

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Whither the Buses?

Charles Street residents are griping. 'Tis the season to be sniping. Since the council moved the buses Off a downtown street...

Nothing is new under the sun, and the current shifting of the Gay Coach route off Main Street had caused a second storm.

Last time it was complaints of those using the buses that caused a fast reversal on town council's part. This time, residents of the new route, particularly those who live on Charles St. are raising thunder.

They protest that it is a danger to school children crossing the street and that buses should not travel through a residential area.

The controversy is something of a teapot tempest.

No Envy

We don't envy Pierre Elliott Trudeau. As he became Canada's prime minister at the Liberal leadership convention, he reached a pinnacle of popularity.

From now on he has nowhere to go but down.

Like a knight in shining armour, Trudeau rode into the fray, with unprecedented support from the communications media. He lacked the experience of a Hellyer, the diplomacy of a Martin, the business sagacity of a Winters, the 'family-type' appeal of a Turner, the 'grass roots' oratory of a Greene.

He was relatively unknown to the public. Thought of as a young man, he is actually older than some of the other candidates. He was a fairly new member of the Party, hinted at as somewhat of a radical. And his charm was enhanced by his image as a 'swinging' bachelor.

An American Tragedy

Death of Dr. Martin Luther King by an assassin's bullet last week, was tragedy, enough in itself.

Dr. King was an outstanding leader and spokesman for the American negro population and under his leadership tremendous strides have been made to give Americans whose genealogy goes back far beyond many of their detractors a proper place under the sun.

But the greater tragedy was that death of a man, pledged to non-violence to gain his ends, should result in a wave of arson, looting, death and mayhem unparalleled in one of the cradles of democracy.

Thinking Americans, white and black, are revolted by the lawlessness which broke

In the first place, we can see no particular reason for moving the buses. The odd time they created a bit of a traffic bottleneck — and they reserved a few parking spaces which now can be used by the public. But essentially, with Main Street not a highway, who worries about waiting a minute or two in traffic. And isn't a jammed Main Street an attention getter for merchants, rather than an impediment?

As for Charles Street, it is a main traffic artery, whether residents like it or not, and a few buses added to the general truck and auto traffic will hardly be noticed. When we lived on the street twenty years ago, it was busy, the type of street where one must train children from their earliest years to be traffic wise.

Failing a return to Main Street, which we certainly would not oppose, the new route would seem to please a majority of residents, and the objections are not particularly valid.

Now comes the acid test and in the next few months he will be weighed in the balance.

He will face the political pressures within his own party and the wider ones of government, trying to keep a majority of people happy while implementing programs in which he believes. He will face like any government, the present economic chaos, housing shortages, minimum incomes, Medicare, separatism, bilingualism, NATO commitments.

Only one thing is sure. With each succeeding day, Mr. Trudeau will lose a smidge of his popularity. In a few weeks or months, he will become a human being again, displaying the strengths and the frailties of ordinary mortals.

Wah! he can still be a great prime minister and we wish him well as he takes over as Canada's No. 1 citizen.

out in the nation's capital and in many other major cities. The incidents will make powerful propaganda in foreign lands unfriendly to the U.S. and will probably be interpreted in those countries as protests against the Viet Nam war.

Two facts emerge from the holocaust. Continued efforts must be made to solve the basic roots of the trouble — an accord between warring factions, elimination of ghettos and a concentration on education and economic elevation of a suppressed race.

But stern action must also be taken against lawlessness and a clear understanding given that misdeeds will be punished and mob rule not allowed in one of the world's finest nations.

usually do not believe all this damage is being done by school children or our teenage population but that some is committed by irresponsible adults.

Your co-operation is urgently solicited. Yours sincerely, G.V. Sigurdson, Chairman, Georgetown Public School Board.

Stranger in a Town Young people — difficult to know. Maybe a smile, — if lucky, — "Hello".

No place to go, — and no one to share it. So many people, — so few very friendly. So very in, — and no way out. Is it myself, — or is it the town? So many feelings, — one longs to share. But no one to listen, and no one to care.

Another name, — another face, Another competitor in the race. Why I ask, — are people so cold?

No, — there's no need for me to be told. Each fighting a battle, each wanting to win. Each wanting far better, than the one next to him. So many people, — so few willing to share. There's got to be someone, — someone to care!

—Hortelita Paluszkiowicz



AS THE NEWS WAS GREETED AROUND THE WORLD

IN THE MAIL BAG

Opposes Tax Grant—Wants Hospital Addition to Polls

42 Byron Street, April 4th 1968.

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed copies of letters that I have written to the Georgetown Council, Dr. Dymond and Hon. W. D. McKeough outlining my objections and anxieties re the proposed hospital expansion. I am sending you these copies, thereby making public, my concern and resultant actions taken by me which I hope, will eliminate the lack of efficiency, sense of personal responsibility, and communication, connected with medical treatment at this hospital. My only objective and purpose is to restore overall public trust and confidence, including my own, so that we may feel safe and secure in our dependence (which is not as universal as you imply in your editorial of March 28) in the institution.

Therefore I would be grateful if you would publish my letter as written to the council as opposed to a possible, printed reference, to my objections being read at the council meeting in this week's issue of your paper. The citizens of Georgetown will thus be all made aware of my concern and objections as presented to Council and will perhaps feel free to voice their own real anxieties and opinions, pro or con, mine.

Private discussions, prove futile, as I have found out. Publicity of this matter, I have concluded, must be the only way positive and responsible answers can be obtained, positive responsible action can be expected, and, hopefully, activated, now! Then and only then, should we discuss or debate the justification of expansion!

Thanking you for allowing me this space in the interest of community health and welfare I remain, (Mrs.) Dorothy Burns

Gentlemen,

I wish to formally and publicly convey to you my reaction to the proposed expansion of the Georgetown & District Memorial Hospital, and to express absolute objection to the reported "sympathetic attitude" taken by Georgetown Council and editorialized upon, concerning the allotment of Municipal funds to cover the cost of this expansion (whether partially or completely) to be obtained by assessment against the taxpayers of Georgetown — March 28 issue of The Georgetown Herald.

You will find, attached, copies of letters sent, to the various designated people, by me, because I have reached my point of saturation! For many months, my state of indecision and confusion as to the morally right course I should follow could have been equated to Vesuvius — then a further incident occurred which convinced me that, still, there is a real lack of communication, coordination, supervision and authority at this hospital, and I finally erupted!

Now, with this talk of expansion, and worse, that I am supposed to help pay for it, at the same time as my Ontario Hospital Services rates have almost doubled, I am really awfully

forth! I dare to hope, that once the door has been opened, the publicity of my fears and anxieties, will encourage others, who share my fears and anxieties because of personal incidents, to speak out publicly as I have done, the purpose and goal being not to condemn, but instead, hopefully by careful impartial and sincere enquiry and investigation under proper direction and supervision, eliminate these fears and anxieties, thereby letting us, the public, feel safe in the knowledge that the Hospital and all related Medical facilities are operating at maximum efficiency within the existing system, and that both layman and medical staff are fully aware of this system's capabilities and limitations!!!

This concern of mine is not a frivolous one, but some may choose to call it an emotional one, yes, it is an emotional concern, but a very genuine, honest and real concern about the confidence and trust which patients place or have placed in this hospital and too many times, it appears to the layman, has proven to have been misplaced, and no satisfactory proof has been offered remove the concern. Certainly shifting responsibility from one to another does nothing to correct, or prevent further, incidents. Nor does it do anything to disprove the constant supply of rumours circulating, as to lack of responsible concern, shown toward various incidents of varying degrees, and which are eroding if not eliminating, what little confidence we may have left. Surely, we the community, deserve better than this — surely we have the right to expect and even demand the best! When this hospital achieves that level, can we dare to contemplate expansion. The expansion of this particular hospital is a very debatable question, and the justification for such a major and serious plan should be debated publicly within the community, then taken to the polls for a vote, since we are to be held responsible financially.

Bit, first let us get the most and the best from what now exists, the case for or against expansion can and must be dealt with later, in a democratic, sensible and economically justified way.

Sincerely, (Mrs) Dorothy Burns

Any fool can criticize, condemn, and complain — and most fools do.

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HALTON EAST M.P.P.

JIM SNOW REPORTS

ON MONDAY, April 1st, the Hon. Member for Quinte, Dr. Potter, introduced a Resolution to the Legislature calling for the inclusion of Nursing Homes under the Ontario Hospital Services Commission plan. A debate followed this Resolution outlining many advantages of such a move which would help to allow hospital beds to be used for patients who need hospital care if the Nursing Homes were to handle patients needing only minimal care. This Resolution served only to bring this matter to the attention of the Government who will no doubt give further consideration to the Resolution.

THE NEW LEGISLATION was introduced by the Hon. Arthur Wishart, Q.C., Attorney-General, outlining the procedures for the Province's takeover of all responsibilities for the administration of justice. This included the main Bill and fifteen other Bills which require alterations and amendments all of which were given first reading. Announcement was also made by the Provincial Treasurer, the Hon. Charles McNaughton, of the procedures and payments to be made by the Province to the Counties and Municipalities for the existing buildings being used for the administration of justice. In some cases these buildings will be purchased from the Municipalities and in other cases, where the buildings are also used for other Municipal purposes, the space occupied by the Dept. of Justice will be leased from the Municipality.

I AM PLEASED to report that the construction program of the Ontario Dept. of Highways includes five projects for the 1968 construction season in the Halton East Riding. They are as follows:

(a) Construction of the new Lakeshore Road bridge over the Sixteen Mile Creek in Oakville, which is already underway.

(b) The reconstruction and widening of the Queen Elizabeth Highway from the Ninth Line cloverleaf westerly 3.4 miles, including intersection improvements at the South Service Road west entrance to the Ford Motor Co.

(c) Clearing, grubbing and re-fencing No. 5 Hwy. from Mississauga Road at Erindale westerly to Trafalgar Road in preparation for future reconstruction.

(d) Clearing and grubbing the Highway right-of-way of No. 7 Hwy. from Georgetown westerly to Acton in preparation of future reconstruction.

(e) Construction of Bus Stops and turn-arounds at Queen Elizabeth Hwy. and Bronte Rd.

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SUGAR AND SPICE by Bill Smiley

Let's Hear From You

Received a letter recently from the Managing Editor, Mrs. Ilsa, of the Petrolia (Ont.) Advertiser-Topic, one of the papers that runs my column. 'Gee, I wish I were a Managing Editor, and could dash off memos that would make people shake in their shoes. Once upon a time I was a Managing Editor. It meant that I was allowed to carry the bags of newspapers up to the post office on press day. But I never got to write any terse memos.'

The letter reads: 'Smiley: I'm getting weary of those columns on education and managers. Talk about adults. I distrust teachers who talk about school and students. You're better as a non-expert. One more education column and I cancel.'

Regards, 'Chas. Whipp.' Now, who could resist answering such a belle letsee? I couldn't.

'My dear Mr. Whipp: Thank you for your warm and courteous letter. It brightened up my whole day. But I think you have me confused with columnist Richard Needham of the Globe and Mail, who preaches rank anarchy day after day, exhorting students to drop out, see the world, forget about a formal education, live and love.'

I'm as straight and square as they come, as my daughter (whoops, there's a teenager) will assure you. I deplore the use of drink, drugs and demonstrations by students. I urge them to drop in, not out, and find out what the mysteries of life are all about.

Now, let's have a look. You're weary of columns on education and teenagers. Why? Were you once bitten (or bitten) by a teacher when you were a teenager?

Second, education takes about half of your tax dollars. And within a couple of decades adults will be outnumbered by adolescents. A couple of horrible thoughts, but surely worth a column occasionally.

Third, my columns about these topics bring more mail than any others. The letters are funny, poignant, sym-

thetic, tragic. One lady wrote telling me I'd helped her son. Another poured out her heart over the death of her 18-year-old.

Fourth, I think a check would reveal that these topics are far from dominating the column. I'd get sick of them if they did. Why not let your readers decide? All your readers, not just a couple of cranks. You know, I do write about sports, the family, the church, politics, the seasons and anything else that is part of modern life.

Next, you say, 'Talk about adults.' I do. But the adults are merely teenagers out of their teens. I've nothing against them. Some of my best friends are adults. But how would you like your sister to marry one?

Then you say, 'I distrust teachers who talk about school and students.' I don't distrust Managing Editors who talk about newspapers or dentists who talk about dentures. Who would you trust to talk about school and students? Managing editors? Plumbers? Doctors? Hair dressers?

Again, 'You're better as a non-expert.' Dear Mr. W., that's exactly what I am in the field of education, and any other field you can mention. And I think that's why so many other non-experts read the column. They're a little disillusioned with the glib solutions of the experts and identify with the amateur, like me.

Finally, you threaten to cancel unless I comply. Others have tried to lean on me before; politicians, advertisers, preachers, the educational establishments, to name a few. But never before a Managing Editor.

Maybe I should be flattered. But I don't flatter, or flatter, that easily. Education, school, students, teenagers. There, I've said all the dirty words. It's a free country. Cancel if you will. Never mind about my wife and brains.

And regards without rancour to you, dear Chas.

Bill Smiley.

Is Mr. Whipp right? I'm often wrong. Readers are invited to give their opinions to him at the paper, Petrolia, Ont., or these topics bring more mail to me at 303 Hazel Ave., Midland, Ontario, or to their local editor. Let's hear it!

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