.

For Esquasing to deny any responsibility for helping to maintain the arena is as wrong as for Georgetown to deny its use to any but local residents.

We'd like to see the two councils get together for a friendly discussion, with Georgetown putting some facts on the line for consideration.



UNO WHO REVIEWS THE YEAR

## NEWS DESK EXTRAS

by Terry Harley

Small types who became owners of pets Christmas morning will know by now that a spaniel pup or kitten can't be dropped in the toy box like a plastic dump truck when the novelty wears a little thin. They know by now that the ball of fur that stole the show from all the glittering gifts Christmas morning takes a little more care than Chatty Baby, and requires much more attention than G.I. Joe.

killings picked up by canine control vehicle throughout the year - if the animals are lucky.

Just a few unbreakable, shock proof and water resistant New Year's resolutions: We resolve: To overhaul our sense of humour and laugh more at Danny Kaye and less at Eddie Shack. Never again to slam the lid

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## NEWS ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald 1954 and 1944

### 10 YEARS AGO

- Rev. Kenneth Richardson, newly appointed Anglican Church rector of Georgetown and Glen Williams preached his first sermons in St. George's and St. Alban's churches Sunday.
- Georgetown's fourth Ontario Provincial Police officer started duties in town this week. He is Constable Guy Harrington, an Ottawa native. He was transferred here from Waterdown. He joins Corporal Ray Beckett and Constables Tom Doby and Don Smith.
- Town improvements forecast by Mayor John T. Armstrong in his inaugural address will include completion of a major water program; continued improvement of roads and possible joining of the two Maple Avenues and a new road through the valley.
- John Gunn, Provincial Mill chemical engineer, was named charter president of the Rotary Club of Georgetown Monday. Members met for the first dinner meeting in the McGibbon House.

### 20 YEARS AGO

- C Company, Lorne Scots, has formed a hockey club to take part in the Lorne Scots Regiment Hockey League. C Company's lineup is: Goal, Bradford; defense, J. Burns, R. Rowley, forwards Grenke, Allen, Robertson, alternates N. Long, G. Neville, M. Lorusso, J. McClure, W. Bradley.
- A disastrous fire last Thursday completely destroyed the farm home of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Beer on the 5th Line, R. R. 3, Georgetown. The fire started in the basement and in moments the entire house was ablaze and smoke so dense that entry could not be made. The house was built in the 1880's by Mr. George Leslie Sr. and the Bovill Brothers of Glen Williams.
- Results of the Christmas exams in the news from Georgetown High School this week. Top students in each form were: Grade 13 - Shirley Tapp and Mary McClure; Grade 12 - Doris Brownridge, Brenda Robinson and Darrell Dewson; Grade 11 - Violet Barnes and Kenneth Harrison; Grade 10 - Douglas-Lattimer, Douglas Alexander, and Ingeborg Hauptmann; Grade 9 - A. Emery Thompson and Lytle DeVries; Grade 8 - Joyce Langford and Mary Wood.

## SUGAR

by Bill Smith

### Winter Leaves Him Cold

This is the time of year when the average honest citizen, however heavily he tries to conceal it, is about as warm and full of vitality as the discarded Christmas tree leaning drunkenly against the back steps, a few morsels of tinsel fluttering from its prematurely aged frame.

Prematurely aged. That's the way I feel in January. Like a woman of 35 who has had twelve children in fifteen years. As though I can't feel it again, I can't feel the right. The mapping is more likely to be the roof of the back porch caving in under the snow. No self-respecting fairy would be caught dead under the January sun, which smiles at you with all the gaily of a cold fried egg. The gatherings are more likely to be melancholy huddles of taxpayers exchanging cold remedies and talking about their furnace.

Winter is fine, up until New Year's. After that, you can give it to the Russians. In fact, if they ever invade us, they should do it in January. Half the population is in Florida. The other half is down with the flu.

I wouldn't even give this country back to the Indians, in mid-winter. In the first place, they wouldn't take it. In the second, we've handed them enough bum deals in the past.

It's enough to curdle your blood when you hear people duck into the coffee shop, faces gray with cold, noses running and whining: "Isn't that a grand winter's day," as they blow on their clammy fingers, before wiping the steam from their noses.

Seems to me that we all suffer from an advanced case of self-deception. Just because our ancestors couldn't imagine anything worse than their Irish shanties, Italian slums or Polish villages and came to Canada, we think we've automatically rugged and physically fitted to endure the climate which fastens on us every where but in the South.

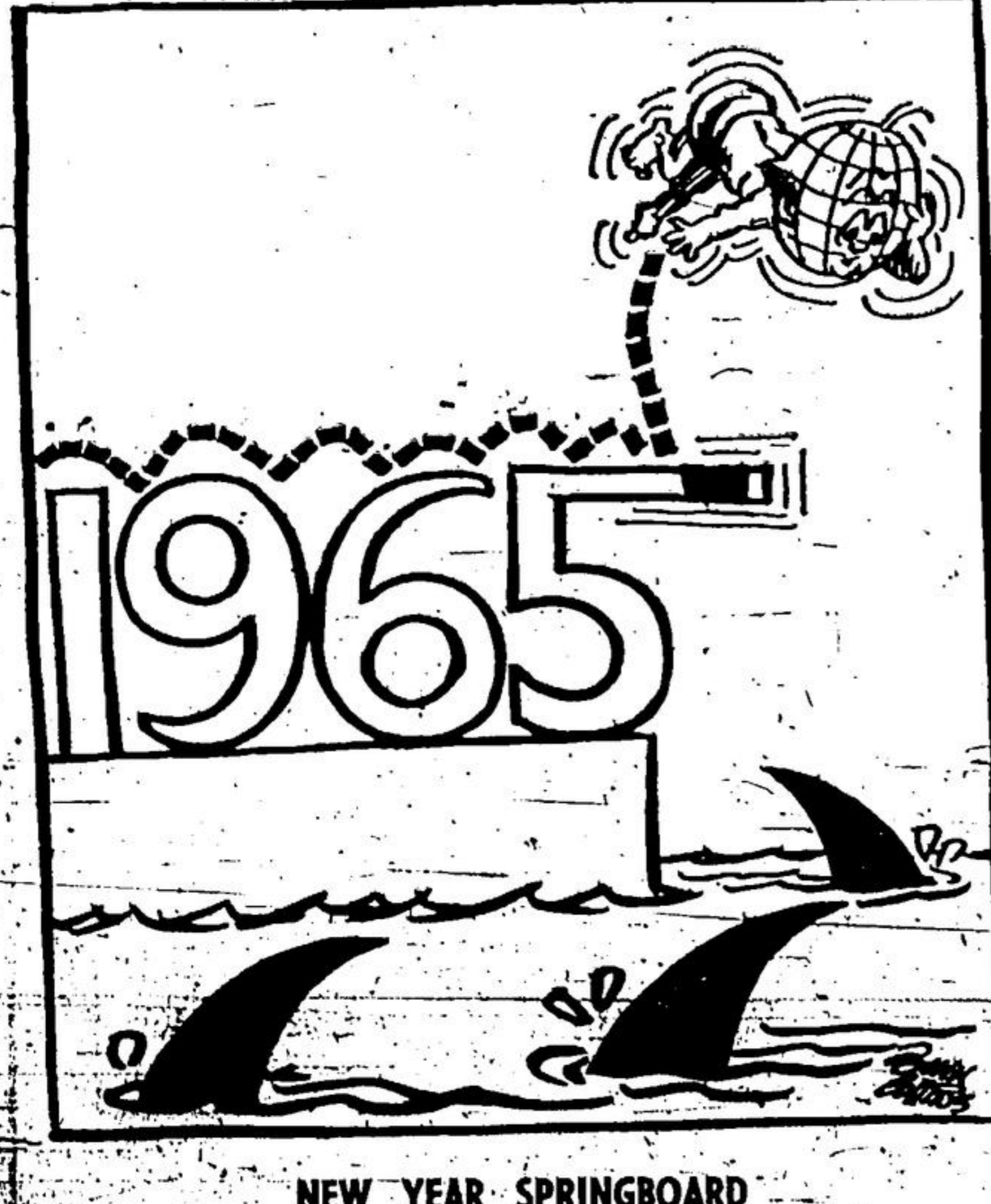
This country in January, is fit for jackrabbits, alcoholics, and people under the age of twelve. The sooner we realize it, and demand from the government return tickets to Florida, good for three months, the better.

steers the topic to the new flag. (Two or con.) Never again help elderly ladies across busy streets when they don't want to go. And finally, never again to switch on the parking lights when there is a tallster riding two and a half feet off the rear bumper at 35 miles per. (There is enough coronary trouble in the world without contributing to it.)

There's nothing I enjoy more, in the summer, than reading about the simple pleasures of oldtime winters. Sleighbells, the crunching of snow under

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