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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Voting Is One Question

Those who were privileged to hear a Burlington clergyman talk about his experiences in Selma, Alabama, last week were fortunate.

Rev. Fred Atherton of Burlington, joined a group of men who included a Jewish rabbi, another Anglican rector, a Baptist, a United Church and an African Methodist Episcopal minister, and a Hamilton radio reporter. They flew to Selma at the height of the racial tension, participated in protest marches and religious services, and came home to tell whoever would listen about events as they saw them.

Mr. Atherton confined his talk, to a group of St. George's churchmen, to the basic right which southern negroes demand — the right to be registered as voters.

Whatever questions remain to be solved in the matter of integration, in the acceptance of an equal white and black society, there can be no dispute about voting rights.

One of the bulwarks of the boasted American constitution which declares that

all men are born equal, is this sacred right to vote. And it has been deliberately denied to a large section of the population of the southern states because of their colour.

He told of one Alabama county where only 250 of 33,000 negro residents have won voting rights. He illustrated the insurmountable hurdles encountered by one man — a university graduate in two sciences, who has time and again appeared to take the state's voting exam. One question asked — "How many bubbles in a bar of soap?"

Mr. Atherton posed as no expert. He offered no solutions to all the racial ills which plague the world. But he was dogmatic in insisting that denial of the vote to any citizen can be justified by no valid, legal argument.

"Everyone is reluctant to get involved in other's troubles," he said. "But we cannot detach ourselves from freedom anywhere in the world. Freedom dignifies man, and man's dignity is one of the things for which we must strive."

### Successful Ingredients

Take a large share of the students of Georgetown high school, give them some interesting things to do as singers, musicians and actors, and you have the successful ingredients to fill the school auditorium with an audience.

Make the show an exceptionally good one, present it for a second night, and you can fill the auditorium a second time. And this with the counter-attraction of the final Stanley Cup playoff game.

Such was the story of Showcase '65, presented Friday and Saturday by the music department and drama club of the school.

Two previous commitments made it impossible for us to attend. And the en-

thusiastic comments of a tuba-playing striping and a Grade 13 makeup artist added to the disappointment that we couldn't. It was one of the few student shows we have missed in our years on the reporting beat. And we still remembered the excellence of last year's Showcase.

It would not be proper to pick out any particular people for special mention, other than staffer Mike Peleschak who guides the drama club, musical director Ivan Long and student Mike Baker who produced and directed a series of high school vignettes.

The success of the show ensures it as a yearly feature. Next year we'll check dates more carefully in April, and leave a Showcase evening free.

### Emphasis on Hospital

There was a time when hospital week was only a word in Georgetown.

In the days when those requiring hospital care must go to Brampton, Guelph, Toronto, the week meant little to people here.

With the building of our modern Georgetown Hospital, there is a special reason for us now to join in expressing thanks to the men and women whose promotion and faith resulted in the addition of this important town facility.

Why should we be thankful for a hospital here?

Many reasons are obvious. There is the convenience of having a patient close to home for relatives to visit. Our doctors save the time and energy formerly spent in travelling to neighbouring cities on their calls. A life may well be saved in an emergency when immediate attention, a swift operation, can be performed.

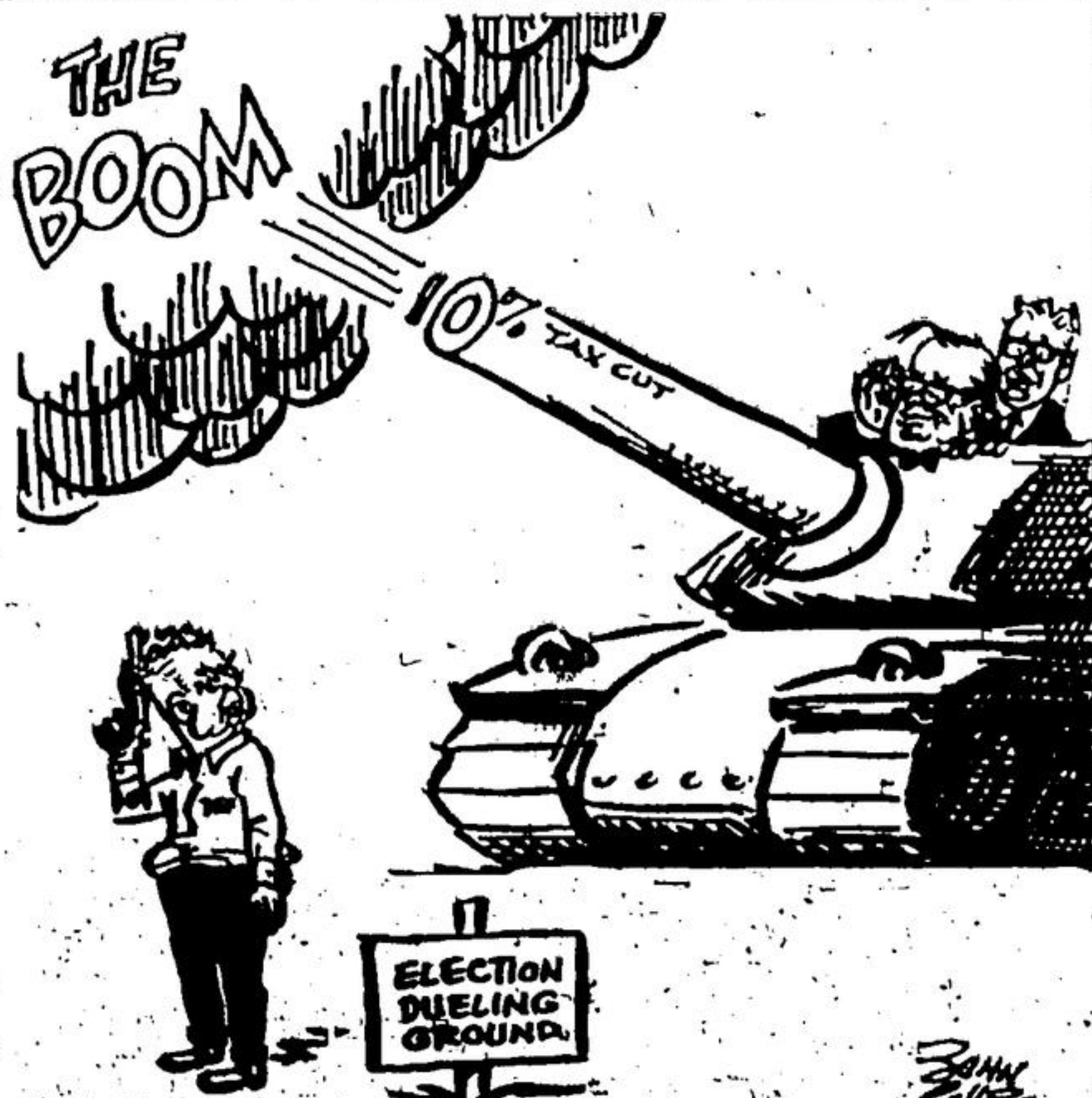
And economically, the hospital has brought an 'industry' to town employing many skilled men and women, and opened positions for many who might otherwise have to commute to employment elsewhere.

These are some of the reasons we can be thankful that Georgetown Hospital came into being.

We can express this thanks in a tangible way by supporting any activities planned to raise funds by auxiliary groups. We can give a financial contribution or a special gift, for hospitals have a never-ending list of improvements to be made, and a limited budget with which to do them.

We can say a word of thanks if we, or a member of our family, have received the benefit of hospital care.

We can remember that Hospital Week is now important in Georgetown because we have a hospital.



DID I HEAR A CHALLENGER?



### WAITING FOR THE TRAIN TO COME IN

ONE OF THE TEAMS coming a distance to play in the International Bantam Hockey Tournament here, Hornepayne, wait at Georgetown station for the train that will take them back to the Ontario northland.

#### THE MAIL BAG

#### Wants Esqueuing To Hard Surface Township Roads

31 Byron Street,  
May 3rd, 1965

Dear Mr. Editor:

Now that the good weather has arrived, would it be possible for Esqueuing township Council to give consideration to start a program of hard-surfacing of the roads in the township?

The pitted, pot-holed conditions of these roads are a sad commentary on those responsible for the roads program, and it is time to call a halt to the tremendous upkeep and waste of gravel to fill in the roads and the grading of them. After one rain they are as bad or worse than ever. Why is this condition permitted to continue? Has some one a tie-in with the gravel pit operators to try and keep roads in 18th century condition?

If one tenth of the total mileage in the township was REALLLY paved each year, in ten years we would have roads which would be a pleasure to drive over and in the long run the cost would be only a small fraction for labour, machinery

and materials that it is at present.

We do not require any subsidy that this was a tough winter on roads. Surely, if we have men who understand road building and who are acquainted with our Canadian winters, we should have no trouble in having roads that would last for twenty years at least.

It is to be hoped that Esqueuing Township will initiate such a program as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

—ED. A. PETERS

#### THE MAIL BAG

#### Recalls Mrs. Lyons as His Teacher at Norval

166 Colbeck St.,  
Toronto 9, Ontario

Dear Sir:

Your issue of Feb. 18, 1965, carried an account of the 55th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lyons which I read with much interest and pleasure, as I was at school in Norval when Mrs. Lyons (Anna Barber) was teaching there.

Our family moved away from Norval in the spring of 1902. I myself went from the Norval school to try the High

School Entrance examination at Georgetown in June of 1902. Since that time I have served as teacher for 42 years; I have been retired since 1954.

The youngest member of the family, Gordon, and his wife Ruby Riley, formerly of Orangeville, observed their 50th anniversary on April 6 of this year. Gordon passed away on April 30.

I thought perhaps you would be interested to know about this.

Yours sincerely,

F. Charles.

#### Weekly Bible Thought

H. B. Dean

"If I sin, then thou markest me, and thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity."

Job 10:14

Only Christ can remove the mark of sin and misery of the sinner. "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

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A Princeton university researcher says it is possible to send messages thru a person's skin. Even those with 100 skin.