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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Faulty Theory

Talk of abolishing the death penalty for murder, other than if the victim is a policeman or a prison guard, seems to us Nke a faulty theory.

In our opinion, murder is murder, and penalty is penalty. If one believes that one forfeits his own life by wilfully taking that of another, then the occupation of the victim does not enter the picture.

And if it does, then how much more Important to demand the death penalty for taking any life other than a policeman or guard, men who enter a profession knowing the risks involved.

We are not in favour of abolition, though decidedly in favour of a more humene way of disposing of the guilty par-

We see no reason why society should

Expensive Financing

The mounting inflationary spiral has no better example than the town's latest debenture issues which, if finalized, will demand a 71/2% interest rate, with the debenturec selling at a \$4.00 per hundred discount.

Only twenty years ago, we can recall the issue which provided funds for the first sewage disposal system. It sold at 3%, and bond dealers paid a premium to purchase it.

One wanders how long the spiral can fest, just as one wonders how high taxes can go before the breaking point is reach-

In the lifetime of older residents, they can recall a day when what a man earned was his own and there was no income tax. Today, besides paying a healthy chunk to central governments in this way, we shell out 12% on nearly everything we buy in seles tax to Ottawa, and over 5% to Queen's Park. (Ostensibly the Ontario Sales Tax is 5%, but this is charged on the cost of an Hem, including the 12% federal tax)

The system is not at all bad, of course. We get much value back in the form of ser-

Upsweep in Mail Bag

An Increase in Herald mailbag letters

We hope that readers will continue

A weekly newspaper, while a business

an indication that residents are taking a

to take advantage of this means of airing

pet theories, opinions on topical questions,

enterprise, is different from most other bus-

inesses. Besides providing a necessary ser-

keen interest in current questions.

beefs and bouquets.

be burdened with an expensive, and dangerous system of imprisoning a human being for a number of years. There is the constant danger that he will repeat his viol-

To argue that it is more humane to deprive a man of liberty for a lifetime is nonsense too. Much better to finalize the punishment swiftly.

Our whole system of law is in desperate need of overhaul, but this is a backward step. Better to demand more stringent penalties for crimes of violence, for drunken motor manslaughter, for those who maim other human beings in street brawls.

The advocates of humane treatment of vicious criminals are too prone to forget the victim and the tragedly which his death has brought to a family.

vices which weren't enjoyed in the twen-

Old age security, health insurance, unemployment benefits are something we wouldn't want to do without.

But thinking people are becoming concerned that governments look on taxes as a bottomless pit. And despite a tax hike every now and then, our provincial and federal governments actually budget for huge

It seems a paradox, for instance, tha Queen's Park, which tells a municipality it must set an expense budget and keep within it, can decide that it will overspend by millions of dollars. What's good for Torn should be good for Paul. Isn't that elementary economics?

To return to the starting point, the interest Georgetown must pay for borrowing for necessary expenditures, can be directly traced to senior governments whose lack of any financial sense can plunge our whole nation into a recession which will make 1929 look like child's play.

Isn't it time we took stock and decided to cut our cloth to fit in Canada?





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

A GREAT DEAL of concern the House of Commons on the erel. She has a slogan, "Love is"

which we feel maintains a closeestablished and maintained. A

where possible, made personal merce has suggested the town's ly the present type that is av-

pense to the invitation. As a re- is being circulated this week THE FEDERAL Government cles are alive, and that I could

jects when mothers get together much there is to be done after who termed extensive renovat- for setting up standards of ion to the old town hall "im- clean air and the maintenance

Getting a word in was the want to be that lonely, would 28 year old woman and her two better control of air pollution.

clean socks and their underarm deodorant, could take a week of puking and getting smashed about in a corvette. Maybe I sound a little bitter It is to accumulate data so that snobbish about their "love" Maybe I am. Maybe they could and would some of them. But

I asked her why she didn't until they try it, they shouldn't

air pollution by motor vehicles contest. It's open to all stu. War is rutten. War is stupid. This has examined the various dents, and they can write an But to those who died, types of control devices in cars essay or poem about the mean- "Salue". And to those who I'd introduced myself to the MILTON -- Brian Best, a mem- and their effectiveness in all ing of Remembrance Day. Good live with rotten lungs and arnew neighbours by phone and, her of Milton Chamber of Com-kinds of weather. Unfortunate- cash prizes, and she writes well thritis and the rest of it, know who think about you on Rem-

do you do? I apologized for the fact that both her war-time un i

Eighteen seconds later, she's beefing because I haven't given her a driving lesson in a whole week, and she's just got Terry Harley Aileen Bradley

It's just one of those silly

"Britannia Rules the Waves,"

HOPE Work Centre Seeks Supplies For Workers

Discussion centred/ around the HOPE centre for retarded adults at a meeting of the Geor-North Halton Mentally Retard ed Association at the home of Mrs. Karen Harrison, Tuesday, Oct. 24th.

Renovations are currently in progress and when these are

which to work. Mrs. J. Bandell explained to the members that the manager of the workshop had asked her to see if coloured cotton goods, white cotton goods, and wool could be collected for the workshop. Also scissors, tea towels, plastic bags, getown Ladies' Auxiliary to the a filing cabinet and desk are; greatly needed.

The Auxiliary's next meeting will be held at the workshop so that new members and any completed trainees will have others interested may get a much improved . conditions in closer look at the operation.

NEWS ECHOES

From the Heralds of 10 and 20 Years Ago

- In a county-wide poster contest for Grade 5 pupils, sponsored by the Halton Fire Prevention Bureau, Georgetown and Glan Williams copped top prizes. Winners were Ricky Parry of Chapel St. school and Carol Marchment of Glen Williams public school.
- There is a possibility that Georgetown will soon have a third service club. Several young men are interested and have met fwice with Oakville Kinsmen Club, laying plans for the organization of a Kinsmen club in Georga-
- A large barn on the former William T. Cromar farm was completely destroyed by fire Sunday night. The flames, battled in relays by Georgetown firemen, were seen as a pink glow in the sky by residents five miles away.
- Jack Polly has been appointed manager of the Gregory Theatre in Georgetown and has come here to make his
- Georgettown voters will have three questions on their ballots in the municipal elections this year, whether they are in favour of \$1200 annual band grant; of electing councillors by general vote rather than by wards; and of having a board of education rather than an appointed high school board and elected public school

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FROM MY KITCHEN WINDOW

THE LADIES' EVENING

We had our Get-To-Know One found a variety of common inanother party last Tuesday and terests. everyone told me as they left

how much they had enjoyed themselves. There were eleven ladies pre- contact while arranging the ev- stores will soon go broke and allable does not appear to be meaning for me, Dad. I didn't sent - some old neighbours and ening. Many offered assistance close up unless business poten-effective in diesel vehicles have an uncie or anything some new. Some had lived in in adding to the lunch or serve tial does not increase more where perhaps the major probe killed in the war." Well, what Georgetown all their lives and ing it. "If there's anything I than 50 customers per year as lem is. some had come from different can do, just ask," was the rest it did this year. An application parts of Canada or other countries. Half a dozen conversations

were going on at the same time the children and their funny or a time away. shing you give it.

her one day "Miss Brown, I like Is your neighbourhood like the town hall, the police station, property.

only problem we ran into, but it you?

found they have mutual friends -tn other towns, and some-

Was I thankful for the help, too. lay in granting annexation.

difficult ways, the broken down Like old neighbours now we practical", Acton council pass- of these standards. washing machine (incidentally can meet on the street and say ed a motion to accept the tenmy vacuum cleaner broke down "hello" or stop for a chat; der of Zorge Construction of devices to be kept up-to-date by to get her licensa before the News Editor halfway through my cleaning phone a triend and ask her over Georgetown for the renovation advances in science. and I had to borrow my neight for a coffee when we feel like it to the present town offices, at bour's) and the floor that won't or converse over the garden the YMCA at a price of \$22,885. (3) Technical assistance and adshine, no matter how much pol- fence. We can be neighbours in ORANGEVILLE - Police Chief vice to Provincial control agenevery sense of the word. One Jack Kent has estimated Hal-cies. One neighbour is a school must give of oneself to receive lowe'en damage in Orangeville (4) Continuing research into much to the average kid today. Leslie Clark the neighbour is a school and our neighbourhood is going to be in excess of \$5,000. A specific air pollution problems it's not nearly as important as Myles Gilson John McClements

singing O Canada. When you that? Have you done anything the chief's home, and numerous sing it you stand in the kitchen." towards making it a friendlier other places; traffic signs were 15) Proper anti-pollution meth-night date, or the really impor-Purzled, she asked him to re- place to live? Try to, if you can pulled down, and fire set on the ods by the Federal Government tant things of life. peat the statement and after Recently I met a girl who told streets. Fire boses had to be itself as an employer. several repititions she got it - me I was the second girl to used to break up a mob of 150. When you sing O Canada, you come into her home for a cup BRAMPTON - A Peel coroner's versities and other teaching get "all hung up" about, like

seems to me that lots and lots My husband had to be out safety gates at the CN crossing (7) An Advisory Council may be drags. of talking like that is the best that party night and when he on Kennedy Rd. south. The jury set up within the Department of And it's not just the kids way to get to know one another came in we had to sit down and added Brampton should repeal National Health and Welfare on who ignore it. Most young and find things to laugh over talk about it, and about what its by-law forbidding trains to questions concerning air pollu-aduts sneer at it as a relic of and air any problems. Many he'd been doing. We try to share, whistle at crossings in town. I tion.

vice to the community in news and advertising, it has this human element of providing

The only stipulation in letters is that the writer must agree to have his name and the right to eliminate anything which

much more interesting.

e public sounding board.

considers libelous.

address appear, and that the editor reserves plant. A water pollution centre it with such a term, and that their little fat jowls bounded and the such a term, and that their little fat jowls bounded and the such a term, and that their little fat jowls bounded and the such a term, and that the college on their white college. As Dean Martin says . . . keep those search study into water pollut- own noses letters coming. They make The Herald that ion in the waters of Lake Ontar-

eur happiness and sadnesses

DISTRICT NEWS

AT A GLANCE

year old son on the lack of

cess as marriage partners.

serious problem of pollution. At all you need," which I find, this time more emphasis has scrawled on things all over the been placed on the problem of water pollution. Any firm that! My contention is that these selves into barbed wire, and wishes to do so may obtain some kids don't love anybody but machine-guns looking for their financial assistance towards ef- hate anyone who doesn't subfective methods against water scribe to their half-baked phipollution emanating from their losophy, if you want to grace people who carry placards he has been set up at Burlington, most of them don't know en-Ontario, which is making a re-

AS FAR AS air pollution is ment of the population that concerned a national sampling doesn't understand anything, is programme for air pollution has against everything and can't been set up by the Department communicate. Even though she of Nationale Heath and Welfare does admit they are pretty standards of air quality can be deal. also gone into the question of have a whack at the Legion spit on others.

sult, aside from cleaning the among the town's business esta-is considering introducing a not get myself killed, even with house, I had very little to do. blishments protesting OMB's de- National Clean Air Act. It the utmost application of inwould cover such things as: - competence just so that she

about the little boy who said to be a 'giving place', I can tell, fire hydrant was completely and their effect on human and the latest "soul" record. And ruined, windows were broken in animal health and on food and it's a mild bore, a solemn mo-

(6) Financial assistance to uni-things that middle-aged people

SUGAR AND SPICE by Bill Smiley

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sulate. It doesn't matter. Break

some windows. Splash some

There's a vicarious thrill in

I wonder how many of the

petition - signers, with their

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What will the Flower Child-| and "Over the Top" and beery ren do on Remembrance Day? old veterans. Will they refuse to buy a pop-It's much more fashionable py because they associate it to join a "protest group" and with past wars? Or will they march on something or other. buy every poppy they can get City Hall. The American Con-

can turn on? paint. And go home sniggering. All I know is that they'll that, "We really showed those have a tough time getting any fascists. poppy-juice out of those paper

their hands on and try to infuse

a brew of opium, so that they

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poppies the Legion sells. the thought that the police My daughter and I have at might whack a few heads, even running battle about the Flow draw blood. Not yours, of has been expressed recently in er. Children and hippies in gen- course. I wonder how many of those protesters would have the guts to clamber out of a muddy. stinking trench and hurl them-

themselves, that they heartily vitals?

somebody had to do it? This goes over hig, of course, I am immediately relegated to that rapidly-increasing sea

Georgetown Herald

We talked about the usual sub- days earlier and you know how from architect Donald Skinner (1) Establishment of criterion could really enjoy Remembran-

snow flies. I'm afraid we're going to have to face the fact that Re-

membrance Day does not mean ment at school that has no connection with the Saturday

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