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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Hard Chore For Councillors

Continual pressure for more money to operate local boards and commissions, mounting costs of materials and salaries, demands from residents for more services, and an inflationary spiral which causes some ratepayers to resent the fact that taxes don't go up, make it a difficult job for municipal councils these days to conduct

To be sure, one would not want to live in a town where there was no progress, where only the barest of services were provided, where saving a dollar was the end-all in town financing.

But neither should one wish to live in a community where councillors gave no secand thoughts to requests for money, and let taxes go up and up with no concern other than to satisfy every demand of every citi-

A town, after all, is just a collection of individuals, and the tax treasury can only be the total of what we spend for collective improvements.

If we spend more than we can afford, we can be in trouble just as can an individual-who tries to spend each year more than he earns.

The difficulty in municipal budgeting is

A Dedicated Religion

Today when it is all too common for anti-religious views to be given prominence, we must not lose track of the fact that God and religion still play a prominent part in the life of many people.

One such group is the Christian Reformed Church which Friday will dedicate Its fine new church building on the 7th Line at a special service preceding commencement of regular services on Sunday.

The church whose membership has grown

Operation Icicle

When people are prone to criticize if things are not just to their liking, we can point out one incident this week where three public utilities combined to do the public a favour.

The east side of Main Street where the Herald building is located, is a danger spot when certain weather conditions cause huge loicles to form overhanging the eidewalk from sloping roofs.

Monday morning the Icides had reached such epic proportions that if one had

that one must keep in mind the wide var lation in incomes of residents, and the basis of taxation, which is property, rather than income.

There is one school of thought which woud have municipal taxes raised on "an income basis - and it has many points in its favour.

But as long as property is the criterion, then caution must be used in raising taxes - keeping in mind particularly those residents who live on fixed incomes.

As we mentioned last week, one major factor which must be curtailed is the passive submission of school boards to outrageous demands for more and more money by the teaching profession. Residents, too, must think twice before complaining too much about roads, sidewalks, water deficlencies, snow plowing. We cannot demand perfection on a town-wide scale any more than we can in our private lives.

No one has his home perfectly outfitted, his family perfectly clothed, takes all the trips he wants, drives the car of his dreams. What most men do is to make their wage stretch as far as it can, providing first the necessities, then some saving for a rainy day, and last what luxuries he can afford. Can a town be any different?

from 30 families a decade ago to 142 fam-Ilies today, has not only outfitted one struc ture in its short Georgetown existence, but has outgrown this building and erected a fine new edifice.

A majority of the congregation are New Canadians of Dutch extraction, and is a tribute to their religion that, starting in a new land with limited finances, they are willing to give generously to their church with all the demands on their pocketbook of everyday living.

fallen on a pedestrian a serious injury could have occurred.

To the rescue came Operation Icicle. While the public works department blocked off traffic on the street and the police department stood by to direct traffic, the hydro used their truck and 'bucket' to swing hydro-men toward the saves and knock down the pesky icicles.

Merchants were happy for the service, drummed out of the service befor it is well nigh impossible to do this themselves. And the public owes a vote of thanks for elimination of this danger.

IN THE MAIL BAS

Says \$47,000 Fire Aerial Ladder Should Be Vetoed

72 Duncan Drive. February 2nd, 1967.

Your issue of February 2nd, made briefly, but clearly. 1967, carries some of the re- mayor did not stand up marks that I made before Coun- ridicule this, and it was not recil at the meeting of January ported in the press. Again on 30th. Regrettably it does not Monday, when addressing counquote me deeply enough, for cil on Cost cutting, I stated that the genuine meaning and concern. I expressed, does not and where these are termed show through. I do not pretend 'ridiculous', we certainly can to support all or any request to save this \$47,000 for non-exist-Council, and my prime worry ent high rise apartments, which

I stated, and I re-lterate that statement, that as a cost cutting battle,, the mayor has chosen an unfortunate battlefield. We have excellent schools, a fine quality of teachers, most of whom are dedicated to giving our youth a fair start. We have built good buildings at great cost, but the child must have facilities for Herald' we are told that the study beyond the school text, lowest tender for the new Polfor without them, he learns no ice building was \$19,500. Is Highlights are converting the depth to his subject. Books are this department becoming a main street into a mall, a visit the fund of knowledge for this little top heavy? For a town from the West Berlin hockey represent a fine bargain. The Chief, an inspector, a sergeant Governor. mayor must know that there at least 2 corporals (newly-apare those who cannot afford to pointed) several constables, and buy the books themselves, and a cadet, if I am not mistaken. a properly stocked, and staffed Now a new building! What for?

All this aside however, the report missed one particularly Not one of these officers disquieting point. Some two or men were present to sort out been called. three weeks ago, the Council- the disgraceful traffic tangle lor in charge of the Police and that developed on the Maple Fire committee, covertly stated Avenue hill on Sunday morning. What has ten less and five

desire, an equal chance.

ibring in a recommendation for high apartment buildings, at a cost of \$47,000. This was cutting out an essential addit-The where we need library facilities here, was not the library is was frankly, the most outlandish suggestion I have heard. Councillor Harrison, said that such a ladder and truck was useful for fighting fires on roofs of factories. Again no re- boys and girls" will have their port of this in the press. Obvi-day this week . . . in fact they ously, the purchase is under will have three. The occasion

of it. Why? In the same issue of the and at the requested \$2 a head of less than 12,000 we have a team, and from Ontario's Lieut. library, gives everyone with the A deak for everyone, or more

Mayor Gibbons. 'Ridiculous.'

efficiency? In the words

mayor sat in his car, watching cars by the dozen slip and slide unable to start, once stopped half way up. I am afraid that we lack leadership in Georgetown. I am afraid that we are not going to get it for at least two years either. Let us cut out to the nonsense. No more talk of purchase an aerial Fire truck \$47,000. plus \$19,500 that we cannot afford. No more talk of tion to our educational facilities while adding frills elsewhere.

> Yours truly, Hugh Powell

THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

BRAMPTON

Grampton High School's "old some sort of consideration, yet is the school's Homecoming the taxpayer has heard nothing planned for Feb. 10 through 12.

ORANGEVILLE

Orangeville got its first full scale look at plans for Centennial Year celebrations last week.

ERIN

The growth of the village of Erin is being reflected in a demand for more teaching space. At a board meeting last week final drawings for a two room addition to Erin Public School

that his Commission would the 19th of January, and the eyest .- I've and a half dogs.



WINTERS SPORTS

SUGAR AND SPICE by Bill Smiley

MORE ON EDUCATION

this country. Last week, I com- And I was annoyed, plained about: obsolescence; the lack of everything but pupils; the unfairness of the fund- from an inspector. A lady. She raising for education; the lack passed the word that the Depuof any national standards; and ty Minister, no less, was conerything in the system. Not its contents.

bad for a start.

pedagogy, nobody tried to sup- and can't say in my column?" press my opinions here. Many disagreed violently. Others man even offered to thrash me judgment." within an inch of my life. I reminded him that my big broth er was a six-foot-two, 210-pound engineer, and I never heard

another word. they'd had several letters from federation. members urging that I be and drink, and by using the odd pin down.

always de with letters from department. eranks and bigots - chuck 'em In the wastebasket, He was an- Next morning, the English

This was supposed to be part neved. Pinned down, he admittwo of a series on education in ted there were two such letters. where. But these city-nurtured The best man for every position day, January 31st, for a day of

the rigidity of practically ev- cerned about my column and I turned indigo and snarled.

Second subtle suggestion was

In all the years I wrote this "You mean the Department is column before I began peddling trying to tell me what I can say it all over again, because the

scriptions. Some said I was vul- her head. "It's merely hoped struggle through, it will be an gar. And one reverend gentle- that you'll use your own good anti-climax. The girls' dresses

spector. At the time, a now-de- shoes two days in a row. funct newspaper for teachers was running my column. The paper was happy; the fan mail our system. A teacher is given The first hint that I should was heavy. But, whispered this a record of merit by an inspectihe system is punk. tone it down came from a inspector, he thought he should tor, who sees him maybe once representative of the mighty tell me, for my own sake, that I a year, for one or two lessons. teachers' federation. Said was getting in wrong with the

"Waddaya tokkin about," cause I was destroying the teacher's image by mentioning here such human teachers. here such human horrors as sex And got no answer that I could

I seem to be down on inspectors this week. And so I am. We He asked me heavily what I got the word the English inwould do in his position. I re- spectors were coming. I alerted plied lightly that I'd do what I my 15-odd birds in the English

NEWS ECHOES

From the Heralds of 10 and 20 Years Ago

1957

- John D. Kelly, Georgetown clerk-treasurer for the past five years, announced his resignation in a letter to council Monday.
- Twenty-three teachers and 750 pupils returned to normal school hours this morning when the new Harrison public school opened its doors for the first time. Since September, classes have been conducted on a two-shift system in Wrigglesworth school.
- Construction has been completed on a two-office building at the corner of Guelph and Edward Streets. Constructed by W. F. Hunter, it will house Mr. Hunter's real estate office, and a law office.
- Lt. Col. Alex Noble was at home to his friends on Saturday on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

1947

- The Ontario Provincial Police are now responsible for maintaining law and order in Georgetown. They took over on Monday with the arrival of Col. John Clark, who will be in charge of a three-man detachment here.
- The election of officers of the I.O.D.E. for 1947 was held at a meeting this week. Taking positions are Mrs. W. G. O. Thompson, Mrs. N. F. Verdec, Mrs. L. McLintock, Mrs. W. Biehn, Miss Hilda Erwin, Miss Jean "Mackenzia. Mrs. Wilf Ford, Miss Helen MacDonald, Miss M. Mackenzie, Mrs. Ivan Hay.
- Current top tunes on the hit parade posted at McClure's Record Bar are: Old Devil Moon (Charlie Spivak); Beware My Heart (Vaughn Monroe); That's What I Like About The South (Phil Harris); What Am I Gonna Do About You (Perry Como); I'll Close My Eyes (Johnny Desmond); Open The Door Richard (Count Basie); If This Isn't Love (Charlie Spivak); All of Me (Page Cavanagh Trio); This Funny Thing Called Love (Freddy Martin.)

fic lessons on the kids. Mine laughed heartily when they asw my desk cleaned off It was the first time they'd seen me below the breast-bone in months.

inspectors are still coming, it they can make it May they go "Nonononono!", she blurted, into a big snow-bank and threatened to cancel their sub- visions of headlines dancing in there for four hours. If they do are crushed and their hair coming down. And I sure as

your eye. Gals all in their best dresses, halr fresh-done. Men where duplications in with their shoes shined. And three Services are totally e.m. preparing the sort of untinct and different uniforms inspectors expect.

they wouldn't be there. Snowing and blowing. Any of us wind and snow.

Next time, it was another in- hell am not going to shine my

Just another of the evils of

staff would have gladdened

restistic but model lessons that separate personnel policies Nine a.m. Word comes that would have struck off for any- rated service for some time.) Clifford Wrigglesworth on Tues-

drivers are terrified by a bit of should be chosen whether he is quilting. A Pot Luck dinner was So we shot off all those territraining and functions.

> The self-confident showman who may be a lazy bum hormalinspection, and scores high, comes nervous and makes

They've changed. They are no longer the old terrors, but pretty decent, helpful lot. But

More next week, maybe.

HARLEY TO HALTON

Dr. Harry Harley, M.P. for Halton

THE HOUSE of Commons out that significant savings in has passed the Transportation cost have already been made-Bill and is now debating integ- despite increased costs of matration of the Armed Forces in arials, supplies and services Canada. It has been pointed generally, from 1964-65 to 1965 out that Canada has three -1966 there has been a net say main functions for her Armed ing in that year of \$12 million

United Nations Peace Keeping Forces.

2. As a deterrent of war by contributions of Armed Forces to NATO and NORAD. And to maintain the defenc-

RATHER THAN concentrate on any one of these matters Hill on February 2nd, to Tanya the Government has decided to Deming, on February 4th, Mrs. combine all three. In this way John Wallace, on February 5th; we protect our own country as Deborah Sammit, on February well as make a Canadian con- 6th, Anderson May and Bill tribution to our international Tallyn on February 7th. responsibilities in preserving

peace and deterring the possib-

es of Canada itself.

ility of war. arate Forces do this would be Anniversary on Sunday, Februvery expensive. What is hoped ary 5th. for unification is to provide a flexible Armed Services that Sincere sympathy is extended can do all these functions. With to the family of William Hamilthree services there have been ton, who suddenly passed away occasions in the past when one at the Milton District Hospital Service procured equipment on Friday, January 27th, in his without any consideration to 85th year, beloved husband of

the other Services. THERE ARE MANY areas Albert Marchment (Laura) of every single one glowing with necessary and exorbitantly exvirtue after working till one pensive. Examples are - dis- lie of Applewood Acres. Also common basic training - duplication of communications.

> have been provided as an integ- Women met at the home of Mrs. Army, Navy or Air Force. Com- served at noon and the quilt bat units will retain their id- was completed in the afternoon. entity and their specialized

Land, sea and air units, each with its own specially trained personnel, will be retained as long as there is a requirement And tomorrow we have to do for them. It has been pointed

> ly, whips up a flashy lesson for The self-conscious teacher, who News Editor normally does a terrific job, be- Terry Harley Aileen Bradley botch of things, and scores low.

I don't really hate inspectors

Weekly Observations by

The debate continues in the

HORNBY

Congratulations to Jean Marie Heer on her recent marriage."

Birthday greetings to Janet

Anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Saliba, who will TO TRY TO have three sep celebrate their 18th Wedding

the needs and requirements of Lillian Stout; Dear father of Russell of Nipissing, George of Wroxeter, Willis of Milton, Mrs. Hornby, Floyd of Oakville, Mrs. Fred Lister (Gwen) of Palermo, Melville of Streetsville and Lessurvived by 26 grandchildren

and 18 great grandchildren. The afternoon sewing group (Medical and dental services of the Hornby United Church

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