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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### It's Human Nature

Controversial editorials invariably get two responses. If one writes an opinion unpopular with a number of people, letters to the editor will follow. But if one has a number of people agreeing with the thoughts expressed, the response is usually only word of mouth. Some time ago, when we ventured some comments on today's young people and their attitude to education, the mail bag was full for several weeks. Recently when we commented on political salaries, and later on the cost of education, dozens of people made a point of expressing their agreement. But only one took the trouble to agree in print. We don't write editorials to get letters, necessarily, but we do like to pass on

opinions, pro or con, on topical questions of the day, and unless there is some response, an editor can feel he is living in a vacuum.

It is human nature to protest when one disagrees, and to keep one's agreement under wraps. The best politicians learned this years ago. If one wants to stay comfortably in office, be against anything which costs money for education, religion, children, pets and old age pensions.

It's time that the public started commenting in print rather than leaving this solely to the editorial writers.

You might think you are only one small voice, but the printed word is powerful. An editorial gets a measure of attention. It grows immensely when it is followed by a number of mail bag letters.

### How About the In-Between

We said that it's popular to boost youth and old age. But we hear little about the "in-betweens."

We have baby bonuses and youth payments, subsidies for university education, no sales tax on children's clothing. At the other end of the scale, we have old age pensions, subsidized housing for senior citizens, cheaper air fare rates.

Each of our welfare measures is good in itself. And if we want to change our so-called democratic society for a complete welfare state, we should keep on adding fringe benefits, with a few thrown in for the middle age groups too.

But if we want to have a world where a man has more freedom, isn't it time we looked back a bit to the days when taxes

didn't cripple. Is it consistent that we tell a man with an income of five to six thousand dollars a year that he must pay ten to twenty dollars a week in income tax, and in the next breath that he can't afford to own a house if he isn't earning a couple of thousand extra dollars?

Have we created a world where it is impossible for all but a few to save enough for their old age, or if not, that their children do not feel some responsibility to pay back some of the love that was lavished?

Isn't it time that the "in-betweens" had a better break, even at the expense of a few less frills in education, a few less public comforts for the seniors, so they can have a chance to enjoy a few of life's luxuries, and save an odd dollar for the years ahead?

Can we look with hope to some honest politicians who will someday say "We can't afford it?"

### Crux of the Problem

There is encouragement today in what seems to be a mounting public outcry against the cost of education in Ontario, but we have seen no indication that people are interested in grappling with the real problem.

Mounting tax rates in most municipalities are stirring a quiet revolution and the Liberal opposition at Queen's Park was quick to capitalize with a vote of non-confidence. They didn't expect to win, only to gain ground at the expense of their political opponents.

But so far as we could tell, the Liberals concentrated only on who would pay, rather than what should be paid.

Whether we pay school costs in direct

property taxes or in some less obvious way, we're going to pay. And while it's important that property owners don't get saddled with too large a burden, we must look at the overall picture and see that the province doesn't commit itself to buildings, salaries, courses of study, special classes which are beyond our collective pocket.

If education costs are getting out of hand, as we fear they are, the problem must be attacked from a wider concept than the parochial worry about whether more or less money comes from the municipality or from the province. For the province has no money tree anymore than has Georgetown. It's you who pay the bill one way or another.

HALTON EAST M.P.



### JIM SNOW REPORTS

Parliament reconvened on Tuesday, April 15, and after a rather lengthy question period Opening Day continued to deal with the estimates of the Department of Social and Family Services.

During the Easter recess, I was able to spend the full week within the Riding and in addition to attending several public functions that week, I had the opportunity of meeting personally with many constituents to discuss problems of current interest.

One of our most immediate problems at this time within the Province of Ontario is the increased cost of education and addition to this, the changes in the distribution of education costs to the new county school board system. I know this is a very serious concern to all of us as taxpayers and to the government. In order that this matter could be fully debated, a full day of the legislature was set aside on Wednesday to debate educational matters and especially the distribution of educational costs. I have personally had the opportunity to meet with representatives of the Halton County Board of Education and also many representatives of our municipal councils to investigate this matter as it exists in Halton County, and have since met with the Honourable William Davis, Minister of Education to inform him of the problems that exist in our area and the concern of our municipal representatives and constituents.

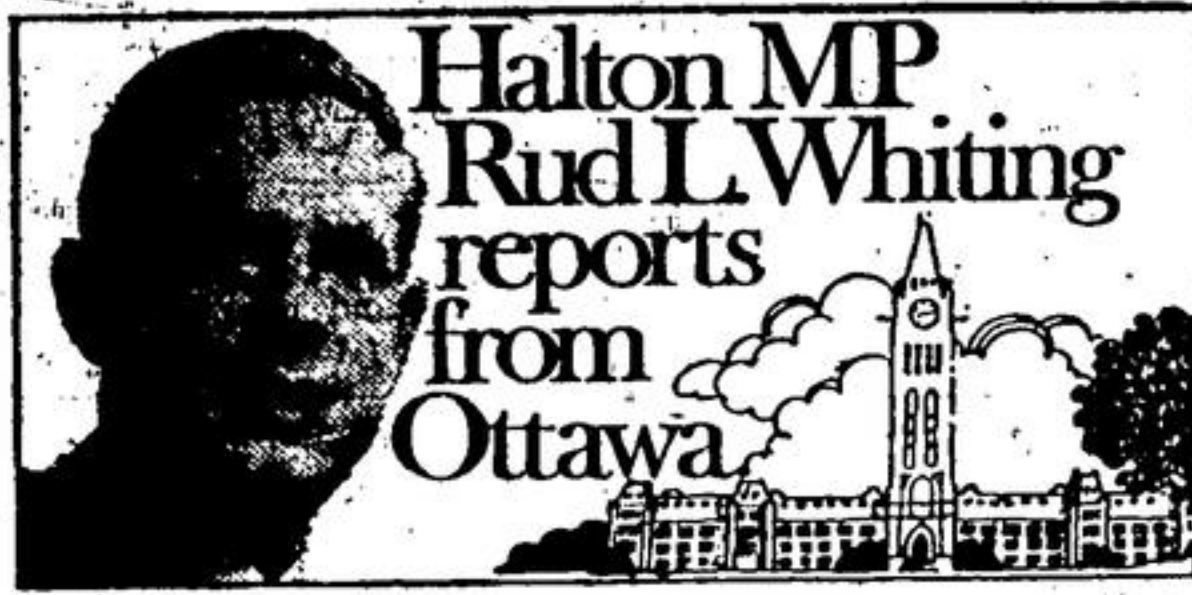
Recent statistics compiled by the Department of Education, and released this week, show that the enrolment of the Province's school system has now reached almost 2 million students, of which over 1 million are enrolled in the public school system, approximately one-half million are in the secondary school system, and close to 410,000 in the separate school system. These students are taught by nearly 85,000 teachers in the 5,035 schools throughout the province.

At present the Department of Education are tabulating all the budgets submitted to them by the different county boards of education and the Honourable William Davis, Minister of Education has been meeting this week and will continue to do so with representatives of municipal councils and county school boards to discuss with them the problems relating to the distribution of costs. It is my belief that when all these school board budgets have been received and tabulated, and the inequities of distribution assessed, that some revisions to the grant structure may be proposed.

I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to all those recipients of awards at the first annual Ford Motor Company community awards banquet. The recipients of these awards have done a great deal through their personal involvement in community and charitable work for the betterment of the various communities where they reside. I would also like to congratulate Oakville's Sandra Post on her receiving the Lions Club of Oakville, Citizen of the Year award for 1968, for her great achievements in the world of golf. Last Saturday evening Barbara and I had the pleasure of attending the Halton County Mutual Fire Area banquet and were very proud of the awards presented at that banquet to the Oakville-Milton and Georgetown fire departments for their achievements in fire prevention during the last year. These awards are presented annually by the Ontario Fire Marshal's office, and Oakville this year won a top award for municipalities in their population range.

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### Halton MP Rud L. Whiting reports from Ottawa

PARLIAMENT reconvened on Monday, April 14 after a ten day recess. The recess gave me an opportunity to visit with many people in the Riding who have problems which come under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government. Although the Easter recess was quite a bit shorter than our Christmas recess, I was however able to call upon everyone requesting assistance.

MY WIFE, ANNE and I attended several social functions held in the Riding. It was our pleasure to be invited to a dinner held by Ford of Canada to honour those employees and their wives who are active in community work and civic affairs. A total of one hundred and seventy-seven people were honoured on this occasion. Ford of Canada president, Karl E. Scott, stated that the Company plans to make this an annual event. To those who received recognition, I would like to add my congratulations. Your efforts have helped to make your community a better place. Ford is to be commended for recognizing the contribution of these people make in the life of their community and honouring them in this way.

DURING THE recess I visited the town of Acton and discussed the proposed removal of the CNR agent, with Mayor Dudy and a group of interested citizens. The town has been informed by the Board of Transport that a hearing will be held before the agent is removed. No definite date has been announced as to when this hearing is to take place.

ON MY RETURN to Ottawa I have met with the Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Leo Cadieux, regarding the seven vacant houses on Normandy Road in Oakville. I am pleased to announce that five of these houses will be available for public use. The Military require only two Central Mortgage and Housing are at the present time making limited repairs to these houses and they will be ready for occupancy by May 1 (CMHC) and town of Oakville are looking after the rental arrangements. As more houses become available on Normandy Road and are not required by military personnel, the public will have an opportunity to rent them. In the meantime CMHC is preparing a plan of redevelopment which on completion will provide a higher density of living accommodation than presently exists.

THIS WEEK I had the pleasure, along with two other MPs Mrs. Bud Cullen from Sarnia, Ontario and Norm Calkin from Ontario Riding of being lunch guests of the Prime Minister at his official residence, 24 Sussex Drive. The luncheon was very relaxed and informal.

WE DISCUSSED a variety of topics ranging from constituency matters to international affairs. The Prime Minister is

very easy person to talk with and genuinely interested in the problems faced by back benchers. As he said "Don't forget, I was one also." Our luncheon lasted for an hour and a half but the time went so quickly it seemed only half that length of time.

IT WAS MY pleasure this week to welcome to Ottawa a group of students and teachers from Oakville-Trafalgar High School. Since parliament opened in September I have had visits from many constituents, but this was the first school group I have had visit me.

THEY VISITED the House of Commons in the afternoon and I met them for supper in the cafeteria of the West Block. Later we visited the Confederation Room and had an informal question and answer session.

I ENJOYED meeting with these students and would welcome similar visits from any school groups in the riding.

### IN THE MAIL BAG

#### Fifty Years a Town Wants Celebration

Toronto, Ontario

Dear Sir:

A birthday party! What excitement and anticipation generated by those words. A good example was the recent Canadian Centenary that produced such national pride and also uncovered latent and dormant potentials across the country.

Georgetown will be celebrating its 50th birthday in 1972 — just three short years — and I am sure that Mayor Emmerson, an energetic and imaginative young man will soon set up a committee of representatives of industry, business, service clubs, churches and other interested groups to arrange for this celebration.

It will be one grand old home week, street dance, a Miss Georgetown contest etc.

Let us all start lighting those 50 candles!

Yours sincerely,  
Gordon Alcott

#### Attend Red Cross Sarnia Meeting

Five Georgetown Red Cross Branch delegates, Mrs. G. Walsh, Mrs. A.M. Sutherland, Mrs. R. H. Sales, Mrs. C.A. Thompson, and Mrs. J. Nieuwhof attended the 49th annual meeting of the Ontario division of the Canadian Red Cross Society in Sarnia April 17 and 18. While there they toured Chemical Valley, a five mile concentration of chemical industries as guests of Sarnia Chamber of Commerce.

## NEWS ECHOES

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

**1959**  
● Another phase of Georgetown's growth will be reflected later this year in inauguration of letter carrier service here. The Herald was informed this week by Sandy Best, MP of the decision at Ottawa to introduce door to door delivery of mail in Georgetown. It will be inaugurated as soon as 90 per cent of houses to be served have installed suitable receptacles.

● Two main buildings of the YMCA Camp Norval were completely destroyed early Tuesday morning when fire of unknown origin swept through the camp aided by high winds and exploding tanks of oil and propane gas. The loss was placed in the neighborhood of \$23,500. The blaze was discovered at about 1.45 a.m. and raged out of control for almost four hours.

**1949**  
● Norval will have a team in the Intermediate grouping of OLA lacrosse this year. While final groupings have not yet been arranged, to date twenty four teams have been entered and there will be at least three groups. Frank Fendley is president and manager of the new Norval organization, with Herb Louth, secretary. Those who indicated they will tryout with the team are: B. Bignall, Spike Scott, Bill Louth, Wilf Raine, Jim Cleave, Bill Cunningham, D. Hancock, J. Dalzell, Jim Burton, Len Varey, Russ Fendley, H. Martin, Bill Laidlaw, Clark Lyons, T. Crawford, Lorne Whaley, Johnny Haines, Doug Campbell, Archie Campbell, Ernie Thompson, Junior Beaumont, Enio Scissizzi, and Harry Coates.

**1939**  
● Georgetown High School made its first serious assault on the honours at the Halton Music Festival this year. Over seventy local students took part in various classes last Wednesday and Thursday. The school orchestra under the direction of Carman Sutcliffe brought the festival to a successful climax by winning the Taylor Cup which has been held by Burlington for the past four years.

## THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

### CHELTHENHAM

Cheltenham artist Geoffrey Rock made 2 impressive headlines in the Montreal papers recently. One read "Rock's Haunting Houses," the other "Geoffrey Rock, Magic Realist or Not?" The headlines topped reports of Rock's one-man exhibition in the Galerie Sherbrooke, Montreal. The CBC, Montreal, made a 30 minute film of the exhibition.

### VICTORIA

Peel Construction Co. Ltd. has been awarded a \$1,289,174 contract for reconstruction of Highway 10 for 5.25 miles north from Victoria. The company was low bidder for the work which includes grading, drainage, granular base, hot mix paving, and a new bridge at the Little Credit River 3.5 miles north of Victoria.

### ORANGEVILLE

A plastic pipe manufacturing operation the sixth installation of its type outside of Europe will be established in Orangeville, it was announced last week by W. K. Caldwell, president of United Extrusions Limited. The firm will build a 10,000 square ft. plant on a seven acre site, construction to commence May 1st. Production will start in September.

### MILTON

Young anglers should have a hey day at the Centennial Pond in Milton when trout season opens on April 26th. Last week

Halton Sportsmen's Association stocked the pond with about 100 rainbow trout, each 11 or 12 inches in length. The fish were obtained from Ivan Cryderman's Rainbow Ranch at Moffat where they were raised in spring-fed ponds from the egg stage.

### CALEDON

Caledon residents are reeling from an announcement from their county board of education this week which shows they will face a 200 per cent jump in their school taxes in 1969. "It's a shocking thing facing the farmers," said Archie Gould, Caledon's representative on the board. "The situation for many farmers is serious," another member, Ted Conover, commented.

### OAKVILLE

Oakville taxpayers are stirred up like they have never been stirred up before, and it took a ten-mill tax increase to do it. Between 5.30 and 9 p.m. one night last week more than 400 Oakville property owners phoned that town's daily newspaper to have their names placed on a protest roll. As part of their "Rising Resistance" campaign, the newspaper, the Journal-Record, has invited citizens to show their disapproval of swelling taxes by phoning in their names. The average tax bill there will increase by \$33. At press time the list of names totalled 2,009.

### BRAMPTON

District at Glance Continued— Fire Friday afternoon razed the main hangar and destroyed two small planes at the Brampton Flying Club. No one was hurt in the fire. One estimate said damage amounted to \$40,000. The rebuilding will probably be done at the club's new Victoria field to be opened this summer.

### Supt. Appointed for Hennelly in Halton

Anthony Hennelly, area superintendent of the Ontario Department of Education's Oakville division, has been appointed an assistant superintendent of education of Halton County Separate School Board.

His duties begin Aug. 1.

Hennelly is the second assistant superintendent appointed by the board.

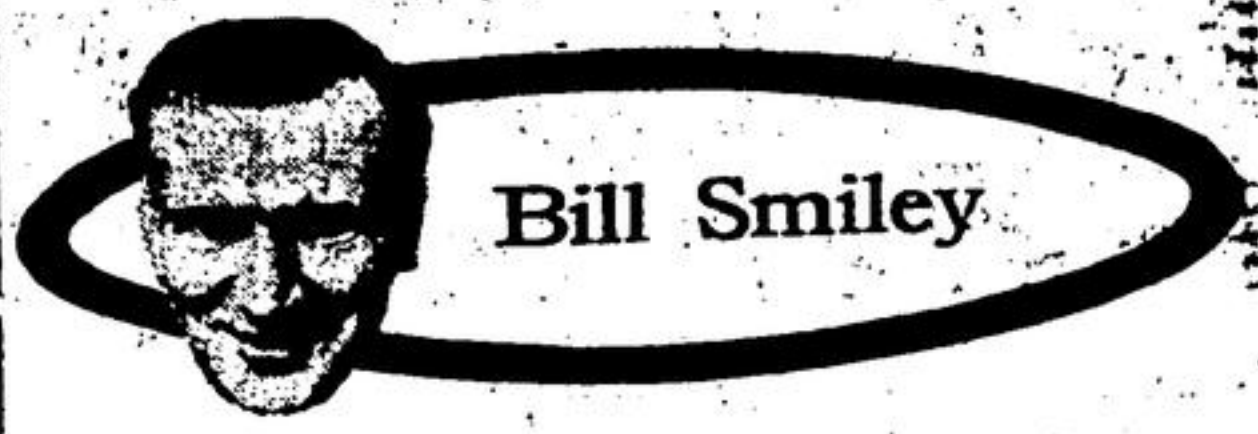
The appointment of Ernest Chirelli of Cornwall, Ont., was approved in January. He started his duties at the beginning of March.

Both have been hired at a salary of \$20,000 a year.

Hennelly has been with the Department of Education for four years, the last three of which were spent in the Oakville area.

He was principal of Saint Lawrence School in Toronto for several years prior to joining the department.

Thousands of Canadians are alive and well today because of the work of the Canadian Cancer Society.



### Bill Smiley

## THE READERS WRITE

Irish stew today, or clam chowder, or whatever your favorite mucky dish is. It will contain fish and eggs, metal and glass.

A recent column on personal beefs brought a hair-raiser from W. T. House of West Gravenhurst.

Quote: "Question—for what formal education teachers have done and are doing, should history indict them as murderers, manslaughterers, suicides and conspirators thereto? I must vote 'yes' because after years of research I have not been able to find others on whom to place the responsibility for the hell on earth which will be our Canada in a very few years now — death and destruction everywhere."

It may have been my attack on the beer can that sparked this. But he goes on to say that scarcely any teachers know that ours is a metal civilization, that we have nearly exhausted the most necessary of these metals and that therefore our form of civilization is ending.

Mr. House would never make a public relations man for either the teaching vocation or the metals industry, but he sure comes to the point.

The same column in which I attacked disposable bottles brought a letter from — guess who — the public relations firm for the Glass Container Council. Enclosed was a brochure called "No-Deposit Bottles — A Study."

The summary of The Study says the facts have shown that, properly handled, the no-deposit bottle is not a danger to children or livestock, not a significant source of litter, not a problem in handling solid waste, not a cause of forest fires.

How did we get onto forest fires?

It ends on a smug note: "The no-deposit bottle is wanted by the public as a form of convenience packaging." Well, I'm one of the public, and I don't want it. Also, "convenience" used to be a noun when I went to school.

But the key words in that blurb are "properly handled." Do they mean the facts of the

bottles. Facts, properly handled, can be a snow job.

However, mustn't get hung up on the bottle. I promised some fish in this stew. Read this fish story the other day. It's too good to be true, but will pass it along.

Local couple was vacationing in California. They were invited to a wine and fish dinner. Hostess had a huge fish, salmon or something, cooked, garnished and put on the table. She went in from the patio for a last minute check and there was the family cat up to its eyebrows in fish.

She squealed for her husband. He came and like a sensible chap, said, "Turn it over; they'll never notice." There was only about a pound missing, from the one side. They did, the guests were called in and unannounced called it the best fish they'd ever eaten.

Host, pleased at his ingenuity strolled outside and saw the cat lying dead. His thoughts can only be conjectured. But three hours later, after all the guests had been to hospital and had their stomachs pumped out, he and his wife got home, just a little harassed. A neighbour woman came to the door.

"I didn't want to disturb you while you had guests, and I'm terribly sorry, but I ran over your cat and killed it." End of story.

Which reminds me of Gracie Fields and the eggs. This is true. I was there. Miss Fields, Lancashire lass with great voice and comic sense, was on her fourth-last farewell tour. She took the old steamer Hemonic, on which I worked, down the lakes from Duluth to Detroit.

In for breakfast two hours late, she ordered eggs. The chef was sore, but fried them. She sent them back, because they were sunny side up. The chef lifted an Oriental eyebrow then his spatula, flipped them over on the plate, and sent them back in, sunny side down.

Gracie being a woman, pecked, and the poor devil of a waiter, working his way through college, took the full force of a Lancashire trade, while the wily old chef, in the galley, helped himself to a gin, caring not a Cantonese damn about Gracie Fields.

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