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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Georgetown Gets a Warden

Election of Georgetown's Reeve, Wm. F. Hunter as Halton's 1968 warden is an honour, not only for this veteran municipal politician, but for the town as well.

Mr. Hunter has served for several years as a county councillor and his experience there, as well as in town politics, makes him well suited for the position. Besides that, he has been active in service club, Chamber of Commerce and hockey organizations, is a successful realtor, all of which should make him one of the best wardens in the county's history.

A county council position, combined as it is with active participation in town affairs as a senior member of the town council, is an onerous one. Add to this the warden's position, with its obligation to attend numerous county committee meetings, as well as social and civic affairs in all the municipalities, puts a heavy load on the new warden.

That Mr. Hunter will carry out his duties faithfully and well, we know from the interest he has displayed in his position as Georgetown's Reeve.

### Hard to Believe

Prediction of new Esqueving Reeve George Currie that the township as we know it today, will be disappearing, is something like reminding a man in middle age that more than half his life has been lived. He knows it, but as long as he doesn't mention it, he can retain his illusions.

Even a few years back, one could not dream that our part of Ontario would see such radical changes. Not so many years ago, when a town municipal candidate predicted that Georgetown would some day be a town of 10,000, we shrugged this off as political talk. But it wasn't long before this became outdated.

Now we have a community of 13,000, still rapidly growing and a township which, last year, showed its rapid urbanization in

assessment figures which revealed that over fifty per cent of the tax revenue came from other than farms.

While portions of Esqueving Township will remain rural for some years to come, the present administrative system is in for radical changes. Centralization of municipal services will do away with township municipal administration as we have known it for generations.

No longer will residents be in as close touch with their elected representatives. There is bound to be a little more 'red tape' particularly in minor matters which up to now have been handled with despatch, under a localized system.

It will be with some regret that we see a system end which has worked effectively and given so many years of good service to the people.

### Not All Good

While we can't weigh the merits of a larger municipal government, we can certainly see some disadvantages in the centralized school administration slated to start in 1969.

Some years back we served on a district high school board, created by Queen's Park mainly to persuade five municipalities to build one central high school in place of the three then operating.

That it never came about was due mainly to the determination of the Georgetown representatives, particularly, in insisting that if one central school were built, it should be in one of the three towns — Georgetown, Milton or Acton. The government's position was that it could be built anywhere but in a town — and Speyside was the favourite proposal.

Can you imagine where we would be

today had the plan materialized? Transportation of students from all three towns to Speyside would alone boost education costs to astronomical proportions.

It was ironic that, after years of argument, when Georgetown weakened slightly and decided to favour a central school at Silvercreek, the department of education had done a complete switch and now would allow a central school to be built only in a town.

Let's hope we know what we are doing today when we trade a local school board for the highly-touted advantages of a centralized system.

Of one thing we are sure — it's a pipe dream to swallow one of the mooted advantages — saving money. A central system will be more unwieldy, require more personnel, more paper work and more tax money to operate.

### IN THE MAIL BAG

#### Youth-In Leader Gives His Opinions on Forum

Dear Sir:

Youth-In's "Youth-In Forum" was three weeks ago, but I thought it was best to wait until your paper's report was released before I expressed my views on the matter. I might also add (for clarity's sake) that I am not necessarily representing Youth-In, only myself and my opinions.

You reported, through no fault of your own, that the Forum was "Jaycee-sponsored." It wasn't — the Jaycees are our official sponsors. As far as sponsoring the Forum, they didn't. Neither did they have anything to do in organizing it. The entire project was planned, organized and carried out by Youth-In.

But as was reported in the paper, Jaycee president, Doug Fishburn, gave an introductory speech (15-20 minutes long). With what reason did they justify this when they were not invited to speak; and with what justification did they bring their choo-choo train (made for the centennial parade) and park it in front of the High School with the words: Jaycee's Youth Forum printed on it? Unfortunately this unusual type of action was again exhibited while the Forum was being conducted — while the first guest speaker was giving his lecture, two or three of the Jaycees got up from their seats and began moving around, taking pictures and starting informal little discussion groups of their own, all in all showing little respect for

the Forum, to say nothing of the speaker.

To be fair, I must admit that the teenagers themselves were guilty of the same antics. While Richard Needham, the second guest speaker was talking, some of the teens would be getting up going in and out, lighting up cigarettes (which was forbidden by school officials who said the butts would burn the floor) talking and making snide remarks, with no regard for the speaker whatsoever. Later on in the day, during a panel discussion and during the evening's hootenanny, this type of action was again displayed. I think that for these kids, the Forum was a lost cause — they were too immature to understand at 16 and 17 years of age. So much for my naivete on the wonderful world of teens. Perhaps some of the things the adults say about us are true.

The Forum was a bit of a failure in other respects too.

In talking to the teens afterwards, they said the food was not worth the price paid to a local organization who prepared the meal. I agree with them — where was all the overhead that justified charging \$1.35 a plate, and where was all the food that would have been worth the money paid? I refuse to believe that the organization was only trying to make a fat buck. What was the real cause?

Another reason for failure was the number of teenagers there — where were they all? Their scarcity may be partly attributed to the limited adver-

ising and for that I accept the blame — as public relations man of Youth-In I should have advertised a lot more, perhaps on radio and in surrounding newspapers. If this had been done we might have had a better turnout. But I feel that the people who were informed of the Youth Forum and who couldn't work up enough interest to attend, failed themselves.

Both the adults and the teenagers are guilty of an almost callous indifference to the problems that today's youth have to cope with. Some of the parents didn't want their child going to the Forum. Why not? Maybe they fear their son or daughter might find out something they're neglected to tell them. Judging by the nature of Georgetown's police records I think this is all too true.

So, as far as clearing up some of the problems about sex, drugs and alcohol, it was not too successful. We didn't reach enough teenagers, and the ones we did, didn't seem to care too much.

If ever another Youth Forum is held in Georgetown, they will have to wait until the people grow out of their indifference, until such time, any Youth Forum will be a waste of time.

— Richard DeSylva

#### DISTRICT NEWS AT A GLANCE

**BEZFOUNTAIN** — A two storey farmhouse was completely destroyed by fire in the sub zero weather last week. Mr. and Mrs. John Watkinson and their three children age 4, 3 and 2 months were able to escape unharmd but could get nothing from their home.



THE PORTRAIT ARTISTS

**MILTON** — It took 11 days of waiting then a rush trip to hospital in a police car on a bitter cold morning, but Nancy Jayne Vander Eyken became the first baby born in Milton hospital in 1968 when she arrived Friday, January 5. She was expected for Christmas.

#### WORD OF THE WEEK

**ABROGATE:** to wear or rub away; to wear away; to scrap off.

Next Week's Word: Abrogate

#### IN THE MAIL BAG

#### Subject, Not Personalities Is What Should be Debated

Box 629, Mayerthorpe, Alta. January 11, 1968

Ahhh! The January 1st issue of the Herald has just arrived and I've caught one, and Mr. Tony McAuley, at that!

I could say that Mr. McAuley isn't very logical himself but I won't because that wouldn't contribute anything to the debate — nor does Mr. McAuley's letter. However, he's entitled to make his judgemental pronouncements, and even to publish them, and I respect that right even though I may not like his judgements.

I wish Mr. McAuley had tackled the central argument that irresponsible deeds are a perversion of freedom and that only responsible thought and action in truly free thought and action. Sadly, he chose to tackle me instead. That's the kind of thing that I think is irresponsible.

The trouble with Hippiess and the New Left and all that is that the persons involved inevitably imply you're a stupid dolt if you

#### IN THE MAIL BAG

#### Wants Road Improvement Before Accidents Occur

January 9th, 1968  
50 Moore Park Cr.

Dear Sir:

It is looking into the future that I write to you. — Perhaps tonight, tomorrow or the next day someone will have a serious mishap unless something immediate is done. As a daily traveller along the Fourth Line of Chinguacousy Township or the Mississauga - Streetsville road I have observed on many occasions at early dawn, various motorists in difficulty due to having their vehicles leave the road and slide in to the shallow ditch one or two hundred yards from the No. 7 Hwy.

However, my real concern is the stretch of road between the firehall on the fourth line and the mileage sign on top of the hill heading south toward Hurlville. Along this stretch there are no guard rails on the west side of the road. However, there is a considerable drop to the fields below. Recently someone took it upon themselves

## SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

#### HAVE A GREAT '68

Whatever you want most in 1968, I hope you get. But don't count on it. There's nothing new much you can be sure of except those old reliable, death and taxes. And with the government taxing us to death, the twain will soon be one.

When you're young a year

There'll be wars and rumors of wars. There'll be one crisis after another. There'll be scandal in high places. There'll be race riots and protest marches — There'll be a lot of rotten TV fare. Canada will be licked in the world hockey playoffs.

And a lot of the other old inevitables will be there: higher taxes and lower morals; shorter skirts and longer faces; louder music and softer bellies; more people and less homes; great political promises and minuscule political action. And so on. Make your own list.

On the personal level, if you're a man, you're probably going to lose some hair and gain some earth, pick up another ace or two, grow a little more grumpy or pompous and wonder loudly what the hell the world is coming to.

If you're a woman, you're probably going to lose some hope and gain a chin, pick up a few more furrows in the face, grow a little more bossy, and nudge your husband another degree toward an early grave.

Whatever your sex, if you are over 30, you are going to find that a little more of your get-up-and-go has quietly got-up-and-went.

But don't worry about that. Gird up your loins, seize fortune by the forelock, sit in the face of fate, and get some hormone shots and face-lifts together with courage, dignity and bursitis in both shoulders, like me.

For whether we like it or not, we happen to be living in one of the most exciting times in human history. Many of us often wish we could be living in a simpler age, when black and white, right and wrong, were clearly established. Alas, we ain't.

But perhaps, when we feel a twinge of regret, we should also

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remember that in those good old days it was every man for himself. The rich were richer and the poor were poorer. The strong grabbed from the weak. The white used the black as an animal. The mentally ill were swept under the carpet. And closets were crowded with skeletons.

Now, today's technological advances are frightening, but fascinating. Everyone's going to the moon. Personally, I don't want to be on the first scheduled flight, but the very idea is staggering in its reflection of man's eternal curiosity and ingenuity.

But even more exciting, in my opinion, is the social revolution that is sweeping our world. Modern man is examining himself as he never did before. He is literally picking himself up by "the heels and shaking." As a result, long-held ideas are revealed as poppycock, rigid dogmas are shattering like shards.

Divorce, abortion, homosexuality and mental illness have been dragged out of the shadows and into the light. Capital punishment is almost obsolete.

Mind you, it's painful. The whole process of growing up is always painful. But I don't want to live in ancient Greece or Elizabethan England or 2068. A.D. I want to live in 1968 and see what happens. How about you?

## NEWS ECHOES

From the Herald's of 10 and 20 Years Ago

1958

- Georgetown has received approval for a 50 bed hospital to serve the northern part of Halton County... The local hospital group is now enabled to proceed with its plans, and once financing is completed, construction can start.
- Council has approved a subdivision in the Sunbeam Heights area on an 85-lot parcel of land which was once part of the Cedarvale Farm orchard.
- District manager for United Suburban Gas since the company commenced business in Georgetown two years ago, James F. Robertson, has been transferred to Hamilton. His successor here is Alex Blackwell.
- A 310 acre recreation park has been purchased by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority in the Terra Cotta district. The authority-ratified-committee recommendations at its January meeting to buy the popular Terra Cotta Playground.

1948

- Cecil Dobie, for the past seven years accountant of the Canadian Bank of Commerce branch in Georgetown has been appointed manager at the bank's branch at Milton.
- Tackling their most ambitious offering yet Apprentice Productions presented a comedy hit of the English stage "White The Sun Shines", Wednesday and Thursday in the Old Town Hall. In the cast were Neil McLennan, Lena Emmerson, Walter Cook, Hal Newman, Art Reinhardt, Pat Darlington and Mac McBride.

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