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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Write to Your M.P.P.

An editorial, criticizing the Hall report with its radical suggestions for a change in the education system expressed the views of many other Georgetown residents. Many people have spoken of their agreement with our ideas that it could lead to a 'lost generation' with its emphasis on lessening academic competition, allowing students to choose what they want to study, and eliminating grades and examinations. The government has only one way of judging public reaction. They will be looking for letters, sent personally and appearing in the press, editorials such as ours, comments on radio and TV. A clipping bureau will take care of editorials, and each will find its way to the Department of Education. Letters to your

local member of parliament, in this case, Jim Snow, will also reach the proper source. The Hall report is one of the most important matters which the provincial government will be dealing with in future years. From remarks of Georgetown people, we judge that it is unpopular and should be discarded almost in its entirety. Those who want a school system which will fit young people for interesting jobs in a competitive world, should have no hesitation in voicing their feelings—in letters to Mr. Snow, in letters to the Herald mailbox, and in discussion groups where they can alert others to the inherent danger of dropping a tried and true system, for a theoretical, impractical and dangerous experiment which could affect a whole generation of young people.

### Something Missing

A custom over a century old is being dropped this year. Promotion results of pupils in the Georgetown public schools will be missing from next week's issue of the Herald. The idea, proposed by the principals' association and accepted by the public school board, is in line with some of the Hall report theories. It has as its thesis that a student's progress is a private matter. It is the final step in a progression which first saw students listed in alphabetical order, with honours and passing grouping, instead of the original standing in the class, then the dropping of honours and pass for a straight alphabetical position. Principals and board have made one concession. They will 'allow' the newspaper to print a list of class placements in August. A generous gesture, tinged with some self-

interest perhaps, because it would save some of the school opening confusion to know to which classroom a student reports. We realize that the publication of promotion lists is not perfect. The Herald has never listed the failures, but it is possible, of course, for a classmate and parent, to scrutinize the list for missing names and get this news backward. But is it the proper attitude to guard the few at the expense of the many? Are our children not prepping to enter a competitive world where they will be judged by their successes and failures. As a letter writer said in a daily newspaper last week, should we now carry this a bit further. If academic effort is not to be publicly acknowledged, what about sports? Should we cease telling in print who scored the winning touchdown or who was field day champion? Should the public speaking winner be hidden in anonymity?

### What's Wrong With Exams?

To keep on school matters, what's so wrong about exams? Today we have the ridiculous situation of high school students through in early June, unless their standing is such that they must write one or more exams to try to boost their standing. It is obvious that if a better than average student knows at Easter time that he will not have to write final exams, his interest will lag, and so will his accumulation of knowledge. We have talked to high school students who know more than their elders about this. Naturally they are happy not to have this final push, yet they realize the danger. We are creating a system where the school year begins to fade away in mid-May. Teachers and students alike begin to lose interest. The departmentals, imperfect as they might have been, provided a com-

mon ground for judging both student and teacher. No one who has graduated from high school in past years would say they suffered because of the intensive study which these required. It was a major hurdle in life and when one had passed, he knew he had something. If he continued on to university, the odds were with him that he would succeed with the proper amount of diligence. Now we are sending hordes of students on to higher education, ill-equipped to meet a challenge which requires maturity, and self discipline as well as basic knowledge. Many of them lack the whole three. We can say we gave them all a chance, but a chance for what? A chance to spend a lot of money and to taste failure which might not have come had those in authority used their experience to set up a proper system in our elementary schools.

### IN THE MAIL BAG

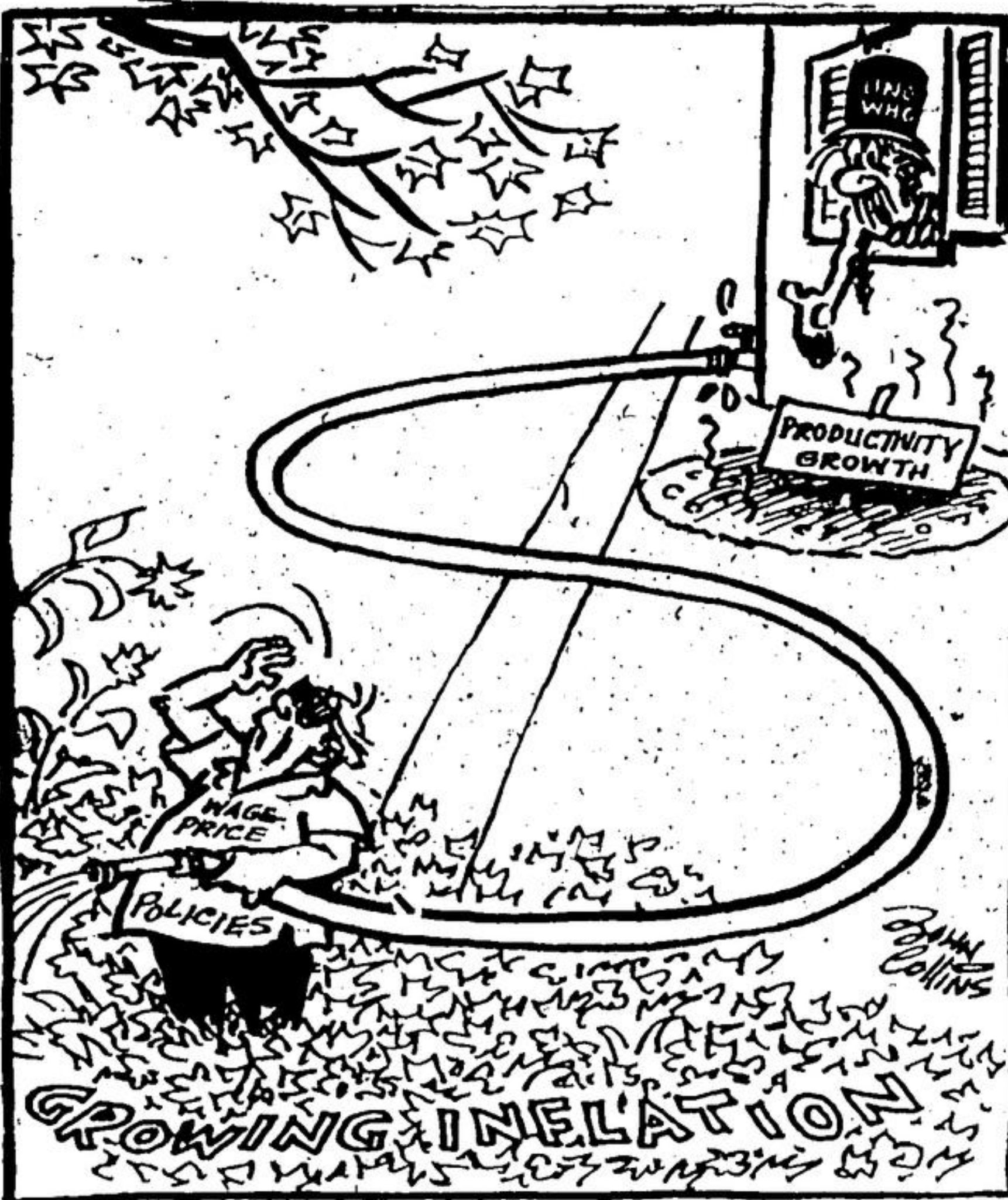
## Lauds Cancer Work of Late Marion McKean

June 24, 1968 a reception at Queen's Park by the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, Earl Rowe. On June 20th, Mr. Kenneth Fopper, the Campaign chairman, Visiting the place, the Hospital and the Research Centre, the Cancer Society thanked all is gratifying to state what a those who donated and worked tremendous work could be so hard to top our objective of \$10,750. I would like to add to this that the Ontario Division Canadian Cancer Society 1968 Campaign report No. 12 of the June 20, 1968 lists for Georgetown and district the sum of \$10,800 against the campaign 1967, \$9,345. It is also my pleasure to re-

the offices of Smith & Stone, will remain with me forever. Miss Marion McKean even asked for no flowers, but a donation to the Cancer Society. This was her thought with her last heart beat. If people are great, they are those devoted to a cause with all their hearts. As you or most of you are members of the Canadian Cancer Society let us get together in September 1968 and plan all together our next year of the Georgetown Canadian Cancer Society. My thanks to all of you may end these lines. Yours very truly, Alex Berezinski, President of the Georgetown & District Canadian Cancer Society.

but let us also not forget that we are only in the midst of our work to eliminate the danger of cancer. One of our most devoted members of the Georgetown District, Miss Marion McKean the secretary to the president, succumbed to the very disease that concerns all of us who labour in the cause of cancer control. We shall miss her greatly. There was not a day and not an hour when Miss Marion McKean was not ready to respond to our need. Her most pleasant personality and willingness to do work for our society, in spite of all her commitments of her daily work at

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### WATERING THE WEEDS

#### HALTON EAST M.P.P. JIM SNOW REPORTS



THIS WEEK the Honourable William Davis, Minister of Education, tabled the report of the Hall Committee on Education. This report prepared by the Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Justice Emmett Hall calls for what has been described as a revolutionary blueprint for education and calls for a continuous ungraded 12 year system with a wide choice of subjects and with the eventual abolition of tuition fees for universities and colleges.

ALSO, THIS past week the Metropolitan Toronto and region transportation study was tabled in the Legislature by the Honourable Irwin Hackett, Minister of Transport. That same afternoon a report was presented to several hundred persons at a presentation meeting held in the Queen Elizabeth Building at the CNE grounds. Many representatives from local municipalities of the Halton-East Riding attended this presentation. THIS REPORT HAS been prepared by a co-operative venture of many departments of the Ontario Government including the ways, Municipal Affairs, Trade and Resources Management, and Energy and Development, and together with the municipality of Metro Toronto, the Toronto Transit Commission, the CNR and CPR railways. The report which consists of five volumes, is very complete and far reaching. It foresees a group of intermediate cities between Toronto and Hamilton including Burlington with a possible future population of 225,000 Oakville with 430,000 and Mississauga with 500,000 people. A HIGH SPEED rail and highway system would traverse the lakeshore corridor and speed commuters from the central city to the smaller regional cities and residential areas. The report designates some 23 localities surrounding metro area which would accommodate between 15,000 & 25,000 residents. THIS WEEK we are pleased to have as visitors to the Parliament Buildings and the Legislature a group of 85 students from the Brookdale Public School of Oakville.

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## SUGAR AND SPICE by Bill Smiley

### Yanks Not That Bad

Sometimes the world seems a pretty rotten place to live, and one of them was during the period of shock and horror following the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy.

But there's always something to redeem us from bitterness. IN THE MAIL BAG

### Says Town Weeds Need Some Attention Also

101 Sargent Road, June 13th, 1968. Gentlemen: After reading today's issue of the Georgetown Herald, I am sure the residents on Sargent Road are shaking their heads in dismay at the latest 'Notice to Property Owners'. While I can appreciate the need of a law to control weeds growing on private property, I must question the Town's intentions as to its property. As mentioned in a letter from Mr. Powell, the Boulevard on Sargent Road is sadly neglected. If the private owners did not take the initiative (something clearly lacking with members of Town Council) and cut the grass, at least, it would be a sight for sore eyes indeed. It is impossible to keep weeds under control on the private properties when the weeds on the boulevard are enjoying such a healthy life. When is the Town going to consider this population explosion? It is my opinion that the homeowners on our street should object strenuously to any demands made by the Town regarding weed control until it acts accordingly. This is the latest incident to add to a widening 'credibility gap' in what could be one of Ontario's prettiest towns. Yours sincerely, Mrs. L. Horton.

### Claims Poll Changed When NDP had Victory

14 Elizabeth Street, June 21, 1968. Dear Editor: I should like to know why the Polling Station that I have gone to in the past 12 years suddenly isn't there any more. Now, on the 21st of June, I received a card from the Liberal Party that my Poll is 37. I, Bill Chard, am pretty sure I know the reason for this. For the first time, we, the NDP, won this town. Now the Liberals have decided to change the whole poll to the Fire Hall. If this is the "new image" for all Canadians, then we are guilty of no other dictatorship in the world. The recipient of my old poll has never been asked to have the poll this year. After years of service, a widowed, Old Age Pensioner has now been deprived of this small opportunity of service. Thank you, Bill Chard

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Politically, there is a history of assassination and attempts at it that would make a Balkan state green with envy. American folk-heroes were men of violence: Billy the Kid, Jesse James, murderers both. Gangsters have ruled cities like Kings. There was a deep fascination with the careers of murderers like 'Pretty Boy' Floyd and John Dillinger.

And what's the latest craze, in everything from fashion to advertising? A sick movie about a couple of sick killers, Bonnie and Clyde.

And what's ahead? More of the same. The American negro, after a century of subservience, has caught the sickness, and he is going to get what he wants, by violence if necessary.

Vandalism, hoodlumism, beat-

## NEWS ECHOES

From the Herald of 10 and 20 Years Ago

- 1958
- The rural teachers association of Esqueving met at Glen Williams public school Monday, June 23 and honored Mrs. Edna Beaumont with a presentation. Mrs. Beaumont is retiring from the Glen school teaching staff at the end of this year.
  - A 1949 Dodge driven by a Copetown man ran wild on Main Street during the Friday night shopping rush. The car's brake failed at the base of the hill at the north end of the business section. The car left the road opposite May's Motors and coasted the length of the block on the sidewalk finally coming to a halt against a light standard at the corner of Main and Wesleyan streets. None of the scurrying shoppers were struck.
  - An offer to purchase property at the rear of Georgetown Dairy Limited by Grace Baptist Church was turned down by council Monday. The church, which currently meets in the Odd Fellows Hall, offered \$3,000 for the land.
- 1948
- A 12-member Recreational Council was appointed by council on Monday. Member area, Don Barrager; Alf Sykes, Walter Biehn, and Jack Colton as proposed by the GRC; Ray Whitmea and Vern McCumber of Board of Parks; Betty King, and Margaret and Walter Sargent of Teen Town; Harry Shortill of the school board; and Ernie Alcott.
  - A flag pole and flag were erected in front of the municipal building this week.
  - Miss Ellen Weedmark of Port Colborne has joined the staff of the Health Unit and will take over duties as the full time health nurse for Georgetown and part of Esqueving.
  - Esqueving council, Monday, were asked by Langdon and Aylsworth for approval of three subdivisions at Glen Williams. Council will consult the township solicitor before taking any action.

ings, knifings are part of daily life in big cities. Student Power and Black Power vie for headlines, and get them. We have nothing to be smug about. There is a growing lawlessness and violence creeping into our Canadian society. The only reason it's comparatively mild is that we have a small population in a big country. We can only wish our good neighbours our sympathy and the fervent hope that solutions will be found and soon, to the problems that beset them.

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