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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Up Tempo for Georgetown

Indications that Georgetown is entering an "up" period in its history were never more evident than in last week's Herald.

Heading after heading on news stories told of a bustling future for our town.

For example, — "Buys industrial lots, plans factory" . . . "Bliss seeks 8 acre property for Warehouse" . . . "Two additions, public school in planning" . . . "Halton Hills plans recreation area" . . . "Remodel Day-foot factory for apartments" . . . "New town church parish hall for Glen" . . . "New town police building" . . . "Tenders for second R.C. Separate School" . . . "Dedicate new Christian Reformed Church" . . .

Tired of LSD.

Sunday evening is one night, that we look forward to relaxing and watching a few hours of television.

Time was when we were an avid follower of Ed Sullivan, before the influx of the kooky groups and screaming audience which is turning the adult audience away in droves.

This year both national and private Canadian networks gave promise of some topnotch shows competing in the ten o'clock slot, but these have been wrecked with so much sex and sensationalism that an average viewer is hard pressed to watch the drivel being portrayed week after week.

We had watched the notorious Nazi-slanted CBC show a few weeks ago, and since then decided that Candid Camera on the Buffalo channel was more our cup of

There is a Danger

Underneath the boredom which the L.S.D. discussions engenders, there must be a concern that it can have tragic effects on youngsters who might be encouraged to try this dangerous drug, lured by misinformation.

When students at the University of Toronto are allowed to sponsor such a degenerate group of musicians, poets, and drug addicts as appeared there last weekend, there is real cause for concern.

There is a trend today for university students to demand, and get, more and more autonomy, for professors to be deliberate non-conformists, and for any critics to be labelled squires.

It is a difficult matter to control a student body, particularly when universities

And so it went all through that Herald issue.

Any one of these would have been a major news story a few decades ago, when growth was at a much smaller pace.

Today, everywhere one looks, there is change, building, an air of activity as Georgetown rapidly moves toward city status. Where there were farm fields only a few short years ago, there are homes and factories. A population of 2,500 has quadrupled in a quarter century.

Poised on the outer edge of three large metro areas, Georgetown's future is bright and shining, progressive and exciting.

tea. But this Sunday we decided to give CTV a whirl, in hopes we could have some interesting viewing.

We tuned in, just as the talk began about LSD. — surely the most berated subject in today's daily newspapers and TV shows. We switched to Candid Camera, only to find even that show was trying for some sort of message — interviews with children and teenagers about what they think of their parents, then the parent's views on what his child had said.

We turned the set off, in favour of a nice program of music on FM.

Seems to us that it's about time we woke up to the fact that most of the people

in today's world are as normal as they ever were — that we might enjoy hearing a bit about those who flout convention, but that as a steady diet it becomes a bore.

are endeavouring to develop young minds to think for themselves. But there must be some measure of control, not only for the students suddenly freed of the restrictions of home, but for the future generations that they will influence as teachers, engineers, business leaders.

More senior citizens can perhaps come to accept a "new Morality" as it is popularly called if it is, in fact, morality. But if this is to become a total lack of morality — a predisposition to break all the moral codes which we have painfully created over the centuries, it is time to fight back.

The best starting point is in our universities where a board of governors should start cracking down on such things as the week-end's shenanigans.

There could be an orderly transfer of such functions outlined above from the local municipality to the Regional Council with a minimum of disruption. In the meantime the vitality of the local councils could be maintained with the objective of future amalgamation between existing municipalities taking place with direction from the regional council and Provincial Government.

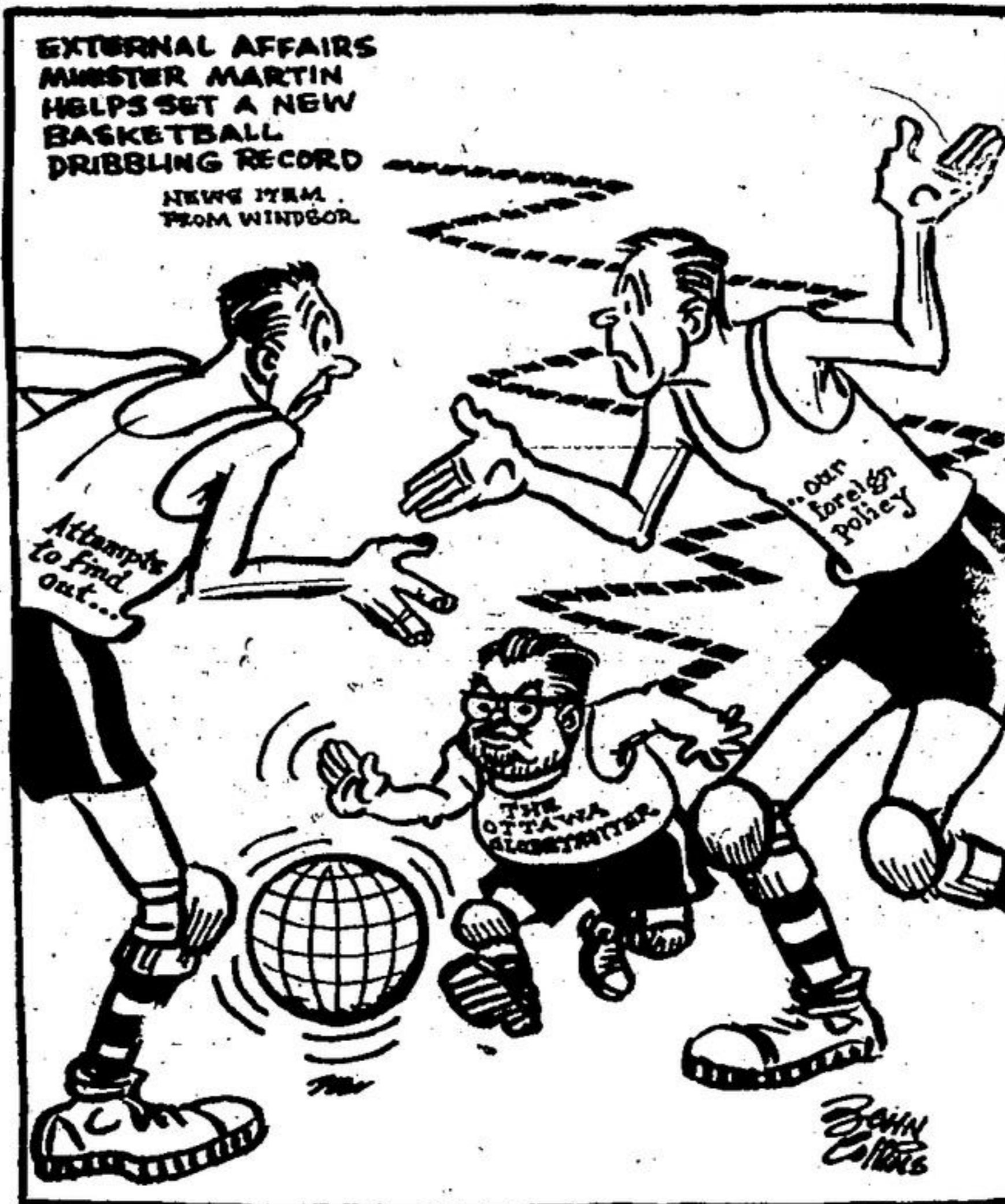
Metropolitan Toronto started out in 1954 with the Metro system of government and thirteen municipalities. It now has six municipalities.

I believe in orderly evolution with support from most of the people. Mr. Plunkett's bonfire recommendations are too drastic and do not seem to have popular support. Furthermore, I am unaware that any municipality which having substantially extended its boundaries resulted in any tax savings to the residents.

As far back as the 3rd century B.C. Greeks were sure that the world was round.

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7. Regional education body with representation from local school boards for the main function of planning budgets for capital expenditures and general education policy.
It is not possible to go into detail in a column such as this and therefore one must avoid over simplification.



WHY, PAUL, WE THOUGHT YOU HELD THE RECORD ALL BY YOURSELF

SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

MY FINAL DAY

O.K. I know. Enough is enough. This is positively the last in a series of columns on education. Let me repeat that I'm not an expert, just a parent, taxpayer and teacher, and equally concerned in each role.

I've been critical. In some quarters no doubt, my remarks have been considered rank heresy. But there is a positive side. Let's look at it.

Most cheering is the tremendous interest in educational improvement both from within and without the system. Departments of education are spending large amounts of time, thought and money in an attempt to scramble into the second part of the twentieth century.

New universities are springing up like mushrooms, with fresh and invigorating ideas, vital young teachers.

Men and women in all walks of life are taking a hard look at what they are getting for their money, and what they want for their children. As a result of these things, much of the old rigidity and inflexibility are crumbling under heavy fire.

Changes are coming. It's not been any easier to get them started than to make a team of even break into a gallop. But they're coming, even though they may gallop right through the fence.

Thomas Aquinas hasn't

much to say to the swingers of today, with the New Morality on one side of them, and nuclear annihilation on the other. In fact, a punning colleague suggested: "Should our Aquinas be forgot?"

Egerton Ryerson is not exactly haunting the halls of Ryerson Institute. It's more likely he's holding his heavenly head in his hands with horror as he sees the students of that establishment putting away more ale per capita than their prototypes of Oxford and Cambridge in the days of Elizabeth I.

However, we drift. Here are some of the improvements. Some may flop. But at least the ponderous pachyderm is pulling its feet out of the mud at last. With a resultant, resounding squeal.

Teaching machines, television, computers will take over 90 per cent of the dissemination of knowledge. They are a fact now. The kids of today's students will have to listen to boring tales from their parents about the "good old days when there was a teacher in every classroom."

This revolution, in turn, will eliminate the lock-step progress of the present, where the swift are held back, and the slow are scrambling, because courses are aimed at the average. The kids will move at their own speed. Learning will be satisfying and exciting.

NEWS ECHOES

From the Herald's of 10 and 20 Years Ago

1957

● Eight grocery stores and meat markets will commence new store hours next week. Council on Monday established the new hours by an amendment to the store closing by-law after receiving a petition asking this from seven of the nine businesses involved. The stores will be closed every Monday.

● Nationally-known bandmaster Alfred H. Perrott has returned to lead the Lorne Scots Band after an absence of one year from the conductor's stand. During his absence the band was under the leadership of J. Dvorak, grandson of the famous Scandinavian composer, Anton Dvorak.

● Clarence Benham, assistant town clerk for the past two years was appointed acting clerk by council at their meeting last Wednesday.

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● Fred Thompson's rink was successful in winning the annual curling competition in which twelve rinks were entered. Other members of the rink were G. Burr, L. Treacy and W. Ritchie.

● The high school's grade 9 and public school's grade 8 played each other twice in hockey games this week and each won one. High school, Doug Ireland, goal; Earl Walters, Bud Hyde, defense; Keith Scott, Don Burns, Keith King, forwards; alternates, Don Lawson, Ron Denham, Dave Barber, Bill Hewitt, Bill MacCormack; Public School, Terry Bludd, goal; Ivan Huffman, Frank Anderson, defense; Jack Davidson, Bud Varey, Cy Wilson, forwards; alternates, Junior Grace, Butch Richardson, Jack Betike, Doug Norton.

HARLEY TO HALTON

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

The Armed Forces Unification Bill has received second reading which is approval in principle and has now been referred back to the Standing Committee on National Defence for further study. This Committee is composed of Members of Parliament from all political Parties in the House of Commons and will hear witnesses both for and against unification of the Armed Forces. This Committee meets every day, and some days meets three times a day, in order that the issues be fully covered and it is hoped completed before the close of the current Session of Parliament on March 10th. I would expect that the tactics of the Opposition would be to delay the Bill as much as possible in Committee in a last effort to prevent unification of the Armed Forces.

THE BILL ON Deposit Insurance has also been approved in principle and referred back to the Banking Committee. This Bill will apply to Federally chartered banks and trust companies and will provide Government insurance for all depositors up to a maximum of \$20,000. I am very pleased to see that the Province of Ontario has introduced similar legislation which will apply to Provincially chartered banks and

trust companies. This will ensure that the people of Ontario will have their savings insured up to this maximum and will, therefore, prevent the complete loss of a depositor's savings.

AT THE PRESENT time the House of Commons is debating the Mini-Budget which is to provide the money to pay for the supplementary Old Age Pension. As is usual in this debate, any topic may be discussed and the topics are very often wide and wild. It is not expected that this debate will run the full six days that it is allowed to take but will probably close after four days of debate. Actually the schedule of business in the House of Commons is proceeding very well.

I AM PLEASED that the Town of Milton and Milton Heights will soon have door-to-door mail delivery. We have been working, in conjunction with the officials of the Town, on this matter for several years and are very pleased that the Postmaster-General has now given his authorization. This new service will be of great convenience and benefits to the residents of Milton and Milton Heights. I feel it appropriate that this will come into effect during Centennial Year.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Raise Library Grant is Teachers' Plea

2nd February, 1967.

Dear Sir:
As teachers, we have a vested interest in libraries and — apples. Whatever the reason — and we are sure that every little apple (even the alleged bad apple) in the Library Basket played its part — only the blind could deny the improvement made in the library in recent years. The statistics have been made public, but statistics do not account for the pleasant atmosphere which makes our library a source of civic pride.

As citizens, we agree with His education as I have to do with Sophia Loren, will vanish.

Schools will have shorter terms, more frequent holidays, but will likely operate year-round.

Teaching will improve, because it will become a dynamic, creative profession, attracting the dynamic, creative people.

I hate to spoil this vision of educational Utopia, but I have one more prediction. The whole thing is going to cost more and more and more. That's the only prophecy I will unconditionally guarantee.

Worship the Mayor that Esqueving township should pay for services rendered. If, however, our council under the leadership of its mayor fails to persuade, cajole or compel Esqueving township to pay its library dues, the responsibility still lies with council and mayor or to make our library grant at least equal to that of Milton.

At the nomination meeting the mayor pleaded for reelection for Centennial Year. We would respectfully plead with His Worship to give the Library more money for more books. Books could very well be our antidote to TV.

Yours sincerely,
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