

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Cooperation Did It

Cooperation of civic officials and a Georgetown contractor were stressed as factors in the location of the new Baltimore Aircraft plant in town, at an official groundbreaking ceremony.

Company heads in their speeches referred to the cooperation of the mayor and councillors in smoothing the path to a speedy acquisition of property once the decision had been made for Georgetown. And contractor William McNally came in for his share of praise for relinquishing an industrial acreage he owned in order that this could be linked with other land which was purchased from the town.

The move was a perfect example of what cooperation can bring to a town in

the way of new industry.

Gone were any of the frictions which have occurred sometimes in the past. No councillor was out to hog the spotlight to boast that he was responsible for the location. And a private citizen went out of his way to see that the town obtained another stable industry.

The same tactics in future are bound to pay off, and this should be the start of a new era of Georgetown's growth. A long, industrially stagnant period seems to have ended this past year, with Baltimore joining such firms as General Fireproofing, Yoder and Dannison, while several already established industries have planned additions to their plant facilities.

An East End Park

A park for the eastern part of Georgetown is long overdue.

With roughly half of the town's population in the east end, it is a long trek to the main town park, which unfortunately is not well located geographically, or to Cedarvale which, while central, is still on the outer fringe of that area.

It is a question which commands study by council and a progressive plan which would lead eventually to a full scale park. Location and size is the first consideration, for acquisition of property must be the first consideration.

From that, a master plan which could be combined with development of the

Cedarvale centennial property and continued improvement of the town's main park would follow.

It would be wise, at this stage, to form a parks commission which could function independently, under council's guidance, to provide the best facilities at a cost the town can afford.

As Georgetown grows, parkland becomes of increasing importance, and the longer the delay in establishing a site, the less land is available and the higher the purchase price grows.

The town made a wise move last year when Cedarvale was purchased. Let's not delay any longer in this next step for civic betterment.

Family Reunions

Summer is the time-honoured occasion for meetings of family clans and the Herald has carried stories of many such events this year.

It is a custom which should grow and we would recommend that all families should plan these, if not yearly, at least every two or three years.

Pride of family is natural with humans, and without organized reunions it is usually sadness which brings a clan together for a family funeral. How much happier to just set aside one day a year to compare notes, review the year and have relatives share the togetherness which humans long for.

Family reunions do not have to be on any massive scale. It can just be the three or four children and the grandchildren of a couple, meeting together at one time with the seniors. With this as nucleus, cousins and other relatives can be invited, and before you know it, another annual clan gathering is the rule.

The Georgetown district abounds in places to hold such events. Get your family together next year. You'll be delighted how successful the affair can be, and how pleasant it is to set one day aside to honour your ancestors who worked to create this beautiful country for us to enjoy today.

428 in Halton Earn \$20,000

A government study, results of which were just released, shows that 423 Halton County residents reported incomes of more than \$20,000 in 1965, with another 2,464 reporting incomes between \$10,000 and \$20,000.

At the other end of the scale, 3,232 Halton people earned less than \$1,000 during the year.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Is Administrator Not Town Engineer

Parry Sound, Ont.

Dear Sir:

Would you please correct the report in the June 22nd issue of the Herald referring to me as the Town Engineer for the Town of Parry Sound.

My appointment with the

Corporation is in the capacity of Town Administrator.

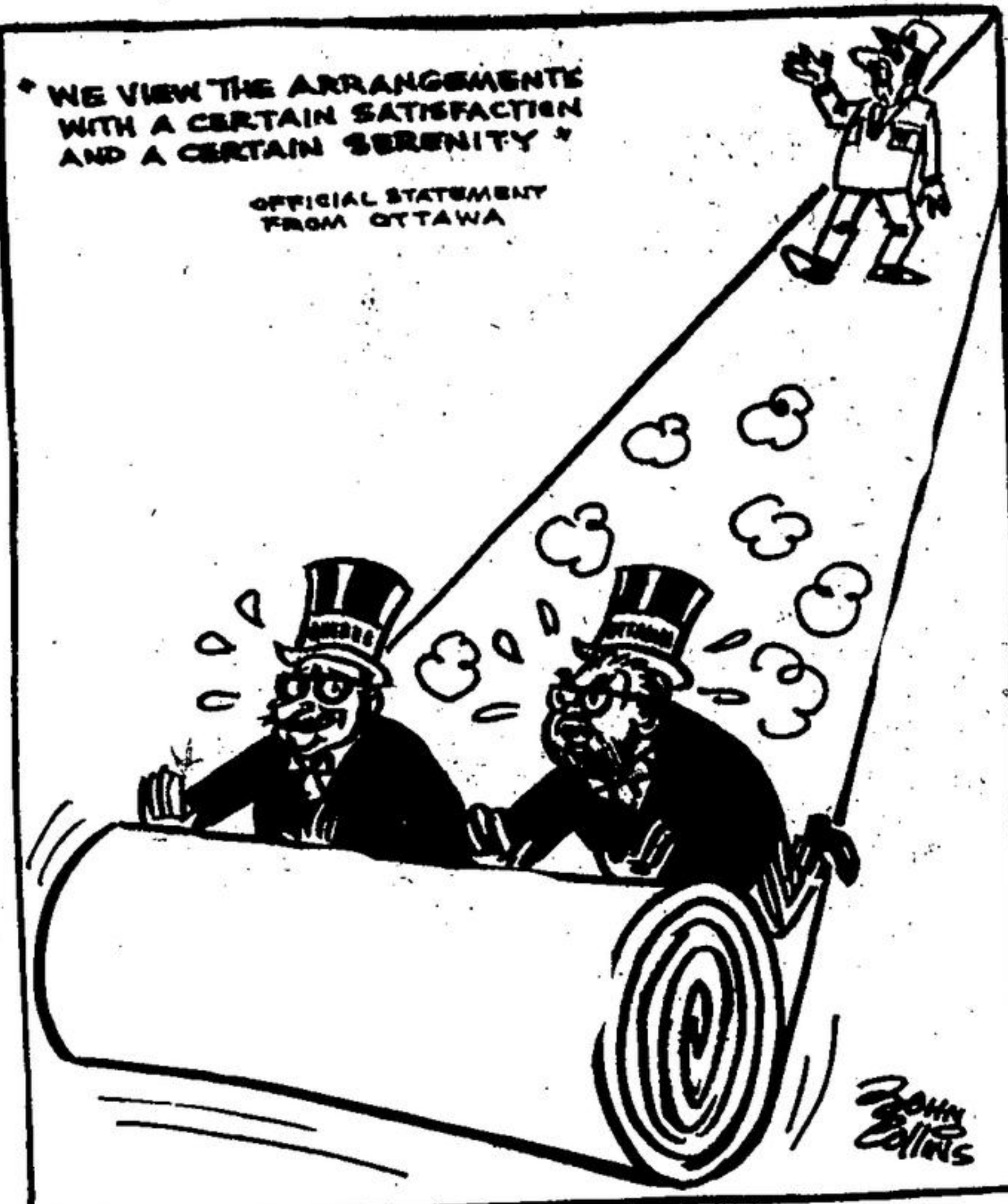
Thanking you for your interest and with best wishes to my Georgetown friends.

Yours very truly,

G. R. BLEIGH,

Town Administrator

Last children at Expo '67 are taken in a nursery and the parents alerted over a public address and television system.



THE RED CARPET

Harley Sheds His Cocoon And Grabs Public Notice

Special to the Herald by Farmer Tinsingtop

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existence for the better part of three years.

Praises Harley

"In common with others who participated in its debates, I wish to congratulate not only Dr. Harley for the wonderful way he conducted this marathon committee, but also Miss Savard, the clerk of the committee, who stayed with it for the whole of its duration throughout two sessions of the House of Commons." Mr. Mackasey commented.

The Halton MP rarely makes a speech in the Commons, and when he does it's usually on matters related to health, welfare and drugs. But he maintains a busy schedule in committee work and in looking after his constituents' problems, such as the much publicized immigration cases that involved friends of Halton citizens.

In addition, he has introduced several private members' notices of motion and bills on the Commons' order paper dealing with such subjects as bringing ambulance services under the hospital services act and changing election regulations regarding radio and television broadcasts 48 hours prior to elections.

Harley's Problem

In terms of future promotions if the Liberals remain in office after the next election, Dr. Harley faces the problem of being a member from the Toronto metro area. This area is already well represented in the cabinet with four ministers, Mitchell Sharp, Robert Winters, Paul Hellyer and Walter Gordon. And, in addition, several of the parliamentary secretaries also represent Toronto and district ridings. But he could be elevated to this rank if one or more of these retire or are defeated in the next election.

ONTARIO BILL

Buffalo Bill was born William Cody son of an Embro, Ontario, district farmer. He often returned to southern Ontario after gaining fame as a U.S. pony express rider, frontier hero and showman.

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SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

WINNER NUMBER ONE

STRONGEST DOG

The greatest load ever shifted by a dog was a 3,124 lb. sled pulled by a husky named Kavluk, at Snag, Yukon Territory, March 18, 1960.

Well, the inevitable has happened! Smiley couldn't make up his mind about his own contest as so many of the contributing columns fell into the "excellent" category. So, Smiley declared a draw, allowing two winners. Each winner will receive \$25. Here is the first column, to be followed by the other

er winner next week.

by Ellen Armstrong, Stouffville, Ont.

Maybe the comments of a middle-aged Canadian female don't constitute a column but there is only one way to find out, so here goes.

I AM SICK AND TIRED OF
The assumption that Canadians are inhibited and inarticulate. The celebrations in Ottawa and in every little and big town and city this year of jubilee about a resounding "NO" to this idea. Oh, sure, we have to have a good reason for letting our hair down. A good reason may only present itself once in 100 years, but when it does, brother, we can holler with the best, and better.

The claim that Canadians have an inferiority complex. Down here in the grass roots where I and 99.9 percent of my fellow Canadians crawl around we are proud of Canada and of being Canadian. We are ashamed only of the would-be intellectuals who claim they're inferior because they are Canadian. They are inferior, all right, but for other reasons. Unfortunately they seem to have the ear of 'ye editors' and so get their views aired in the papers with nauseating frequency.

The bland statement that "The Church has failed." Failed to do what, may I ask? I may answer too, in fact I will. Failed to do whatever the speaker of the moment thinks she should have done. I suggest we find out what is the true mission of the Church, then try to assess success or failure. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," said Christ. This is the Church's mission; in this she has succeeded and is succeeding. And even critics must admit she has not failed in another sense. She has endured and survived! Name one other nineteen hundred and sixty-se-

van year old institution!

Translator radios in public. Here I feel like busting into poetry which I have entitled

Lines on Trying To Have a Picnic at a Roadside Table on the Shore of a (Once) Peaceful Lake
Where once the song of birds was heard,
And wind in trees above,
A crag translator radio emits a crooner wailing low
His cheap synthetic love.

The gentle murmur of the waves
Is drowned in noisy chatter,
"Buy whiskey, soap and cigarettes,
Buy pills and soap without regrets —
Sublimities don't matter!

Some day are long we'll conquer space,
Ah, mournful thought and bit of
"Mid-stare that sang creation's birth,
The crude cacophony of Earth,
Man's positional twitter."

"The use and abuse of the word 'image.' There seem to be fads in words as in all else; this is the 'faddy' word of the moment. Every man, woman, organization is concerned about this, 'her' or 'his' image." May I suggest (in fact try to stop me) that, if we are concerned with integrity, decency and honour in personal, social and political life, our public image will take care of itself. It will be a favourable one, too.

The availability of filthy literature, particularly for the youth of our country. Some excuse this, by insisting young people must learn the facts of life. Manure is a fact of life too, but if we see our children eating it we restrain them, forcibly if necessary.

Trying to write a column — My admiration for you, Mr. Smiley, has leaped into the stratosphere. How do you do it, week after week after week?

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