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OPINIONS OF OTHERS

Speed Is The Killer

-(from the Guelph Daily Mercury)

We have to disagree with Harold Pellegrino, of the Kansas highway commission, who said recently that Ontario's speed limit of 60 miles an hour is too slow - and agree with Ontario's deputy minister of transport, A. G. McNab, who expressed the opinion that 60 mph seems to be a speed that gets you from point to point in good time without tiring you out.

'Mr. Pellegrino ruined his own argument for higher speeds when he told the National Safety Council that he speeded up to 70 miles an hour on Highway 401 "to keep pace with the flow of traffic." And that seems to be the point. Human nature being what it is, motorists will always be inclined to travel a little faster than the law allows. If the 401 speed limit were raised to 80 as it is on the Kansas Turnpike and 70 on interstate highways, it would be reasonable to expect that traffic would move along at speeds somewhat beyond the limit. And that is too fast.

Speed is the great killer on all our highways and 'keeping pace with the flow', as recommended by Mr. Pellegrino, doesn't lessen the danger of high speed driving. It increases it. And this is one of the questions to be considered in the matter of additional safety devices being advocated so strongly by some people. Safety devices encourage higher speeds even though safety researchers tell us that there is no protection aginst Injury in collisions at high speed.

We are tempted to suggest that a governor to limit speeds on all cars might be the best protection against accidents. But then, sometimes a motorist needs that extra burst of speed in emergency. The fact remains, however, that if we could reduce speeds we could reduce fatalities. And the accident rate on U.S. highways certainly does not support Mr. Pellegrino's conten-

Automation and Jobs...

-(from the Oakville Journal Record)

It was recently reported that because of the present labor shortage. 44 trained and untrained girls are being brought to Toronto from England to work on switchboards in the local Bell Telephone Company offices. There seems to be quite an expense involved - advertisements in British newspapers, interviews in London and the refund of transportation costs if a girl stays on the job for a year. But the company sees no hope of obtaining the needed employees from the Canadian labor supply. In Toronto alone this year, a Bell official said "there will be 47,000 job openings and only 6,000 trained and untrained employable females over 16 looking for work."

In the same vein it is reported that Ontario tobacco growers, anticipating a dearth of casual labor next summer, will bring university students from Europe for this year's harvest. Arrangements have been made for 340 students to come from Belgium, and representatives of tobacco farmers are hoping to bring others from Great Britain, West Germany and Portugal - 1,250 in all. It is expected that out of seven weeks' work a student will be able to pay travelling expenses and take home about

Taking a look at those news reports; one question that comes to mind is, what has happened to automation? Business and industry has been pressing on with the process, of course, but where is the mass. unemployment that computers and associa- Of marriages ted technology advances were to spawn? Labor force statistics, though perhaps not as interesting as news stories about telephone girls and tobacco workers being flown in from Europe, are convincing evidence that employment has been a continuing, sharp upward curve. In January of this year there were 6,734,000 Canadians When the blood runs with jobs, an increase of 273,000 over one year before. In the five year 1960-65 period employment increased by more than 900,000. For all practical purposes the country has now reached a condition of full employment.

However, despite the evidence that jobs have multiplied even as automation has accelerated, there will still be plenty of alarmists left to tall us that the machine is soon going to put us all on the shelf.

Spring Brings New Dangers...

-(from the Brampton Daily Times)

A lot of things appear in the spring . . . the buds come out on the trees . . . birds come back from their winter vacation in the south . . . and youngsters are out full force with their bicycles, skipping ropes, bats and balls.

Since the snow cleared away some young people in the closely-built residential areas have been a source of great annoyance to motorists. They ride their bicycles carelessly on the road, string across the road with skipping ropes, and some have been setting up nets in the centre of the

road for "ice hockey" games. To navigate safely through today's traffic, the young cyclists need to know the same rules of the road that car drivers are required to know. They must handle their two-wheeled machines skilfully, and know the importance of keeping their bikes in a dependable and safe condition.

Some areas have started a Crusade Bicycle Club to teach the children the safe way to cycle, and if this is your youngster's first year on wheels, you might be interested in getting such a club started in Bramp-

All you need is a volunteer instructor and a few neighbourhood children. The club can be as small or as large as you have the time and energy to make it. But small or large, every child you encourage to take the course will be a safe cyclist and, later, a better motorist, thanks to you.

The Transport Department has said it will supply those interested in such clubs with free material - an instructor's manual announcement poster, nine instruction posters, bicycle safety check leaflets, test and score sheets, book marks, lapel pins and membership cards - so all you have to do is to get the young people interested.



HARLEY TO HALTON

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

THE BUDGET for 1966-67 except those needed for emer-feels the rising cost of living has been introduced and will be gencies. There will be limited most, will benefit from a tax debated in the near future. The government departmental con- reduction, keynote message of the Budget struction. Some Centennial prois moderation. No severe chan- jects for 1967 will also be ges have been made as the Car- layed but still qualify as Cen-

ter Commission on Taxation tennial projects. and the Federal-Provincial Committee are expected to report AS FAR AS taxation is conand make recommendations cerned, the medium and upper this year. The main requirement income bracket will be increas peated its pledge to remove the . iversity. in Canada is to pace our pros- ed to approximately last year's 11% Federal Sales Tax on drugs perity, and maintain a steady level, the lower income bracket if this is recommended by the year has not as yet been set up. It is my firm opinion that we just answered!

THE 11% SALES Tax on production machinery is to be removed in stages over the next two years. No change in const-

ruction materials is to be made. THE GOVERNMENT has re-

and sustained rate of growth. It person will have a lower income Special Committee on Food and but is soon to begin its study of are over-governed now by a-mixhas been decided to defer gov- tax. I feel this is as it should be Drugs. This Committee which I the problem of lowering the ture of governments at various exament construction projects. The low income person who had the honour to chair last cost of drugs.



MORE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

SUGAR AND SPICE by Bill Smiley

Sign of Spring

You glorious thing. You make me want to sing

And baby carriages; And make me want to laugh At a new calf:

With a trout; And make me joy in squirrels; And envy girls Their poise

With boys

spring, but she's bounced back! --- --every year. That bit of dogger. el may finish her off for good. And what a pity that would

IN THE MAIL BAG

And the sun suns,

And the fairways beckon

And the flowers reckon

KERR'S M.P.P. Reports to Georgetown

from Queen's Park by George Kerr

The Minister of Education, Mr. William Davis, made an important announcement last week regarding Grade 13 examinations. The sum and substance of his announcement is that students in this grade will be taking fewer tests and by 1968, final spring exams will be discontinued. This year there will be exams and the final mark will consist of 35% teacher's mark and 65% examin-

ation mark. In 1967, if a Grade 13 student wishes to go on to university, he or she will write tests prepared by the newly formed Service for Admission to College and University These tests will include an aptitude test and achievement tests.

As I mentioned, no Grade 13 exams will be set in 1968. University applicants will again write the aptitude tests as referred to above. The Department of Education will turn over to the schools the responsibility for conducting the school leaving examinations at the Grade 13 level. There has been a problem in completing the marking of the Grade 13 exams each year to permit admitting officials of the universities to give adequate consideration to examination results. This new plan will eliminate this problem and will give school systems greater scope and flexibility in providing students with more, meaningful educational experience.

Other developments will be the gradual reduction in the number of subjects required for university entrance. During the past year most Ontario universities have reduced from 9 to 7 the number of Grade 13 papers required for university admission. This will allow greater specialization and will. permit more students to reach un-

pure gold.

something approaching a blaze.

It's time they put their dopey

be. Winter puts the iron in our Signs of spring everywhere. is almost unnoticeable. I like to

coal of my spirit fanned into fires.

some pretty nasty pieces about shorts, sweat gloriously, and in mud.

souls. But the slanting yellow Sixty black squirrels, moved out be where the action is. I like rays of heat, the joyous chuckle of my attic, seeking acorns they spring to come like a shot of of freed water, the voluptuous missed last fall. Lady next door, adrenalin, not a lukewarm cup stench of rotten earth emerging who has 4 little ones, hanging of tea. from the shrouds of death turn out washing with a fifth immithat iron by some magic, into nent.

and felt the tiny, glimmering the annual epidemic of grass domitable spirit of man, which Bitter lies around mouths There was the picnic table, turning to smiles. Overcoats and Think of it. A year in which bloody but unbowed, after six boots hurled into closets. Paint the days did not lengthen, the

was the barberue outfit, in standing on corners, bunting not appear, the soul did not exthree scattered pieces succulent like young calves. Women's hats pand. We would be lining up at Out of the mangey flower beds, beckoner to the charred red - goofy, exotic, irreverent, aw- the end of docks, clambering Well that's about enough of steaks of July. There was the ful. Old ladies tippy-toeing for six-shooters, and packing the And make me yearn for a bout that. Hope none of my students lawnmower, reminder of days about, first time out since No subway stations for hurling-unread it. In my day, I've written when you wear nothing but vember. Kids up to their ears der-trains-purposes, by the first

NEWS ECHOES

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

110 YEARS AGO

- Nelson Trafford, a member of the Toronto city police for five years will be Georgetown's fifth policemen. He was hired from 23 applicants Monday night. Other members of the new force are Chief Roy Haley, and Constables James Bilsborrow, Forrest Inch and Clifford Found.
- A major engineering project is underway with the tunnelling of the CNR embankment behind the old Dayfoot Shoe factory on John St. in preparation for the hooking up of the Swanek subdivision to the sewage system. Armco Drainage Co. is working 12 hour shifts, seven days a week. Approximately 176 feet of tunnelling is required.

20 YEARS AGO

- Fire of undetermined origin swept through the CNR freight sheds on Monday afternoon completely destroying the shed and contents. Mrs. Frank Tyler turned in "the alarm, but before firemen could reach the scene the whole freight shed was a blazing inferno. The Tyler home, close to the shed, was also a fire victim and the flames spread so quickly that only a few items of furniture were saved. Furniture was removed from King St. homes near the scene. An estimate of losses suffered by the railway was \$50,000.
- This week Georgetown welcomed home from overseas: LAC Bob Hoare, F/O Jim Ruddell, F/O Harry Williams.

away in the fall. But when the Teachers cursing as they mark ice age has left, and I go out Easter exams. and see them there, it's like meeting old friends. Rusty and Perhaps you can, but I can't

check girl about spring. But to steamers in the bay, waiting for generation in the spring. If day I wandered about the estate; break-up. Fire sirens saluting there is such a thing as the in-

months under the snow. There pots broken out Teenagers sun did not warm, the green did

stop for a beer every 15 min- Anglers and golfers bragging, speculating about the great new season. Housewives, coatless, Perhaps I should put them shouting nothings to neighbours

ravaged, but familiar and dear, imagine living in a country where the cycle of the seasons

It is little wonder that myth and legend, poetry and painting Endless chant of kids skip and music, not to mention reli-I can be grouchy as a hat- ping. Moose bellow of impattent gion, celebrate the theme of re-I firmly believe, it would be impossible without spring.

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Ex-Councillor Comments on 1966 Political Scene

51 Hewson Cresc. Georgetown April 2, 1966

Dear Sir: It has indeed been amusing recently to listen to the ex-offico and the ex-ex-officio attempting to express concern about aspects of the Municipal-Delrex agreement of last year.

When the opinion of the Town Solicitor was made known with regard to the Town's option to purchase on other industrial lots in that area at \$5000 per some members of council saw what they thought was an ideal time to either 'get even get out from under, and/or make a little political hay and fell flat on both their faces.

This manipulation of profess ional opinion does not greatly assist the duties of the Town Solicitor, which are made incr easingly difficult when faced with the task of supplying some thing in the form of an opinion acceptable to all. I sincerely hope that wis-

er heads will prevail again, as they have just done with regard to the previous attempt to 'reap personal credit, and further face issues such as:

"Why hasn't a new industrial commission been formed?" "When will council shoulder

their responsibility in regard to the Centennial project and entation will be allowed?" "When is council going

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our taxes on everything, are "When will council replace selling our birthrights to everythe contingency fund which body and generally accomplishwas absorbed to hold the milling nothing. So - why do we need another to create more

GALT.

The ex-officio recently stated that no such thing exists as a harmonious council and has certainly substantiated that earthtell local groups what repres- shaking statement by his actions in council for the past 28 months. I have been asked state its opinion and make a many times by people why all stand on the Plunkett report the bickering and arguing thereand so-called Regional Gov. by slowing down the procedure and functions of Municipal business - well, that question was

> Yours truly **Bob Francis**

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