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## EDITORIAL COMMENT Urban And Rural Sharing

The present controversy about the amount of money which Georgetown is demanding from Esquering Township for fire protection for a portion of the township, indicates how things have changed in recent years.

The sharing of fire costs under a mutual aid agreement was the first step in having our rural neighbours pay for some town services which, until then, had been entirely borne by town taxpayers.

There are others which should be shared in future years. The library, arena and swimming pool are three which come to mind. They are used by rural residents, who should be willing to devote a share of their taxes to them.

This should be done on a population and assessment basis, and there could be no

legitimate beefs from rural dwellers if a small portion of their tax money went for such conveniences. It is sensible to have only one library, only one arena, for a certain number of people. And whether they live in or out of town limits, is of no importance to the benefits derived.

It is a question which the two municipal councils should discuss with open minds. Georgetown should no more be looking to pull any fast ones on our neighbours, any more than the neighbours should be trying to get something for nothing.

We are far past the days when there was a sharp division between rural and urban countryside and as Esquering rapidly urbanizes, the strain on town facilities becomes more and more acute, and the cost of maintaining these services is increasingly harder on the town tax budget.

## New Political Party

There was an intriguing advertisement in the daily press on Monday.

Invented by a Mr. Colin M. Brown, he charges that all federal political parties, in their race for votes, seem prepared to make Canadians, in all walks of life, the heaviest taxed people in the world.

And he produces some pertinent statistics to prove his point, pointing out that in Canada government spending has increased by 33% in five years, compared with only 25% in the States, despite heavy involvement in the war in Viet Nam.

He reproduces a column by Globe and Mail columnist Dennis Braithwaite, in which an aspiring young political leader, in a television interview expressed himself as in favour of more government expenditure on practically everything, to the point where the columnist reasons that eventually all our salary will go for taxes, with the government returning some of it in various programs designed to keep us from starving or going without a roof over our heads.

We have no indication what Mr. Brown hopes to accomplish with his advertisement. Perhaps it is the start of a new political party and if so, we are interested.

The time is past due when we must wake up and realize that taxes, federal provincial and municipal cannot go up and up and up, for the taxpayer's pocket is not a bottomless pit. We are fast approaching a welfare state where, as Mr. Braithwaite says, the government will handle all money and dole out what it deems necessary.

A lot of the blame must be placed on our own shoulders. We constantly demand more and more from the public purse, assuming that it comes from some wealthy benefactor. A look at the income tax tab-

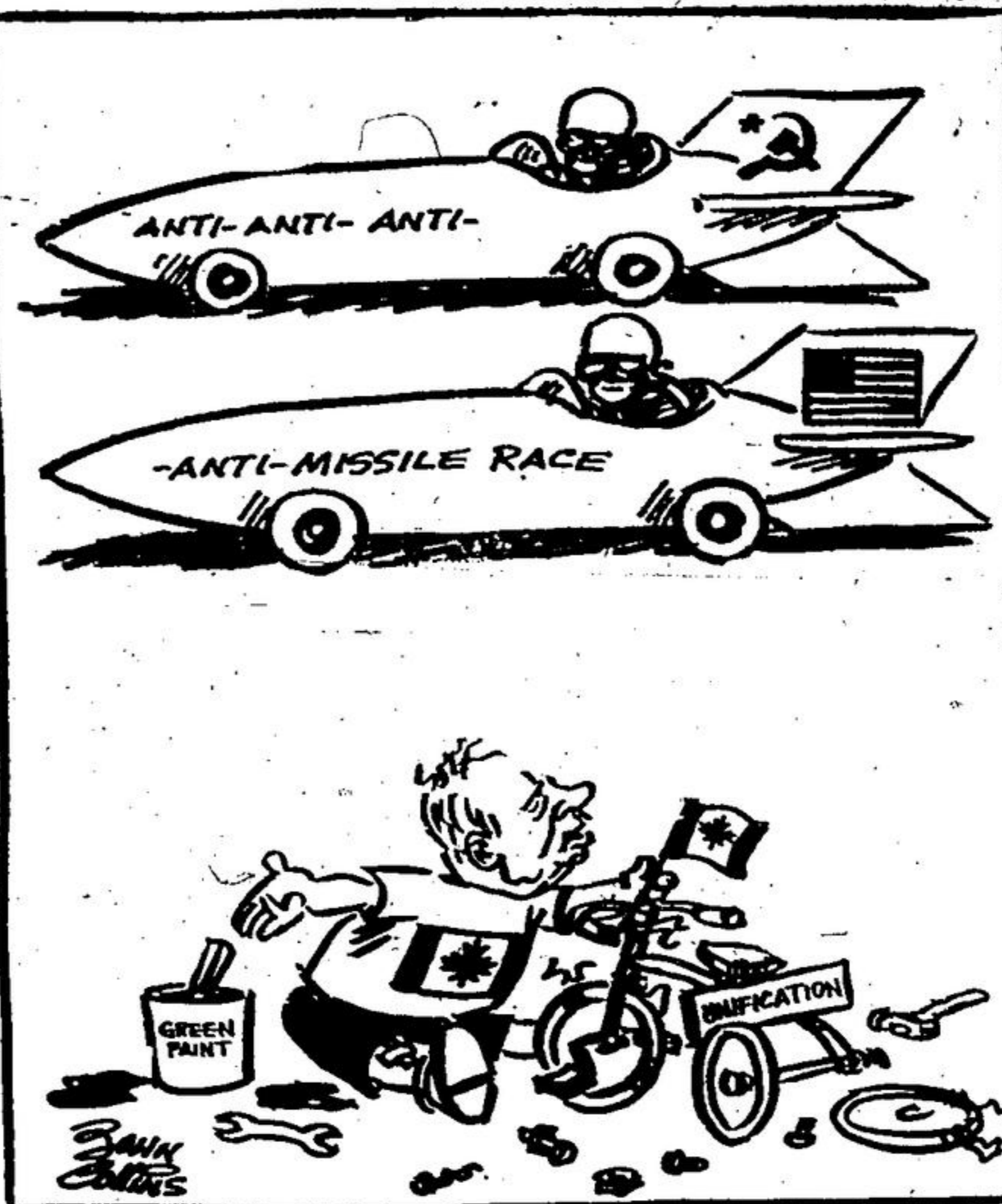
les, and a comparison of take home pay with gross salary in all income brackets soon dispels this.

Certainly we need cooperative plans for such necessities as health insurance and pension plans. But does our central government have to keep spending astronomical amounts to entertain us on television and at the movies, when there are private companies quite willing to do so? Should we pour millions of dollars into things like Expo and the centennial? Should we support senior political citizens in the Senate with lifetime annuities?

At the provincial level, must we continue to spend fortunes on school buildings, using the excuse that nothing is too good for our young people? Must we continue to plan superhighways into cities, funneling more and more motor traffic into them, and requiring more and more such highways, when the only answer to commuters is rapid transit, and leave your cars at home. Must we keep advertising for more and more government positions, everything from economists to psychologists, to the point where eventually the greater share of our population will be working for the government?

We think there is scope for a new political party which will follow a policy of common sense administration, operating the country like a sensible householder operates his own finances. The days of deficit budgeting, tripling of original cost estimates, fancy collective frills which the individual would never think of wanting, must end.

A nation, like an individual, can only spend what it has. Would this not be a good premise for political theory?



"CAN'T YOU SEE I HAVE TROUBLES ENOUGH"

## SUGAR AND SPICE by Bill Smiley

### TAKE A BOW KIDS

Sometimes I envy the young. But very often, my heart aches for them. They haven't much in the way of armor, you know, in an adult-dominated world. And that's why they so often rebel and run away from home or get married, or do something which even they know is stupid.

Today's young people are confused and battered by an assault of sights, sounds and ideas they simply can't cope with.

Nothing is easier than to criticize them. They're spoiled rotten. They're too much money. They're bone lazy. They're utterly selfish. They're immoral. They're materialistic. They have no sense of responsibility. . . . and so on.

There is nothing that rages me more than that kind of talk. And I'm afraid far too many adults are far too glib with it. Perhaps the worst offenders are old maids of both sexes, but we're all guilty, sooner or later.

Adults generally are envious of young people. From that envy springs a general rant which comes out as a petulant blanket-disapproval of youth in general.

What causes the envy? Mostly, a host of misconceptions. Today's generation of teenagers has more money, more freedom, more luxury than any in history. It's pretty hard for a man who grew up during the depression — and has worked like a dog all his life — to be anything but sore when he sees a young punk just out of school riding around in a red convertible, with a doll lolling on his shoulder.

But what he doesn't remember is that while the kids have all the 'mores' mentioned above, they have some others. They have more work, more pressures, more problems, more temptations.

Certainly, some teenagers are bums. And so are many adults. But when you look behind the facade of fun and games the average high school kid seems to be having, you see a different picture.

First of all, they spend six and a half hours a day in school, where they are supposed to be polite, attentive, industrious and obedient to a welter of rules. That's the meat-and-potatoes. For dessert they are handed between two and three hours of homework. That's a nine-hour day, Mac.

Many of them have after-school and Saturday jobs. Some are expected to do chores or help at home. Others become involved in extra curricular activities which gobble the time. Very, very few have any hours to dream or read or just goof around, the hours that are so essential to any human's happiness, and particularly so at this sensitive age.

I know whereof I speak. My daughter came to us, almost in tears, the other day. She had just drawn up a list of things she had to do in the next two months, and she had that horrible feeling we've all experienced when things pile up to the point where we want to resign from the race.

Here's the list. And remember this is on top of a nine-hour school day. Play Rehearsals;

night practices; three night's performance. Band Concert, orchestra, concert band and symphonic band; one night's performance. Music Festival; practise piece, play at festival, play at festival concert. Practise with Bev and Hugh for III-Y concert, play at concert. Study for music exams, History and Harmony. Prepare for piano scholarship auditions. Practise with New Christy Minstrels for folk mass at church. Complete math and history projects for school. Study for final exams in June.

And my daughter is no exception. Other kids are just as busy, and just as much is expected of them. They haven't even time to experiment with LSD or sex. They haven't time to go for a walk, or listen to the birds, or realize it's spring.

Next time you feel like knocking kids, stop and ask yourself how you'd like to finish a days work and then tackle about five more hours of demanding physical and mental activity. Personally, I wouldn't trade with them, even if they did give me back all those years between.

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## TURNING BACK TIME SERIES



### WARM, WINDY DAY ON HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS

DRESSED IN THE FASHION OF THE DAY, young men and women assemble on the Georgetown High School campus during a reunion of many years ago. All eyes are fixed on the gentleman at right standing beside a table on which a chair has been placed. It appears a painting or plaque on the chair is about to be unveiled. Anybody know what's going on, and when, or recognize any of the sitters?

## NEWS ECHOES

From the Herald of 10 and 20 Years Ago

1957

● With Deputy Reeve Doug Sargent and Cr. Harry Hale dissenting, council on Monday authorized the American Marsh Co. to instal parking meters in downtown Georgetown.

● Two local artists had paintings chosen for exhibition at Guelph when the Brampton region exhibit was held this week. Mrs. Vance Kentner and Mrs. Ray Thompson will have their painting in the Five Counties exhibition in Guelph in June.

● A new Georgetown business opened on Friday when Bradshaw Flowers opened its doors here. The store, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Tony Bradshaw is in the new Hunter-Real Estate building on Guelph Street.

1947

● What could have been a tragedy last Saturday morning was averted by the quick action of a Toronto truck driver who plunged into the Credit River to rescue three badly scared little boys. The boys, Bobby Allen, 11, and brothers Bill and Bud Gibbs, 10 and 9, had been fishing from a rowboat above the dam at the Provincial lower mill when the boat was drawn by current over the dam. Hearing screams, John R. Smith, transport driver for Direct-Winters, who was loading paper at the mill, plunged into the river, and pulled the oldest Gibbs boy to shore. He had swallowed some water and artificial respiration was applied by a Mill employee William Hewitt. The other lads, still in the water-filled boat, were pulled to shore.

## THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

ACTON — George Muselle, active Acton Legion member, director of Chorales singing group, and owner of Lakeview Greenhouses just west of Acton has been named that town's citizen of the year.

ORANGEVILLE — A delegation of 25 Orangeville teenagers attended a council meeting last week and asked for a full time recreation director, and that the

community centre be left open for certain functions such as dances. They were backed up with a petition with over 800 signatures.

MILTON — Milton council is ready to order the installation of water meters. Council gave notice last week that it will give third reading to a by-law authorizing installation of the meters this week.

BRAMPTON — Tile similar to that used in the Workman's Compensation Hospital in Toronto, scene of a recent fatal fire is being used at Peel Memorial Hospital and will be replaced immediately.

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## HARLEY TO HALTON

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

THE DEBATE in the House of Commons continues to centre on unification of the Armed Forces. It is expected that the Government will use the new rules of Parliament to limit further debate on this topic and that by next week the debate on unification should be over and the vote taken on it. As far as Halton is concerned it is almost as though this debate was taking place on another planet as I have received very little mail or comment on the matter of unification from my constituents. From discussions with other members of the House, including Members from all Parties, I am told that the same thing is true in their ridings.

IT IS EXPECTED that the House of Commons will complete its first session of this 27th Parliament probably by the end of next week. It will return within a few days to begin its second session with a Throne Speech and a Budget and will probably sit until approximately the beginning of July 1967.

THE RESPONSE TO the Food and Drug Committee Report on the Cost of Drugs has been extremely favourable. It is hoped that the Government

will move quickly to bring the recommendations of the committee to legislation and thereby bring down drug costs. The other changes we recommend which the Government has no power to implement should be carried out and it will be interesting to see if these will be done as well.

ALL THE CITIZENS of Halton (and in fact Canada) were given an award last Sunday evening. The Lions Club of Oakville gave their Citizen-of-the-Year Award to all citizens of Canada and it was accepted on behalf of all Canadian Citizens by the Minister of National Health and Welfare the Honourable Allan MacEachen. In his acceptance speech Mr. MacEachen outlined the achievements of Canadians and the need for Canadians to be proud of their accomplishments. This was a bold and imaginative award and the Lions Club are to be congratulated on their Centennial Award. After all each and every Canadian in his or her own way, has played a role in shaping Canada's destiny and each deserves some measure of recognition for the accomplishments and achievements that we as a nation and a people have brought about.