

## ... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

### Prominent In Their Communities....

The weekly newspaper fraternity, lost two of its most prominent members in the deaths of Arlof Dills and Joseph Lake.

Mr. Dills, in his almost-fifty years with the Acton Free Press, was that rare combination of master printer and newspaperman whose printing skill was matched with ability as an editor. Some years ago he extended his business by acquiring the Milton weekly, and his two papers were award-winners year after year in the newspaper competitions.

In public life he served at various times on school, library and YMCA boards, was a bandsman, a former president of the fair board and chairman of North Halton high-school district board.

Mr. Lake, who started his printing career in Georgetown and Acton, had the unequalled record of being in newspaper work for 64 years. He founded the Powassan News in 1907 and was on the job until he sold the business two years ago. And he played a major part in town affairs as mayor, church choir leader, Masonic head and school board chairman.

While the two careers paralleled, the Acton editor's activities were restricted nine

years ago when he suffered a stroke. While he remained mentally alert, his illness restricted his physical activities, though he was able to keep an eye on the business of which he was so proud, from a wheelchair.

Mr. Lake was blessed with good health till the last, and at the good age of 80 was en route to South Africa on one of the trips which he had enjoyed in his retirement years.

We counted Mr. Dills as one of our best friends in the newspaper business. In our 'learning years' as a young editor, he was never too busy to help us with a problem, nor can we recall any occasion when there were any business conflicts as sometimes happen between neighboring publishers.

We served as fellow members of the high school board in the days when North Halton was feuding about a central school, and though we sharply disagreed and said so at meetings and in editorials, personal vindictiveness never entered the picture.

That a man who had so much to offer should be restricted by illness at the prime of life was a tragedy hard to explain.

### Better In The Back Room....

Differences of opinion about the composition of the 1966 industrial commission occupied a good share of last week's town council meeting, and recalled the controversy a few years ago when there was several months of bickering before any commission was formed.

We have no particularly firm opinion on the format of an industrial commission. There are good arguments for having councillors as members of the commission, and equally good ones for having it completely divorced from politics. But whichever it is to be, it is one matter which could be better threshed out in committee, without the embarrassment of having citizens rejected as members at a council meeting.

We lean to the idea of a separate commission, with one councillor as an ex-officio member to act as liaison between the two. Not because we do not think that councillors would not make good members, but because councillors have a busy enough round of meetings without saddling themselves with extra work.

Written as this must be before the current week's council meeting, it is to be hoped that the matter has been solved by the time this editorial is being read.

With Georgetown mooted as on the brink of an industrial expansion, it would be too bad to focus attention on differences of opinion about the membership of the industrial commission which will play a major part in industrial location.

### Good Library An Asset....

That Georgetown has a library second to none is well evidenced in the shipments of new books received. The Herald, every few weeks, lists new purchases, and we are always struck by the variety of fiction and non-fiction available to the reading public.

Reading is a hobby which, thanks to Andrew Carnegie and now to our central governments, has no financial barrier to its full enjoyment. The world of literature is at Georgetown's doorstep, and there are more books in the library than a Methuselah could absorb in his lifetime.

If you read purely for pleasure, your wishes are amply fulfilled in the classics and modern fiction. If it is a self-improvement you seek, the library is well supplied with books on many technical subjects.

If you haven't already availed yourself of a library membership, delay no longer. A good book is one of the most welcome visitors in your home — unobtrusive, stimulating, talking back only when you make the approach, and always with something interesting to say.

## Rapidly Growing Halton Will Get Major Queen's Park Eye

Halton affairs will take a major role in deliberation of the Ontario legislature, opening January 25, it was indicated by George Kerr, MPP for Halton riding this week.

Rising population, the urgent need for revision of obsolete transportation systems, reconstruction of geographical boundaries to meet new regional needs, and a new look at outdated consumer credit laws are only a few of the vital issues affecting all residents of Halton, Mr. Kerr feels.

### PLUNKETT REPORT

Mr. Kerr expects the Plunkett report to be available in about a year. It is only one of several being carried out in Ontario, as a study of the best means of forming county jurisdiction into practical regional jurisdiction. In the case of Halton and Peel, the Plunkett recommendations will be studied by both counties, recommendations made to the Department of Municipal Affairs, and in turn that department will give its recommendations to the provincial government. The province will of course, make the final decision on implementing results of the report. Costs are being split between the province and municipalities involved. Direction and advice will be available to both Halton and Peel in their study of the Plunkett recommendations for the creation of a regional jurisdiction.

Mr. Kerr said the Select Committee on Consumer Credit, of which he is one of 13 members, has now completed its report to the legislature. It runs to 285 pages and covers every aspect of Ontario consumer credit buying, from automobiles to mortgages. It will be debated in the legislature and considered by the attorney-general's department for any necessary legislative action that may follow. Its measures may be modified in debate before reaching legislative consideration.

**HIGHLIGHTS**  
Other highlights of the coming session affecting Halton are: Community colleges known as colleges of applied arts and technology, of which there will be about 25 in the province.  
Action to appoint an Ontario solicitor-general, dealing with such matters as the Windfall probe and other possible security legislation under the attorney-general's department.  
A possible settlement of a Halton test case in the case of the Halton Nurses Association, in conjunction with the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario who want special legislation to permit nurses' groups to act as a bargaining unit, or an amendment to the Federal Labour Act which now allows county authorities to pass legislation forbidding such bargaining units.



GEORGE KERR, M.P.P.

Mr. Kerr believes the next provincial election will be in the fall of 1967.

In passing, Mr. Kerr remarked that among other bills due for consideration at the forthcoming session, one would undoubtedly be legislation aimed at upgrading ambulance services in Ontario. He believes such services should be under jurisdiction of hospitals, in co-operation with the Ontario-Hospital Services Commission, or alternatively under the direct control of the local municipality concerned.



A FEW RESOLUTIONS I COULD SUGGEST

## SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

### A Winter Week-End

Winter is a delight to the young, a bit of a horror for the old, and a blasted nuisance for the rest of us.

Yet even for me, one of the most violent winter-haters in the last category, there are moments when it has a mysterious charm that cannot be duplicated at any other season.

Today is one of them. Nope, it's not one of those sparkling, crunchy, sky-blue winter days which no one but a complete misanthrope could fail to enjoy. It's just the opposite.

It's one of those brooding winter days when the shadow of the great monster of the north hangs low over the shrinking earth, and his icy paw feels about the walls of the house, seeking a weak spot where he may enter and strangle.

His cold, blue breath raises snow-ghosts that sift silently among the naked, shivering trees. His very presence makes nice round figure — zero. Typical visiting winter week-end.

Don't be frightened, children. The old spook won't get us. As long, that is, as the snow does not block the roads, and we don't run out of fuel, and there isn't a power breakdown.

It's a day for sitting by the fire with a hot noggin, dreaming, shivering deliciously once in a while, as the monster outside gives a snort of frustration that rattles the windows. And that's exactly what I'm doing.

We've been spending the weekend with the grandparents, in the country. It has followed its inevitable pattern. The night we arrived, it blew and it snowed. In the morning it was still snowing, with a wind gusting to 40 miles per hour, piling up the drifts, filling the driveway.

Late in the day, the snow stopped, the wind dropped, and we did the temperature, to a nice round figure — zero. Typical visiting winter week-end.

## Paul Armstrong Chairs Group Which Works For Retarded

Paul Armstrong of Georgetown was named chairman of the Esqueping Township Retarded Children's Educational Authority at the group's first annual meeting, held at Sunshine School near Hornby on Monday evening, January 10.

The group is formed by four representatives appointed by Esqueping Township Council, and two named by the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded which operates the children's school at Hornby.

Jim Sproat of Milton was named vice-chairman with Mrs. Iain Sillars of Milton secretary-treasurer. Mr. Sproat chairs the finance committee, R. A. Kanerva of Milton heads the property committee, and W. G. MacKenzie of Acton and Mrs. L. Lawson of Georgetown the teacher and transportation committee.

Main business of the January meeting was setting up a 1966 budget and settling tuition fees. The school now has 24 students, it was learned, including seven from Milton, six from Georgetown, four from Acton, two each from Nassagaweya Township and Oakville, and one each from Esqueping Township, Erin and Burlington. Reports indicated the two transportation vehicles presently travel a total of 271 miles daily to pick up and deliver the students.

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### BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

H. B. Dean

"And they lifted up their voices and said, Jesus, Master have mercy on us." Luke 17:13

The mercy of God is awaiting for every man who is ready to confess his need and plead his case. "Call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not."

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## NEWS ECHOES

From the Heralds of 10, 20, and 30 Years Ago

JANUARY, 1956

The Georgetown high school's enrolment has increased to 253, and two new teachers, Mrs. J. L. Lambert, and Mrs. John Gunn have joined the staff. Makeshift arrangements have been made at all schools until more permanent solutions can be found to overcrowding. Since September, St. John's Church hall and the fire hall auditorium have been used as Chapel St. classrooms; and now the new Knox Hall is also being used. The 12 room Wigglesworth school has every classroom filled and the auditorium has been split for use as two extra classrooms.

Stan Allen, at present serving his third term as reeve of Georgetown was unanimous choice as Halton county warden yesterday when the 1956 county council convened.

JANUARY, 1946

A business transaction of local interest which took effect last week was the sale of the Georgetown Feed Mill by William Brydon to Russell and Cecil Upshall, well known district farmers who sold their farm in Chinguacousy in mid-December.

Boosting the three-month total of new Legion members to 96, seventeen veterans of World War 2 were initiated into Branch 120 at a ceremony last Friday. In charge of the initiation was T. F. Grieve, and Deputy Zone Commander, Fred McCartney served as acting president.

JANUARY, 1936

At the annual meeting of the Lorne Scots Band held in St. George's Church club rooms on Monday, the following officers were elected for 1936. Hon. president B. Stone, Hon. vice presidents L. E. Fleck, J. Gibbons, W. Barber, J. B. Mackenzie, bandmaster A. H. Perrott, president C. Brandford, vice-president W. Leslie, secretary-treasurer Tom Eason.

Coming from Brownsburg, Quebec, to the pastorate of Georgetown Baptist Church, Rev. E. G. Baxter and Mrs. Baxter were warmly welcomed at a meeting of the Georgetown church on Thursday. There were hearty words of welcome from Rev. W. G. O. Thompson, Anglican; Rev. F. C. Overend, United Church; and Mr. Hugh Black on behalf of Knox Presbyterian.

Stopping for lunch in the still tea, cake, sandwiches, choocoo-shelter of deep spruce woods. The kids sprawl on the floor of the Ancient Mariner, strumming guitars on a white, white sea. And dreaming. The Old Battle Axe home, darkness deepening, to dozes, silent for once.

While the monster prowls outside, all is serene within. Grandad reminisces about winters 30 years ago when he drove a rural mail route, with team and sleigh. Bundled to the ears. Buffalo robes. Snow piled to the top of snake fences.

While he talks quietly, Grand-ere times when winter can be any produces endless pots of wonderful.

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