

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Young Visitors

Georgetown is host this week to hundreds of youngsters from many Ontario communities and a few in the United States, at the annual international hockey tournament.

The tournament, original brainchild of Jack Gudgeon, organized and headed by Walter 'Red' Asseltine for a number of years, and now operated by the Kinsmen Club, has proved one of Georgetown's best advertisements.

Visitors go home each year, loud in their praise of the town's hospitality, for not only are the young players billeted in Georgetown homes and treated to their meals, but entertainment is arranged to fill in some of their spare hours when not on the ice.

The tournament gets good crowd support from the town, although this is one area where there can always be improvement and the Kinsmen are hoping this year to set a new record in gate receipts. The

tournament is costly to operate, and like everything else, expenses tend to mount each season.

The quality of hockey is excellent for competing teams represent the cream of the crop from each community, and Ontario is known for hockey know-how. It is certain that some of tomorrow's big league stars will come from the players you see on the ice this week.

Ramifications of the tournament are many and varied. For instance, two new Georgetown residents are directly attributable to the tournament. They came down with a northern team in the early days of the tourney, decided they liked Georgetown and, when retirement came, they bought a house and moved here.

Georgetown is always on the lookout for new industry.

Who knows? The same thing could happen if a manufacturer took the same liking to our town because he is interested in hockey.

Some Good Spadework

A detailed report on recreation in Georgetown, and recommendations which would coordinate existing groups and acquire government grants not being taken advantage of, shows some good spadework on the part of a new Georgetown councillor, Donna Denison.

First action taken by council last week was to recreate the Georgetown Recreation Commission, which has existed on paper since 1946, but has been defunct for several years.

It is not Mrs. Denison's idea to dispense with, nor discredit any existing recreation group in town. Quite the contrary, for in her report she has only praise for those who have looked after such recreation facilities as the arena, swimming pool and Cedarvale Centre.

What she does point out is that, unless the town follows a legislative pattern set by the province, we are actually losing several thousand dollars in yearly grants which, if received, would benefit recreation by that much more.

And if it is her contention that with the set-up which has existed, each board, in

its search to provide the best with the budget available, can be hampered by a money lack, while a coordinating group could channel funds into the place where they would be best used for the majority.

The plan, if it goes ahead, will overcome a major handicap, in having one commission in direct charge of public parks and playgrounds.

While arena and swimming pool have had groups specifically designated to look after these, the town park on Charles Street has been under jurisdiction of council, and at times has been neglected, perhaps not on purpose, but because of the pressure of other town business.

She cites the fact that it would be possible to have better equipment for grass cutting, for instance, if a board of parks is created to look after parks, as only one small advantage of many which could accrue.

Those interested in recreation, whether they belong to appointed town boards, or to voluntary groups concerned with individual sports like hockey and baseball, should endorse the GRC concept to their utmost and give it support.

Don't Forget These

With no capital improvements planned for some town streets which are in poor repair, we hope council in its 1969 budget will be planning work on some of the main town arteries.

Queen Street, which takes heavy traffic from the industrial area, is greatly in need of a complete resurfacing.

Armstrong Avenue, the main thoroughfare into the new industrial park is a disgraceful sea of mud when it rains, and a dust area when it doesn't.

The Mill Street hill, certainly one of the busiest of town streets, needs extensive patching. A depression beside the hotel corner collects so much refuse which cannot be picked up by the street sweeper that it sometimes appears we are creating a second sanitary fill site.

A portion of the downtown sidewalks have crumbled to the point where it isn't safe for a woman to walk unless she dons sneakers. There is a particularly bad spot in front of the Royal Bank, at the main corners.

There is a terrible water trap on the highway near Fred's Auto Body where urinary pedestrians are treated to a mud bath every time it rains. This we know from experience.

We hope council's road committee will make a complete survey of some of these main trouble spots, for not only are these necessary from a practical standpoint, but they are part of Georgetown's show window, and strangers can hardly be impressed when they travel through town.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Ratepayers Should Have Say in Council Salaries

Dear Sir: An item in last week's Herald caught my attention, re pay for councilors. Please allow my voice to be heard in expressing my feelings on this matter.

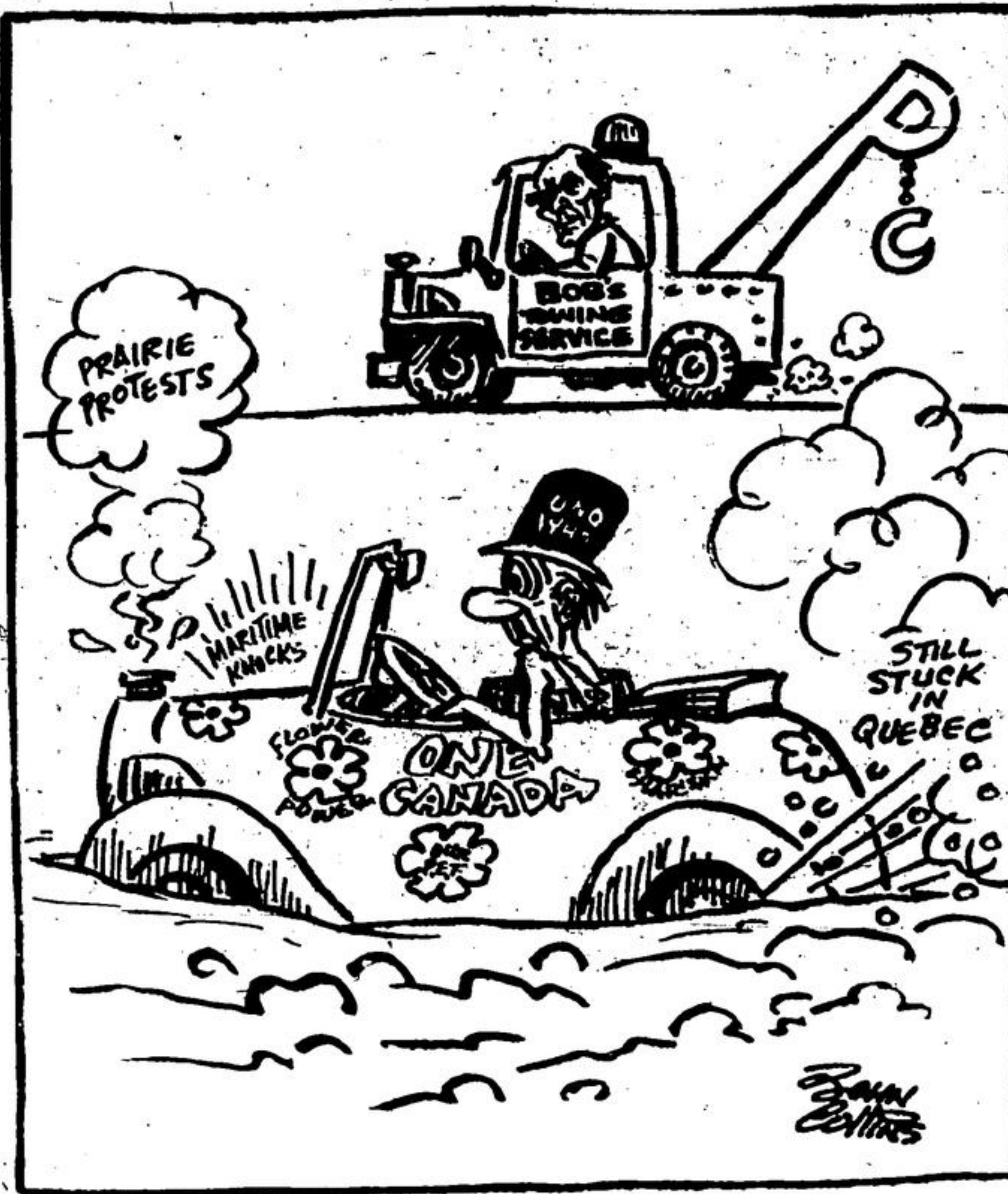
It is my contention, and always has been, that where money matters are concerned, no matter how small or to what purpose they apply, it should be the ratepayers, the employers in this case, who have the say. Guess that is all past now, I am sorry to say. There was an item in Tuesday's Telegram where the aldermen (not councilors) in Oakville, a larger and more prosperous town than Georgetown, is, or ever will be, voted themselves no increase in order to be able to meet the town's requirements and save ratepayers money. There are twelve men on council there and each attends 107 meetings a year (council and other meetings) for

everyone around the table passing the buck, as it were — but not the green buck, oh no. Do their hands ever shake when it comes time to receive their pay? I wonder.

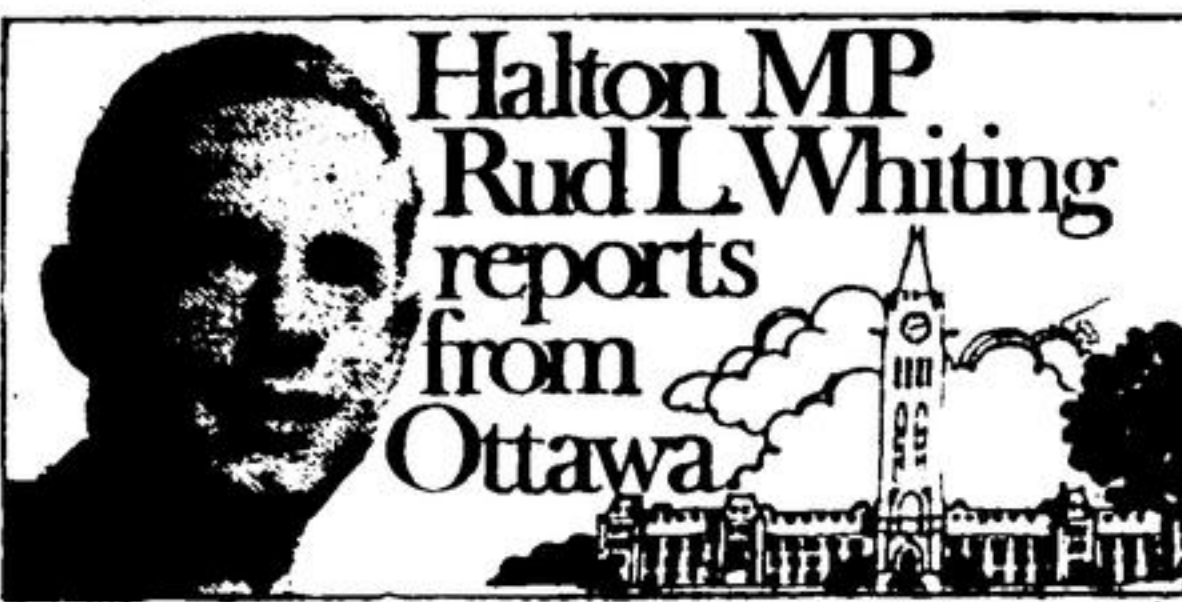
In the labour field a new employee, nine times out of ten, has to start at the lowest level, learn the trade, then get paid accordingly, not top rate from the beginning. Also when employees want a raise in pay they have to go before a negotiating committee. If not settled that way, then by arbitration, in order to get even a little more re-compense for their hard work. Why cannot our councilors do the same. If they did that, maybe the taxpayers would look at it in another light. Are our councilors honest enough to declare their yearly salaries, which they receive from the poor taxpayers of Georgetown, on their income tax returns sent to Ottawa every April?

— Charles Davis

VISITS? VISITORS?
Had a visitor, or taken a trip? Phone your items to The Herald for the Social and Personal column.



THAT SHINY NEW MODEL WE BOUGHT LAST JUNE



RECENTLY in parliament we have been discussing Bill C-173. This bill relates to many government departments — some new and some long established. This is a very lengthy and complex bill. Bill C-173 will create five new departments and it will abolish five old departments. Its purpose is not to make the government itself larger, or more unwieldy but to eliminate duplication and overlapping, and to provide better service to the Canadian people.

THE REORGANIZATION proposed in this Bill will in many cases enable the government to deal more efficiently and effectively with problems which are not new but which unfortunately could not be solved satisfactorily or adequately within the present structures.

PREVIOUSLY regional development programs were the responsibility of five Ministers, plus several departments of government and various agencies. With the formation of the new department of regional economic expansion, all the various programs dealing with regional economic disparities will be consolidated under this one new department in the hope of achieving better co-ordination and centralization of its operations. The new department is at the present time in the process of revising and implementing new policies of regional expansion.

THIS BILL establishes the Medical Research Council as a separate corporation, responsible to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. This was done to provide a better co-ordination of the Federal Government's activities in the field of health. In the last eight years the Federal Government's contribution to medical research has increased from \$2.3 million to \$28.9 million.

THE WHOLE field of communications will be of growing importance to Canada and will require increasing Federal Government involvement. This responsibility will be assigned to the Postmaster General, the Honourable Eric Kierans. New types of communication have, and will be explored such as man-made satellites and new techniques of information storage and transmission.

BILL C-173 also establishes the Science Council of Canada as a separate corporation. Previously the council has been subject to Ministerial supervision. This Bill will give the council an independent status similar to that of the Economic Council.

THE DEPARTMENT of Consumer and Corporate Affairs was set up during the last Session of parliament to provide a focal point for the protection of consumer interests. The provisions of this Bill will enlarge and strengthen the Department's role by assigning to it a number of regulatory activities,

amalgamation of these departments will be able to provide a wider, and it is anticipated, more efficient range of coordinated programs.

Missing Paragraph In Mail Bag Letter

By error, a final paragraph in a mail bag letter last week from Cr. Ric Morrow was omitted.

Mr. Morrow presented statistics of population, meeting fees and population per councillor, for the years 1958 and 1961 and 1969, as justification for the \$10 per meeting increase which council voted itself recently.

The last paragraph of his letter read as follows:

If we consider inflation over the last eight years, we can see what accounts for the largest part of this increase. Also consider that each councillor now represents and works for approximately 800 more people than in 1961 and I think you will realize that councilors could hardly be 'lining their pockets' with your money.

EDUCATION CHANGES

A major change in Ontario education was announced this week by Education Minister William Davis. No more grade Branch of the Department of 13, a system of credits with Forestry and Rural Development will be transferred to the Department of Fisheries. The

NEWS ECHOES

From the Herald's of 10, 20 and 30 Years Ago

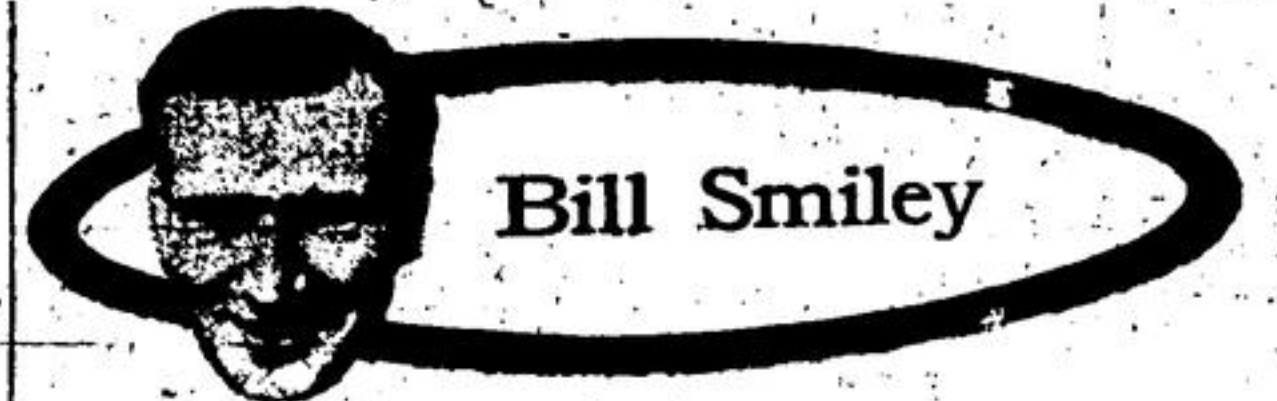
1959
Barry Timleck succeeded Jake Spence as president when the town held their annual election of officers in the Rose Room, Sunday afternoon. Roger Addy was elected vice president and Linda Korzack was returned as secretary treasurer. The committee is made up of Darwin Tost, John Benham, Jim Goodlett, Mike Willingham, Barbara Lusty and Dorothy Thompson.

Five former Avro engineers and technicians are hard at work locally producing working drawings for a two seat gyroplane which if successful could be the future mass transportation medium for the world. Calling their firm Avian Industries, they have been encouraged by a group of local businessmen who hope to secure the necessary financing to bring the plane into production and keep the plant located here.

1949
A birthday supper and dance marked the 21st anniversary of the local Legion branch when members gathered in the clubrooms Friday. The evening was arranged by a committee of the executive including David Bowman, Gordon O. Brown, William Roney, Alex Taylor, Clifford Hills, and Roy Wiggins. A feature of the evening was the dedication of a Book of Remembrance containing the names of deceased members of the branch. It was designed by Miss Dorothy Stone, AOC.

A fire in the early hours of Tuesday morning destroyed the large farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown on the west side of the village of Limehouse. The fire is believed to have started in the garage and completely destroyed that building, an implement shed and the house.

1939
One man was killed instantly and another suffered fatal injuries early Sunday morning when their speeding car, plunged from the highway at the west end of Georgetown and smashed into a tree. William McKee, 28, of Acton, who was driving the car, was killed instantly. Robert Myers, 35, of Hamilton, died hours later in Guelph General Hospital. The right side of their 1931 model coupe was torn off.



HOW SCHOOL HAS CHANGED!

Great changes are taking place these days in education. Let's have a look at some of them from a straight-forward, honest, prejudiced point of view and then you decide whether they are good or bad.

Corporal punishment is practically a thing of the past. Good or bad? I think it's good for some of the teachers. It never did have any deterrent effect on the students as I know from personal experience as a student. It merely made the brutish student more brutish. But it was a great safety valve for the hot-tempered teacher.

Now I know there shouldn't be such things as hot-tempered teachers. But there are. They are human beings. And some of the hottest tempered are the best teachers. Often, they care more.

No more for them the glorious release of hurling chalk or blackboard brush at that sniggering lout in the back seat. No more for them the sedative of the clout on the ear, the ruler crack on the knuckles, the five-of-the-best on each hand.

What's going to happen to them? You can turn the other cheek only so often. I prophesy a large tax increase for the purpose of building more mental institutions for teachers who crack under the strain of choking back their honest rage.

So much for that. Let's look at Counselling, or Guidance. This is one of the fastest-growing aspects of education. Only a few years ago, any guidance was done by regular teachers, usually chosen for their common sense. They chatted with the kids and tried to steer them in the right direction.

Now the Guidance Department is one of the busiest spots in the school. You don't teach Guidance. You're 'in' Guidance. Right up to your ears.

The reason for this is that the duties of guidance people have snowballed. Why? For two reasons. Many parents have abdicated as counsellors of their own children, and leave it to the school. Many other parents however desperately they try, simply can't cope with their children and expect the school to help.

Inevitably, the guidance teacher has become involved with emotional disturbances, family backgrounds, physical handicaps and all the other things that influence a child's behaviour. He has become a sort of padre without dog-collar.

In addition, he is expected to guide the student into the right course. Thus, he must convince Johnny, who wants to be a doctor, and who failed his Grade 10 science dismally, that he might be better in another field. Even worse, he has to convince Johnny's father, who is a doctor and is damn well going to have another one in the family.

Glad I'm not a Guidance teacher. How do you feel about examinations? They too, are changing in status. The emphasis on exams is diminishing, and in some schools they have vanished. Good or bad?

My feelings about them are mixed. One day I feel that they should be abolished, so that we could get down to the business of learning, that they are an unnecessary ordeal, that they cater to mediocrity.

The next day I have reversed my stand and am convinced that they are the only goal for the lazy student; that the pressure-relief is good therapy; that the student who is a wallflower in class has a chance to blossom on paper; that they reveal the classroom charn-boy for the ignoramus he is.

On the whole, I'm in favor of retaining exams, in some form, until our competitive society has changed completely. Otherwise, you have a repetition of the disastrous Children's Crusade of the Middle Ages. You are sending kids into battle with no weapons except a series of successful field trips and 'projects.'

You have to learn how to drive a car, and then you have to prove it in an examination. The same applies to building bridges or removing tonsils.

In fact we need more examinations; for prospective fathers' in diaper-pinning; prospective husbands in coping with tears. And so on. I'll bet you can think of a few.

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