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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Deficit Spending

From time to time, The Herald editor, who does not pretend to be a skilled economist, has wondered how senior governments can blithely budget for huge deficits, while admonishing municipalities if they step over the line in yearly spending.

We have surmised that, just as an individual cannot spend more than he makes, neither can a province or a country. Indefinitely, that is. For it is accepted today, that one can legitimately borrow and enjoy an earlier luxury, if there is reasonable assurance that the debt incurred can be paid off in future years.

It is heartening to read, though somewhat frightening, to read an address by Neil McKinnon, chairman of the board of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, warning of just such things as have worried us.

Speaking to a conference of financial

executives, Mr. McKinnon said: "Government deficit spending, combined with a permissive monetary policy that allows continuous inflation really involves a massive swindle; a swindle perpetrated on the great majority of the populace who are least able to protect themselves against the consequences."

Mr. McKinnon, expressing deep concern about today's inflationary spiral, quoted the late Bernard Baruch to the effect that "People who talk about gradual inflation might as well talk about firing a gun off gradually" and scores economists along with many of the public for accepting mild inflation as a more or less enduring condition.

All of which leaves one in this quandary — either Mr. McKinnon, or our senior governments are naive, misinformed or deliberately misleading.

What's the answer?

Sooner the Better

Action by council to provide a better bridge over the CNR tracks on Main Street north, will be welcomed by residents, particularly those who live in the northern part of Georgetown.

The bridge is a relic of the past, constructed in the horse and buggy days, adequate enough when highway traffic was limited and the community a village, but

long past the point where it must be replaced.

Let's hope that, with the new bridge scheduled for 1968, the highways department will get perking also on a long overdue widening of the highway exit towards Acton. At present this is a narrow, dangerous stretch, with a couple of snaking curves lying in wait for unwary motorists.

Censorship Necessary

As one grows older the gap between the generations becomes more apparent.

Where a few years ago, one was inclined to side with youth on many subjects, today we find ourselves in the ranks of the "middles" and inclined, too often perhaps, to dismiss youngsters as scatter-brained and immature.

We aren't too old, though, to understand young people as they grope towards the maturity which only years and experience can bring.

A valedictorian address at high school commencement mentioned censorship of a student publication last year as 'unfair and unjust.'

By chance, the daily newspapers a few days later, showed how necessary adult

censorship is, and of an older age group than high school.

We refer, of course, to the fuss at McGill University when the student newspaper printed an obscene article, and a number of students increased the trouble by picketing the building where the newspaper's editors were scheduled to be on the carpet for their actions. The University of Toronto student daily compounded the trouble and reprinted the offensive item a few days later.

If older students, in responsible university positions, cannot be trusted to use discretion and stay within the bounds of good taste, one cannot expect less mature youngsters to have acquired the judgment which only years can bring.

FROM MY KITCHEN WINDOW

Some Facts About the Gordons

Margaret Gordon

Before I go on to introduce you to people and happenings of interest in the community, I'd like to tell you a little about myself, so that we can become better acquainted.

I was born into a minister's family and am the first of seven children. So often when I see my mother, I ask her with awe, "How did you manage so many. Mom? I find enough difficulties raising my two at times."

She assures me that we were no trouble, although she admits that she did get tired at times. Now that we've grown up and left home, she has taken an interest in arts and crafts, and up until this year has held a class, teaching crafts in Windsor.

We lived in several towns in southern Ontario until we moved to London, where I became a teacher at Teachers' College there. In between times I've been a bank clerk, a sales girl and an invoice typist.

My oldest brother is a high school teacher and one sister is a primary school teacher as I was. Another sister became a dental nurse before her marriage and my youngest sister worked for the Red Cross blood bank until she married a friend on my husband's. They live in England at present. I have a brother in social service work, although he is working towards the ministry, and my "baby" brother is a draftsman.

One of my uncles is a doctor and writes books as a hobby. His latest "The Three Gifts" is in the library here and the librarian tells me it has been widely read by the townfolks.

You can tell that, generally speaking, we're a family with the "gift of gab" as they say, and some of us like to put

our thoughts on paper. We also like each other and other people.

During my first year of teaching I met my husband, who is English and was then training to be a fighter pilot with NATO forces in Canada. Since our marriage, due to circumstances, and my husband's job, we have moved 23 times. Four of these moves were over the Atlantic. Our son is Canadian and our daughter was born in England. Two years ago we were offered the opportunity to settle permanently (we hope) in the Toronto area. You can imagine how we longed to settle down by this time.

We looked in and around Toronto in all directions until a friend introduced my husband to Georgetown. It was staying with my parents in Windsor at the time, nursing the children through red measles.

The last time I had seen Georgetown, The Dominion Seed House was on the outskirts. When he phoned me that night, he was pleased and excited by what he had found and how he felt about the town.

The older part of town is picturesque with all its trees and established gardens. The newer sections show great promise with trees sprouting on lawns and many landscaping projects underway. The main shopping district is off the main highway. The country with its conservation parks and vegetable markets is nearby. Still we're not far from the city when we want to enjoy the amenities it offers.

Is it any wonder we decided to live in Georgetown. We like it here.

P. S. Thank you for your letter "Newcomer". I had wondered why I found myself writing the article and letter after-

wards, and was happy to know that you appreciated them.

I have asked my babysitter and her friends to help me gather a list of girls who are willing to babysit at a maximum price of 50c and will try to make that list public in some way as soon as possible.

DISTRICT NEWS AT A GLANCE

MILTON — Bubble Bath Industries, a chemical manufacturing firm now in Dunville is building a new plant on a section of the Wilson farm on Ontario St. N. in Milton.

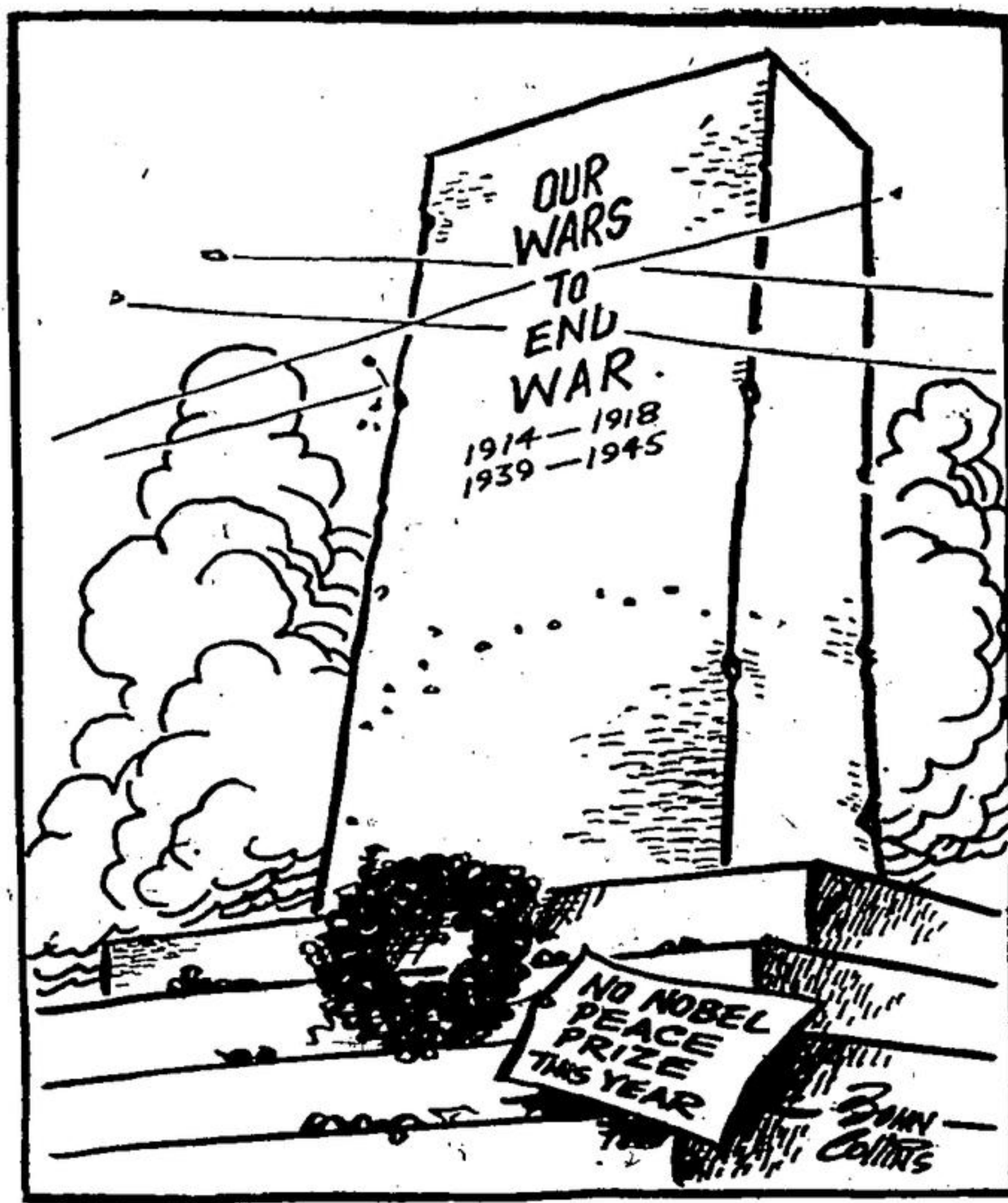
ACTON — Police have warned people to be on the lookout for bogus \$10 bills following the appearance of a counterfeit ten this week in the Acton bank. The faded bill had few defects.

ORANGEVILLE — Orangeville Kinsmen Club has started the search for a new wider recreation needs in that town. A club report told council Orangeville will need much wider recreation facilities within the next few years that would house accommodations for hockey, roller skating, conventions, dances and Scouts, Cubs and Guides meetings.

OAKVILLE — The Shell Oil Company application for a research centre to come before council this week is expected to be approved without a hitch. All concerned predict council will vote unanimously in favour of the centre as did Oakville planning board.



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THE WREATH IS A BIT WILTED THIS YEAR

HARLEY TO HALTON



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

BEFORE DISCUSSING any of the matters before the House of Commons at this time, I want to clear up some misunderstandings concerning teachers and the Unemployment Insurance Act. The Government has no intention of bringing teachers under the Unemployment Insurance Act.

THE PARLIAMENT has given second reading to the Broadcasting Act and referred it to Committee for detailed study. During the prolonged debate before this was done it was evident that there was much unhappiness among many Members of Parliament concerning the CBC. While many have disagreed with the way in which the Secretary of State, the Honourable Miss LaMarsh, talked concerning the CBC and the method and place in which she did so, it was obvious during the debate that there is much discontent with the CBC on Parliament Hill. It is expected that the Bill will have many changes proposed to it before it is returned to the House of Commons for final consideration.

THE COMMONS will now turn to capital punishment. This Bill will differ in two main respects from the Bill presented in the previous session of Parliament. It will abolish capital punishment except for the murder of policemen and prison guards. It will only be in force for a five year period of time, after which it will return to Parliament for consideration as to whether it should continue permanently or be discontinued. It is expected to be debated for perhaps one week.

THE CHANGES in the Criminal Code concerning birth control recommended by the Health and Welfare Committee, which I had the Honour to Chair, have been introduced in the Senate, along with recommendations to amend the law to control the use of LSD which is becoming a serious concern. It will be dealt with in the Senate first and then referred to the House of Commons. It is likely these changes will become law by Christmas.

GOOD PENALTY

The Ontario Safety League reports that the advice of a former Italian premier could help reduce the accident ratio. He says drivers who repeatedly violate traffic laws should be placed under house arrest on Sundays and holidays.

SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

A DAY WITH SMILEY

Life do go on. Always the same, and always different. Bits and pieces make up the patchwork quilt that covers our nakedness.

And bits and pieces of a typical week-end will make up this column. I'm no richer or poorer, sadder or happier, wiser or otherwise. Just a week older, with a few more patches. Some red, some black, some yellow. Making a motley.

Kim was badly shaken when a friend of hers, a 16-year-old girl, was killed an hour after she was talking to her. The child's neck was broken. The boy driving didn't have his license, had little experience, hit an icy patch, and couldn't cope. One young life snuffed. Pointlessly, uselessly.

This is hard to take when you're young; and my daughter took it hard. And it's pretty hard for an ordinary muddled headed man to explain that God is too busy to go running around preventing every auto accident and catching every little sparrow that falls, regardless of the old hymn.

Nearly cracked up myself on Saturday. Burling happily along the highway when we ran smack into a stretch of wet snow, with no warning. Everybody on the brakes. Thought I was going to mount a Volkswagen in front of me. Decided to go around him, rather than over. Took a beautiful four-skid car, during which two other cars passed me, one on each side.

Heart stopped thudding after I'd passed two cars in the ditch. Turned to Kim, who's learning to drive, and said coolly, "Did you notice that technique for getting out of a skid? Just turn the wheel into the skid." She gave me a long, hard look that she has learned from her mother, and snorted, which she has also learned from the same source.

We were on our way to spend the weekend with the Old Ladies, at her pad in the city. What a peculiar feeling to enter a strange building, go up an elevator, walk along a hall, knock on a strange door, and have your own wife answer! It seems almost indecent or something, as though you had a kept woman.

But three or four hours later, after you have got down to fighting over finances, apologizing because you haven't got the storm windows on yet and promising that you're going to help Kim with her Latin, things are right back to normal.

WINTER HOLIDAY

Deciding in split the school year into three equal parts, the Dept. of Education is dropping Easter holidays in favour of a March 16-24 winter holiday.

Good Friday and Easter Monday, April 12 and 15 will also be holidays under the new schedule which comes into effect this spring.

And it's difficult to prolong that sinful feeling that you're keeping a mistress when you go to bed with a woman, and there's a great lump of a daughter sleeping on the floor, an air mattress and a sleeping bag, two feet from you.

That air mattress allowed me to deliver one of the last great puns of my life. I knew this cute gal on our staff had a mattress. We talked about me borrowing it. And the other day, in the staff room, I asked, in loud clear tones: "Miss S... Could we get together on that mattress?"

As all heads swung toward us with fascination, I waited for see whether she'd slug me, or laugh. She laughed. So did the others, but some of the old ducks rather nervously.

My wife has a nice little apartment, but one week-end in it nearly drove me up the curtains. There's no place to hide and read, or look at yourself in the mirror, or cut your toe nails. Except the bathroom. And you can only stay in there so long. At home, there are all sort of nooks and crannies for looking at your navel, or picking fluff out of your belly-button.

Well, 24 hours of telling her she could pass the year, if she would stop worrying. That's like telling Niagara it could be a nice little trout stream if it would stop falling.

And home, with Kim driving and me twitching. And column to write and lesson to prepare and Halloween candy to be bought. And that fearsome washing machine still to be tackled.

Think I'll have a short and go to the coin laundry.

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HISTORY OF PEEL

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The handsome book now on sale, and an advertisement elsewhere in this issue gives the details.

It will make an excellent addition to the libraries of people, who are interested in district history.

NEWS ECHOES

From the Herald of 10 and 20 Years Ago

10 YEARS AGO

- Seventeen trees have been planted in the Swanek subdivision, first action in a plan to move trees from the old reservoir property to barren streets here. It's a joint project of council, ratepayers and the Horticultural Society.
 - North Halton Public Schools held their semi-finals, in the public speaking contest at Howard Wrigglesworth Public School Friday. Georgetown pupils taking part were Mark Llewellyn, Sonja Berg, and Ingrid Langebeck.
 - Arrangements have been made to broadcast most of the Georgetown Raiders regular schedule games this season by the Oakville radio station CHWO. Bob McLaughlin, who handled the commentary in the playoffs last year, will be at the mike.
 - Georgetown Skating Club elected their executive this week. Rev. Alex Calder is president, Mrs. Alistair Macintosh vice-president, Mrs. Douglas Davidson treasurer, and Mrs. Harry Shortill secretary.
- #### 20 YEARS AGO
- Mayor Joseph Gibbons was returned as mayor of Georgetown for his twelfth term when the annual nomination meeting was held in the public library Friday night. Acclamation was the rule at the meeting and others returned included Reeve Alex McLaren, and Deputy Reeve Jack Armstrong both for second terms. Cr. Arthur Herbert in Ward I, and Cr. Harry Hale in Ward II, also for second terms. Cecil Davidson will take a seat on council as a newcomer next year being the other nominee elected by acclamation in Ward II.

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