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## OPINIONS OF OTHERS

### Two Miles, Too Much

(Brampton Times)

It seems the parents are being paid back for handing so many things on silver platters to our youngsters. It was hard to believe that high school students hadn't the gumption to walk to school last Monday and Tuesday when their bus was late.

More students turned up at the Beauty-Fleming public school pick-up point than the buses there could hold. The school board was aware of this and had already provided an additional bus, but it had arrived on Monday and Tuesday at 9 a.m.

Instead of considering there might be a mix-up, on Tuesday the students planned a demonstration.

When we saw the front page picture of the students, they looked so well fed, so in good health that it hardly seemed possible a two-mile walk would faze them! Shades of Oxfam last May! And shades of those Beauchanaland students who walk half the night to school. One of our teachers, Jim Potter, could tell them more about that.

What it makes you wonder, however, is for whom do they go to school? Don't they go for their own sakes? Are they completely unaware that schooling is a privilege denied to half the world's children? It seems so small a matter to make a fuss about, even if their 'rights' are involved.

At Chinguacousy council meeting this week Reeve Cyril Clark spoke of the 'pleasure' of walking 3½ miles every day, to school in his youth, during the seven years he was 'privileged to attend.'

"I would gladly have walked five miles a day," said the reeve, "had I been able to stay at school after I was 12."

Much more youthful Murray Judge, who only ceased his school days a few years back also recalled long walks — "I did close to three miles a day, and it kept me fit."

Which makes us wonder whether the youngsters living over the road from the school will need piggyback rides in 1978.

So don't say you weren't warned well in advance.



A STUDY IN FASCINATION is this Peter Jones photo. The children's faces mirror the spell of awe and bewilderment cast by a magician on his young audience during a recent performance at Holy Cross auditorium.

### A Two-Sided Coin

(Milton Champion)

Esqueusing Township Council has a reputation of being astute and when it was proposed to that group recently that they 'go into the water business' to serve Milton Heights and Milton Brick, they were not quick to accept or reject the proposal.

The very valid suggestion was presented to the township councillors as offering an opportunity for the township's major industry to expand. There was some concern that the proposed tapping of the Milton well at Kelso would not offer enough of a supply to accommodate this move. Development of an independent source, it was suggested, would provide a supply unrestricted by another municipality.

There's more than digging a hole, of course, to 'going into the water business.' Township councillors are undoubtedly aw-

are of such problems which could affect other villages in the municipality's boundaries.

The township is also undoubtedly aware of the problems which develop if a number of acres is suddenly put on the market for housing. Esqueusing has a tough policy on this, but the provision of water in an area can often weaken the defenses.

It is essential that those present residents in the Milton Heights area have water supplies that are not polluted. It is clear that all supplies are not polluted but the problem is one which must be resolved. If the availability of water, however, becomes a spur to further residential development, the township's economy will suffer through mounting demands for schools and other urban services.

### The Poll Story

(Guelph Mercury)

We all have read complaints about the little interest taken by people in matters of public interest.

To study the Gallup Polls is an edifying matter.

In a recent one, the number of people who stated: 'Can't say,' thereby expressing indifference or ignorance amounted to 47 per cent of the persons consulted on the

subject.

The matter in question was an extremely important one: it enquired of the persons consulted if they thought the new Liberal government would make an effective combination to handle the various problems confronting the country.

Little need be added to this besides: 'It's pitiful.'



I AM GOING to begin this REAL CAQUETTE of the column by making some observations on the speeches made by various Members who participated in the Throne Speech debate.

THE THRONE Speech debate gives Members an opportunity to speak on just about any subject they wish. Of course those in Opposition seize upon this to criticize the Government for past, present and even future errors of commission and omission. They then launch into the many virtues of their own constituencies and the many problems which exist and in some cases they even offer solutions to these problems. Members of the Government usually omit any criticism of the proposed legislation but they do not hesitate to bring forth the problems which exist in their respective ridings and regions.

HONOURABLE DONALD Jamieson, Minister of Defence Production, was one of the very few speakers who did not read his speech nor did he have any notes, yet Mr. Jamieson spoke eloquently and factually on the problems of the Atlantic region.

LINCOLN ALEXANDER of the Progressive Conservative Party was one of the new Members who spoke and was very well received. His partisan remarks were, for the most part, quite humorous but he did devote a portion of his time to his race and this was very moving and he received the attention of the entire house.

THE MOVER and Seconder of the Throne Speech, Emyard Corbin from New Brunswick and Len Marchant from British Columbia received deserved compliments from all Members.

THIS COMING Saturday, my family and I will be visiting Georgetown Fair.

## SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

### IAN IS A QUIET LAD

Young people, however fine their ethical standards, have a knack of getting themselves, and innocent bystanders, into some unholly messes. Herewith a couple of examples.

Our neighbor's boy, Ian, is a good lad. He's clean, honest, polite and law abiding. He's about as normal a young fellow as you'd meet. Likes girls, plays football, and works hard at everything except school.

He and his gang are mad about motors. Motor bikes, and cars occupy much of their waking time. Ian had a Honda, then a Volk, and this summer bought a convertible for \$60. It runs.

Last week, his group was out cruising around, looking at used cars. They had no money to buy one. Just looking. And they came across a deal: no red-blooded car lover could resist.

It was a hearse. A huge, black, 1950 Cadillac hearse. It hadn't been stripped down into

And that's exactly what it turned out to be. When Ian drove up and parked it in the driveway, and his parents found out what he'd done, there was some conversation, all right.

He was told in no uncertain terms that he had made a grave error, that he'd taken on a stiff proposition, and that this was not a motor-bike, but a hearse of a different color.

But the damage was done. The menacing black hearse had been seen in the driveway. The phone began to ring. The neighbors started taking up a collection for flowers. The Potato man who calls regularly with produce, tapped timidly at the back door, hat on his breast, tears in his eyes, and said brokenly "I didn't know whether I should call today, when you have had a sadness in the family."

Ian was told to get that hearse out of sight. He let one of the other lads take it home. The latter's mother told him not to park it within a block of their house. People chased him away when he tried to park in front of their houses. And so it went the rounds of the boys and their parents.

It is now hidden behind the cottage of one of the families involved, deep in the woods. But the boys, undaunted by ghostly or gruesome associations, are planning some fine parties and fishing trips in it next summer, when the heat is off.

The second incident occurred at our school this week. These days, teachers are trying all sorts of novel methods to make learning come alive. Some work, some don't.

One of our young history teachers had carefully planned a mock trial. He arranged for one of his students (a girl with a beginner's driving license) to 'steal' his car, take it to the students' parking lot and try to drive it out of there at noon, which is verboten.

She was to be apprehended in the felony by a 'detective,' the vice-principal, questioned, then turned over to her classmates for trial.

All went well. She got the car started. The teacher had it pointed in the right direction. Then all hell broke loose. She

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## NEWS ECHOES

From the Heralds of 10 and 20 Years Ago

1948

With the cooperation of local industries who have agreed to each shut down one day weekly, and domestic and commercial users, the local hydro commission is hopeful that power interruptions will be avoided. The commission has been ordered to pull switches if anyone exceeds their quota of two-thirds of normal consumption during the current hydro shortage.

Bits and Pieces — Bob Caldwell has taken ownership of the former Long's Confectionery. He will also be Gray Coach agent. — Dr. F. R. Watson has moved his office from Main Street above the Bell Telephone office to his home on Edith Street — Albert Simson is about to open a photography studio in the Diggins Building on Main Street.

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Action to make Ewing Street safer for over a hundred school children who walk it enroute to Chapel Street school was urged Monday when Mrs. Joe Emerson and James McBryde addressed council. Speaking for the Home and School Association Mrs. Emerson said parents in the Swanek area want the speed limit on the street cut to 15 miles per hour and a sidewalk installed.

Two busloads of young people travelled to Kitchener, Saturday afternoon, to be featured on a CKCO-TV Channel 13 telecast. The trip was organized by Club Midtown and include dancing before the cameras in the station's bandstand studio. President Jake Spence and secretary Lynda Korzack were introduced on the show and presented with LP records, and in a lucky draw Margaret Eason won a sweater and Brian Hyatt an LP.

A Georgetown dentist, Dr. Jack Kerby, set a new high mark in league bowling here when he rolled a 414 single in the industrial league this week.

Probably the oldest building in the downtown business section and possibly in the entire town was levelled this week when it came under the sledge of the St. Clair Wrecking Co. Most recently Housing Ollie's Taxi, the historic old building has existed on Mill St. almost as long as the street itself. Demolition of the building has sparked rumours of everything from a department store to a new theatre.

had trouble with the handbrake or the clutch or something, took a leap forward and staved in the side of the teacher's car on the bumper of another one parked there.

Net results: history teacher has a \$100 body repair bill looming; one hysterical teenager felt worse than if she had stolen a car. But it was a good idea.

### Satellite Class Back in School in Two Months

By the end of November all the students of Glen Williams school should be back under one roof.

At present the Grade 4's are housed in the old Glen town

principal Eric Balkind.

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