

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Drinking Drivers

When one reads of the high incidence of auto accidents attributed to drivers who have been drinking, it leads to the conclusion that our laws are hopelessly inadequate to cope with this problem.

Educational programs, such as the "If you drink, don't drive" type which appear particularly at the Christmas season, are alright as far as they go. But what we need is a stringent law which will give the police a firm basis for charges and the courts an absolute means of dealing with those who get behind the wheel after imbibing.

The fact that a small amount of alcohol may not influence the ability to drive, the fact that people vary in the amount of alcohol they can consume without being impaired, should have no bearing on the law. It should be an absolute offence that if one has been drinking within a set number of hours prior to driving a vehicle, he can be liable to a fine.

The law, in other words, would work exactly as do our speeding laws. A motorist may not always follow the speed limit, and at times he can be driving quite safely if he exceeds the legal limit.

But, if he is stopped by a policeman, and it is proved that he was speeding, he has no comeback. He has broken the law and is subject to a penalty.

A policeman, in such cases, uses his judgment and does not always lay a charge. In a no drinking law the same judgment could be available to the police, and every driver who has had a glass of beer would not necessarily be prosecuted.

Just as a motorist can be unfairly dealt with in a minor traffic infraction through bad judgment of a policeman, so it could happen with a no drinking law. But would it not be preferable for this to happen occasionally, if it could end some of the highway slaughter being caused today by people who are impaired by alcohol?

Thank You, General

A stirring speech by General DeGaulle during his Canadian visit, in which he helped incite Quebec separatists to demonstrations in favour of a separate French-Canadian state does not become a visiting dignitary of his stature.

Perhaps it will set a new trend and we can invite the president of Italy to tell our considerable Italian-Canadian population that they should have their own part of Canada, or the Russian leaders suggest that it would be nice if our Ukrainian Canadians had close ties with their homeland.

The fact that it would be physically and economically impossible to split Canada into more than one nation does not seem to occur to the minority who would create havoc in Canada. It would be better for a man like DeGaulle to tell them so, instead of playing into the hands of radicals and trouble makers.

Canada is a land which has become a melting pot of races, from which we are evolving our own strong nation. Ethnic

groups have a perfect right to retain a pride in their European ancestry, but no right to demand special privileges, other than those granted to French-Canadians under the BNA Act. There is nothing in our law which provides for one group to decide they want their own nation within a nation. It is foolish, incendiary and revolutionary talk which cannot be allowed to continue.

It is time we dropped our bickering, developed a united pride of country, which includes our bilingual heritage, and let the world know that we are a healthy, happy mixture of races without the problems which have caused trouble in our ancestral homelands from almost the birth of history.

Canada is unique, in that a man's race has little bearing on his citizenship. While we are busy proving that people who came from countries once at war can live in harmony side by side, it is our present tragedy that small elements of two races which have lived together for generations should start feuding.

Not Dog in the Manger

A mail bag letter last week was critical of the Herald for suggesting that the municipal offices be retained in the downtown area. He accused the editor of a dog in the manger attitude by the older downtown area.

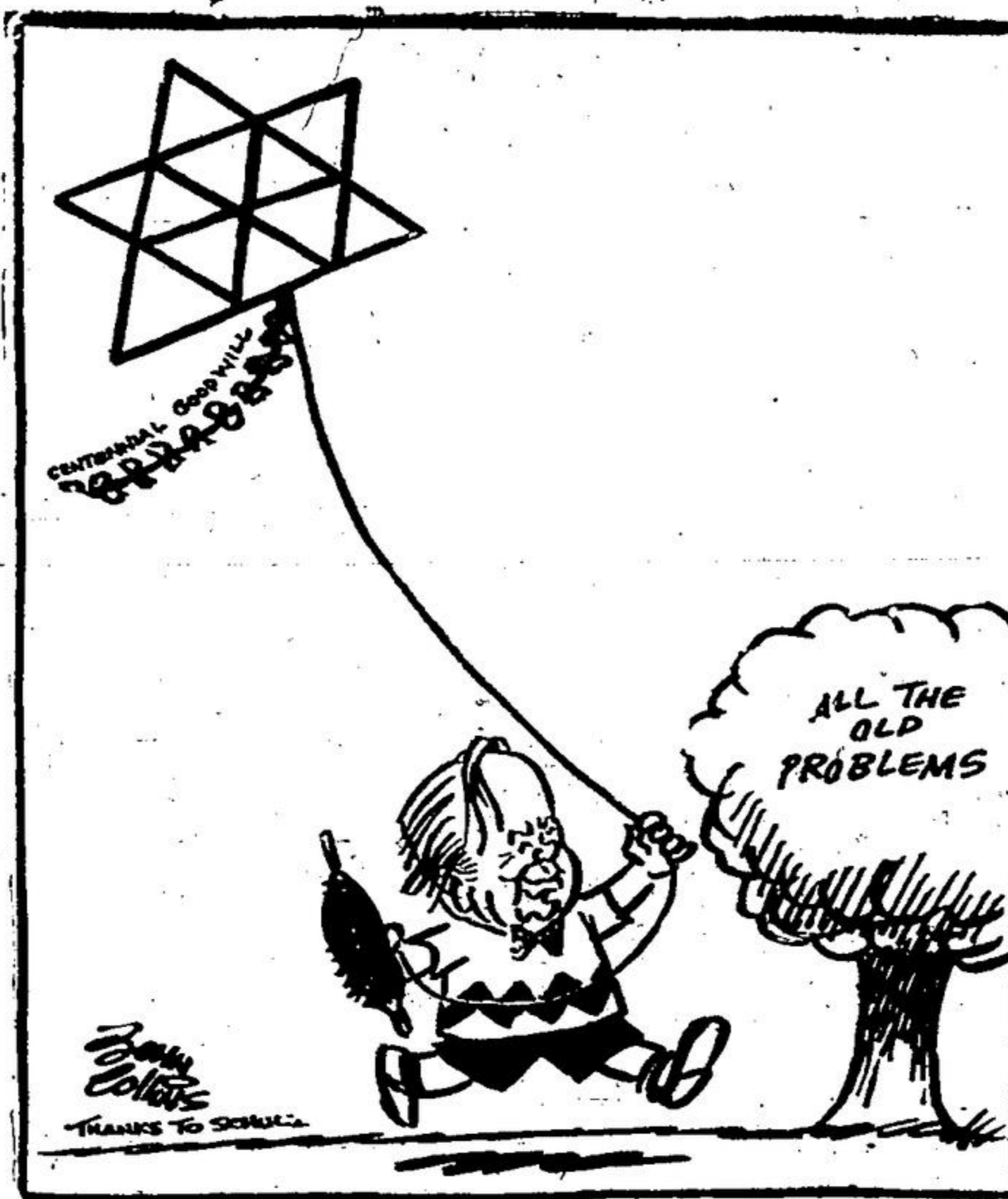
Call it what you will, it is still, in our opinion, sensible to retain major civic services in what has been traditionally the commercial hub of Georgetown since it became a community.

While this can perhaps be interpreted as selfish by downtown property owners, it could also be termed selfish by all the

residents. A town finances to a large extent on the assessment of commercial areas, and the downtown area pays a healthy share of the taxes.

Retention of such public facilities as the municipal building in the area is sensible if in any way it can help to continue a prosperous commercial area. For should the downtown fade, it could have a serious effect on our tax structure.

When Toronto built a new city hall, the city's downtown was the site. Hamilton did the same. One finds no community, small or large, which does not locate its municipal centre in this way.



THE KITE EATING TREE

SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

BUFFALOWED BILL

I think I can say, without fear of contradiction, that I am the stupidest English teacher in Canada if not the whole of North America. I may add that I am the most dunder-headed columnist between Vancouver and Marysville, Newfoundland.

Why? Aside from the things that naturally spring to mind, it's this crazy column contest that's why. English teachers spend their winters muttering and cursing into the small hours as they read what are jocosely called essays.

At the end of June the intelligent ones begin their holidays, or run off with somebody's mistress, or get roaring drunk. The stupid one starts a gu-

How would you like to be asked to judge a beauty contest in which every entrant was a knockout and also the daughter of one of your best friends? That's how I feel.

A person with some method in his madness would probably sort the entries into groups—Excellent, Very Good, Pretty Good, A Definite Potential, Lousy, Stinks, and so on. Then he would put an elastic band around each group.

He would then put aside all except the Excellent. He would peruse them for the eighth time, narrowing down to two. And he would make a decision. And everybody would be unhappy ever afterwards, except the winner.

I don't operate that way. I am racked harrowed, tortured. One day I think I have the winner. My wife agrees. The kids don't like it, or I suddenly remember a better one that I read last week, and spend two hours searching for it, only to find that it should have been in the Stinks' file.

Another day I have everything narrowed down to the "TOP TEN". I place them carefully on the floor beside my desk. And my wife, tidying up while I'm not around, puts them back in with the others, shuffles them, and I have to read the whole ruddy lot again, in the process discovering several which were much better than the TOP TEN.

My ears are already burning because I can hear the shouts of indignation from right across the nation, when the winner is announced. It will definitely be, for all other entrants, the worst column they've ever read.

Ah, the hell with it. Here I am, an old fighter pilot who dived into the blazing flak at Caen, scared stiff because 199 people are going to think I'm a clod for not picking their column.

Next week, the winning column will appear in this space, even if I have to write it myself and donate the prize to the Stupid English Teachers Association.

Now here's what to do. If you want your manuscript back, and have not already indicated so, please write to me at 303 Hugel Ave., Midland, Ontario, and it shall be sent. Then, take it to the editor of your local newspaper. Just say "This column won Honorable Mention in the Smiley-to-Expo Contest." He'll print it. If he doesn't he's a cad, and you can tell him so, from me.

There is some absolutely first-rate stuff in the heap, and in almost every case, it should be printed.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Seeks Student Participation In Debates, Model Parliament

77 Maple Ave. W.
July 11, 1967.

Now It's The Georgetown Humour

R. R. Z. Rockwood
July 21st, 1967.

Dear Sir:
Swift on the heels of the Italian, Polish and Newfoundland humour is the Georgetown humour. Some typical gems are: "Georgetown's Centennial Project" — Fire Chief Haley. The Georgetown official who ran for office though he didn't think he was worth a salary. Georgetown rustics recognized a good thing when they saw it and elected him.

When given advice on a topical issue, a Georgetown official stated: "I know what 'I'm doing. Don't confuse me with facts."

Letters by irate Georgetown residents complaining of harness, but obnoxious odours from one plant — sang praises to another plant — continually polluting the air with deadly black smoke.

Sincerely,
W. A. Johnson

Ambulancemen Now All St. John First Aiders

Every member of the 100 man Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service has now passed their St. John First Aid course. Certificates were awarded to the newer members who just finished the course, at last week's meeting.

While one hundred members sound like a large force, with four men on duty every twenty-four hours, it does not take long for their turn to come around again.

The ambulance Service points out that only the co-operation of local industry keeps the force going, since the day shifts are staffed by men who work in town.

We ask the students to forget their inhibitions about debating and current affairs and participate in these events when they come.

With the help of all the Georgetown teens, the 20th Century Students Forum may continue and have success in its efforts and bring more honours to Georgetown's citizens. We hope for your continued co-operation in publicizing these events and making local adults aware of the fact that this generation has just as much responsibility and initiative as they had.

— Tony McAuley.

The world's largest stadium, holding more than 200,000 persons, is in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

NOTICE

NOTICE of the Closing of part of the allowance for road known as Glen Street in the Village of Glen Williams.

NOTICE of a proposed by-law to close part of the allowance for road known as Glen Street as shown on David Reesor's survey of part of the Village of Glen Williams as follows:

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Township of Esquesing in the County of Halton and Province of Ontario and being composed of part of Glen Street lying between Blocks 'E' and 'D' as shown on David Reesor's survey of part of the Village of Glen Williams in part of the East Half of Lot 20 in Concession 9 in the said Township and filed as Registered Plan Number 10 in the Registry Office for the said County, containing by admeasurement 0.684 acres be the same more or less and which said part of Glen Street is more particularly described as follows:

PREMISING that Glen Street in the said Village of Glen Williams as shown on said Registered Plan Number 10 has a bearing of North 36 degrees 33' 50" West and relating all bearings herein thereto;

COMMENCING at the point of intersection of the South-east Limit of Guelph Street in the said Village of Glen Williams as shown on said Registered Plan Number 10 with the North-east Limit of Glen Street said point of intersection being also the West Angle of Lot 1 in Block 'D' as shown on said Registered Plan Number 10;

THENCE South 36 degrees 33' 50" East, along the said North-east Limit of Glen Street, 450.78 feet more or less to the point of intersection of the said North-east Limit of Glen Street with the North-west Limit of Credit Street as shown on said Registered Plan Number 10 said point of intersection being also the South

Angle of Lot 6 in Block 'D' as shown on said Registered Plan Number 10;

THENCE South 37 degrees 22' 00" West, across Glen Street 68.68 feet more or less to the point of intersection of the South-west Limit of Glen Street with the Westery Limit of Credit Street as shown on said Registered Plan Number 10 said point of intersection being also the East Angle of Lot 16 in Block 'E' as shown on said Registered Plan Number 10;

THENCE North 36 degrees 33' 50" West, along the said South-west Limit of Glen Street, 452.15 feet more or less to the point of intersection of the said South-west Limit of Glen Street with the aforesaid South-east Limit of Guelph Street in the said Village of Glen Williams, said point of intersection being also the North Angle of Lot 21 in Block 'E' as shown on said Registered Plan Number 10;

THENCE North 38 degrees 29' 00" East, across Glen Street, 68.32 feet more or less to the point of commencement;

TAKE NOTICE that the Municipal Council of the Township of Esquesing will take into consideration the passing and if approved will pass at its meeting to be held on Monday, August 21st, 1967, at the hour of 7.30 o'clock in the evening at the Municipal Chambers of the said Township of Esquesing, a by-law stopping up and selling the above described property in the said Township and the Council will at that time and place hear in person or by counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected by the by-law and who applied to be heard.

DATED at Esquesing the Fourth day of July A.D. 1967.

K. C. LINDSAY, Ontario, Clerk of the Township of Esquesing 8-10

New safety rules for elevators in Ontario increase the depth of the apron from 32 to 48 inches.

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	DID YOU KNOW? A dam being built for a power project on Brail's Parana River is more than twice as large as the famed Aswan Dam being built in Egypt.