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... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

Problem of Age

Introduction of the Age Discrimination Act in the Ontario legislature is one move towards recognizing those members of society whose employment opportunities are restricted because they are in the 40 to 65 age group.

Whether it works in practice any better than laws already on the books banning discrimination because of race, is a question mark.

The trouble, of course, is how far in a free society one can force a law which favours one group of people. For the very nature of the law then becomes discriminatory against those who must do the hiring.

Not that we would be against any such law. If it does nothing else, it establishes a basis for perfection, a measuring stick which, if it only pricks the conscience of a few individuals, can have a salutary effect on society.

It is one of today's tragedies that we can think of certain positions of responsibility

where we talk of a man in his forties as being 'young.' Politics is a prime example. We consider Premier Robarts a 'young' man though he is near the half century mark. We entrust him with the job of running the myriad affairs of a wealthy, progressive province, deciding on the expenditure of millions of dollars of our money.

Yet the same Mr. Robarts would have short shrift in answering most of the positions advertised daily in the help wanted columns, where 35 seems to be the breaking point for most positions in business.

The Age Discrimination Act is only a starting point. It must be accompanied by constant publicity and continuing awareness that men in the prime of life can be better qualified employees in a new position, and should not be automatically eliminated from consideration when a job is open.

Remember, Winston Churchill guided this part of the world through some of its darkest days when the technicalities of business would have turned him down for most of the jobs available.

Speeding up Education

Elimination of one year of high school education is forecast in experiments now being undertaken by a number of Ontario universities.

Waterloo Lutheran has announced that it will accept a limited number of Grade 12 graduates this fall. Under the plan, students will proceed to a general bachelor of arts degree in three years or an honors degree in four years, after successfully completing two preliminary courses at summer school.

To be eligible, applicants must have a minimum average of 75 percent at the end of Grade 12 and must not have spent more than four years in high school.

The program will be initially beneficial to the top strata of students whose percentage shows they have the maturity to attempt university study. It will have the double effect of letting a young person en-

ter the business world a year earlier, while giving society the advantage of an extra year of his services.

Ontario is one of the few places where the extra year of high school is required, and this has a distinct disadvantage, particularly for those who plan on a professional career like medicine, law and dentistry. Being able to enter a profession a year earlier eases the financial burden and is of great benefit socially to the student whose natural urge for marriage and a home of his own is delayed because of the undue length of time needed to reach his professional goal.

The educational world will be watching with interest the Waterloo experiment. It could well be the forerunner of the eventual abandonment of the present high school system as we know it.

Buy At Home

The prosperity of a community depends to a large extent on the prosperity of its industry.

Do we, then, support our industry as well as we might, by using its products? How many of us specify Smith & Stone when buying switches, or laundry baskets? Do we all look over the Dominion Seed catalogue when planning our gardens? Do we buy Glenmont socks, eat Mea-

dowglen mushrooms, use Deltacrafts furniture, front our buildings with Graham Bell glaze?

There is a fine market right at home for products made in factories which employ local workmen, contribute to the town tax treasury and have a vital stake in the community.

Let's think twice next time we're shopping and give Georgetown a boost whenever we can.

HARLEY TO HALTON

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

ANOTHER WEEK OF estimates has gone by in the House of Commons. The one outstanding feature of this week's debate has been the decision of the Government to pay bonuses to Members of the Armed Forces who agree to serve long periods than those they originally enlisted under. This is to encourage well-trained serving personnel to remain in the Armed Forces rather than for them to leave and take jobs in civilian life where quite often the rate pay is considerably higher. It is surely more economical in the long run to try to keep well-trained and skilled people in the services than to recruit new people and start training them every three to five years.

THESE BONUSES will amount to \$200 per annum or \$1,000 for a usual five year re-engagement. For those who have re-engaged prior to the announcement for the bonus, they will be given an amount in proportion to the time remaining in their present re-engagement period. We hope that this move will encourage men in the Armed Services to remain and make the Services their life-time career. The Armed Services require more recruits as many of its present members are those who remained in the Services after the War and are now up for their retirement after twenty years of regular service.

DEBATE HAS NOW moved to the Department of Justice. This is expected to produce a very debate as the Opposition has been waiting to get on this topic for some time. It is likely that the Spencer affair (the postal clerk accused of collaborating with Russian officials), bankruptcies, R.C.M.P. penalties, and many other matters coming under the Justice Department will be discussed over the next few days or possibly a full week's time. It is difficult to predict how long these 1965/1966 estimates will take to complete.

A PETITION HAS been filed in the House, requesting Nassagaweya become part of Halton-Wentworth Riding along with Burlington, rather than part of Wellington. This matter comes up for debate in thirty days time and the final decision is not up to the House of Commons but rests with the independent Electoral Boundaries Commission.

In its 1965 Annual Report, issued Tuesday, The Bell Telephone Company of Canada shows a net growth of 264,996 telephones, the greatest annual increase in its history. This brings the total number of phones it has in service to 4,578,000.

The company's net income for the year 1965 totalled \$86.5 million, equivalent to a rate of return of 6.6 per cent on total capital, or \$2.92 per share. This compares to a rate of return of

6.3 per cent and earnings per share of \$2.71 in 1964. After payments of dividends to the company's 214,000 shareholders at the rate of \$2.20 per share the balance of 72 cents per share was retained and used to expand and improve service. Of Bell Canada shareholders, 97.5 per cent live in Canada and own 94 per cent of the stock total.

The report points out that individual and two-party services were made available in 255 communities which previously had only multi-party service as the standard offering. Many local calling areas were extended and 18 exchanges converted to dial. More than 99 per cent of the company's telephones are now dial operated and conversion of

AFTER BEING TOLD THAT CANADIANS ARE 'STOLID DRESSERS' BY A VISITING MEN'S FASHION EXPERT ...



OUR BEST-DRESSED LIST

SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

The Music Madness

George is the Custodial Superintendent at our illiteracy factory. (It used to be called head janitor.) I congratulated him the other day. His wife had "done well," as we say, in a music theory exam.

He shook his head. He swore. Then, "It'd drive you up the wall. If I ever get married again, it won't be to a musician." There isn't much chance of the former, as he's a grandfather. But I was deeply in sympathy with his conclusion.

It was obvious that George had had to help his wife prepare for her exam. It was on the history of music. They ask you questions like, "What instrument did Eli Schwartzkopf play in the Brandenburg Symphony Orchestra on April eleven, 1901, when Napoleon Bonaparte was staying in the city overnight, with his second wife, on the way to the battle of Austerlitz?"

But this isn't the worst of it. A chap can stand a couple of weeks helping his wife memorize such great universal truths, and weather it.

What really gets him on his knees is putting up with the old lady as the exams draw near. Kids go through examinations with the aplomb of ducks taking a bath. But middle-aged ladies don't, especially when they haven't written an exam in years.

About three weeks before the

Kleine Nachtmusik to Porgy and Bess. By ear, I liked Stravinsky and Stravinsky and I'll Be Down to Get You in a Taxi, Honey.

Then the kids started taking piano lessons. And I started trying to look intelligent when people talked about sonatas and concertos and scherzos and dynamics and all that (you should pardon the expression) jazz.

I don't know the details, but I suspect George went through something like the above, and I echo his sentiments, loud and clear. If I ever get married again, I want a girl who thinks a sweet potato is about the finest musical instrument that ever hit the market.

Do you know what a bang it is? Well, that's what music has been in my life, for the past decade.

Oh, I know. Every family has its little problem, its skeleton in the recreation room, its dirt under the wall-to-wall. Drinking health, poverty, divorce, insanity, stupidity, delinquents. With our family, it's music.

People think I am carried away by emotion when I start to sob at a symphony concert. They're right. But it's not the beauty of the music that makes me break down. It's the trouble it has caused, and the money it has cost in the last 10 years.

I used to love music, in a simple joyous, uncomplicated way I used to whistle while I worked and walked. Everything from Greensleeves, through Ein

NEWS ECHOES

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

10 YEARS AGO
● Strong measures to forestall any outbreak of rabies among Georgetown dogs have been taken by town council. Effective immediately it is an offense to have dogs running at large, at any time. Action was taken when Reeve Stan Allen, who is chairman of the county rabies control committee, outlined the seriousness of a rabies epidemic at last Thursday's council meeting.

● Daring thieves who entered Georgetown Post Office Sunday night escaped with almost \$3,000 in cash, stamps and postal script. Using tools believed stolen from the Canadian National Railways, they tipped over the safe, jimmied it and removed \$1343 in cash, \$1132 in stamps and \$311 in script.

20 YEARS AGO
● Mr. R. H. 'Bob' Ireland assumed his new duties at the local branch of the Bank of Commerce last week and Mr. Gordon McIntock who is retiring from the service of the bank has left on a holiday trip to the north. The bank staff now numbers 12 including R. H. Ireland manager, Cecil Dobie accountant, Arthur Warren assistant accountant, Misses Jean Martin and Margaret Hoare tellers, and Mrs. M. P. Hill, Mrs. Herb Harlow, and Misses Verna McIntock, Eleanor Milliere, Marnie Curtis, Mary Dobson and Audrey Demerling.

● A quick thaw last Thursday brought one of the worst floods in years at Glen Williams as hundreds of tons of ice were swept by the river into the village. An ice jam near St. Alban's church diverted the stream onto the Glen road. Most serious damage was at Beaumont's Mill where the dam was so badly damaged that it will have to be replaced. The Glen Textile Industries Limited and Provincial Paper Ltd. downstream were also damaged.

30 YEARS AGO
● This week saw the installation of a time clock in the new post office and customs house. Each of four dials is four feet in diameter and weighs 300 pounds. The electrically controlled master clock was installed by IBM, Toronto. Identical clocks have been installed at Orangeville, Collingwood, Dunnville, Peterborough, Hamilton and Galt.

● We fight about the left hand being too loud. We scream at each other about the kids not practicing. We go into tantrums about recitals and festivals. Ten years and more than \$10,000 later, nobody in my family can play the national anthem without three weeks of preparation. The record player rocks to The Beatles and Bob Dylan. We have to scratch the harmonica and guitar away from the kids. I would like to meet Johann Sebastian Bach on a dark night and strangle him. With a Beethoven sonata G-string Minor.

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