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# EDITORIAL COMMENT

## We Haven't Budged

The anticipated flood of letters objecting to our remarks about the Hall-Dennis report on education, has not changed our mind: one whit on the subject:

We do not say that the report is all bad. We do say that the basic premise of having children decide what they want to learn and When, of having no formal examinations, no. grades, is placing teachers and students In an Impossible situation which can only end to the detriment of an upcoming generation.

· We have perhaps already been -- too permissive towards young people, tending to take them too seriously. We seem to be seeking a togetherness of which our parents never thought. We have harped on the bad things in our world, on giving young people their head, to such an extent that today's child thinks he has a perfect right to treat anyone over voting age as a redc of the past.

Our quarrel with the Hall report is that a group of supposedly sensible adults could come up with support for the attitude of a young minority who frown on education as a means to a better economic future and dream of some mystical world where they sit and contemplate the stars while some mysterious force looks after their bodily needs.

We don't criticize the youngsfers too much. This attitude is not new, and is to be expected, particularly among university freshmen, facing a new world of knowledge, free of some of the guidelines o secondary schooling.

What they need, and what they got in the past, was a tolerance by adults, who winked an eye at some of their shenanigans, used a wet blanket when necessary, but above all, didn't exaggerate things out of proportion.

Now too many parents, too many teachers, are fostering this freewheeling attitude, goading youngsters into paths of thinking which will have to be painfully discarded when the moment of truth (a job) arrives.

Whether we like it or not, we live in a competitive world, and the person who comes out on top is the one who learns early and well that he must conform to it. Permissive learning, as the Hall report recommends, can only lead to disaster for a generation of young peope if it ever is adopted. Let's hope some sanity still exists among those we trust to chart our educational

## Good News for Seniors

Some senior citizens, caught in an inflationary spiral, when a fixed income is shrinking in value, will welcome the news that town and township may combine on en\_apartment project geared to income.

The Kinsmen club has been active in promoting this for some time, and had reached the building stage a couple of years ego, only to become bogged down in sed tape. By the time this began to unravel, costs had increased so sharply that the Kin had to take a second look at their prospective financing.

Now instead of this being a privately financed project, the provincial and federal governments will underwrite the cost completely. Only stipulation is that the municipalities grant a fixed tax ceiling of \$25 per year per unit.

The plan would seem to be an ideal one for a town like Georgetown. Rents have reached the stage where an employed person is hard put to make his budget balance. A pensioner, faced not only with rispossible to keep up unless he has an extra source of income, or an assist from his

Fortunately many have this, and construction of an apartment building will not mean that hundreds of people will be competing for the 24 units planned. But it is probable that demand will exceed supply,

## Full Circle Those who patronize Gray Coach Lines

will note that next Monday, the buses will return to their former Main Street route, and the terminal will move back to its former location at Stan's Restaurant.

. Since council pushed them, off Main Street a few months ago, it became more and more like a comic opera.

First the residents of Church, Charles and Maple lodged a protest at the new route, with some justification, for their streets are mainly residential.

Council immediately began to backtrack, and suggestions flew thick and fast. A return to Main St., a complete highway route, and the old one of years back, down Mill and Water Streets to the highway, were all talked about.

One morning the parking meters which had been placed in front of the restaurant were removed and the terminal almost restored, then a fast change was

made back to the Charles route. Meanwhile, bus drivers began a merry bus went down Main, the occasional one bitterly. straight through on the highway, and one We go through periods of pop at once. The hospital call, which are a part of their work.

Was even seen wandering up Mill Street passivity and mornidity to the ed and the old lady went off. Certainly time is critical. In

cooled off by this time, and chances are: And with the perversity of at the same time Kim's prom- fixed time block is considered Chiropractic Clinic that the protest movement would have died the sim comes out, the rainbow in the hands of the gods, the ject, no matter how complex. a natural death and little more would have appears, there's a pot of gold teachers. been heard about it. There was nothing too at its base and God is once. would have thought that this was one of the least desirable to learn that his mum was not one to be appointed as the pool-hall. return to the old route.

cillors will learn from their bus ride to (a). It began about ten weeks ago, was alive though not exactly least conducive to problem solsion, once it is made, barring unforeseen new start and his fortune. This tide rose and the old family it has always seemed monstrous-

major inconvenience to the public, so is a flesh-pots of Montreal, urging float again, good testing ground for future questions

which could be of greater importance.

the Province of Ontario.

the primary- and accordary public schools.

new provincial park in International Freedom Festival. be known as the Missinsibil

and the Toronto Dominion Cen- home and lay around the house health with amazing speed. tre as well as the Parliament driving me mad.

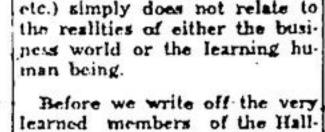
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exsential to the preservation of ized a training in a trade, but

Typically, the student is denied the use of reference material during examinations; he is expected to have memorized what he needs. Examinations can at best ask fragmentary questions within their strict time limit. The air of suspicion which permeates the classroom is unlikely to produce the best montal atmosphere in which the student can perform well.

In a husiness situation, the worker is expected to make the fullest use of reference material so that he can concentrate his attention on creative problemsolving rather than the retenpaper editors, even pretand to Then everything started to memorize the vast factual data which are a part of their work

point where mass suicide to her doom. For three days I business, but I have rarely seen life, suddenly the clouds break ation from Grade 12, which lay adequate to deal with any sub-As to the dubious advantages Finally, the dam broke. All of creating mental stress, We've just been through one likely breathing her last. Kim not one to be encouraged in a hospital to tell me that she the kind of mental stress is

ship which had been high and ly cruel and inhuman to me of northern Quebec. A week la- dry on the bleak beach amid to evaluate the progress of a letters. It is considerably more difficult to evaluate a student's Hogh phoned his mother in grasp of a subject by noting his hospital and she was so glad to individual progress through the hear from him that she forgot school year, in personal discusto give him hell for not writing sion, with him, and in consulta-

with mono-nucleosis. She was smoking and biting his nails. The traditional Grade system forbidden to study. Would she My wife is overwhelmed by the scens deceptively foolproof if flowers and cards from frends, we think only in terms of time-Didn't think she had many tables, enrollment figures and And she's feeling great on the classroom occupancy. However, whole. Kim is riding on a cloud in practice we are all aware that because her brother has invited in any age group there are However he just put his nose her to visit him in Quebec City those who are more advanced to the wheel and his shoulder and she's going all the way by than the norm, and others who to the grindstone and kept on herself with no parents to rule tend to fall behind. Whether or not we are born equal; our parents, our childhood environ All of this is rather uninterment and our individual make-Things got steadily blacker, esting but it is written as in- up soon separate us into a div-Hugh maintained silence. His spirational material for those ersity of characters, some dun-

Don't let it get you down WE ARE LOOKING forward minimum of advertising so that the ghastly operation and the Jack. Behind every dark cloud. If, in our school days, we Councils of the Cities of Windnext Thursday to a visit to the
sor and Detroit to celebrate and
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WE ARE LOOKING forward minimum of advertising so that how shad cancer. Kim there is a darker one. Just were among the quick ones, how boring it was to be restrained to surfice and currier from be. Legislature by 24 high school greatly to the public interest ing cooped up. ing to get on with the challenge of new problems. If we

stead of a social dropout. The er be.' advanced student would be able to move ahead as quickly as he Is Male, and could therefore cover much more ground than is possible for him at present cial significance I suspect that The average student would pro- you are deluding yourself, and under the new system. "

### THE RIGID CURRICULUM

Present curricula having rig ld blocks of time devoted rigid subject areas leading to a stock diploma are enticing to those who seek a standardized gine blocks coming off an as in the twentieth century. sembly line. They have individual interests and varying capabilities. Too often the present system stultifies an interest in an area in which the student might otherwise have excelled

In the increasingly complex world in which these students will live and contribute, surely there is a need for enthusiastic people with a much wider range of interests.

### TECHNICAL EDUCATION -

In a society almost dominated

by technology It is tempting to overemphasize the importance aminations, fixed curriculum, of learning a trade, as indicated by another of your editorials. The pitfall of traditional trade training is that it becomes Leslie Clark Dave Hastings largely obsolete as techniques Myles Gilson John McClements Before we write off the very change. In your own business, learned members of the Hall- Mr. Editor, the technology of Donnis Commission ar 'crack- printing is going through a repots' who are 'out of their volution as computer-programminds,' or send off ill-consider- med photo-printing supplants ed distribes to the news media the time honoured mysteries of or MPP Jim Snow, let's take a the linetype machine or the closer look at these sacred in even older craft of handset type. stitutions that we consider so The student with too special-

without the breadth of education neeed to help him think, may find himself unemployable much sooner than he imagines.

### were among the slow learners, | EDITORIAL RESPONSIBIL!

however hard we stried, how As a private citizen you are hopeless it seemed to compete with those seemingly blessed entitled to both your opinions and the areas in which you people who sailed through exchoose to be knowledgeable. ems without a care in the world. However, as editor of the only The Hall-Dennis Report rec- news medium in town you have ommends that this rigid grading a further responsibility to be system be abolished, and that better informed about the rapid each student be given the op-changes going on in the world, portunity to advance at his own an in particular about matters of local significance.

Thus the slow student could You suggested editorially that achieve his own goals without the Hall-Dennis recommendathe constant fear of failure, and tions, if carried out, would be develop into a useful and con- 'as deadly and final as any tented member of society in-Communist takeover could ev-

While it is encouraging, to note-that-the-Herald-te-beginning to deal with issues, of sobably experience little change insulting the intelligence of your readers if you really believe that most people in George getown still accept the comfortable, middle-class myth that all will be well if we will just cling to the simple practices of our grandfathers.

Personally, I have a higher society or a nest pigeon-hole in respect . for my neighbours, which to fit the graduating stu- young and old, and I have great dent. Unfortunately for them, hope for the youthful vigour students are not made like en- and imagination of Canadians

— JAMES WARREN

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## JIM SNOW REPORTS



MONDAY, JULY 1st, I had the opportunity and the pleasure of representing the Honourable John . P. Robarts, Q.C. Prime Minister of Ontario, at the official flag raising ceremony of the '68 Windsor-Detroit This Freedom Festival has been Lake Provincial Park. held annually for the last ten

able Paul Martin represented school. While in Toronto the wife got sick and couldn't hospital with an all-clear a beau. this is the practice in the busthe Federal Government at the students will tour the University write her university exams, tiful scar and feeling remark, iness world and would seem the flag raising while I represented of Toronto, the City Hall and Had a small operation, came ably perky. Kim recovered her least we could do for the young

THIS WEEK the Honourable Buildings. William Davis, Q.C., Minister of to establish larger units of ad- School Appreciated legislation when passed will establish County Separate school Boards for the separate schools Dear Sir: similar to the County Boards of Education being established for

Chapleau area has been announced by the Honourable Rene Brunulle, Minister of Lands and Forests. This 112,000 acre park is on Missinaibi Lake and will

ender cities along with our the Yukon Territories, who are great countries of Canada and spending a week as guests of

family.

even then.

Residents along the new route had seems the only sane solution. | sweated out the operation and business situations in which a

What emerged was an all too frequent of these cycles, and I reckon was granted her year at school. change of mind-by town council which that just about one more will And that night a shaky old lady thinking study of the creative tends to shift like the wind. Perhaps counthoroughly discuss a probem before making couple of years, Hugh, the wan-

difficulties. The bus dispute has not caused any ter we received a eard from the the rotting weeds began to

the United States. The Honour- the students of Oakville High. At about the same time my The missus came home from tion with other teachers. Yet

Georgetown, Ont.

The Auxiliary of the Maple thank you for the splendid news THE ESTABLISHMENT of a this our first year of operation.

> The increased evidence of the terest and participation on pre- s. big operation and spent a across the country who are tediously slow, others disconkindergarten socially oriented month chewing her fingernalls about ready to burst into tears, certingly quick to grasp new programs. Because we are a right up to the wrists as she non-profit organization we do a waited for the hospital to call,

Did my best. Wrote Hugh a - Maxine Seanlon strong letter. Talked to my If you can live so long.

17 Edith Street, : As a person with only four Georgetown, Ont years of teaching experience, our society. and about lifteen in the 'hard old world of business', even I EXAMINATIONS -I disagree with your stand have been aware that the tight-

FROM THE BOWTIE-

on the Hall-Dennis Report on ing rents, but with a cost of living increase education, discussed in the ed-ly structured course of study in for food and clothing, is finding it im- iterials of your last two issues, our schools (grades, marks, ex-SUGAR

... CHANGING STYLES IN OTTAWA

## by Bill Smiley Ah, That Silver Lining

AND SPICE

If your family is anything wife for endless hours about like mine, you must sometimes hysterectomies, ovaries, put your head down on your ruses, malignant fibroids and tion of hard facts, Few professeries of changes on their own. An odd arms and weep, quietly and such delicacies. Tries to humor

-TO THE ASCOT

Present Education

To Realities

System Not Geared

THE MAIL BAG

Dear Mr. Editor:

For the ofth time in the last kicking. us to write and saying he had a job at Expo Jr. We all wrote.

Silence, Nothing, For weeks and weeks. Momma worried. I didn't

fuil her year? Your humble kervant, as usual, had nothing wrong with him but a rotten family.

mother learned she had to have thousands of, gallant men ces, some eggheads, some of us

Kim into cating and sleeping.

During the next week the Regarding students' marks,

ment Day, we refer to as the So as it stands now Hugh future leaders of Canada. Kim. of course, had to get has a job as a waiter in Quebec THE GRADE SYSTEM into the act and came down City is happy and has stopped

running in circles. He's used to everything.

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