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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Rep by Pop

If future councils adopt the philosophy of Councillor Ric Morrow, as expressed in a mail bag letter this week, then Georgetown's tax treasury is going to have to shoulder larger and larger amounts for council salaries.

Councillor Morrow has come up with what is, to-us, an original way of gauging a council member's worth - a representation by population basis. And while we give him 'A' for effort, we are somewhat token aback by the theory involved.

His statistics show that by dividing a \$13 meeting fee in 1958 into the town's 6578 population, we get approximately 500. The same 500 appears when we divide a \$20 meeting fee into the 1961 population of 10,000 - and a \$30 fee into this year's \$14,600 population.

We can expect, then, with 20,000 residents in a few more years, to be paying \$40 a meeting, or perhaps \$37.50 when another 2500 people are added to our present 15,000 population. Or to carry the theory farther, in a city of 100,000 councillors shall be paid \$200 a meeting.

One thing which Mr. Morrow has

Spring Cleaning

It was a breath of spring to see the town's street-sweeper in operation on Monday as it went about, removing the winter's debris, getting rid of the sand and salt, the litter of waste which is bound to collect when snow is on the ground.

The street looked so good for a few hours that we couldn't help going to the office window now and then to admire it. And we wished it could always be

And it could be, if only we Canadians would learn to value beauty, to be neat and tidy, thoughtful of the beauty which nature has provided.

It is inherent in most of the animal kingdom to bury their garbage, or deposit it as far out of sight as possible. If it is inherent in humans, we soon learn to overcome it.

Durable Performers

Watching the Hollywood Palace TV show on Saturday, we wondered if Diana Ross will be able to hold an audience the way Ethel Waters did when she sang a song she first introduced in a Broadway musical over 30 years ago. .

One of the best features of television for a middle-aged viewer is to revisit the past when stars of that day appear.

We got a kick out of seeing Buddy Rogers on a recent show -- the matinee idol of the late 'silents' and early 'talkies' -still handsome, debonair and talented. Kate Smith has lost none of the big voice that made her radio shows so popular in the thirties. Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Jack Benny seem to go on forever.

The Mills Brothers, still on the hit parade, and still drawing them in at the Beverly Hills in Toronto this week. Georgie Jessel, still able to belt out

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overlooked is the committee meeting fee also \$30 :- and with even the minimum two committee meetings monthly, the present council pay is actually \$45 weekly. which throws the statistics somewhat out of balance.

But more important to take the other side of the debate, is that a comparison should also be made of the number of municipal employees and the total salary bill for these, in order to give a complete pic-

One could argue that, as population increases, the number of employees increases even more per capita, and it is conceivable that somewhere we reach the point where councillors, rather than having a harder job, can take life a bit easier, because they have more employees to share the workload.

Statistics aside, we have heard no argument to overcome our premise that an after-hours positions cannot justify a salary of \$45 to \$60 weekly, and that if we are going to head in this direction, we might as well take the giant step now -- make a councillor's job full-time, with pay scale set accordingly.

We drink pop and throw the container on the street. We finish a pack of cigarettes and throw the package to the four winds. We leave a trail of chocolate bar wrappers, and what have you, wherever we roam

Mayor Emmerson is particularly interested in encouraging residents to beautify Georgetown in every possible way, and we're behind any campaign re has unde

One of the easies' ways, which costs and Social Affairs. nothing is for each of us to make a resolve today to stop littering - to put waste in gar bage containers, and if none are handy, to tuck it in our pocket instead of throwing it into the street.

We long for the day when we can walk down a Georgetown troroughfare and see it the way Main Street was this morning.

'My Mother's Eyes' with the same verve that ' remember.

vaudeville before live audiences. No gim-, not driving your car on the research progresses. micks, no amplification, they had to get by

The carefully contrived recordings today, the TV appearances where performers mime a song while a record plays, is no path to ness. However, sometimes, a permanent stardom: -- -- ;

One of today's stars has that quality the same Diana Ross. The hard working young woman has the foresight to know that topical tunes fade as fast as they appaints contain too much lead pear and is introducing more and more standards into her act. Her duet with Miss Waters proved her a versatile entertainer who could hold her own with a seasoned perfor-

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Supports Hyde, **Wants Two-Lane Bailey Bridge**

301 Delrex Blvd, the times, but to those few who who feel that councillors should Dear Sir: Dear Sir: As you know, council voted work on their behalf for very itself a pay raise three weeks little.

Since that time I have had icle was to reply that other Street bridge has again been why the town did not specify a very few negative reactions to towns and cities pay much more discussed at last week's meet two lane detour at the time of the increase, but last week's and that county school board ing of the Georgetown council, the initial negotiations, as the article accusing councillors of members are paid more but I Cr. Hyde is to be commended cost for the second temporary 'lining their pockets' with a pay felt that this is not a proper for trying so hard to have this bridge can be only marginal in raise I felt must be answered. justification.

"Rep to Pop" Theory

For Councillor Pay

As a result, this letter will; Past history of councillors' so little support. not be directed to the many salaries I feel has justified the residents who realize that coun-; \$10 per meeting increase. Past cillors' pay should change with salaries are as listed:

| Year | Per Meeting | Population . | Population per C |
|--------|-------------|--|--|
| 1958 | . \$13. | 6,578 | 1100 |
| 1961 | \$20. | 10,000 | • |
| 1969 - | \$30. | 14,600 | 1,666 2,433 |
| | | CONTRACTOR STATE OF THE STATE O | 50-400 AT 1000 A 100 A 1 |

Checking the figures, we see ents about 2,500 people and re-cuse when he reports — if even be a poor justification for the be a poor justification for the . Mrs. W. Preston has given the Georgetown Lumber that in 1958 each councillor re- ceives \$30 per meeting. It can for the third time - that the presented about 1,100 people also be noted here that salaries consulting engineers had recand received \$13 per meeting. had not changed for eight years. ommended that a one lane tem-In 1969 each councillor repres-- R.B. Morrow.

As reported in The Herald, them

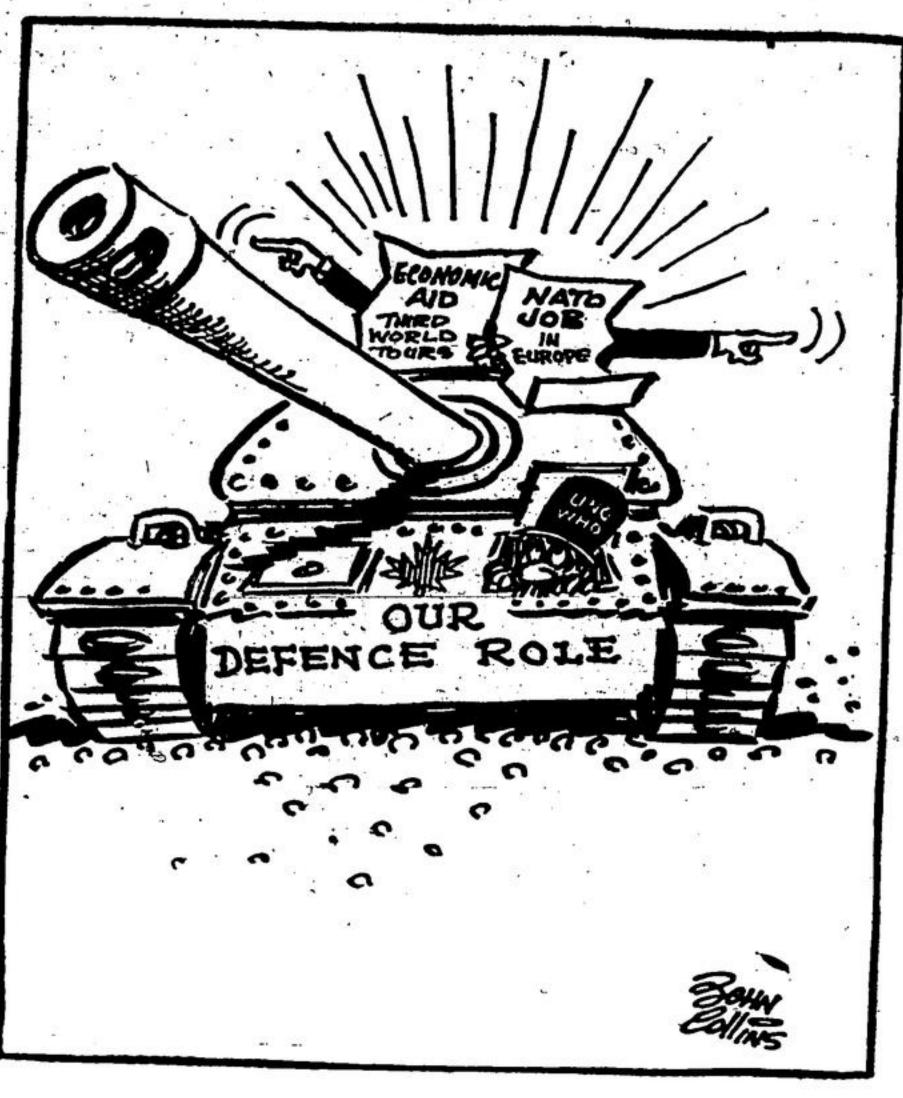
the annoying situation of a one-My first reaction to the art- way traffic detour at the Main traffic stoppage removed and it relation to the total project. is disappointing, to see him get

> of the Roads Committee chair the permanent overpass will reman to end the debate by de portedly take until July, and Cr. claring the issue to be a "polit- probably longer. If it is not ical football" particularly as done, both the town and the harly anybody knows what a retail merchants will suffer political football actually is, from this semi-isolation.

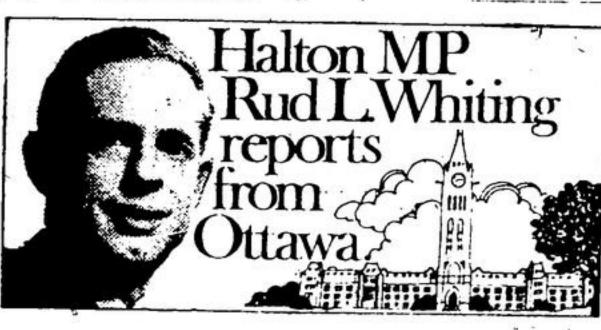
Nor does it serve him as an exporary bridge be erected for the

Consulting engineers carry ou Georgetown, Ontario their clients' assignments and incorporate in their recommendations special wishes from

Even at this stage a second Bailey bridge should still he It just does not seem right acquired, since construction of



THINK TANK



RECENTLY, a Bill entitled which confront each and every for bottles; printing of anti-customer, free, a plastic bucket "The Hazardous Products Act" one of us daily. was given second reading in the House of Commons and has been referred to the Standing islate against all forms of hum-Committee on Health, Welfare an frailty but we can make an

Every housewife, child, han- ous are removed from the Candyman in fact every consumer adian market and those which this legislation. There are so improperly used, are sold only to the market almost daily, ie regulations. "The Hazardous liquid and powdered deterg. Products Act" gives the Fedents, aerosol cans of cleaning eral Government these powers fluids; power tools; electric ap pliances - - the list is endless.

ming people. open highway the next most dangerous place for you to be is right in your own home. It is true that many of the accidents which occur in households must be attributed to carelessproduct looks perfectly safe but in reality it is lethal. Some textiles are highly inflammable, yet they feel and look like any; other fabric until they are ex-

posed to an open flame. Certain compounds but in appearance are the same as any other paint until a haby bites some off his playpen or crib and becomes violently ill Some paint and varnish removers are highly explosive under certain conditions Even an innocent product like furniture polish can be deadly poisonous to a child who tries to taste it and children are always putting things into their mouths and tasting things. These are but a few of the many hazards

duration of the construction

It is difficult to understand,

Charles Hildebrandt

regulations, are chlorine blea- that ches and cleaners, certain powerful cleansers used to cleon drains in the home, some household polishes and cleaning agents and model aeroplane glue. The officials of the Dept. of Consumer and Corporate Affairs ore now drafting regulations. which are likely to include such. The non-returnable bottle is OBVIOUSIY we cannot leg-jurally the regulations will vary things when they're dropped with the product.

effort to ensure that products! which are unnecessarily hazardmany new products coming on when they conform to certain businessmen will voluntarily on an empty beer can. comply with common sense saf-

SOME PRODUCTS have been The Department will work These products are designed to banned outright. An example closely with existing standardsmake our lives easier but they of this is jewellery and other setting bodies and the proposed can also make them shorter by articles, containing jequirity Standards Council of Canada, causing death or seriously mai, beans - this is a bright red to establish safety standards and black seed which is deadly for commonly-used consumer poisonous. Children's furniture products which will guide our STATISTICS SHOW that in and toys covered with paint manufacturers and importers, made him a star longer ago than we can 1966. 11,479 Canadians died containing too many lead com- and, in so doing, protect you from accidents and that 20 per pounds. Paints and varnish re- the Canadian consumer. Every cent of these accidents occur- movers which have too low a time you make a purchase you The showbiz greats had one thing in red in the home. This points flashpoint. Other products will become a consumer and this stheir favour - a long, grueling training in out the fact that when you are be added as the need arises and Bill is meant to protect you the consumer.

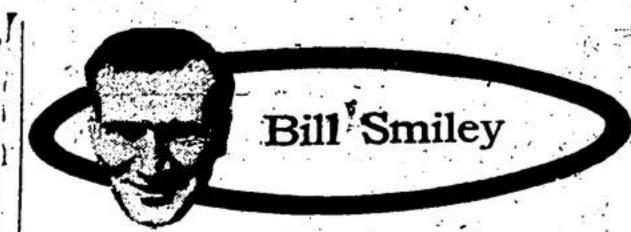
NEWS ECHOES

From the Heralds of 10, 20 and 30 Years Ago

- Unusually high March winds, gusting up to hurricane force did mass damage in the area Sunday. Television aerials were the storm's favourite target and some 65 fell in town before the wind according to claims which flooded local insurance offices the next day. Damage, however, was by no means limited to aerials. Huge sheets of aluminum were ripped off a storage building at Mackenzie Lumber, some trees toppled, a garage roof on Victoria Street was lifted, some signs were ripped from their standards and houses all over town were scalped of loose shingles.
- Four hundred dollars worth of socks were taken from Beaumont Knitting Mills in Glen Williams early Thursday morning which has prompted the mill owners to engage a night watchman. The thieves, who gained entry by smashing in a window, also took a small quantity of cash. A month ago the warehouse, was entered and \$600 worth of socks were stolen.

- Georgetown council set the 1949 tax rate at 64 mills at their meeting this week, an increase of four mills over 1948. Payments will be made in three instalments, due May 16, July 16 and September 16.
- Fire, which broke out last Saturday afternoon in a house on Victoria Street left a local family, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood MacDougall, homeless. The fire started in the roof and firemen were hampered in their work by heavy tin roofing which had to be pried off to allow firemen to reach the flames.

- Indications that Canada will not be caught in confusion in the event of a national emergency with no trained organization is clearly shown in an announcement by the Canadian Legion that all ex-servicemen and women may now register at the various branches making themselves available in such an instance. Ex-service men and women in Georgetown and district may register at the Legion hall up until Friday, according to Col. James
- Company the contract for remodelling the Creelman building on Main Street into a restaurant and apartment block.



I'M BACK TO NORMAL

On the do-it-yourself plan,

How about zippers? Great invention but it should have been

moment of sheer, cold appre-

hension. Often it's justified -

Politicians. Not all of them.

Taxes. The rich are hit hard

so many regulations and tradi-

Love. If there's anything that

turns my stomach it is people

who preach love, including hip-

pies, and spend most of their

time telling you about all the

Hate How can people hate oth-

er people? Yet they do. I hate.

but I can't remember ever hat-

ing a person in my life. Lots

people and things they hate.

Only those who promise to

Last week I wrote a column you gave your number to good which must have made faithful old operator, and within a reareaders believe I wsa either sonable time, you got your par -taken with drink, or breaking tly, or didn't. down mentally. It was full of joy and good spirits, looking on the bright side, and reveal. with a string of digits as long

as your leg, anything can haping silver linings. pen. A friend of mine called It's a great relief to me, and his son in Montreal the other It must be to you, to go back night. He didn't have his glasto normal. Last week was a ses on and wound up talking brief mental aberration. This to the secretary of the Sheep week, I'm back to my old sane. Breeders' Association in Aucksnarly misanthropig self; the land, New Zealand. man my wife calls 'Old Stone-

What I propose to do today strangled at birth. What ever is act as your alter-ego, the happened to the good old butbrooding, dark self that is hid-ton? Every time I tangle with den behind your bright sunny a zipper, whether it's on my exterior. I'm going to let you galoshes or my fly, there is a take out your aggressions, vicariously, through mine.

I'll list what I despise and and there I am with my galoshdetest in our society. Send in es flopping around like a pair your own special beefs, and of drunken crows. we'll keep the column going for months. Everybody hates: something.

hold the line on expenses, while There is no particular order providing better services. And to these items. My venom ex then do the opposite. tends with equal virulence to: but have enough left to avoid

First. Non-returnable bottles starvation. The poor pay none, I know. The old ones were bad or very little. It's the middleenough, cluttering up shelves income bird who gets it where and basement floors until you it hurts. One of these days had a car-load. It was a half- I'm off to Bermuda where 'taxday's work to take them back es' is a dirty word. CERTAIN PRODUCTS listed to the story and haggle over which may be sold, but only them, because the store said Social slavery. We know that when they conform to special they didn't sell this brand or as individuals, we have free will. But we are strangled with

But you could get rid of them. tions and pressures that our And for kids ,they were, in ma- free will becomes a broken . ny instances, their sole source winged bird in a cage tastefulof income. Many a Saturday I ly decorated with red tape and spent as a boy, searching ditch- ridiculosity. es for miles and coming home with 32 cents for a day's work.

things as warning labels on about as easy to get rid of as the outer box and inside pack- chronic arthritis. I demand that age; special child proof tops their manufacturers give every dotes, or other steps to take filled with a solution which will should an accident occur Nat- instantly dissolve the cursed

WHILE THE BILL does con. The same thing goes for cans of people are despicable, contain a provision whereby a that hold drinks whether beer temptible, 'malicious or just manufacturer or distributor or pop. In ten years, you won't plain boring But you don't can appeal a decision to prohi- be able to step on a piece of hate them. You pity them. I in Canada will be affected by can become dangerous when bit or regulate his product, it nature south of the Arctic Cir. hate hate and there's lots of it is expected that most reputable cle without twisting your ankle around.

O.K. chaps. It's your turn. Next: Long distance dial tel Let's hear from you. This is ephone calls. A few years ago, hate week.

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