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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Sports Nostalgia

Considerable sports nostalgia is being recalled with news that the birth of the Little National Hockey League will be marked with a suitable function in Georgetown this fall.

So common have these young hockey teams become in Ontario towns that not many realize they have all sprung from the efforts of one man who had a vision of healthy recreation for youngsters and carried it to the heights of success.

Gordon Alcott, now a Toronto insurance executive, formed his brainchild in 1936 at the height of the great depression. He talked the arena board and the Lions Club into cooperating on ice time and equipment, secured the cooperation of parents and from the opening of the Georgetown Little NHL it was nothing but success.

Mr. Alcott continued his work with boys in Copper Cliff when he was recrea-

tion director, at the community centre there, and Georgetown teams were always invited to participate in the tournaments.

While he can rightly boast that a number of hockey 'greats' including Georgetown's Bob Goldham, got their start in his leagues, he is even more proud that thousands of boys have learned to play and enjoy this great game through the numerous Little NHL leagues which abound in Ontario now.

Unless Gord Alcott has lost his zip, we predict that the anniversary celebration which the Lions are sparking for Georgetown will be a noteworthy one. A number of NHL stars, past and present, have been invited and Toronto's King Clancy has already been engaged as guest speaker for a banquet.

It will be a red letter day when Georgetown pays a deserved tribute to a native son with a successful idea.

Railway Bridge Priority

A ratepayers' request for a safer pedestrian walk on a Mountainview Road hill has brought attention again to the dangerous overhead railroad bridge on this busy street.

Council, for some years, has discussed a major repair job. It has been put off, not because councils have been disinterested, but because it is a complex and costly job requiring surveys, talks with other government departments, and a sharing of responsibility between a number of different bodies.

Council's road chairman intimated last week that he would give the bridge priority

this year, and we hope he will receive council cooperation.

Since closing of the access to the papermills and Smith & Stone across the CNR tracks, Mountainview has become a much busier street. It is used extensively by children enroute to school and by pedestrians from that part of town to reach central sections.

Not only is the bridge narrow, without a footpath, but deep ditches on both sides of the narrow road make it difficult to walk other than on the actual road surface.

The sooner the job is done, the better, before a fatality occurs.

Welcome to Georgetown

A ground breaking ceremony this (Thursday) morning marks the start of what we hope will be a mutually profitable association between Georgetown and an Ohio firm which will join the increasing list of Georgetown industries this year.

General Fireproofing Company, whose head office is in Youngstown, Ohio, will entertain civic officials at a luncheon following the ceremony.

The 150,000 sq. ft. plant fronting the highway at Todd Road, will produce metal office furniture similar to its American line. Initially 75 to 100 people will be employed, with hopes that manpower will double in a reasonable time.

With another firm, Economy Forms, already established, and with others eyeing a location here, there is every indication that this will be an "up" year and that our long-predicted industrial expansion is underway.

It is a satisfaction to see that our progress is tending to be small and medium sized—plants of already successful firms, rather than one giant which sometimes can disturb a town's economy with the major services entailed. A number of industries, of the size of GFC will ensure a fine future and make-up for some of the industrial disappointments of the past ten or twenty years.

HARLEY TO HALTON

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

CANADA'S 27TH PARLIAMENT has officially opened. The opening day ceremonies went as usual. On the day of the moving and seconding of the Throne Speech two episodes took place which duplicated happenings in the previous Parliament. As soon as the question period began a Credit-ist Member rose and attempted to adjourn the debate to consider a matter of national and urgent importance, namely the cancellation of some Winter Works projects. The new speaker of the House, The Honourable Lucien Lamoureux, ruled this out of order as it can be discussed, as can any topic, during the Throne Speech debate. No appeal of the Speaker's ruling was made, despite the fact that it is not evident yet whether one can appeal the Speaker's ruling.

THE THRONE SPEECH itself, as we expected, was very similar to the previous one. Most of the items had been discussed before but were not carried out in the last session as the election supervened. The one main addition to the Throne Speech was a promise, not detailed, to give more federal aid to education. In Halton in the last election campaign two of the main topics of conversation were education and medicare, both of which are primarily provincial matters. I am pleased to see this as I feel federal assistance in education is not only desirable but a necessity because of the rising cost of education and the lack of standardization across Canada.

THE ELECTION BOUNDAR-

IES Commission for Ontario have reported and this report has been tabled in the House of Commons. It proposes no changes in the suggested new boundaries for Halton County—as everyone probably remembers the changes proposed are as follows:

1. The new riding of Halton to be Oakville, Esqueping (including Georgetown, Milton, and Acton) and the Township of Erin (including the Town of Erin).
2. The new riding of Halton—Wentworth to consist of the Town of Burlington, Dundas and West Flamborough.
3. The Township of Nassagaweya to become part of Wellington Riding.

EXPO HIGHLIGHTS

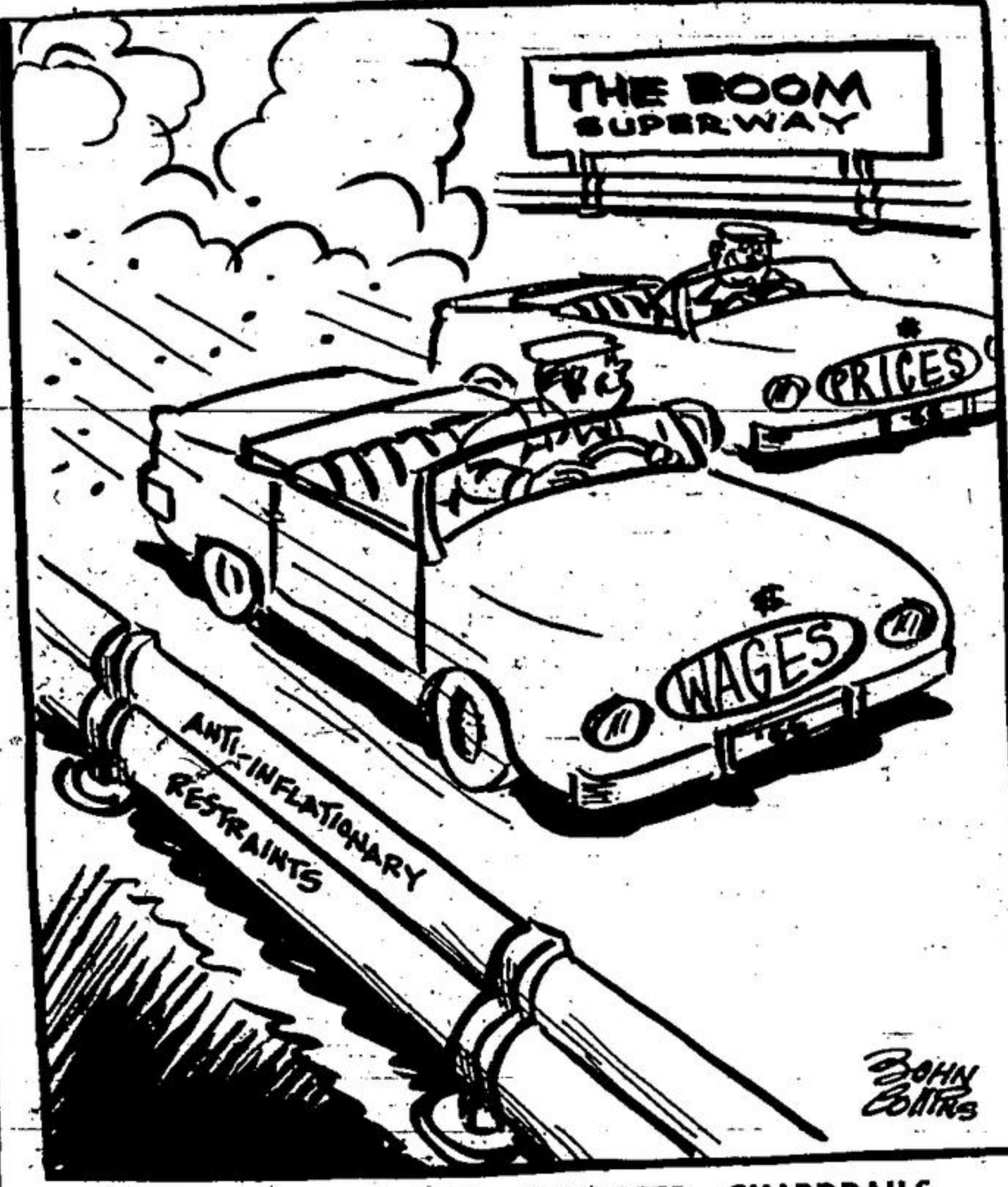
THIS WAS THE basis of the second episode. When the question period had taken 30 minutes, the Speaker rose and said it was his understanding the question period should now cease. In the last session, new rules were tried out including no appeal from a Speaker's ruling and a limited question period. The question now is—do the temporary rules used last session apply to this new 27th Parliament? It was decided to allow a full question period with no time limit that day and on the following day to bring the matter up for debate. I sincerely hope the House decides to have the new rules apply, as they did work very well.

Expo's Habitat 67 will bring a new concept to the problem of urban dwelling. This new approach to integrated urban dwelling will be located on Mackay Pier. It is a complex of dwellings in which the roof of one house provides a garden for the one above. It is designed to bring the most attractive feature of urban living to the heart of the city.

Expo's amusement area, La Ronde, is expected to rival Disneyland or the Tivoli in Copenhagen, while still maintaining a Canadian character. Avoiding the garish midway approach it will have attractions for everyone, ranging from thrill rides

and teen-age dances to first rate nightclubs for the adults after-theatre crowd. Sections will be based on such themes as the Old Harbour, Western Canada and Pioneer Land.

Man the Daredevil will be one of the giant spectacles featured in the Expo Stadium during the World Exhibition. It will feature such stunts as high-wire and helicopter acrobatics, human cannonball acts and motorcycle, airplane and automobile acts... many of them never before seen in North America. The Expo Stadium, capable of seating 25,000 people will be located at the start of Mackay Pier near the main gate. Never be able to wiggle my



ANOTHER CASE FOR STRONGER GUARDRAILS

SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

TRY THIS ON SADISTS

A good many people, decent, kindly, warm-hearted in most respects, have a morbid streak. They get a big vicarious bang out of the gruesome of the gory.

Eyes glinting, voices lowered, they discuss with relish Aunt Sadie's cancer of the liver, the weekend accident in which a pillar of the community smashed his pelvis while heading for the city with his mistress, or Uncle George's advanced drop-sy.

It's a shame, then, to disappoint these people when there is a chance to add a little color to their lives. This week I had that chance. I cut my foot rather badly. Nothing serious, but enough to give me a good heavy limp.

It happened on the weekend, and Monday morning I was ready for them. The first eager enquirer caught me just inside the door, as I arrived for work. What was it? Bad fall and a broken ankle? Hopefully, Arthritis getting unbearable? Coyly.

No, no, nothing as simple as that, I assured her. I explained that my wife and I had been practicing our karate on Saturday night, as usual. Growing bored with smashing those big dents in the refrigerator with the sides of our hands, we'd decided to try some footwork. I'd launched a jump-kick at my wife's teeth. She, a real karate expert, had stuck out her tongue, and it was so sharp she'd opened a four-inch gash in my foot. Four inches deep, that is.

I don't know whether the lady who'd asked believed me. I just walked off and left her standing there, mouth open, eyes slightly crossed.

The next enquiry came from one of those loudmouths who like to embarrass one in front of a group. He tried. Loudly. Whada do? Get drunk and fall down the cellar stairs, ho-ho?

Not at all, I told him calmly. I'd got drunk, been locked out, slept in a snowbank all night, wakened with a frozen foot, and had had to have three toes amputated. I asked him if he'd like one as a souvenir, but he didn't seem too keen.

The next customer was a malicious old bat who looks like the flower, but in reality is the serpent under it. "Been fighting with your wife again? It's about time she put her foot down. On yours, hee-hee."

"Well, we weren't exactly fighting," I told her. "I had the shotgun out and was just trying to scare her a little, just in fun, when the darn thing went off and blew a hole in my foot. The size of an orange. Wanta see?" She turned green and started to sway, so I left her.

A fourth interrogator, a young lady who loves trouble—other people's, that is—came up to me, eyes glinting, and solicitously hoped it was nothing serious. I said not really, just a few severed tendons.

As the day went on, I told other vultures that: A Greyhound bus had stopped on top of my foot and didn't move until the light changed; the foot had been burned beyond recognition by a faulty electric blanket; that my daughter had been helping to chop kindling for the fireplace, missed, and lopped off all but my littlest toe.

Getting my coat in the cloakroom at the end of a pretty interesting day, I heard two female colleagues, unaware of my presence, reconstructing the accident.

"Drunk as a billy-goat, they say, and climbing a tree after black squirrels, with a shotgun."

"No, no, I heard he'd gone after his wife and kids with the axe, and dropped it on his foot." I limped off. Quietly. Triumphant.

The average daily crowd at Expo will be 143,000, rising to 250,000 on peak days.

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NEWS ECHOES

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

JAN., 1956.

The Georgetown Lumber Co., Limited, established 35 years ago by Howard Kentner, has been sold. The business transfer will be completed this week with the new owners the Beaver Lumber Co., Limited, a large firm with some 50 branches throughout Ontario.

A sprinkler system proved its worth in the large O'Neil Block on Main St. Sunday when it held flames in check after a fire broke out in the Henry Davis Wood Products plant. While damage was relatively minor, there was smoke damage in Eaton's Order Office, Carroll's, McGowan's Specialty Shop, and Kentner's Drug Store as well as the Henry Davis plant itself.

JAN., 1946

Arriving home from overseas service this week were Pte. R. F. Williams, Spr. Tom Golden, Pte. W. J. Gratton, Pte. J. D. Timleck, CSM Jim Dobbie, L.Cpl. J. D. Booth, Pte. Jack Harrison, Sgt. Earl Hornby, Sgt. Dvr. R. A. Forster, Sgt. Gordon Graham, F. Sgt. L. Mackenzie, Pte. Wheldon Emmerson.

On behalf of the town, council on Monday accepted a deed to the property on which the war memorial stands as a gift from Mrs. Benjamin Gollop of Kitchener in memory of her husband the late Dr. Gollop.

JAN., 1936

A public memorial service was held in St. George's Anglican Church on Tuesday to coincide with the service which laid to rest King George V under the chapel in Windsor Castle.

On Saturday, Feb. 1, Georgetown's fine new post office and customs office building on Mill St. will be officially opened by Dr. Anderson, ex-MP for Halton. It's largely through his influence that it was made possible for Georgetown to have the building.

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