

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...

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.

We are tempted to suggest that a governor to limit speeds on all cars might be the best protection against accidents.

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.

travelling expenses and take home about \$400.

Taking a look at those news reports one question that comes to mind is, what has happened to automation?

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.

However, despite the evidence that jobs have multiplied even as automation has accelerated, there will still be plenty of alarmists left to tell 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...

Since the snow cleared away some young people in the closely-built residential areas have been a source of great annoyance to motorists.

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.

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 Brampton.

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.

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.

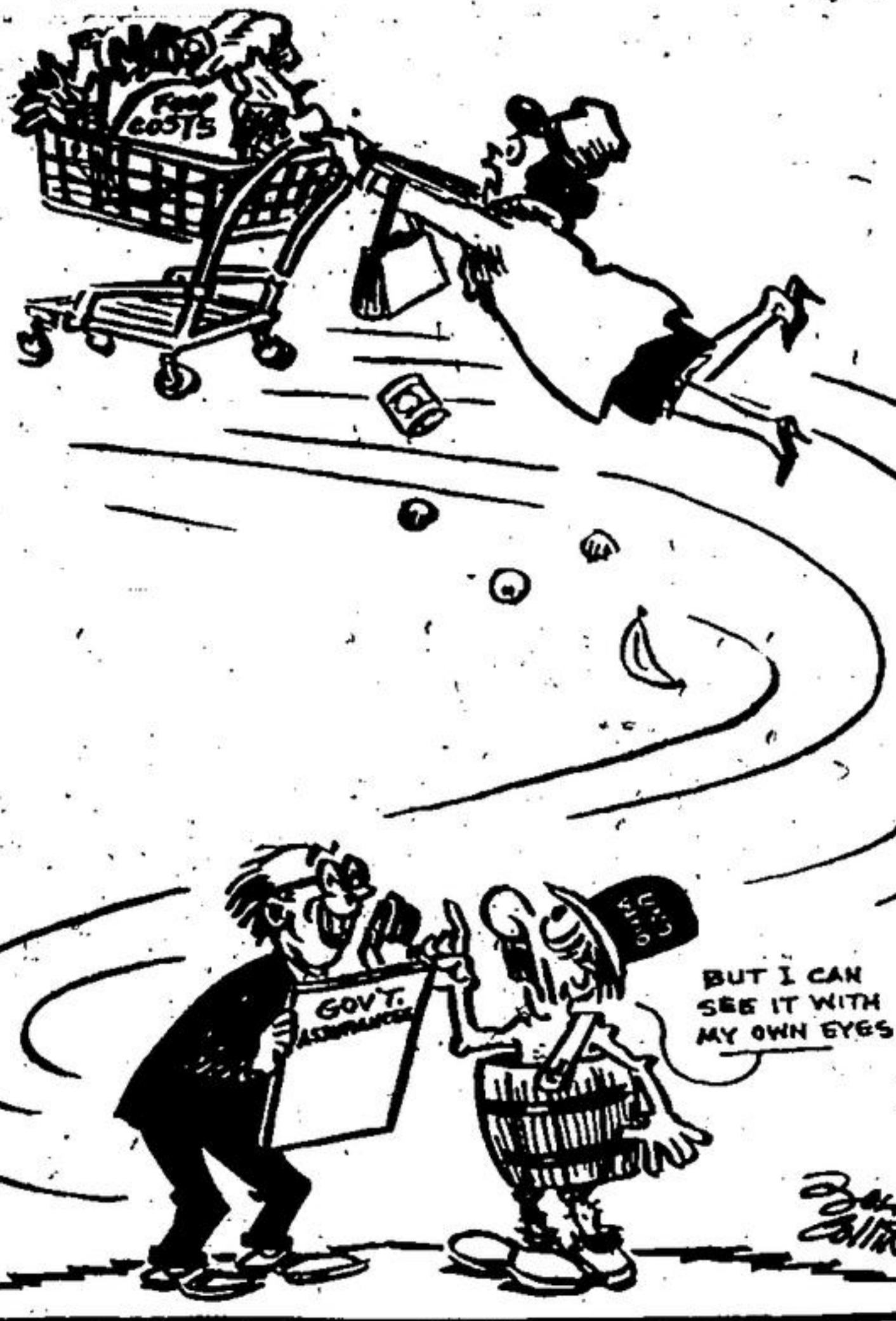
HARLEY TO HALTON WEEKLY OBSERVATIONS BY DR. HARRY HARLEY, M.P. FOR HALTON

THE BUDGET for 1966-67 has been introduced and will be debated in the near future. The keynote message of the Budget is moderation.

AS FAR AS taxation is concerned, the medium and upper income bracket will be increased to approximately last year's level.

THE 11% SALES Tax on production machinery is to be removed in stages over the next two years.

THE GOVERNMENT has repeated its pledge to remove the 11% Federal Sales Tax on drugs if this is recommended by the Special Committee on Food and Drugs.



MORE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

SUGAR AND SPICE by Bill Smiley

Sign of Spring

Ah, Spring. You glorious thing. You make me want to sing Of marriages And baby carriages: And make me want to laugh At a new calf: And make me yearn for a bout With a trout; And make me joy in squirrels; And envy girls Their poise With boys When the blood runs

And the sun runs. And the fairways beckon And the flowers reckon It's time they put their dopey heads

Winter puts the iron in our souls. But the slanting yellow rays of heat, the joyous chuckle of freed water, the voluptuous stench of rotten earth emerging from the shrouds of death turn out washing with a fifth immortal iron by some magic, into pure gold.

I can be grouchy as a hatch-check girl about spring. But today I wandered about the estate and felt the tiny, glimmering coal of my spirit fanned into something approaching a blaze.

There was the picnic table, bloody but unbowed, after six months under the snow. There was the barbecue outfit, in three scattered pieces succulent beckoner to the charred red steaks of July. There was the lawnmower, reminder of days when you wear nothing but shorts, sweat gloriously, and in mud.

Signs of spring everywhere. Sixty black squirrels, moved out of my attic, seeking acorns they missed last fall. Lady next door, who has 4 little ones, hanging out washing with a fifth immature.

Endless chant of kids skipping. Moose bellow of impatient steamers in the bay, waiting for break-up. Fire sirens saluting the annual epidemic of grass fires.

Bitter lies around mouths turning to smiles. Overcoats and boots hurled into closets. Paint pots broken out. Teenagers standing on corners, hunting like young calves. Women's hats — goofy, exotic, irrevocable, awful. Old ladies sippy-toeing for six-shooters, and packing the subway stations for hurling-under-trains purposes, by the first of June.

It is little wonder that myth and legend, poetry and painting and music, not to mention religion, celebrate the theme of regeneration in the spring. If there is such a thing as the indomitable spirit of man, which I firmly believe, it would be impossible without spring.

KERR'S COLUMN 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.

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.

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 year has not as yet been set up, but is soon to begin its study of the problem of lowering the cost of drugs.

IN THE MAIL BAG Ex-Councillor Comments on 1966 Political Scene

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

This manipulation of professional opinion does not greatly assist the duties of the Town Solicitor, which are made increasingly difficult when faced with the task of supplying something in the form of an opinion acceptable to all.

"When will council replace the contingency fund which was absorbed to hold the mill rate."

"Why hasn't a new industrial commission been formed?"

"When is council going to state its opinion and make a stand on the Plunkett report and so-called 'Regional Government'?"

It is my firm opinion that we are over-governed now by a mixture of governments at various levels, who, when not raising

NEWS ECHOES

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

10 YEARS AGO

Nelson Trafford, a member of the Toronto city police for five years will be Georgetown's fifth policeman. He was hired from 23 applicants Monday night.

A major engineering project is underway with the tunnelling of the CNR embankment behind the old Day-foot Shoe factory on John St. in preparation for the hooking up of the Swanek subdivision to the sewerage system.

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.

This week Georgetown welcomed home from overseas: LAC Bob Hoare, F/O Jim Ruddell, F/O Harry Williams.

stop for a beer every 15 minutes.

Perhaps I should put them away in the fall. But when the ice age has left, and I go out and see them there, it's like meeting old friends.

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