

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Need Ambulancemen

Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service, one of Georgetown's most efficient groups, since its formation almost ten years ago, is in urgent need of more members.

The GVAS was born of necessity when a private ambulance service found it unprofitable to continue. A group of public spirited men tackled the problem and came up with what is believed to be the first such organization in Canada — an unpaid, dedicated group of volunteers, well trained and organized to provide 24 hours service to the community.

As can happen, some of the original enthusiasm has waned, members have mo-

ved away, become engaged in other activities which preclude the hours necessary to serve as an ambulancemen.

A main difficulty has been the night shift, an onerous task for volunteers who must lose sleep in the course of duty. When membership is not sustained at a maximum level, the problem increases, because faithful members tend to become overworked.

Perhaps there are men who have moved to town recently who would be interested in this type of public service. It has its own reward in the satisfaction of doing a necessary job, helping to ease a suffering human and get them to hospital for treatment as fast as possible.

Acquiring Maturity

The valedictory address at the high school commencement posed a question which could be good subject for debate — the lack of maturity among graduates, and whether this could be acquired by allowing more responsibility to students in their high school years.

The speaker, now a university student, was slanting his talk along the lines of those entering another level of education where, suddenly, there are few restrictions. Study or not, if you wish... attend classes when you want to... no parent to tell you when to go to bed, when to get a haircut, ... little restriction on moral codes.

The problem is a real one, and yet seems to be one which defies a solution, for maturity is a tricky word, a state of mind, at best, which somehow has to be acquired

with skillful direction at home, some trial and error, and a lot of luck that the mistakes which are bound to be made will have no important, lasting effect on the character being moulded.

Perhaps it is the universities themselves which should take a second look at the system.

A young person, entering the commercial world after leaving high school, must certainly mature in a hurry, and not by being left to his own devices. A business office, a factory, a store, has definite rules for employees. One is not allowed to show up for work as the spirit moves him. He has a definite job to do, and his responsibilities are checked by a higher authority.

There are few places in life where one can lead an uninhibited, unrestricted existence, outside universities.

Police Accommodation

For more than a year, the question of improved accommodation for the Georgetown police department has been an urgent one.

Earlier this year, a decision was made to erect a house-type dwelling, close to downtown, and tenders were actually asked for the job. Since then there has been little comment at council meetings, and a dozen or more policemen have been operating from headquarters designed for only a minimum force.

A solution must certainly be found, and if it is impossible to build adequate quarters, has council ever thought of acquiring an older residence which could fill the bill.

A police office, should be in a location where it can serve the most people handily, and in Georgetown this should be downtown.

A few years ago, there was talk of having a substation in the Delrex shopping plaza, and with this we are also in full agreement.

As two of the main areas of police activity, where trouble is apt to occur, there should be as strong as possible protection available. It is probably too late in the civic year for anything to happen now, but we would hope that the 1967 council would place the matter of police accommodation on its early agenda.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Wants Water, Hydro Services Combined in One Commission

31 Byron Street,
October 24th, 1966
Dear Mr. Editor:
The decision of Council on October 17th by-law 66-82 for the creation of a water commission to be put to the electors next December 5th should be given serious thought by the electorate.

In the first place, most public utility commissions handle not only water but Hydro as well. Why not here?

Are we not saddled with enough expenses now without the creation of a commission to handle the water department?

No doubt council would be pleased to be relieved of its responsibilities in regard to the water situation especially as it relates to the way it has been handled in the past four years.

When council decided to grant special concessions of less than the 30% payable by ALL consumers to pay for our sewage plant as provided for in the by-law it has been an awful mess. The \$7 and 12% levies for some industries while the householders have been compelled to pay 30% is to our regret a betrayal of the electorate. The householders' interest should be given priority.

When sound decisions are made in the town over a long period of time, the citizens should be given the opportunity to judge the worth of the members of council rather than have the council force its

evaluation of itself on the people, in view of the proposed two-year term for councillors.

They turned it down once and are entitled to vote on the issue!

Yours truly,
Ed. A. Peters

who are increasing their output of effluent to the sewage system are complaining that the 30% rate, which all householders have to pay is too high. Also, what effect is it having on our sewage plant?

The only way to determine what is being returned to the sewers is by meterage. This was specified in the original by-law. However, this was changed on the advice of consulting engineers and accepted by council. Why?

The ordinary household consumer, to get any allowance for water used for lawn watering, car washing and other uses where no water is returned to the sewers are compelled to install a meter for this purpose at a cost of over \$300.

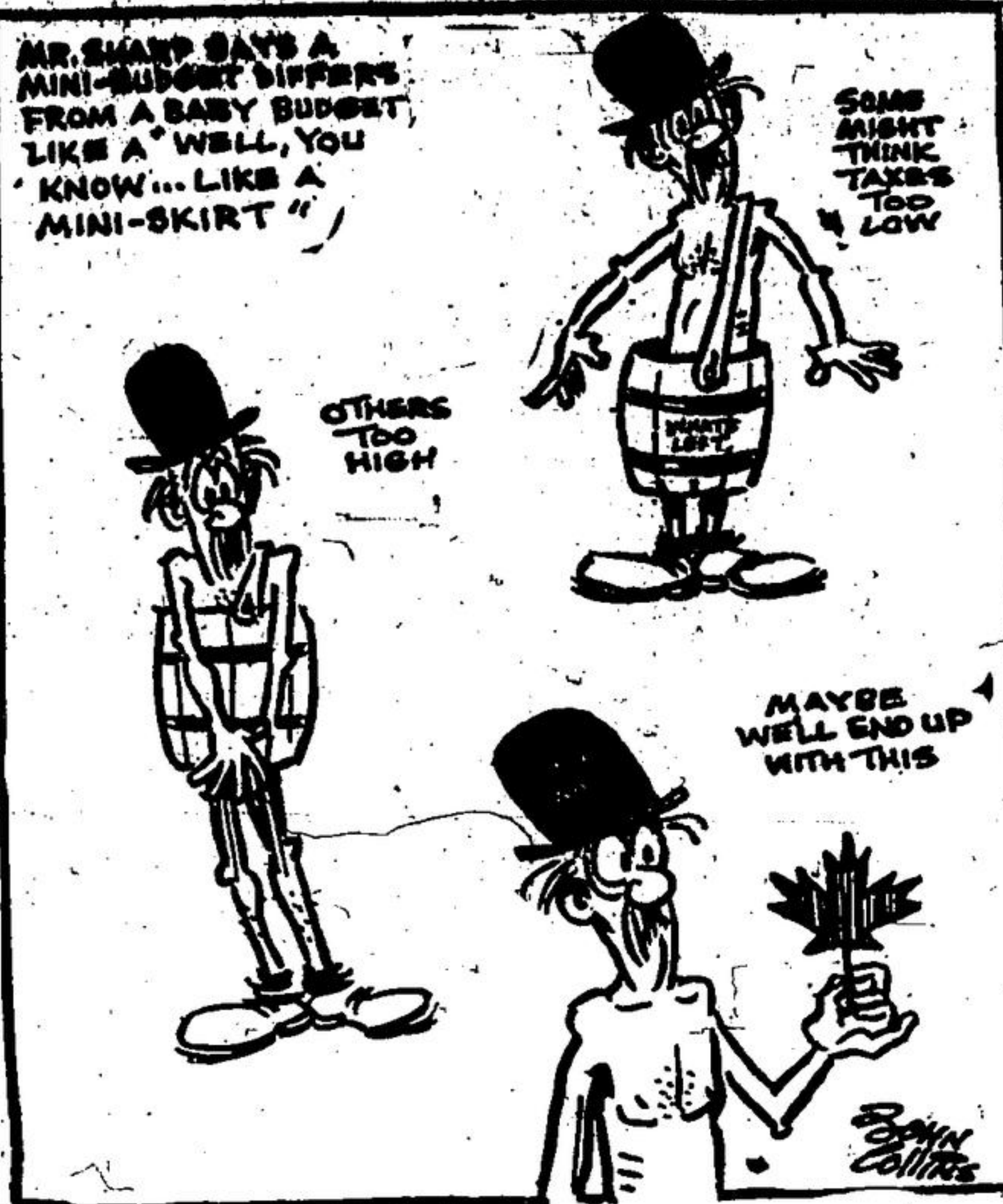
The one on in the industry, commercial or homeowner to establish by metering what they claim is not being returned to the sewers.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Wants Red Ensign Remembered Also

22 Queen St.,
Nov. 6th, 1966
Dear Mr. Editor:
On Remembrance day we do honour to the thousands of service men and women, who died on the battlefields or have passed on since. Would it not be fitting to remember another fallen comrade, our beloved Canadian Red Ensign? True, it has been raised again in various forms. But the imposition of an emblem that our boys never even saw, makes it truly their forevermore.

OUR ENSIGN
A country that degrades its emblems, falls, its people don't respect it, nor its foes.
I watch our lovely Ensign waving high,
its colors ripple softly and — it glows.
This talk of independence is a myth.
To Commonwealth and Queen our country owes allegiance. And our Ensign still flies high. Its colors softly ripple and ... it glows.
Our Ensign is a beacon for our future.
And as it proudly waves, I'm sure it knows,
That duty, love and honour still defend it.
Its colors rippling softly as ... it glows.
— Mrs. A. A. McDonald



HOW TO LIVE WITH A MINI-BUDGET

SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

Where's That 25th Hour?

This week I have a lot of things on my mind, but none of them is worthy of the brilliant, penetrating essay in which you wrap your garbage.

Therefore, the column will be something of an Irish stew. Or a Hungarian ragout. Or better still, a French pot-pourri. That's pronounced in poetry. Speaking of which, congratulations to all my Dogan friends. They can now eat meat on Friday. And destroy the market for fish. And miss all those wonderful food values in fish and turn into meat-stuffed, red-faced birds like us Protestants.

Speaking of which, one of our churches had a "folk" service last Sunday. The occasion was a conference in town of 300 Christian boys. We billeted two of them. For Kim's sake, I ordered from the billating chairman, two six-foot, handsome chaps, with rich fathers.

What we got were, well, two boys. A short, chubby, cocky one; and a long, skinny shy one. Neither was handsome. Neither had a wealthy father.

But the service Sunday was first-rate. You should have seen the look on the gray-headed elders as they belted out: "Go Tell it on the Mountain," with the electric guitars whanging away; the other accompaniment, a sort of dull rumble, was the bones of John Calvin, Martin Luther and John Wesley, twirling in their graves.

And the red-headed kid, darting from organ prelude to choir loft to electric guitar, back to

organ for the offering, back to choir, back to guitar, was our baby, busier than the proverbial one-armed paper-hanger.

Speaking of church reminds me that I'm supposed to be guest preacher at our church this Sunday. It's Laymen's Sunday. Very inspiring. All the laymen get up and bellow hymns off-key. Those who can not even sing off-key read the scripture. And whatever is left over preaches the sermon.

Haven't quite chosen my text yet, but there are still days to go, and I've narrowed it down to three or four. My first idea was "Frailty, Thy Name is Woman." ... Then I decided that "Something Is Rotten in the State of Denmark" might be safer. By the way, these are from the Bible I hope.

There's always the old standard, of course, "The Demon Rum." But I don't think I could stand the snickers. And my brother brought me a jug of Newfoundland "screech" recently, from the Kingdom of Jogg.

Perhaps I'll settle for the theme, "The New Morality." If only I can find out, before Sunday morning, what it is, I'll be in business. As near as I can discover, it's doing whatever you want, and getting away with it.

Speaking of which, I feel both wicked and guilty, because I don't answer letters. Here's part of one from a weekly editor belaboring me for defending today's kids.

NEWS ECHOES

From the Herald of 10 and 20 Years Ago

10 YEARS AGO
Death exacted a heavy toll in Georgetown in one week. Last Wednesday night the town's first mayor, Leroy Dale, Q.C., died in Guelph General Hospital; on Monday his law partner, Sybil Bennett, Q.C., Halton's first lady member of parliament who has represented this county in Ottawa since 1953 died at her home; the same day, Lt.-Col. Gordon Cousens, M.C., died in Guelph General Hospital.

20 YEARS AGO
Founded almost a half century ago, a family business changed hands recently when Mr. Arthur Speight sold his business which he had operated as Speight's garage, to Mr. Ray Bowers of Toronto. The business was established in 1900 by Mr. Speight's father, the late Thomas J. Speight.
Attendance figures were disappointing when Cherokee Rodeo Company played a three night engagement in the arena under the sponsorship of the Georgetown Lions Club.
Playing at the Gregory Theatre this week: Terzan and the Leopard Women, starring Brenda Joyce and Johnny Weismuller... French Kay starring Albert Dekker and Evelyn Ankers... 'Night in Casablanca' with the Marx Brothers.

HARLEY TO HALTON

Weekly Observations by
Dr. Harry Harley,
M.P. for Halton

THE PAST DAYS in the House of Commons have not been very productive, or rather non-productive in the field of legislation. The interim supply is under debate, which is the approval of government spending, usually for a one month period. This debate has no time limit and is a wide open debate on any federal matter. Two subjects have been debated during this interim supply motion namely national defence and the construction of a second national gas pipeline for Canada. Much of the debate has centred around the testimony of naval personnel before the Defence Committee. Interim supply must be granted by Parliament until all departmental estimates have been passed, and as this is usually very late in the year, interim supply must be asked for each month. As this debate has no time limit and as supply must be available within the first ten days of the month, any government can be forced into an election just by continuing to ask for it.

THE FEDERAL - provincial conference has concluded. The federal government has agreed to contribute more federal tax money to the provinces for education. At the same time the federal government will gradually stop payments for technical schools but will take over the payment of allowances of all training programs. The provincial governments have asked for further monies and the federal government has refused to go beyond what it has offered.

COMMITTEE WORK in the House of Commons has been very heavy. The legislation is moving slowly and it appears likely that the present sitting will extend into next year.

ter is dated August 10. I received it this week.

And how do you like this chap from a publishing house asking when I'm going to write a book? All I can say is that if he wants to take over for a week, I'll produce a book. All he has to do is: write a column a sermon and a letter to the town council from the library board; try to keep my wife from going around the bend; help my daughter with her "weak" subjects: Latin, French Math, Science, Geography; read and criticize 89 essays; set two exams; rake the leaves that have fallen from 14 trees; throw into the cellar a pile of firewood that's been rotting in the rain for two weeks; answer all my letters; prepare lesson plans and teach all day; drive my daughter 200 miles for a music lesson on Saturday; and help with the dishes.

I'm game if he is. A book would be child's play.

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