

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Let's Call A Halt

Halton residents should take decisive action against the latest money-spending idea by county council — a jaunt to Europe for three as yet unnamed members of this governmental hierarchy.

The trip is ostensibly to make a study of how municipal government operates in various European countries. Practically it will amount to little more than a pleasure trip for the lucky men.

It is likely that for ten or twenty dollars the county could buy a book which would give more information in one reading than the accumulated knowledge of the threesome will garner on their junket.

If county councillors were not well paid already for their public duties, we could blink an eye at such a trip. It could be, like the warden's dinner originally was, a token gift for public service rendered.

Today, like most other things, public service gets its rewards in cold, hard cash, along with the glory which seemed to suffice men of a previous generation.

Even if we assumed that the travellers would gain a modicum of useful information, the wrong people are being sent. If such a trip is feasible at all, it should be long-term employees of the county. Councilors hold office at the yearly whims of the voters, and it is quite possible that the tripsters won't even be around next January to impart their knowledge to the county.

The warden's dinner is another of our pet peeves.

Once upon a time it was given, at the warden's expense, for council. Here and there a few friends were added, municipal officials, a small grant was established to defray expenses. Suddenly, like the camel, county council voted money for the whole big shindig, and the taxpayers were stuck with yet one more unnecessary expense.

We are becoming more and more perturbed at men who talk economy on one hand, then vote themselves fat little bonuses from the public pocketbook.

Misconception in Tests

Numerous people were unnecessarily worried when, after a TB skin test, a red welt developed on their arm, indicating a 'positive' reaction.

Those who returned to the clinic a week later, as directed, found that their alarm was unfounded. True, an X-ray was then necessary, but once an X-ray revealed no trace of the disease, they now find themselves in the happy position of knowing they are completely immune.

A positive reaction simply means that one has been exposed to TB and, if an X-ray reveals nothing, that he has successfully overcome any tendency to harbour the germs.

Unfortunately, we have heard that a number of people testing positive, became ostriches and declined to submit to an X-ray.

Should Be Civil Service

Frequently referred to as the cattle auction' the annual scramble for high school teachers points to the need for a government take-over of the whole high school system.

As one of the early exponents of better pay for teachers, we fear that today school boards have a tiger by the tail. An ironclad union demands and gets almost every demand it makes on the harassed boards who, if they don't submit, are faced with a subtle form of strike.

Most people will now agree that the teaching profession has advanced to the point where its members are on a par with other university graduates financially. And they have passed those who went into industry, for teachers are guaranteed not only a lifetime position, but an automatic schedule of substantial yearly raises.

We now find municipal councils trying to economize, to cut expenditures and hold a sensible tax rate, while school boards blithely toss out more and more dollars into salary demands which they seem powerless to oppose.

Were Queen's Park to take over the placement and payment of teachers, school boards would be relieved of a major job and be free to concentrate on overseeing the administration side of school affairs.

Perhaps they would have more time and energy then to deal with today's crazy world of architects whose eye-appealing structures include such foolishness as miles of windows for which expensive drapes must be provided, flooring which is hard to clean and plays havoc with a teacher's feet, and auditoriums with impossible acoustics.

safely say that in my opinion we have one of the finest administered hospitals anywhere, and that the citizens of Georgetown can well be proud of this fine institution and need have no fears or doubts on how well they will be looked after if they ever have to use its facilities.

Thank you, Mr. Editor, for the valuable space in the Herald.

Yours sincerely,
—ARTHUR R. SPEIGHT

Place 325 Persons In February Jobs

The district office of the National Employment Service placed 325 persons in jobs during February of 1966 said Mr. C.B. Fraser, Manager. This is an increase of one over the January figures and reflects on the continuing buoyancy of the local labour market.

Forty-eight of these placements were in sales and clerical occupations, 24 were in service occupations, 2 were in agriculture, 23 were skilled tradesmen, 70 were semi skilled and 152 were unskilled male and female workers.

Three persons have been assisted under the Manpower Mobility Programme to date.

Skilled industrial workers remain in short supply in the area. Several persons commenced retraining through the local N.E.S. office.



THREE COINS IN THE FOUNTAIN

SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

Pity For A Principal

This is a time of year — one of a very few — when I feel deeply sorry for a high school principal. It's the time when they have to start bidding on livestock in the form of teachers for next fall.

Let's put you, gentle reader, into the boots of one of these sterling chaps for a few minutes. And let's say you have a staff of 60 at the moment. And let's say you don't know whether you're going to have 1,200 or 1,400 students next September.

Oh, well, so far, only two people have officially resigned. Any school could hire two teachers. Unless, of course, those extra 200 kids show up, which means two or three more. Even so, nothing to it.

Ah, but tarry a moment. You know perfectly well that one

KERR'S COLUMN

M.P.P. Reports to Georgetown from Queen's Park
by George Kerr

The Honourable William Davies, the Minister of Education, has announced the eighteen areas in the Province where Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology will be established. For the most part each area is made up of two or three counties including towns and townships in part of counties.

There will be a college for the Halton-Peel area and, naturally, I hope it will be within our boundaries. Mr. Davis is also the member of Parliament for the area.

These colleges, sometimes known as Community Colleges, will provide a two year course after grade 12. A student up to 19 years of age may apply. The emphasis will be on trades, technical and vocational courses although some academic subjects will also be taught. There will be both day and evening courses and a student may obtain a certificate or diploma after completion of 2 years. Residence or dormitory facilities will not be provided except possibly in some areas of northern Ontario.

These schools will help meet the needs of graduates of secondary schools who do not wish to go on to university. They will also provide courses that are not available in our high schools such as apprenticeship training, engineering technicians, agriculture, and certain commercial and trade courses.

The head of your Maths department, old Gwillimbury, refuses to teach the New Mathematics, or have anything to do with it, because 'It's a lot of nonsense.'

And on top of this, there are

possibly two of your teachers, preferably from among the married ladies on the staff, will become pregnant.

You are fully aware that Mademoiselle Tartuffe, of the French department, had an unfortunate affair with young Jablonski, the basketball coach, and that one of them will be leaving.

The grapevine has informed you that Mrs. Billings, the old faithful in the History department has been hitting the grape pretty regularly since her husband ran off with the waitress.

Everyone knows the English department is rife with strife. Since the unfortunate demise of Mr. Wiley, the department head, in February, of cirrhosis of the liver, four of the English teachers, all equally qualified, have been gunning for the position. No matter which gets it, all the others will quit in disgust.

You have just heard that your Home Economics teacher, the one in charge of teaching girls to cook, planned the menu for the monthly meeting of the Unfulfilled Wives Club. And everybody came down with food poisoning.

One of your junior science teachers has just blown up \$850 worth of equipment and two students, during an experiment which completely justified your opinion of his knowledge of the subject.

Little Miss Muffett, the geography teacher just out of college, is having discipline problems. You discovered this when you walked past her room and saw two boys hanging out the window. Investigation revealed Miss Muffett hanging up legs. They were testing the wind velocity, they explained, using her hair as a weather-vane.

Monday morning, you heard that the director of your Technical department was in hospital, with third degree burns, after trying to change a fuse at home.

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NEWS ECHOES

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

10 YEARS AGO

The Oakville Humane Society paid its first visit to Georgetown yesterday and picked up 8 dogs which will be housed at the Oakville pound for 72 hours awaiting claims by their owners. The visit was the first under a new system of dog control here.

Georgetown Intermediates won their group championship Friday night by trouncing Stouffville Clippers 8-1. They won the best 4 of 7 final 4 games to 3. Raiders' three stars were Jack Rhodes, Harv Chappel and Ron Dixon.

The resignation of Miss Marjorie Inman, mathematics teacher at the high school for many years was received by the high school board at their meeting this week. Miss Inman has decided to retire on pension.

20 YEARS AGO

Mr. G. Spry of Toronto, representing Wartime Housing was present at Monday night's council meeting and gave some facts and figures relevant to the system should Georgetown wish to adopt it. One stipulation is that at least 25 houses must be built. Council agreed to make a survey of available land in town to see what might be suitable for the project.

Georgetown district servicemen continue to arrive home from overseas. This week the community welcomed home Pte. Morris Miller, S./Sgt. Alan Young, Sgt. Jack Young, Cpl. Perc Chaplin, Pte. Ray Harlow, Capt. Eric Stewart.

four teachers you'd dearly love to fire because of incompetence, emotionalism, idealism, being too fat or plain laziness.

So you have two resignations, but you might wind up with 42. What to do? If you leave it too late, all the other principals, like so many dogs after a bone, are in there first, and you wind up with a collection of clots.

If you jump in too early, and start hiring teachers right and left, nobody will resign and you'll wind up with 12 more teachers than the Board will pay for. And no job yourself.

As a result, quite a few principals these days are treading the thin line of lunacy. They start at shadows. They quail when they see a teacher looking surly.

They stare with unconcealed horror at Mrs. McGillicuddy's swelling waist-line. They flinch when a teacher knocks at their door. They pour oil on troubled waters, turn their backs and a match into the mixture. Hard luck, chaps; and good hunting.

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