

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Close Election

Halton East's results in the provincial election were among the closest.

At time of writing Progressive-Conservative Jim Snow holds the Halton East seat by a scant 161 majority, and there have been rumours that the Liberal candidate may ask for a recount.

The NDP also had a large upsweep in popularity, indicating that they will be a force to be reckoned with in future.

Halton East is one of those ridings which does not seem to follow the same political trend in national and federal politics. We have had a Liberal M.P. in Ottawa and a P.C. at Queen's Park for several years, apparently party loyalties are split when it comes to the two levels of politics. And, rightly so, we think, party politics play no part at all in municipal affairs, for NDP candidate William Gillies is an Oakville councillor.

Perhaps we are heading eventually to a breakdown of the party system altogether.

Sorry to Lose

Announced removal of the Plax plant to Burlington next year is an industrial blow to Georgetown much to be regretted.

The firm, because of economics, has decided to locate closer to some of its main customers, and will have a transportation advantage impossible to attain here at present.

Coming during a year in which Georgetown's industrial picture has been much brighter, there was a general air of gloom when the company announced its plans.

It indicates that a town must be constantly on its toes, looking for new locations, never content to rest on its laurels and assume that things will always be the way they are.

In our quarter century in town, we can look back and prove our point. Of industries which were here then, only the two

Exciting Friday

Friday the 13th was far from an unlucky day in Georgetown.

To the contrary, the town gained one claim to fame when a national TV show came to town and took over Main Street for the day, filming a segment of the Quentin Durgens M.P. show. It will be televised sometime in the coming year.

Town people had a heyday as they watched the show as it progressed down Main Street. Filming started at Knox Church in the morning, and the balance of the day was spent in the central block, using the McGibbon Hotel as a focal point for the shooting. Until the Herald appeared with the story, there were many who were still puzzling the name change, for in place of the usual sign, the hotel boasted a brand new Falls Hotel sign.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Appreciates Donations of Local Helping Hand Ladies

St. Mark's Rectory, Emsdale, Ontario

Dear Sir: I thought I should write and let you know what a great help the ladies of the Helping Hand Club, Georgetown, have been to my parish at Emsdale and my surrounding churches.

Last summer my wife, myself and my children had the privilege of meeting with the above ladies at the Senior Citizens cottage for lunch. We had a very happy time together, not only was the food delicious but the fellowship was wonderful and inspiring.

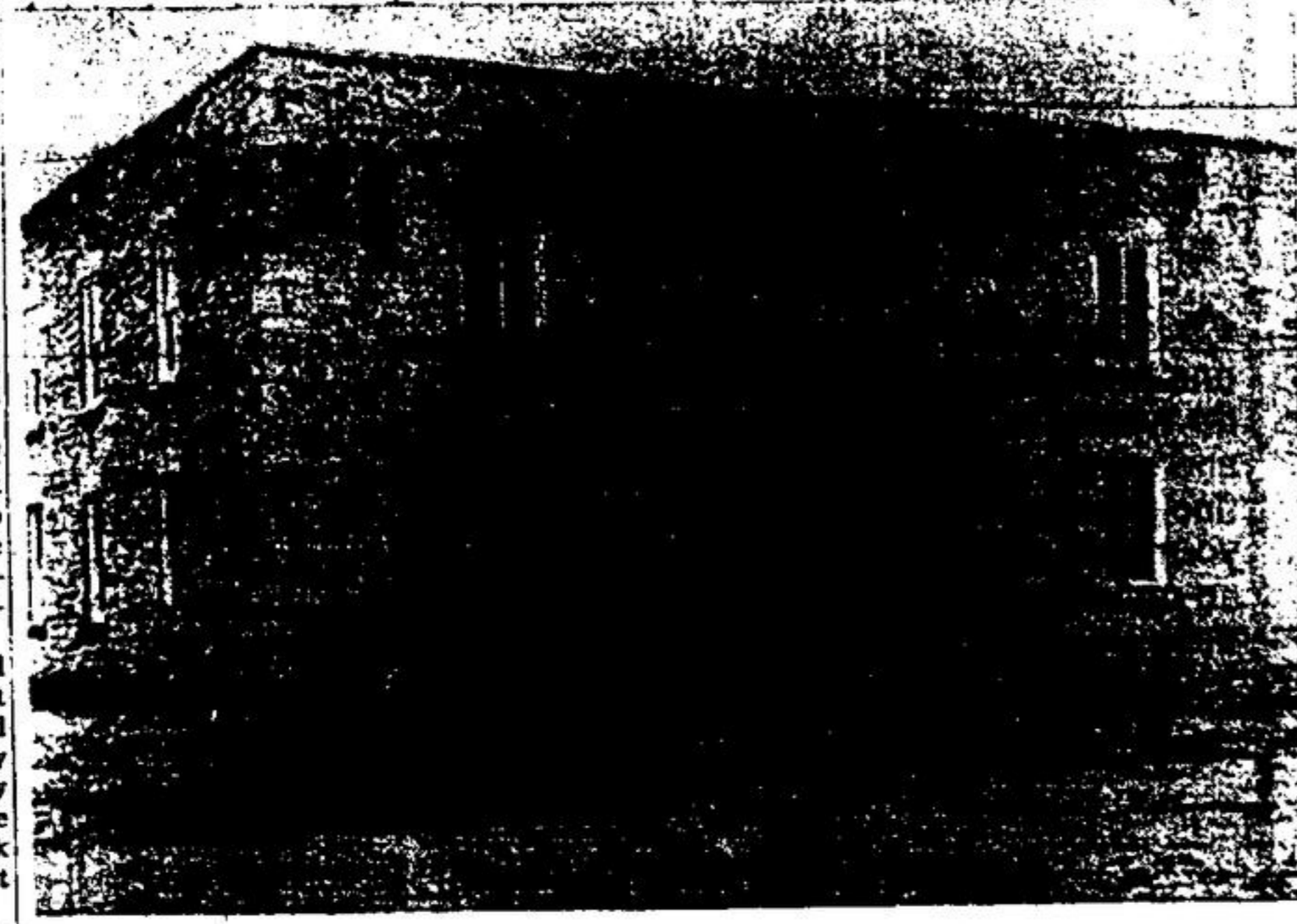
I wish to thank the citizens of Georgetown who have made it possible for so much help to come to my needy people here through the faithful and self-sacrificing members of the Helping Hand Club.

I wanted all of you who read this letter to know what a great help the ladies of your good town have been to my needy people in the past and I pray God will give them a long life to continue their noble work for God's children in this part of the country.

I would appreciate it very much if you would be kind enough to print this letter in your worthy paper.

H.W. Garbutt
Rector

Turning Back Time



WILLOUGHBY STABLES 1909
THIS IS HOW THE BRANCH 120 LEGION building at the corner of Market and Mill Streets looked in 1909 when it was Wiloughby's Livery Stable. Among the men standing in front are Mr. Wiloughby, John Wright, and Mr. Gladdell.

er, when people will vote for a man rather than a party. If such can be the case in a municipality, it should be theoretically possible for this to happen at the provincial or federal level. Yet, it could lead to chaos, with too many individual opinions and no central clearing house to keep the wheels of government moving smoothly.

Perhaps the happiest situation would be to have aspiring politicians study for the job, and pass tests to become eligible to seek office. This would ensure at least a basic training in what has become a highly specialized field.

We listened to an American talk show recently, where a participant was concerned that a man could become president purely on his TV personality, with no training and no other capabilities for the job. The speaker said he thought the ancient Greeks has a better system, dividing the populace into categories, one of the most important of which was politicians, trained from their youth for the job.

paper coating mills, Smith and Stone, Beaumont Knitting, Dominion Seed and Apple Products are still operating. All have expanded, to the advantage of firm and community.

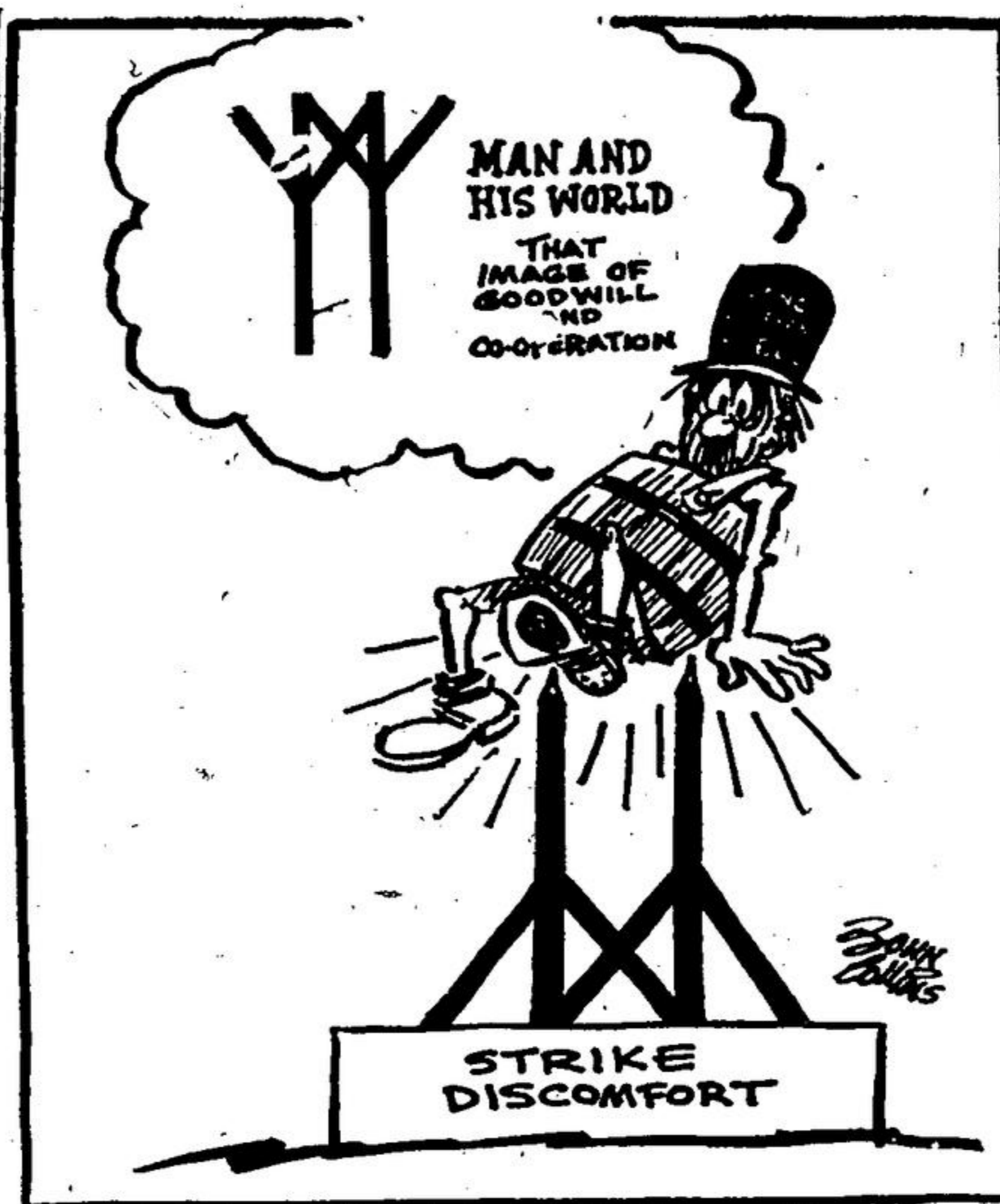
Gone are Harley-Kay-Marsland, Glen Textiles, Brill Knitting, Hi-Lo Mfg., Henry Davis Wood Products, the old Provincial Paper 'lower mill', Essex Kitchens, Sykes Tool, Clay Products, Dayfoot Shoe, to name only some of which come to mind.

There have been replacements, of course - Standard Products, Eagle Signals, Avian Aircraft, General Fireproofing, Baltimore Aircraft, Varian Associates, Graham Bell, Interchem, Deltacrafts, Economy Forms.

Our industrial picture is stable, but never so much that we can afford to be smug, or not to continually strive to keep our industrial climate healthy for those who are here, and those who may come.

The town, too, will become Moose Falls in the story. Gordon Piment (not Pinson as The Herald called him by error) stars in the show, and other well known performers are Paul Kligman and Bud Knapp. The latter is the weekly newspaper editor, and we will be interested to see how our counterpart appears in the TV world.

We were interested to see the efficiency with which a filming crew operates, particularly the carpenter staff which built a camera track in front of the Imperial Commerce bank in jig time, erected the new hotel sign, and approached various other chores with a maximum of speed. It was a long day for the actors and technicians, starting early in the morning, and finishing well after the supper hour.



TURNED UPSIDE-DOWN

NEWS ECHOES

From the Heralds of 10 and 20 Years Ago

1957

● The CBC Show 'Front Page Challenge' had a Georgetown flavor Tuesday when Dr. Charles A. Best was a guest. It was the panel's job to try to identify Dr. Best who was hidden from view. The suggestion for Dr. Best on the show was sent in by Ron Kitchen, 83 McIntyre Cres., Georgetown.

● A year and a half's work by Georgetown planning board culminated in the passing of a town zoning by-law on Monday by council. It was a history making night as for the first time a planned system of zoning became law.

● Dr. Charles Sayers, 106 Guelph St., was elected president of the Mid-Ontario Veterinarians' Association when the group held its fall meeting recently in Walkerton Legion Hall.

● Following this week's council meeting Mayor Jack Armstrong entertained at his home in honour of reeve Stan Allen who is retiring from office in December. He has accepted an appointment as superintendent of Halton Centennial Manor.

1947

● One of the quietest Halloweens on record passed last Friday night in Georgetown with only minor pranks reported. A party at the Old Town Hall was staged by the Recreational Council and Lions Club. Prizes were given for best costume and Bill Doherty won top award for his masquerade as one of the opposite sex.

● The first snow of the year was recorded on Sunday morning with a few skills of snow which disappeared by early afternoon.

WATCH OUT

This Halloween watch out for the little people, the shellouters the trick or treaters or charity pleasers. They may present a special traffic hazard when they dash unseen across a street with their mind on loot.

SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

Times Have Changed

I wonder what a teacher of 50 years ago would think if he walked into a classroom today? Personally, I think he'd be told off in a state of deep shock.

Some aspects of the atmosphere would be familiar: the box-like, claustrophobic construction; the smell of chalk-dust and bodies; the windows that stick and won't open; the scuffling and the snuffling.

And the place would be full of kids, of course. They'd probably be much the same, inside. Human beings don't change their basic emotions, their hates, their fears, shyness and aggressiveness, in a generation or two if ever. But they certainly wouldn't look the same.

The appearance of the boys would rattle him a bit, with their cowboy boots, their polka-dot shirts, their carefully waxed hair, and their world-weary expressions.

But the sight of the girls would rock him right back on his heels. Never mind the lipstick, eye-shadow and net stockings. He'd probably turn pale at the first time he looked down these rows of miniskirts with the odd garter belt, in all its feminine loveliness, showing here and there.

Those wouldn't be the only shocks he'd receive. Let's say he taught in a school with 300 students, half a century ago. Quiet, droning periods. Leisurely one and a half hour lunch period.

I'd like to see this chap step out into the hall of a school with 1500 inmates, during one of the lunch periods. Unaccustomed to using his shoulders, knees and elbows, he'd be a greasy spot on the terrazo floor in two minutes.

If he did happen to make it, he'd gulp his lunch in the cafeteria with the din of 600 students-as-saucer for his wieners and beans. Or he'd choke down a sandwich in the staff room, amid a litter of coffee cups, a pall of smoke, and a cacophony of fellow practitioners of the art.

Checking his mail-box after lunch, he'd find two memos from the administration; a pamphlet from the Department of Education, very badly written; a note from the librarian telling him that Susie Donker's book was overdue; a brochure from a publisher; a billet-doux from the vice-principal; a bill for his federation insurance; and three announcements of contests, all sponsored by commercial firms.

Being an old-fashioned, conscientious teacher, he would probably not file these in the waste-basket.

Back in his classroom, trying to teach with the raw materials, a book, a blackboard and some students, he would be interrupted by the public-address system telling him to send Joe

Smutz to the office; by Jack Diltz just arriving back from guidance counselling; or by four stalwarts leaving for the junior football game.

During the day, he would discover that he was either a dodo bird, extinct, or a phoenix - that bird which reputedly arises from its own ashes and flies in ever-diminishing circles until there is only one place to go.

This would be occasioned by the maze of equipment which he would be forced to master. Record-players, tape-recorders, overhead projectors, underhand deflectors, and the like.

And he would have my utmost sympathy. I can drive a car. Used to be able to fly an airplane. Can run a washing machine in a pinch. But lead me toward a duplicating machine, or anything more complicated than a hand cranked gramophone, and I walk with terror.

After school, our friend would find that he would have a committee meeting about gum-chewing, or a staff meeting about pupils acting like humans, or a thrilling hour with three students interested in the stamp club.

I don't think he could hack it, poor devil.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Resents Comparison of English, Canuck Towns

29 John St. E., Apt. 4
Oct. 17th, 1967
Georgetown, Ont.

Dear Sir: I wonder if I could have a small space in your paper to answer the letter by Mr. Vanderfont about my bold statement concerning Georgetown.

I would like to inform the gentleman that I have resided in this country since 1933 and became a naturalized Canadian.

He speaks of homesickness. I have not suffered this disease travelling both abroad and in Canada and I do not like people to criticize towns in England and compare them to Canadian towns. After all in olden times, people from other countries invaded Great Britain and helped to make her what she is today.

Money from the taxpayers should be spent on bringing the town up to date. Where has it gone in the past. I may also add I do not like being soaked with dirty water when it rains and cars pass by and I am on the sidewalk.

The trouble is people in Georgetown do not appear to have any interest in what could be a very nice town. Maybe it's because they are too near Toronto.

Thank you for the space in your paper and the time given to me.

Yours truly,
Isabel Finch

HARLEY TO HALTON

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

IN THE PAST week a good deal of time has been spent on setting up the new Department of Corporate and Consumer Affairs under the Registrar-General, the Honourable John Turner. This does not mean another government Department but a change and an extension of a previous one. Under Canadian constitution no single level of government has control over all the matters in which consumers are interested. For example, the Federal Government has just made regulations that all banks must give to the borrower of money the total charges, interest and any other charges; that the borrower will have to repay. There are also many areas in which both the Federal and Provincial Governments have control in closely related fields. In the field of food and drugs for example most Provinces have regulations concerning milk and farm produce, and over the retail sale of food and drugs while the Federal Government has control over the manufacturing, importing and distribution of drugs.

THE GOALS of the Department of Corporate and Consumer Affairs may be summarized as follows:

- (1) full protection for the consumer against fraud, deception and unfair trade practices;
- (2) maximum standards of quality, safety and protection in the services and goods bought;
- (3) provision of full and accurate information on which to base purchases;
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IN ADDITION the Department will enforce the existing legislation and if necessary initiate new legislation. It will distribute the best information available on matters of consumer concern, and do research into market problems. It will investigate consumer complaints brought to their attention. It is expected that the first duty of the new Department will be to amend the Trade Marks and Patents Act to allow more competition in the drug industry, which is designed to lower the cost of drugs.

HALLOW'EEN HUMOUR

Hein lashed the windows of the old castle and the wind howled mournfully as the timid guest was escorted to his room under the castle caves. "Has anything unusual ever happened in this room?" he asked the sinister looking butler. "Not for twenty years," was the reply. Heaving a sigh of relief the guest asked, "What happened then?" The butler whispered, "A man who stayed here all night turned up in the morning!"

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