

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Use Money Wisely

A hundred years ago Canadian rural life was all-encompassing, uncomplicated. When someone was ill, neighbors banded together bringing food; if someone's barn burned to the ground, there was a community barn raising.

Unknowningly, each individual was dependent on the other. More than that, it was the generous pioneer spirit that prompted kindness for any person in distress.

While we have not lost this entirely in today's world, things have changed. With Georgetown's growth, we do not know our neighbors as intimately. Life is faster paced — we seem to have less and less time to worry about what others are doing. Their problems are often looked upon in the abstract, with a brief "Too bad about old Bill." We mean to do something, but we never get around to it.

One place where we can still help, collectively if not individually, is in supporting such organizations as the Red Cross, which this week and next is making

its annual fund appeal.

Georgetown is extremely fortunate in having women and men of the calibre this organization has attracted. They devote many, many hours to its life-saving work. Their reward is not monetary, for not a cent is realized in remuneration. Their satisfaction is in doing a job for their fellowmen.

There are many ways that you can help. Blood donations at the clinic exemplify the real pioneer spirit; for this is a completely personal gift. It costs you nothing, other than a bit of time and a momentary inconvenience. Sharing in executive work is the same, for there is always a job for one more person to do.

And whether you can or can't help in these ways, your money is still needed, for a program can only be as good as the money it takes to run it. Georgetown is so full of Red Cross activities that you don't have any trouble seeing how your money is spent.

A "Personal" Way to Help

There is another organization in Georgetown which works quietly in the background, doing a very "personal" service for neighbors.

In recent years the Cancer Society has organized a car pool which takes cancer patients for treatment. For those who have cancer, we are fortunately situated close enough to the city that it is possible to take a series of treatments there, without having to stay in hospital.

All that is needed is for people to volunteer their cars and spend the three or four hours necessary to drive a person to and from the hospital.

So far, the system has worked well, but lately the volume of trips has increased to the point where a substantial number of new volunteers is necessary, in order that present drivers are not overloaded.

Mrs. Barry Timleck, who handles transportation for the society, tells us that treatment has radically changed, with many more people now taking radium treatment instead of surgery. For instance, in 1966, there were only 7 trips—in 1967, 86 trips. And this year to date, 35, with 16 more scheduled for April. Present volunteers have been going at least once a week. Ideally, with more volunteers, this should be reduced to one or two trips a month.

There is no pay for the job, but drivers are paid a mileage fee to cover their trip, and an insurance policy covers driver and patient. A return trip takes about four hours of one's time.

Your reward — the knowledge that a patient has been able to be home with his family, instead of confined to hospital for several weeks, because you give an occasional half day of your time. Reward enough!

Problems for Religion

With churches seeking ways to make their program more attractive to young people, emphasis is being placed on current affairs, on musical changes, innovations in the form of service.

Some of this is good.

Too often, churches isolate themselves from world affairs completely, making religion a mystical, philosophical thing difficult to apply to modern living.

But the church is faced with a double problem — the fact that it must adhere to a central pattern, allowing its ministers a minimum of personal freedom — and the fact that a minister, like an editorial writer, must use care in voicing extreme personal views, because once voiced, such opinions are deemed to be those of the whole church.

A minister must then, of necessity, be a middle of the reader — brave enough to protest, yet cautious enough to view both sides of a problem, and to think twice before he speaks.

The danger in our approach to young people was never more apparent than in a report of a church forum in Toronto where folk singer Baez was the featured speaker. Miss Baez is reported as telling a 15-year old that she should drop out from school and its boredom and stifling atmosphere.

In this case, a well meaning idea went haywire thanks, probably, to those in charge not checking on the guest speaker's views in advance.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Says Children are Victims In Town, Township Feuding

Dear Mr. Editor:

Since the "Library Conflict" first appeared in the pages of the Herald I have been greatly concerned. This morning when I heard a report of Monday the 11th Council meeting I decided to write this letter.

I have been a member of the Library for some fourteen years and have used the books offered with generally great reward. In my mind it is important that the children learn of these things in not so technical a way for their minds at age seven are not as sophisticated as an adult's. It is the duty of a Library to help accomplish this fact. Now it seems to me that the Library is going to deprive the children of the Township of this privilege. Does the Library Board honestly think that the adults will continue to belong to an institu-

tion which discriminates against their children? It bothers me deeply that CHILDREN who do not really understand the conflict will be denied whereas the VOTING ADULT population will be allowed to continue using the Library. I know that were I a parent I certainly would no longer use the Library. In fact, I am debating whether I should return my card and ask a refund of my membership. It is easy enough for me to join the Toronto Public Library as an out-of-town member or with a friend a librarian at the U of T to get books for me. However, I realize that this is in some cases an impossibility for the children of the Township. It is indeed a pity that the minds of young people are to be deprived for reasons of political jealousy!

Cr. Smith is also reported as saying that the pool and areas facilities will be withdrawn as well. Let me remind him that the Credit River flows in summer and that there are much much larger swimming areas in Limehouse and Terra Colla. The interdict on the Arena — I wonder if it would cover the hockey players who live in the

township? Woe to not only Minor Hockey but any other hockey team that Georgetown has! However, if this is not the case, then I'm sure that the boys will be more than happy to skate on for the greater glory of Georgetown knowing that on Saturday afternoon they may not be able to use the Arena or indeed on Wednesday with their class for a bit of fun!

I personally feel that a good deal of this stems from the ancient rivalry between the Township and the town that has existed since I can remember hearing as a child. Really it seems that the sins of the forefathers are being visited upon the sons. I think that all the children of the township should put some sort of sign on themselves as the town will be able to tell them from the town children, because we are not that different. Perhaps we should all sign ourselves with the sign of the beast?

I remain,

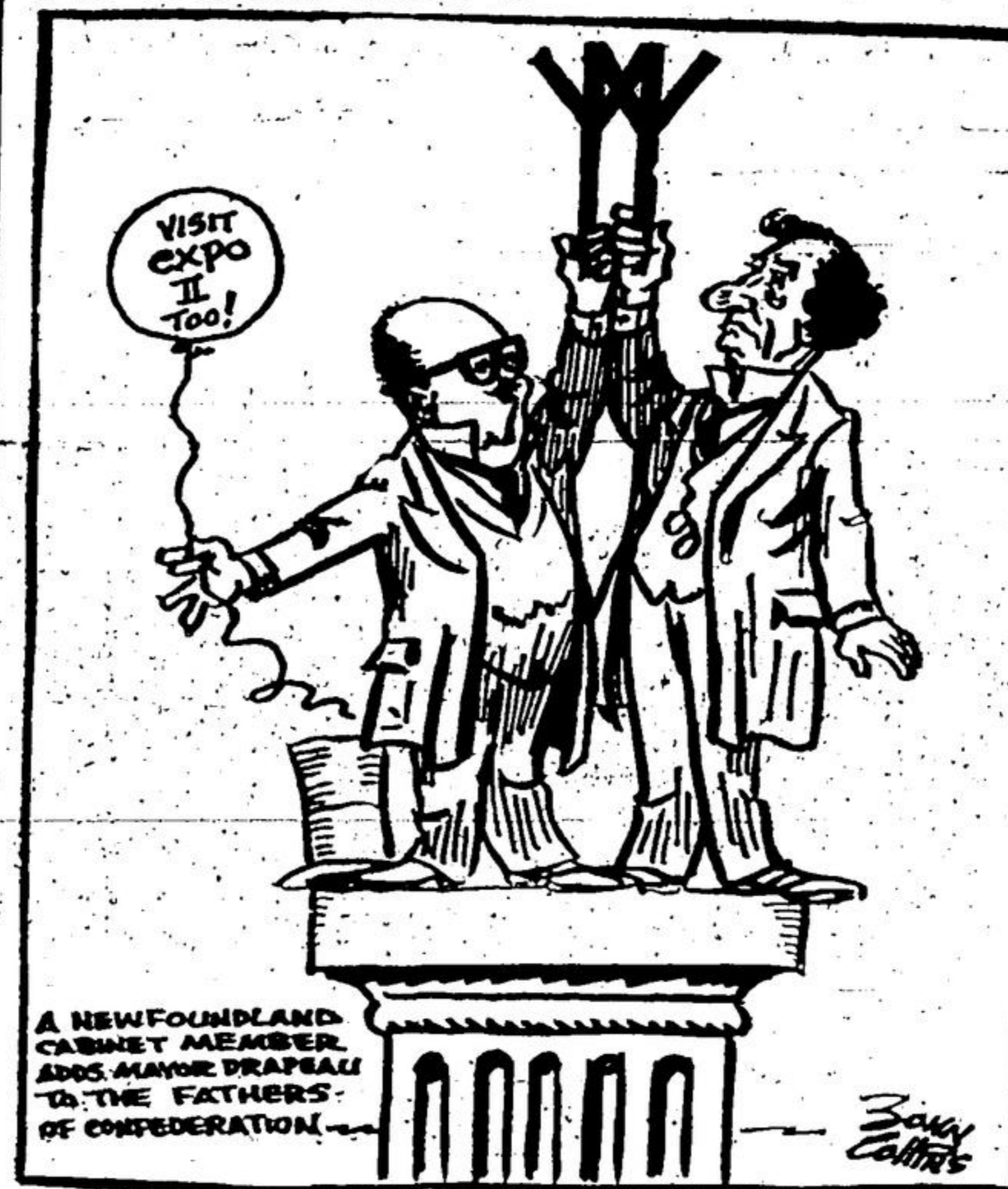
Yours sincerely,

Mary Eleanor Hill

SMILE

Crossing the street one morning, the man was nearly run down by an antiquated car literally overflowing with a dozen children. Since the red light has been against the woman driver, as she came to a screeching stop the man shouted, "Lady don't you know when to stop?" Glancing back at the moppets she answered icily: "They aren't all mine."

The closer you are to a person, the more tact and courtesy you need.



JOHN A. MEET JEAN D.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Praise Young Citizen On Lifesaving Action

51 Sargent Road, Georgetown, Ont.

Dear Sir,

In last week's Herald you published a picture of one of our citizens — Wayne McNiven — receiving an award for saving a life earlier this year, a citizen who belongs to a generation that we are so quick to criticize, and yet I know so few who can boast such an achievement.

This award was presented by the St. John Ambulance, however, it was a result of initial recommendation from our local police department and in particular Constable John Barrett who was called to the incident. It is also gratifying to know that these men are willing to hand out a little commendation.

A little publicity on this aspect of the police activities would be welcome, it is common in some countries for the police to make direct awards to any outstanding person.

Jim Bennett
St. John Ambulance Association

THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

OAKVILLE

At press time police are still searching for two men who bound and gagged the cashier of the County Squire restaurant about midnight Sunday and made off with \$1,700 in cash. They wore stockings over their heads and one man was armed with a rifle.

MILTON

George Jackson of Milton, a delegate from Halton riding in the national Liberal leadership convention said Sunday he plans to cast a vote of protest against all candidates unless he is assured more help will be given Canada's Indians and Eskimos. Mr. Jackson, who is inviting other delegates to join his protest, says the needs of Canada's native populations are being ignored.

ACTON

Strong opposition was presented in Acton council to motions to raise the mayor's honorarium to \$1,000 a year and increase the number of meetings for which councillors are paid. However council passed the motions after lengthy discussion.

ERIN

A recreation centre for Erin is the project of a group of public spirited citizens who met in the village's Legion auditorium last week to discuss plans. The centre will include facilities for arts, crafts and auto mechanics and other interests of the district's youth.

HARLEY TO HALTON



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

SINCE MY LAST

column the House of Commons has been debating the new tax increases which were outlined in my last column. These proposed changes had to be modified somewhat because of a ruling by the speaker who asked that clauses similar to the previous Bill be removed. This was done by the Government and resulted in the new Bill being very short and consisting of four clauses only. The Bill has now received second reading and has passed in the Committee stages. It now awaits third and final reading, which should come within a day.

THE FINANCIAL problems we are having in Canada would

appear to be minor in comparison to the general problems confronting the Western World concerning gold and monetary policies in general. There is no doubt that the Canadian dollar is heavily tied to the American dollar and that the American dollar is under great pressure to be devalued. The same end would be achieved by raising the price of gold.

IT WOULD APPEAR to me that if the American dollar were devalued a similar change would occur in all the currencies of the Western World and the net effect would be negligible. I would hope that the International Monetary Fund will soon be able to bring into power their monetary unit which is not based on gold. This would appear to be the long-range answer to the gold problems facing the world today.

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NEWS ECHOES

From the Herald's of 10 and 20 Years Ago

1958

Georgetown will have a 2-mill reduction in tax rate this year. A budget adopted this week calls for a 48 mill rate for residential properties and for industrial and commercial taxpayers 51 mills.

At council Monday, a member of the North Halton high school board, James Goodlet, urged council to press council to press a county consultative committee to investigate the possibility of disbanding the North Halton board and return to three school boards.

An historic announcement for Anglicans in Georgetown and Glen Williams came last week in a letter from Bishop W. E. Bagnall in which he informed wardens of St. Alban the Martyr, Glen Williams, that a full time ministry will be available in the parish beginning May 1st.

1948

The Cordaro line of candies which are now manufactured in Georgetown were sold from the McGibbon store on Easter week-end and Cordaro's Easter novelties were displayed there and in Penson's Fish and Chip Store.

William Cromar was elected president of Georgetown Lawn Bowling Club at the annual meeting in the arena last Wednesday. Other officers are vice-president R. H. Ireland, secretary treasurer Walter Gray, grounds chairman, Wilfred Lavoie, games chairman, W. H. Kentner, publicity W. G. Bell, entertainment Claude Kentner.

A letter from Dr. Berry, Chief Sanitary Engineer of the Ontario Dept. of Health concerning chlorination of the town water supply brought on a general discussion on water at Monday's council meeting. Council and Dr. Berry will pay a visit to the reservoir at Silvercreek and look over the whole situation.

SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

SMILEY AT THE MOVIES

Took about 300 of our senior students to the movies first thing Monday morning. They looked forward to the outing, a change from the classroom — it was quite an experience.

There were about 500 normal noisy teenagers in the theatre, altogether. Normally this is asking for bedlam. Modern kids, conditioned by television, are equally inclined to laugh jarringly, mockingly, at scenes of horror and scenes of poignancy. Brutality and violence are their daily bread.

But after the reels began spinning on Monday morning, there weren't any laughs. When the lights went up, there was none of the usual horseplay. There were 500 shaken, subdued and in some cases stunned teenagers.

The film was "The War Game," a short British movie. It depicts, in a matter-of-fact documentary style, what would happen if a nuclear exchange broke out.

No excruciating detail is spared. Blatantly anti-war, it is a bitter satire on our society and man's stupidity. The film is crude, the message blunt, and the effect harrowing. The BBC banned it as too shocking to be shown to the public on television.

It's all there: the public ignorance; the government apathy; the triggering incident; the profiteer who sells sandbags at an exorbitant rate; the man with two bomb-shelters and a shot gun to keep others out; the little boy whose eyeballs turn to jelly when he sees the flash; the ordinary family crouched, like terrified animals, under the kitchen table; the fire storm that destroys everything in its path, the grotesque burned faces; the people shocked into idiocy; the break down of law and order.

Carefully juxtaposed with pictures of children whimpering with pain and shock are the calm, pompous statements of bishops who say we must learn to live with the bomb, and a jovial nuclear scientist who explains how many millions will be killed.

What's the purpose, you may

ask, of subjecting well-fed bourgeois teenagers to such an experience. Well, it is rather like shock treatment. It makes them wake-up, examine their values, think about the world and the part they must play in it, rather than what they will wear to the dance Friday night.

We talked about it later. They thought it shouldn't be seen by children, but that everyone else in the world, on both sides of the fence, should see it.

They tried to explain why there is comparative silence these days about the bomb and fallout, compared with the obsession with it, and the wave of slighter-building, that occurred a decade ago.

We discussed the moral implications of shooting people who wanted to share your shelter. Of the police in the fifth, shooting victims of burns who had only a few hours to live, and those hours in extreme agony. Of what they, themselves, could do about it all.

Some of them were shaken out of their cosy, conformist little box. Others were overwhelmed by a feeling of futility.

And some were filled with a fury at the idocy of their elders, who had allowed this to happen. And others were just plain scared and wanted to know what preparations we were taking for such an eventuality. And a few believed that man could prevail and overcome the evil.

We ranged from Vietnam to hippies and escapism, from morality to the instinct for survival, from whether they would rather be Red than dead to what they would do if the Yanks decided they must take over Canada, for their own military safety. (Most of the boys would fight, take to the hills.)

I think it was good for them. The world of the future is theirs and they can't go on blaming us forever. See the film yourself, if you can. But take a paper bag if you have a weak stomach.

WORD OF THE WEEK

ACEOUS (Adj. suffix) Belonging to or pertaining to, or like, as herbaceous in botany. Belonging to a family.

Next Week's Word: Acerbity.

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