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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Voicing Pros & Cons

Whether to return to a system of electing six councillors by general vote or retain the present two representatives from each of three wards is a question which will face Georgetown voters in December.

It is a question which has pros and cons on both sides.

Presently voters have some assurance that they will have at least two council members from the area in which they live. Ward voting tends to give a better balance and better representation from the town as a whole. And it is natural that a councillor is somewhat more concerned with problems in his own district and will see that property owners there are not ignored when it comes to roads, drainage and their share of tax expenditures.

On the other hand one can argue that a community of Georgetown's size does not need men from any one area to look after parochial questions and that councillors can and should be interested in the town as a

whole and do an equitable job for all residents.

A big point for general voting is that the six men chosen have a mandate from the total electorate.

It has occurred that while one ward elects two men by acclamation, several candidates compete for two seats in other wards. And it is possible that a proportion of the council could be 'weak sisters' this way while others better qualified for the job are ruled out in the voting.

From a candidate's standpoint, a general election is a heavier drain on his energy, for instead of campaigning among one-third of the voters, he must impress a majority in all the community.

As a voter, a large number of residents are nonplussed when asked to select six men from a slate of ten or twelve, many of whom are only names to them. It is much easier for a voter to check on qualifications of men who live in his ward.

### Progress in Education

Introduction of kindergarten in Esquesing Township schools a year from now will close one of the last gaps which existed between town and country in education standards.

It is one of the few advantages enjoyed today by town residents over their rural friends. The past decade has seen a virtual revolution in elementary education.

Closing of the Hornby, Quatre Bras, and Ligny schools a few years ago was the last link with the one-room country schools which served so many generations.

Now we have consolidated schools, rapidly reaching the stage of single grade classrooms, transportation provided for pupils, attractively equipped, well-heated buildings on a par with town schools.

There is still a bit of sentiment clinging

to the old days. The one room school was a community focal point, the centre of social life. Teaching experience gained from handling eight grades was an acid test which could make or break a young teacher. Those who could successfully handle it turned into top-notch teachers. And their students became leaders in their chosen vocations.

But what of the opportunities missed by many young people in rural communities which could not draw good teachers? It must be true that many of today's generation never realized their full potential because they were denied an education as good as urbanites.

So our nostalgia must be tempered with this thought. In a competitive world, the little red schoolhouse could exist no more than the horse and buggy.

### Farming Revolution

It is not only in education that rural customs have changed.

One recent rainy day the proverbial cannon could have been shot up Main St.

We thought of times a few years back when merchants, instead of twiddling their thumbs on such a day, would have been beaming as they catered to their farm customers.

A rainy day meant that the whole farm population would descend on the town. To a farmer, the rain meant a holiday from his daily chores, much more than those marked on the calendar. When the hay crop were too precious to take off. So what better to do than catch up on a bit of shopping, banking, and some gossip with his friends in town.

The barber shops, the hardware and clothing stores, reaped the benefit.

Today's mechanized methods, larger holdings, the enormous capital needed to successfully operate a farm has made the farmer a businessman on a large scale. Maybe he can't work a five day week like his town counterparts, but he can enjoy much more leisure time than his father who had to take advantage of every second of good weather to accomplish the essentials.

Town merchants recognized this when they dropped the old Saturday night open hours some years ago. Farmers had gradually changed and no longer was it the time-honoured once-a-week visit to town.

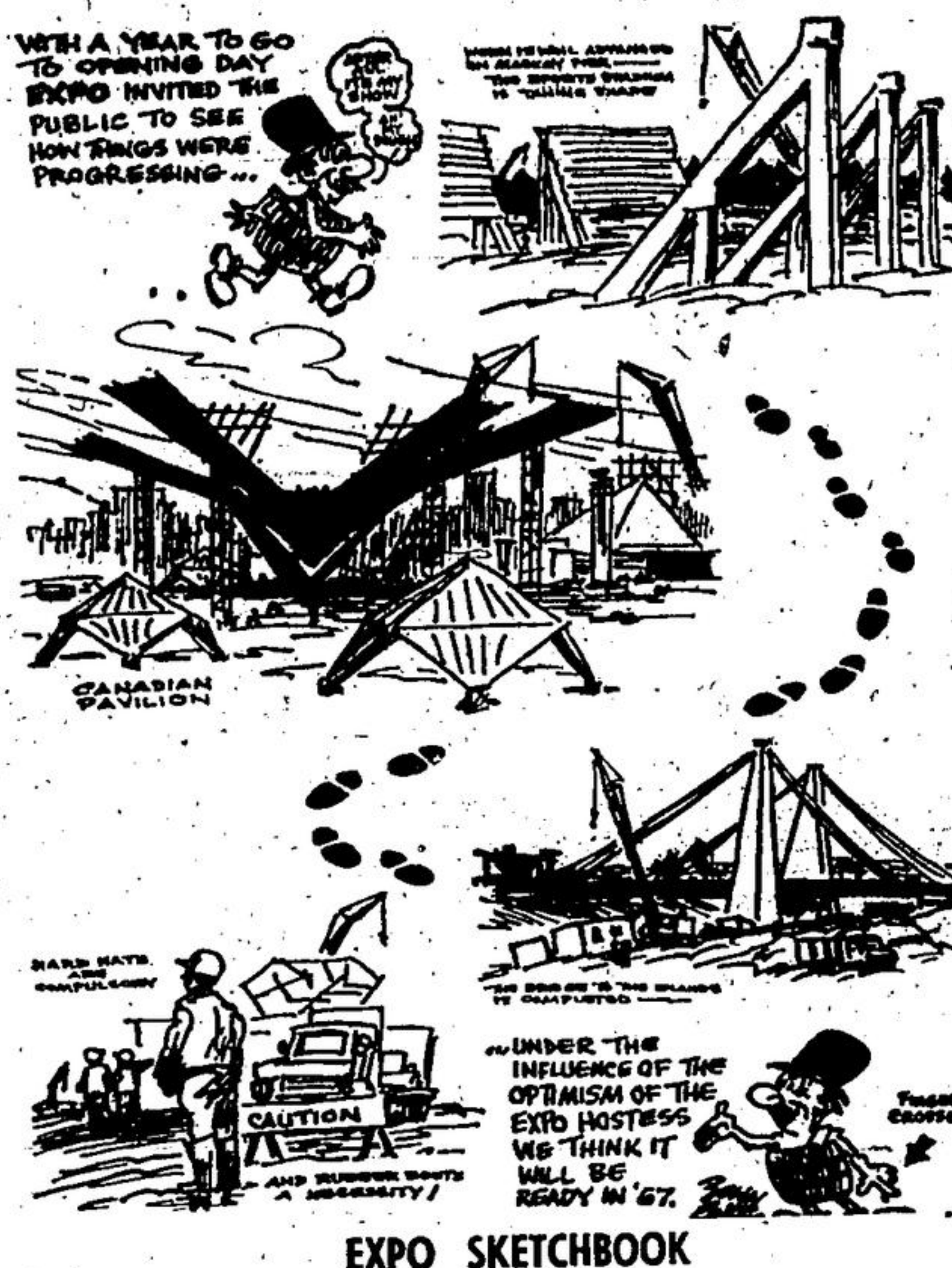
## HARLEY TO HALTON

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

IN THE PAST WEEK the House of Commons has had a varied programme and has worked on many different matters. In addition to this it has been a busy week for Committees over twenty Committees have been set up to consider departmental expenses and various other matters (divorce, car safety, birth control, defence, cost of drugs, etc.). As Committee time is very limited many Committees have to sit at the same time. Most Committees require a quorum of 13 Members to start their meeting and difficulties do arise as in some instances Members have two or three Committees meeting at the same time.

PARLIAMENT IS debating three measures at present. These are (1) a Special Fund under ARDA (2) a Bill for the economic and social development of special rural development areas. (3) a Bill for the Department of the Environment. (3) The Revenue Bill. There have been steady increases in the number of people employed in the auto industry. The cost of cars in the United States and Canada are closer with the 1966 model year. It appears, therefore, that the Automobile Agreement has been successful. There have been some problems and dilatory but the overall effect of the Free Trade Agreement is very favourable.

**A Mother's Day Poem**  
Dear Mom;  
Thank you for the things you've done,  
I'm sure Dad is a lucky one.  
You are such a lovely girl  
To put my hair all up in curl.  
We know that you are losing fat,  
Dad said I give thanks for it at.  
You're losing it at such a rate  
That it is, forever great.  
You are as pretty as a Dove,  
We know you give us so much love.  
I know you have a busy mind,  
But still you're gentle, sweet and kind.  
Of course I'm sure you really know it,  
Susan is the crazy poet.  
With lots of love.  
By Susan Bates (age 9)  
Ballinafad, Ontario.



EXPO SKETCHBOOK

## SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

### Two Ways of Life

It seems to me that, despite the inroads made by easy communications and transportation, the ancient mistrust between rural dweller and city dweller is still very much alive. Each feels that the other is out to skin him at the first opportunity. Each expresses it in scorn for the other's way of life.

"I wooden live in the siddy if ya gimme the whole lousy mess on a silver platter," snorts your smalltown neighbour.

Privately I chuckle at both points of view. Both are full of contradictions.

The city fellow claims there's no privacy in a small town. Every old biddy in town knows your business. The smalltown chap explodes, "Privacy! How can you have privacy in the city when you're stuffed into a crowded apartment building, or living on a two-by-four lot because side people you don't like who have horrible kids?"

The smalltown fellow raves about the mythical "rat-race" in the city. And goes out and raves around in service clubs and fraternal organizations and athletic clubs and church groups at a rate no city rat could stand for a month.

The myths multiply. The city stands for culture. And in a city of a million, theatres are half empty, concerts play to small crowds, good restaurants go broke, a few hundred attend art exhibitions.

The small town stands for recreation and good living. And in a small town, one-tenth of

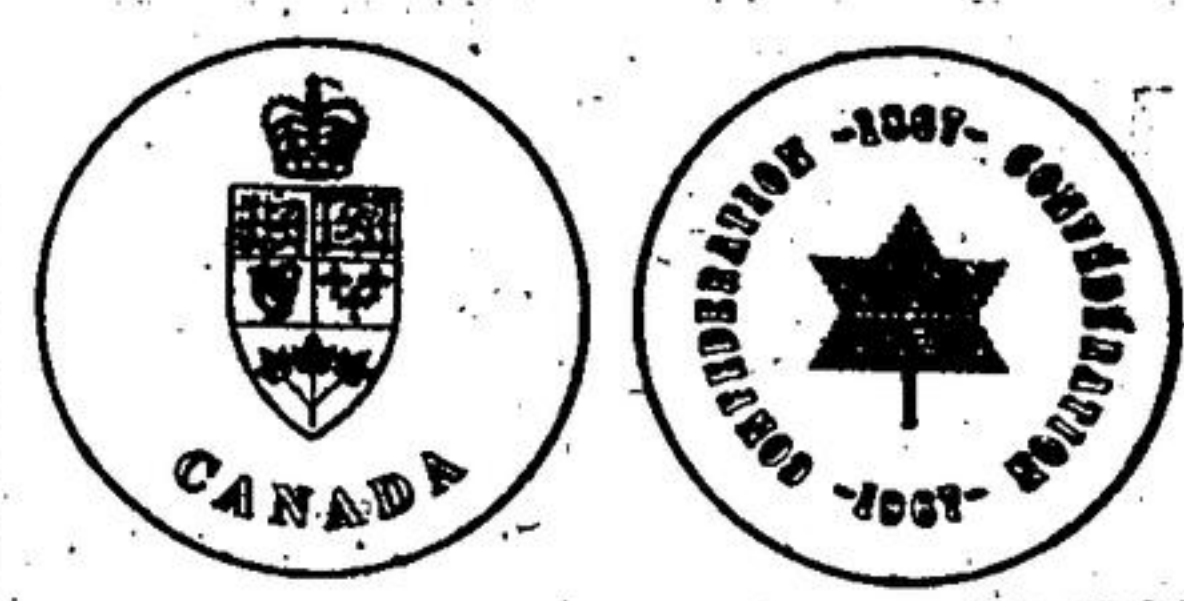
two per cent of the population is revelling in that fishing, hunting and so on that's at the front door. The rest are doing what the city folk do: drink, chase women or men, or sit around watching the slop on the moron machine.

When we drive to the city, as we do almost every Saturday for the daughter's music lesson, the whole business is brought into perspective for me, on the unlikely site of a four-lane highway.

Down to the city, on one stream, pour the thousands of smalltown folk going in for a day to shop, take in a show, suck up some fast culture.

Up from the city, in the other stream, pour the thousands of people going north for the

## Public and High Students Will Receive Medallions



OTTAWA — A former Ottawa man, retired chief engraver of the Royal Canadian Mint, Thomas Shingles, and a Toronto artist, Mrs. Dora de Pedrey Hunt, are the winning designers in the limited competition for the Centennial Medallion, Canada's Centennial Commemorative John Fisher announced today.

Mr. Shingles, who now lives in Victoria, and Mrs. Hunt, will each receive \$1,500 for their winning designs. Mr. Shingles for the obverse side of the Medallion and Mrs. Hunt for the reverse.

The Medallions, more than 5,000,000 of them, will be distributed to all Canadian school children, grades one to 13, as reminders of the Centennial Year and its significance to Canada and to Canadians.

The Medallions will be minted by the Royal Canadian Mint and will be made of red brass metal, an alloy of copper and zinc. They will be one and one-quarter inches in diameter or about the size of a silver dollar.

Distribution of the Medallions will be done through the co-operation of provincial departments of education, and territorial governments.

In the case of the latter, many districts in far north eastern Canada which cannot be reached by water within the schedule

skating or the fishing or the swimming or the scenery.

They don't even wave to each other. If it's so great at home, why don't they stay there?

And do you know what they say when they get home after the weekend? "Boy it's nice to be home. It was a great weekend, but I sure wooden wanna live in the (city-country)." Please underline the right word.

### BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying, making supplication before his God." Daniel 6:11

Keep up your prayer life. The world is waiting and God is listening.

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<b>SMILES</b> Husband consoling wife at daughter's wedding: "Don't think of it as losing a daughter; think of it as gaining a bath-room."	<b>HAROLD RO</b> 164 Guelph St. 877-2272	It takes two kinds of people to live in Canada — poetic types to write about the glories of autumn and the rest of us to rake them.
<b>20 YEARS AGO</b> The Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band is planning a trip to Philadelphia. Members of the band are Pipe Major Roy Magloughlin, Cpl. Alice Costigan, Piper Bertha Shelbourne, Sgt. Mary Cummins, Piper Shirley Wright, Piper Helen Shelbourne, L. Cpl. Inez Crichton, Drum Major Renee Diggins, Cpl. Violet Barnes, Drummer Pauline Norton, Drummer Shirley Muckart, Drummer Joan Lyon, Drummer Pamela Cousins, Drummer Helen McGill, L. Cpl. Geraldine Tyers.	What it takes to make a house look lived in is Sunday.	To sneeze twice when you first wake up is a sign you'll hear of a death by evening.