

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Litter Bugs A Nuisance....

A resident of the downtown district has asked us to editorialize on littering. She says our town is becoming one of the messiest towns in the district and points to the accumulation of waste paper and broken glass which plagues not only this area, but every part of town.

We would like to disagree, but we can't, although Georgetown has no corner on the litterbug market.

Despite waste cans on Main Street and at Delrex Market Centre, a large proportion of people seem to drop their refuse wherever the spirit moves them.

Could it be otherwise? In time, yes, if we started with the children. We suggest that in public school, health classes should stress along with personal health habits and neatness, community cleanliness. A good part of what a child is told in school stays with him in later life, and once indoctrina-

ted with the clean-up habit, we could eventually have a town and countryside which would show off its natural beauty, rather than peering through piles of rubble.

We for one have stressed this in our family and can boast that our children never consciously throw garbage out a car window, or drop a chocolate bar wrapper on the street.

If more and more people joined the crusade we might still have a Main Street which didn't look on Sundays as if a paper invasion had taken place from the sky, and a highway stretch which didn't collect litter from passing motorists along the Seed House, fence, a poor frame for the floral beauty of that firm's fields.

We live in one of the world's most beautiful scenic regions. Couldn't we all resolve to give nature a hand and not despoil it with our careless littering.

For Freedom - Not Against

A disregard for the law, often the rule instead of the exception, was noted in a fine sermon we heard recently.

The minister pointed out such instances as people objecting to speeding offences checked by policemen in plain clothes; to statements by union leaders and politicians defying court injunctions against mass picketing during strikes.

He did not argue that our laws are always-right, and should not be subject to change.

But he pointed out that true freedom for men is only possible with a system of laws which protect us against our fellow men.

Without law, the rule of the jungle would apply. Property could only be kept if one were stronger than another who cov-

eted it. One's life itself would depend on your own powers of protection. Far from being free, one would live under constant fear of his fellow man.

A speeder should not consider he is fighting in a battle of wits with a policeman whose job it is to ensure safety on a highway. If you're speeding, you're speeding and there is nothing unfair in being checked by a policeman out of uniform.

Picketing laws are made for the equal protection of labour and management in union disputes, and those who urge defiance are undermining a system which has been set up to protect them.

One has every right to challenge a law which seems unfair, to try every legal means of having it corrected, but defiance and incitement are contrary to our whole concept of right.

Summer Evening Drive....

One fine evening last week, we reviewed a custom of years back and toured some of our neighbouring Equestrian roads.

It was a beautiful drive. We headed out of town past North Halton Golf Club and continued on down the Check Line. We branched left on the 5th Line, drove to the Hornby base line, then back towards town on the 5th which leads one eventually around Stewarttown pond and back to town.

We revelled again in the beauty of our rural countryside. Around the Jim Fisher farm there were dozens of haw trees in full blossom. We passed herds of handsome cattle grazing in the fields. Most farmers have made good use of their equipment to keep large front lawns mowed and landscaped. On Main Street south chestnut trees in blossom are a delight to the eye in front of Bob Alexander's farm.

We were amazed at the huge fruit trees plantation of A. J. McCarthy. Who needs to drive to Niagara next year when we have our own blossom festival right at our doorstep.

But what we noticed most is the influx of city folk who have purchased small acreages and built attractive homes in what were farm woods and frontages. Along both the 5th and 6th Lines there are dozens of new homes, most of them designed to blend with the farm landscape. They complement rather than detract from the rural scene.

We recommend such a drive to anyone who appreciates scenery. We are lucky to live on the Niagara escarpment fringe where within a few minutes in any direction you can feast on rural beauty.

HARLEY TO HALTON

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

SINCE OUR LAST column the House of Commons has dealt with a great many matters of importance. I am pleased to report that most of these matters are going through in a reasonable length of time and that the House appears to be working well in a spirit of co-operation and effectiveness.

I am pleased to report that the final report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission of Ontario has been received and it reflects the changes that were asked for by the Township of Nassagaweya. The Township of Nassagaweya will become part of the Riding of Halton-Wentworth and will continue its ties in this way with the town of Burlington.

OTHER MATTERS dealt with in the House of Commons in the past week have been the estimates of Government spending; a Bill to re-organize Government Departments; the Yukon Act; fair wages; and the appointment of a new Chief Electoral Officer. Four Bills dealing with the Pub-

lic Service have been referred to a Special Committee which will deal with these in detail and which deal with the rights of the civil servants.

IT IS EXPECTED that three main health and welfare measures will be dealt with before the end of June. These are:—

(1) A Health Resources Fund—a fund of \$5 hundred million to be spent over the next fifteen years for buildings dealing with medical schools, medical research and training of other personnel.

(2) Canada's Assistance Plan which will bring under one plan all the present shared pensions and in addition provide more financial assistance for the needy.

(3) A Medicare Bill laying down the four basic principles for the provinces to qualify for a 50% payment by the Federal Government of medical expenses. Briefly these four principles are as follows:—

(1) Portability; (2) All doctors

services; (3) Public administration; (4) Universality of coverage.

BRIDGE CLUB

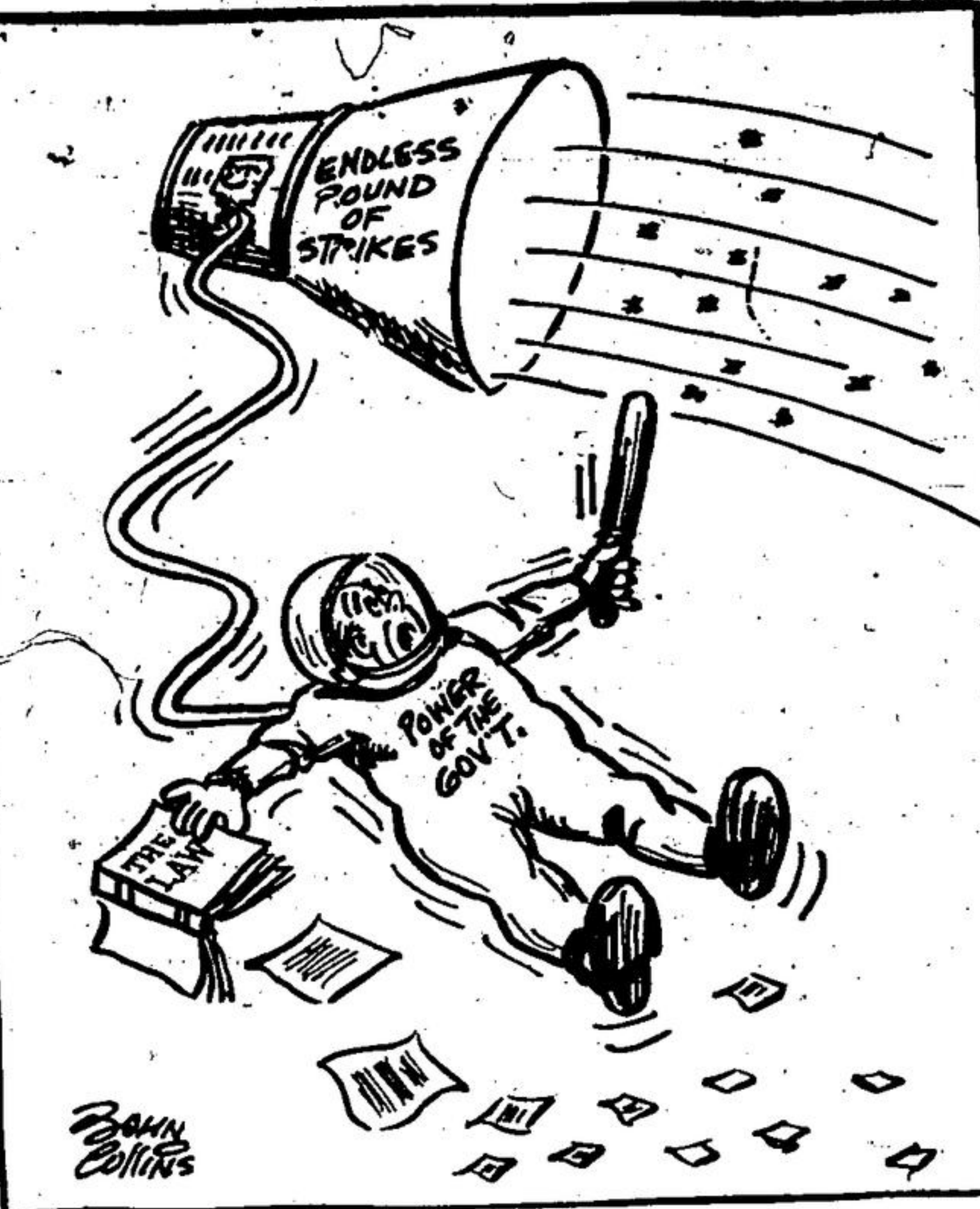
Georgetown duplicate bridge club is continuing its weekly games in the Legion auditorium until the end of June, when the group will recess for the summer months.

At last Tuesday's game the following were winners.

North-South, 1st Harry Frost and W. Hamilton; 2nd, Dick Prust and Lloyd Keir; 3rd, Bill Barbour and Brian Hamilton; 4th, Mrs. Ern Hyde and Monty Hyde.

East-West, 1st Mrs. Helen Atkinson and Cam Sinclair; 2nd, Mrs. Dean Taylor and Mrs. Aileen Bradley; 3rd, Mrs. Ann Pritchard and Mrs. Wallace Thompson; 4th, Miss Margery Mackenzie and Miss Olive Logan.

Live pedestrians and successful men always think fast on their feet.



STATE OF WEIGHLESSNESS

SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

Those Terrible Teens

Those Terrible Teens are at it again. Riot in Montreal. Riot in Toronto's Yorkville. Teen-age boy charged with glue-sniffing. Girls nailed with bundle of marijuana. Students picketing everything but the public lavatories.

Searching articles by sociologists point out the obvious: that teen-agers are rebellious, resentful of adults, eager to experiment; anxiously-riden, reckless, sensitive, moody. Any parent knows that.

"Probing" and "sensitive" TV programs point out some more of the obvious: the teen-agers like power (boats, cars, motorcycles); but not lawnmowers; that they like music with a big beat; that they like members of the opposite sex. Anybody who is not blind and deaf knows all that.

What's all the fuss about, then? Is it a lot of overblown sensationalism in the mass media?

I'm no sociologist, but I have been a teen-ager, I have two of them under my roof, and I teach swarms of them everyday, so I have some qualifications, however amateurish, to speak a piece.

Let's try to look at the whole thing coolly. They did inherit a pretty cruddy world. Their freshness and idealism is soured at every turn by the massive march of materialism. Man is aiming at the stars with his feet firmly mired in the mud. And over all hangs the threat of annihilation.

What do they want? They

want to sweep away all the old shibboleths and start fresh. They want to be their brother's keeper. They want to communicate. But every way they turn they are confronted by a great, passive resistance from a society constructed by adults for the comfort and convenience of adults. Who wouldn't be frustrated?

Students would like to take over the universities. And remembering some of the deplorable professors and ridiculous courses, I was subjected to, I don't blame them.

They'd like to have the vote at 18. And this might be a good thing. It would mean nobody over 25 would dare to run for public office. In this way we might get rid of the vast numbers of incompetent politicians we now have at every level of government.

They'd like to be able to drink legally at 18 (instead of illegally at 16). This, too, in the long run, might turn out well. The resultant slaughter on the highways might ruin a few insurance companies, but at least it would help control the population explosion we hear so much about.

They'd like to be able to non-conform (though they do cling rather fanatically to the ultra-conformity of the teen cult). Well, there's nothing wrong with being a non-conformist. I'd love to grow a beard, if it didn't emerge as a grizzled stubble every hum on a binge. I'd like to have two mistresses and a pet tiger, but I can't afford it. I'd

like to go in bare feet, but I have this terrible seed-wart on the ball of my right foot, that hurts like the dickens.

They'd like some direction in their lives, so they say, and blame the lack of it on their parents or adults generally. Did you ever try to direct a teenager to get to bed or mow the lawn? RIGHT NOW!

You know things haven't changed that much. When I was 18, I thought my parents were meddling, but terribly narrow-minded. When I was 21, we used

KERR'S COLUMN

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

There has been a great deal of discussion lately about water pollution. The General Manager of the Ontario Water Resources Commission has criticized persons who pay no attention to the facts, or figures or the truth when discussing water pollution and have stirred up the public to the point of hysteria.

O.W.R.C. submits that Ontario is by far the leader in Canada in pollution control measures and that pollution originating in Ontario is coming under control.

Statements have been made recently that Ontario has done little to combat pollution, that we have not kept pace with our expanding population, and industries, that the waters of the Province are deteriorating and that we are on a huge toboggan slide heading for a sea of septic sewage.

This is simply not true. In the 10 years that O.W.R.C. has been formed 346 projects serving 205 municipalities have been developed at the cost of \$137,500,000. The Elizabeth Gardens, Drury Lane, and Skyway sewage disposal plants in Burlington are examples of such projects.

The Act dealing with water pollution and pollution control in Ontario is the strongest anywhere and many plants

and industries have been prosecuted for failing to treat their sewage. This week, Stelco in Hamilton, for e.g., will officially open new flat-rolled facilities at their mill and this new expansion has been designed to re-capture certain harmful chemicals that have, up to now, been dumped into the bay and this new process will mean that Stelco will not be ejecting any effluent or harmful discharge into the water.

However, there is still much more to be done and as our Province continues to expand its industrial and manufacturing complex, the fight against pollution will become a never ending battle. It will be necessary to have the co-operation of municipalities and industry if O.W.R.C. is to win this battle or at least keep pollution under control. We must convince everyone that natural fresh water is one of our most precious possessions. It will also require the co-operation and control of neighbouring provinces and states, particularly in respect to the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence. For example, the situation in Montreal and the Detroit-Windsor area is very bad. The bulk of Great Lakes pollution comes from the American side.

Don't try to understand teen-agers. Just try to put up with them. They want to fly. We want them to get on the treadmill with the rest of us squirrels. Remember, you too once wanted to fly. Yes, you, Mom, who necked in the back seat of a 1935 Ford. And you Dad, who got drunk when you were 18.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, Master, Master, we perish. Then He awoke and rebuked the wind and the water; and they ceased and there was a calm." Luke 8:24

Life has no storms that will not vanish at the command of the Saviour. It is hard today — and getting harder — to tell the real color of a woman's hair... But among those without benefit of tints or dyes, brunettes outnumber natural blondes 5 to 1. Only one out of 33 has red hair.

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