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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Industry Favours Small Towns

(From the Acton Free Press)

The Ontario Economic Council reports Ontario manufacturers who have located outside the large cities in the smaller municipalities are satisfied and would do it again if the situation were identical. Forty-one companies were interviewed and they gave diverse reasons for the moves.

Site selection is influenced by a variety of personal and corporate considerations including adjacency to recreation areas and absence of traffic jams. But there were barriers to successful operation. Chief among these seemed to be the lack of rental housing, high rents and a labor shortage.

One of the companies interviewed said their final location was chosen because of better than average social, educational and recreational environment. This is a barb in the direction of people in this and other communities who oppose improvements in these areas.

Believe it or not there are communities who would just as soon forget about industrial development and remain quiet havens for the retired. One of these, according to its mayor, is Goderich.

Despondent over the loss of potential industry and the lack of support for the industrial commission he told the people of Goderich he felt the majority of them did not favor industrial development in the town. The Goderich Signal Star said it is difficult to dismiss the idea there is a large body of opinion there which wants Goderich to remain a small country town "prettiest in Ontario."

These are opinions this writer has heard expressed in Acton, too, but never by a municipal official in an official capacity.

How many towns are there in Ontario with similar large bodies of opinion against industrialization?

### Let's Be Canadian

(From the Guelph Daily Mercury)

We are inclined to go along with that Sault Ste. Marie alderman, Stan Fisher, who wants city council to discourage the flying of the Stars and Stripes by storekeepers. It is done by the merchant to make American visitors feel at home which is probably just what visitors do not want to feel. It is easy to believe Americans would rather see Canadian flags on display, if only to enjoy the slightly giddy feeling that comes over most people when they enter a foreign country.

Why can't Canadians be Canadian? Flying American flags all over the place is like offering American visitors southern fried chicken.

Mr. Fisher scores a point when he suggests that Canadians will find 'very few cases' of their flag being flown in the United States.

Indeed, they will not! Americans are not that silly.

### No Man Stands Alone

(from the Oakville Journal-Record)

A convenient thought of many people — particularly those who have achieved that they are able to live alone, triumphant some measure of economic security — is their accomplishments, comfortable in their isolation. There are those who still believe their personal rugged individualism is the only basis for success despite the historical fact of two world wars and continuing international conflicts which have and are maintaining the freedom to be individual.

Whether one supports or opposes the details of the conduct of a conflict like Vietnam, he should remember some of the Free World's citizens are dying for the cause of others who are busy making their single-handed way in the world.

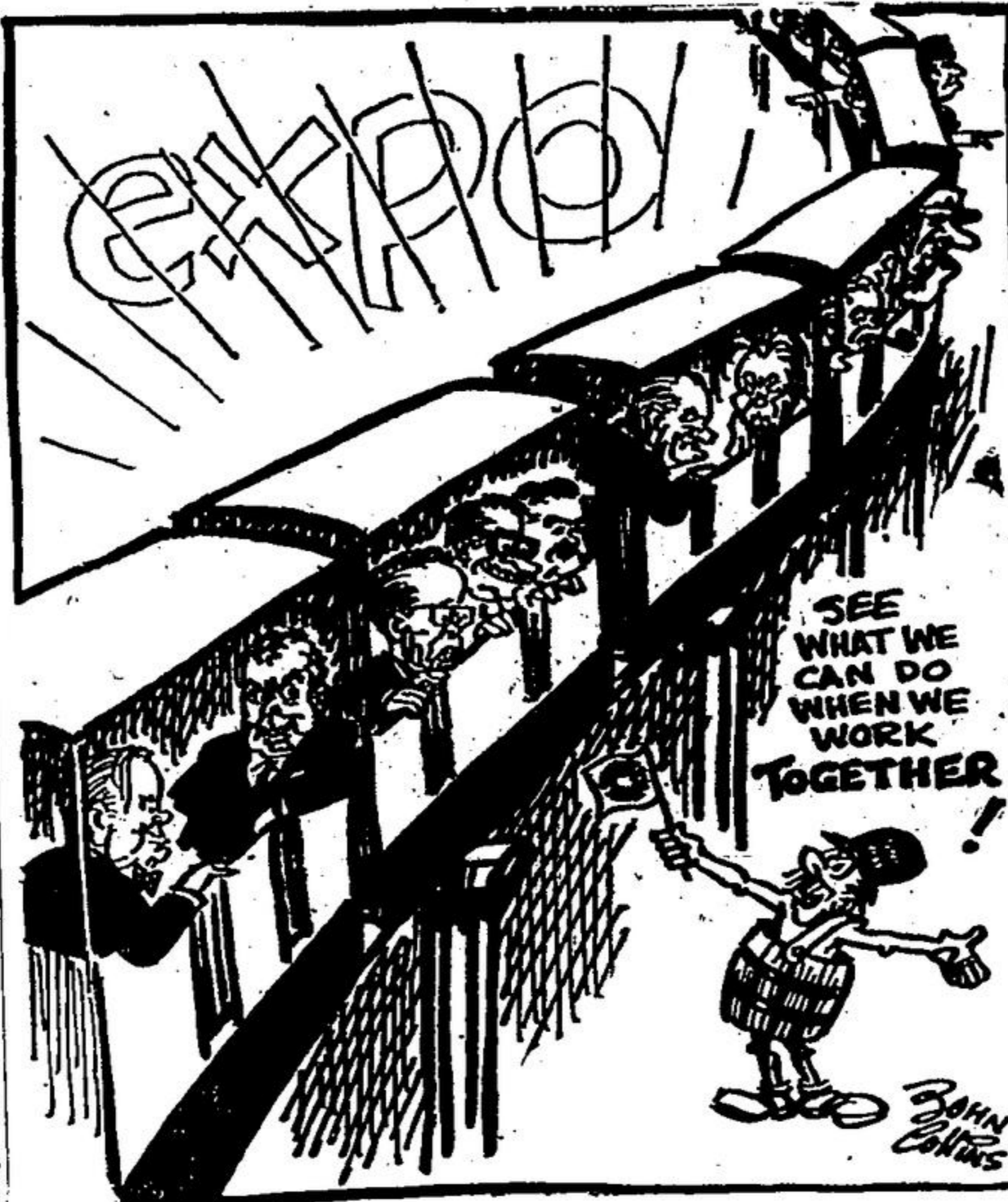
The Vietnam war casualties in just one recent week reached the record of 274

Americans killed, 1,320 wounded and 12 missing. The total United States dead alone in the Vietnam War exceeds 8,000.

These statistics help show that man does not live alone, that others still are sacrificing supremely for those who are enjoying their successful lives. Thus, instead of crowing of one's own greatness, those who are not directly involved in conflicts to preserve freedom should be directing at least some of their thoughts into the pathways of compassion, gratitude and concern for fellowman.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, the 19th century poet and essayist, once paraphrased a Biblical quotation which is to a great degree appropos to today:

"Man does not live by bread alone, but by faith, by admiration and by sympathy."



MAN AND HIS WORLD

## SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

### Smiley Goes Fishin'

First trout-fishing trip of the year is like a good spring tonic. It cleanses you physically and spiritually. And leaves you exhausted.

I had mine last Saturday. The important thing in going after speckled trout, of course is the careful planning. There's no use to it at all if you just throw your fishing gear in the car, and go out to some stream where all the amateurs angle, and toss in a line. You're liable to come home with a creel full of fish if you go at it in this haphazard way.

No. First of all you select a fishing companion. This to be important, is just a bit less important than choosing a mate for life. You want a dependable sort of chap — the type who is going to have fresh worms for both of you, a good supply of hooks, maps with sure-fire holes marked in red, and an infallible sense of direction in the bush.

That's exactly what I lined up this year. Mind you, those keen types take a bit of managing. They're great in the bush, but they need an organizational mind to channel their energies. I had to get quite firm with him when he began muttering about 4 a.m. and hitting the stream at dawn.

Dawn, indeed. I told him that is pure superstition. Only the very young, immature angler goes floundering off in the dark, fishes like a fool until noon, then is whacked for the day. Just about then, the wily, mature angler, fortified with a good breakfast, arrives and slaughters the trout, which are completely unprepared for the second wave — the experts.

Well, we got away about 10:30, after a couple of false starts. He forgot his lunch and we had to go around to his place. And when we got out to the County Line, I realized that because of his stupidity, I'd been upset and had forgotten my waders.

But he had a beautiful spot picked out. You park the car just off the road, and walk up this hydro line to the stream. The stream was just in there past the fourth hydro tower, he thought. It was just past the 14th. And they're 100 yards apart.

Not another angler in sight, I gloated. We cached the lunch and began working up the stream. I like that word, we anglers use. "Warning." You couldn't hire a man to do it for \$50 an hour. Slash in the face from an alder. Hole in the boot from a snag. Slide from a log and oh-oh-oh as you hit that spring fed water. Lose a boot in the mud. Scratch hands to a bloody mess on jagged branches.

But it's all worth it if the trout are biting! They were biting each other on the neck, nibbling each others' ears, and

snapping each other in half, as far as I know. But they were not biting worms.

After an hour of torture that would have made the Gestapo green with envy, we arrived at the big pool above the beaver dam. The sure-fire hole.

We fished. Hard. A big mallard hen popped into the pond, secure in the knowledge that it wasn't duck season, looked us over, cracked with laughter and took off.

We fished. Harder. A baby beaver surfaced, swam casually to within four feet, looked at each of us, and expressed his feelings by turning his rump in the air and submerging.

We fished. Desperately. Suddenly there was a huge splash, then a ker-plunk, ker-plunk, and a big buck deer splashed through the shallows and away sneering over his shoulder.

That did it. We left. But there was no point, said my mate, in taking the long tortuous trail back down the stream through that heavy slash. So, with his infallible sense of direction, we swung around in a circle, by the high ground.

The high ground turned out to be cedar based in mud, both so thick you had to crawl most of the time. The circle turned out to be the two long sides of an isosceles triangle. Two hours later, we hit the hydro road right on the nose. Except that the nose had moved about a mile due east.

My first trout trip of the season. And believe me — I don't care if Mrs. Richard Burton wants to go along next time — it's my last. There have to be easier ways to get a coronary.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Canada had the first hospital in North America? That's right! In 1639 three Sisters of St. Augustine from Dieppe, France, established the Hotel Dieu at Quebec City making it the first hospital on the North American continent.

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1. FIREWORKS can be sold in Georgetown only on the 7 days prior to and including the day fixed for Victoria Day celebration and none may be sold to anyone under the age of 16.
2. NO FIREWORKS can be discharged on any day except Victoria Day.
3. THE FIRE CHIEF may issue a permit for special displays by organizations under supervision of a properly qualified person. Written applications should be made to the fire chief at least one week in advance of the event.
4. A PERSON CONVICTED of breaking the by-law is liable to a fine up to \$50 plus costs.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS of the above mentioned by-law will be strictly enforced by the Police Department.

C. G. BENHAM, Clerk.

## KERR'S COLUMN

M.P.P. Reports to Georgetown from Queen's Park



Last Friday I had the privilege of attending the official opening of the Ontario School for the Deaf at Milton. This institution serves all of Western Ontario (west of Highway 400, and includes both elementary and secondary stages of education for deaf children ranging in age from 5 to 21 years.

The elementary school has been in operation since 1963, and the second stage was completed late last year.

Academic classes go to the equivalent of Gr. 10, and Vocational classes to Grade 12 for both boys and girls, and there is an accommodation for about 500 pupils.

There is also a pre-school program for deaf children under 5 years who receive instruction at home or in the school clinic. The home-visiting teachers are skilled and experienced, who have taken additional training to prepare them to assist parents in such home training.

The school at Milton is residential and includes a 32 bed hospital, two gymnasiums and an indoor swimming pool.

At the official opening, the Honourable Ray Connell, Minister of Public Works informed us that the installation cost over eleven million dollars, and was the most modern, having the most up-to-date equipment and techniques of any such institution in North America.

A visit to the school, to see the children in their classrooms in the halls and at play can't help but restore one's faith in human nature and our society.

In the Legislature last week the Honourable William Davis, Minister of Education, announced an extension of the benefits of the new Capital Grants Plan to all capital projects dealing with elementary and secondary school construction in the province. Mr. Davis mentioned that school boards have enthusiastically endorsed

the new plan whereby the Government has absorbed a big proportion of the capital costs of new schools. The main idea is to encourage Boards to build central schools to replace older smaller schools. This development has gone a long way towards providing a quality of educational opportunity for students in many areas where formerly it was not possible to do so. Larger units will not only provide better facilities, but will substantially reduce the cost to be borne at the local level. The cost of these revisions will increase the government grants to local boards in 1967 by an amount estimated at six million dollars and reduce the obligation of local boards by a corresponding amount. This is a further step in the continuing process of the Province assuming more of the costs of education in Ontario.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Some 1400 hospitals serve Canadians throughout the nation. Canada's first hospital — the Hotel Dieu — was built in Quebec City in 1639. It was the first hospital on the North American Continent.

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