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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Centennial Clean-Up

In centennial year, there is extra impetus for Canadians to put their best foot forward for tourists who will be flocking to our country for the many extra attractions of this special year.

One thing which doesn't cost anything, except a few aching muscles, is a spring clean-up of their property, and a continuing effort each week to keep the grounds of your home, and the streets of your town, a beauty spot.

We must acknowledge that humans are, by nature, the sloppiest, untidiest forms of animal life. While most animals attempt to cover their garbage, we go merrily on defacing the loveliness which nature has bestowed on us — whether it be with a tangle of highway signs, an unsightly building or a litter of paper and refuse as we smoke our cigarettes, drink our pop and eat our chocolate bars.

We allow weeds to grow in profusion in our lawns, forget to trim the boulevards even if we do tend the grass within our property boundary, put out our garbage pails without proper precautions to see that the

refuse stays there until the collector can dispatch it, then leave the pails outside for days instead of putting them away as soon as possible afterwards.

We deface public washroom walls with obscenities, post advertising bills at random, and never remove them after the event is over, deface road signs and generally act like ill-mannered slobs.

At the same time, we profess to admire beauty in all its forms — womanhood, paintings and sculpture, landscapes and seaside. We criticize the housewife who hasn't a spotless home, want our food served in only the cleanest of dishes, won't appear in public in soiled clothing, spend plenty of time washing our cars.

We don't expect to change the world with one little editorial, but if even one person reads this, resolves to put their garbage in the proper place, to keep their lawns and boulevards cut and free of weeds, and to build Georgetown a reputation for neatness, we won't have written in vain. That's one of the best centennial projects we can think of.

Confusing Problem

Sunday's television coverage of Ralph Cowan's appearance at a Quebec university to air his views on bilingualism and French-English relations proved to have all the elements necessary to win an academy award.

The outspoken Toronto M.P. has been widely quoted in his criticism of the government for politicking in its relationships with Quebec. The fact that he himself is a member of the ruling government makes this good news copy. Usually it is the opposition party, which did the same thing itself, which does the current criticizing.

Unfortunately while much of what Mr. Cowan says is true, his appearance in Quebec plays into the hands of a small but ardent group of separatists who would have their own country within a country, and point to Mr. Cowan as an example of how all other Canadians are thinking.

Such is not the case, of course. Not many non-French Canadians are interested in taking away any rights granted Quebec under the BNA Act, or are disturbed about two official languages in that province.

What we are interested in is that nationally we must pull together as a nation, allowing the provinces jurisdiction over regional matters while retaining national affairs for our central government.

At the same time Ontario must be concerned particularly about the spread of biculturalism into a province which for generations has considered one language adequate.

And we must keep a watchful eye that our federal civil service goes no further in being a twin-language affair which is tending more and more to discriminate against Canadians who speak only English, in requiring a knowledge of both languages to obtain a government post.

One thing for which we must credit Mr. Cowan is that he is saying things which need to be said, albeit it is crudely and with bigotry. Perhaps he will stir moderate Quebec residents into fighting the separatist battle themselves, and perhaps Ontario will start waking up, too, to the fact that we are advancing towards a costly and unnecessary system of two official languages.

Letters Always Welcome

The Mail Bag column of the Herald should be one of the best features of a weekly paper.

Lately there has been an upswing in the number of letters from readers expressing opinions on topical matters.

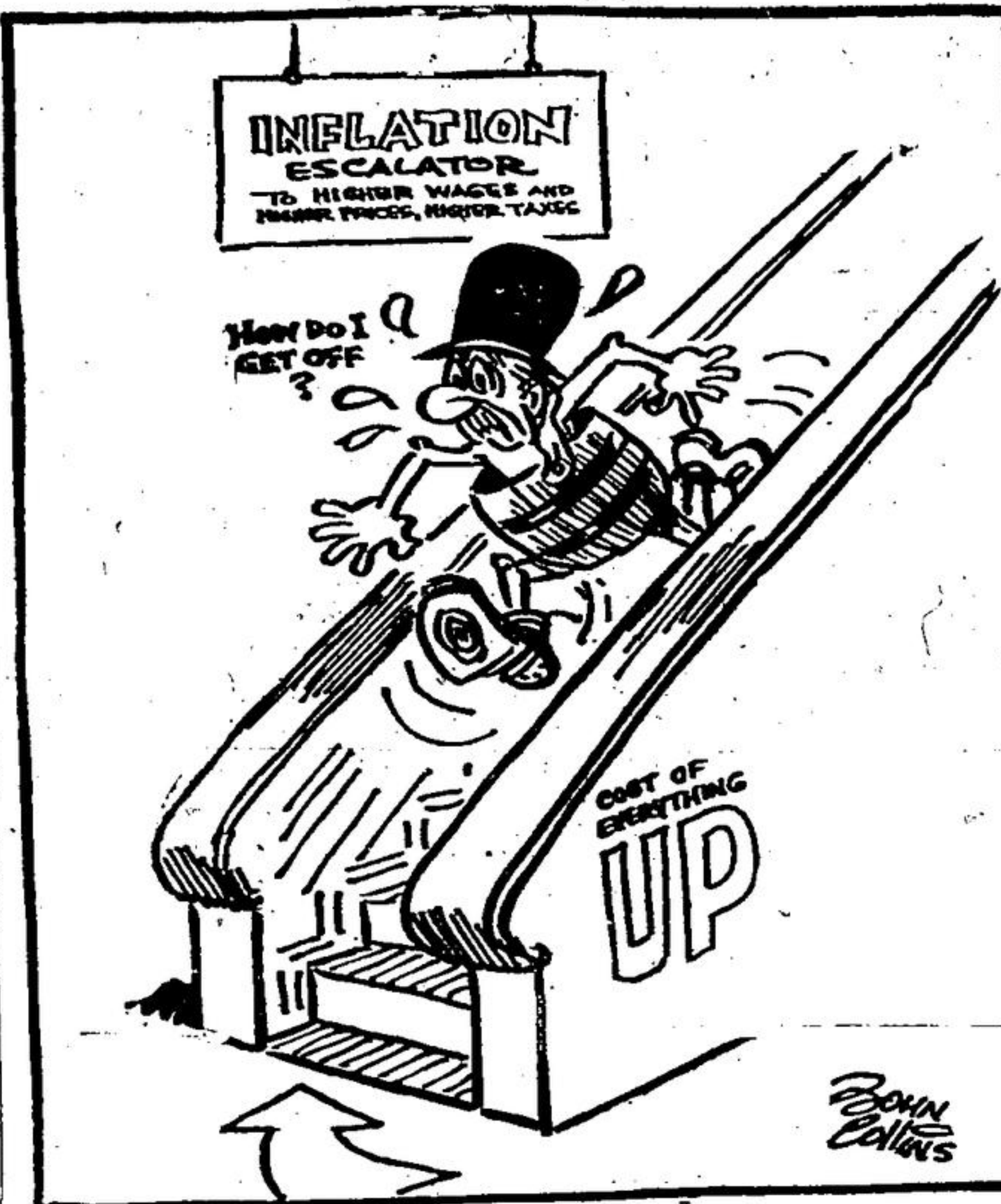
There have been a number, unfortunately, which could not be printed, some because controversial material was too specific against an individual, some because the writer did not include his name and address for publication.

For the benefit of those who wish to state their views in print, these are rules which the Herald must have.

We do not agree to print any letter submitted, for if it contains libel the newspaper is equally guilty of the offense by reproducing statements of an individual.

We also require that a name and address be printed with the letter. For the writer is editorializing, just as we are, and we feel that if one has a strong enough opinion to compose a letter, he should not want to hide behind a pseudonym.

We hope readers will keep in mind that a weekly newspaper is anxious to be a public forum which reports ideas of its readers in addition to the community news. Keep those letters coming.



TALKING ABOUT ESCALATION

SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

Thank God It's Over

We have just gone through the last time that I might just call the most relentless winter I burst into song. Here are the words. Deep snow and words. It might go to the tune of "There's a Tear in My Eye."

There's a hole in my boot, In my best rubber boot, But I don't give a hoot, 'Cause it's spring.

There's a smell in the air, Like an old she wolf's lair, But I don't really care 'Cause it's spring.

There's a squealing of tires, And the smell of grass fires, And the poets are liars, But it's spring.

There are masses of mud, And my cellar's in flood, But I know in my blood That it's spring.

There's romance in the air, All the girls have long hair, And the boys have a flair In the spring.

There are gamboling lambs, And fat Easter hams, And beautiful gums In the spring.

It's no wonder a guy, Even an oldie like I, Gets a look in his eye, In the spring.

A remarkable thing That you feel like a king When you get in the swing Of the spring.

And that will be quite enough of that doggerel, thank you. But it's all true, and I hope the longer days, warmer sun and softer winds have cheered you up. Even though that old, cold Receiver-General is lurking just around the corner.

One can't help feeling that the natives' sanity is saved by the signs of spring, such as they

are. Three people smiled at me this week, for no reason. Today, a fellow motorist, who would have driven straight at me, snarling, a month ago, stopped and waved me through an intersection, when he had the right of way.

It's not all roses. There's a lot of hard hacking ahead to clean up the estate, which I didn't quite manage last fall. The Old Lady has that wild spring decorating gleam in her eye. And my daughter flunked her Physics exam.

But when I drive past a black, burbling trout stream, and long for Opening Day, or when I see the flags go up at the golf course, I realize that there's still a little steam in the old boiler, and that spring has done it again.

THE MAIL BAG

Wants Organized Recreation Barred From The Escarpment

R. R. J., Georgetown, Ont.
14 April, 1966

Dear Sir: I read with interest a report of the efforts of the Federation of Ontario Naturalists to preserve the natural state of the Niagara Escarpment, which was published in the 'Herald' last week.

Groups like these have always held my highest esteem, and it is with incredulity that I read of the Ontario Naturalists' aim to develop the Escarpment for such activities as hunting, skiing and swimming. If that is to be the case, things had better be left the way they are, because nothing will destroy a natural habitat as surely as 'developing' it to accommodate organized swimming and skiing. Equally would the encouragement of hunting in a natural preserve make short shrift with the very nature of the area.

I still have hope that the On-

NEWS ECHOES

From the Herald of 10 and 20 Years Ago

1957

- Georgetown Raiders have won provincial hockey honours for the 3rd time in nine years. A victory Monday night gave Raiders the championship with a 4-2 edge in games over the Tillsonburg Pan Drieds. Frank Preshnik was the hero with two quick goals late in the third period.
- Clothing stores, jewellers, variety, shoe, furniture and sewing machine stores will soon be closed Mondays and open all day Thursdays. Grocers, butchers, barber-shops and beauty parlours have already been granted the store hour change.
- "Efforts to attract industry to Georgetown are being hampered by lack of low priced housing," claimed by Rex Haslop and Harold Baird as they addressed council Thursday. The Delrex company is requesting a rezoning of some of the land okayed for house building under the firm's agreement with the town. They propose to build 500 semi-detached houses behind the new Sykes Tool Co. plant.

1947

- A new blinking caution light has been installed at the John Street - highway intersection this week.
- Walter Gray and Bob Caldwell are interested in fostering lacrosse in town this summer and are trying to organize a team.
- Arthur Scott is building a new garage at the corner of Queen and Guelph Sts.
- Samuel Stavenett of Wainfleet was hired by the Georgetown Public School Board Saturday and will start duties as assistant principal at Georgetown Public School in September.
- Georgetown high and public school award winners at the Halton Music Festival were: Moira Kelly, Jean Chester, Jean Beckett, Kenneth Harrison, Ralph Peck, Jim Golden, Virginia Chapman, Olive Moyer, Joyce Hill, Louise Robinson, Elizabeth Ireland, June Eason and Paul Barber.

ario Naturalists were somewhat misquoted or at least quoted 'out of context' because the maintaining of what little unspoiled nature is left in Southern Ontario, and indeed anywhere else — is of paramount importance in this age when it sometimes appears, as if man-

kind will not be satisfied until the whole surface of our globe is covered with four inches of asphalt — or perhaps several tons of concrete — neither of which is very inductive to the preservation of our natural habitat.

Yours truly,
— Charles Hildebrandt

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THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

MILTON — Milton has a new service club, the Optimists Club. Milton president Herb Riggs received the charter during charter night attended by more than 150 guests last week.

COOKSVILLE — Three companies in the Cooksville area and a trucking firm in Streetsville have been fined for violating Peel County's anti-pollution regulations.

ACTON — With only Reeve Bert Hinton opposed, Acton council set the 1967 mill rate at 76 mills for residential and farm at 84.8 mills for commercial assessment at a meeting last week. They represent increases of 6.2 and 7.8 respectively.

BRAMPTON — More than 10,000 four-colour decals promoting the town's Flower Festival and the visit of the Centennial Caravan are being mailed to residents. Designed for car windows, the decals are being sent out with Hydro Electric Commission bills.

BRAMALEA — A second shopping plaza has been planned for Bramalea. The mall-type centre will cover 6.4 acres, 290 cars and will include Bramalea's second service station. A supermarket, restaurant and office building will be among the largest buildings.

ORANGEVILLE — The town was invaded by 163 Americans last week. They came to play hockey take part in parades and enjoy the festivities of the seventh annual hockey playoffs between teams from West Berlin, New Jersey and Orangeville.

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