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EDITORIAL COMMENT

6875 Miles for Help

Perhaps it's not as well known as it should be that, among other benefits derived from the local Cancer Society unit, is transportation to hospital in Toronto for the treatment of patients.

Those who have this disease are fortunate to live within driving distance, for often a series of weekly treatments is necessary. If one lives a hundred miles away, it means a patient must stay in the city, disrupt his normal life, and add expense to what is already an expensive illness.

In Georgetown, Mrs. Barry Timleck, who handles transportation arrangements, has provided some statistics which show how much benefit is the service.

In the past six months, there were 122 days in which treatment was offered at Princess Margaret Hospital. And on every one of these days, a Georgetown volunteer made a trip there, with a few trips to St. Michael's as well for therapy. One hundred and thirty appointments were kept, thanks to these volunteer drivers — 85 trips to the city.

There are 17 such volunteers who give their time to this good work, receiving only a mileage payment from the cancer society.

Of these 14 will take Toronto trips, the other three drive only to the town hospital. Eight are fully employed and drive on their off-shift or day off. Three have part-time employment. Six are housewives or retired men.

The society's problem becomes obvious. There is still a shortage of drivers, and the society is hopeful that more, particularly housewives who can spare a half day of their time will volunteer.

Driving a person to the city for these all-important treatments is one of the most personalized forms of public service and one of the most gratifying.

Long Way to Go

Elimination of prejudice, be it racial, intellectual, religious or social, may never completely occur in a world populated by humans.

But it has made great strides in our generation.

Georgetown is one of the most fortunate communities in almost every respect. It has a smattering of the world's ethnic groups with no overt prejudice meeting the eye.

We have a good percentage of middle class people, well employed at skilled and semi-skilled jobs, a high percentage of home owners.

We have no slums, a minimum of major crime and juvenile delinquency, open

spaces nearby to enjoy the out of doors, a maximum of sporting and social activities.

We are close to the attractions of a major city, yet far enough away to miss its deficiencies. We don't have extremes of wealth and poverty like all our cities and some of our towns. Perhaps we're unique.

Returning from a Florida vacation, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hutchinson stayed overnight in a city in Tennessee where the motel presented them with a copy of the daily paper.

They were shocked to note in an obituary page which features news of deaths in the area, a small box at the bottom, titled "Negro deaths."

"Seems we still have a long way to go," says Mrs. Hutchinson.

Oxfam This Saturday

A stranger in this area Saturday will doubtless think Ontario is a province of walkers.

It's the annual Oxfam operation, a 30 mile trek which last year raised thousands of dollars for the world's needy and, judging by advance interest, will be an even better show this year.

The walk is one which has gained wide appeal in Ontario and particularly in this part of the province. For weeks participants have been busily lining up sponsors, as low as a penny a mile, as high as a dollar, and there is keen competition to see who can

amass the most in donations.

The organization has issued a call for volunteers to serve as registrars at the starting point in S. Mary's Church auditorium in Brampton on Saturday morning to keep the walk running as smoothly as possible. Various groups offering refreshments at rest stops along the way will also be glad of a hand from anyone who wishes to help in this necessary part of the day.

Let's hope for a good day, similar to last year, not too hot, not too cold, so Oxfam will reap the maximum benefit from those aching muscles and blistered feet.

Hellyer Resignation Surprise To Halton M.P. Rud Whiting

by Farmer Tinsington
Special to The Herald

OTTAWA — Canada appears to be heading for its best year in history in terms of house building, but the government has still not struck at the root of the housing problem, Rud Whiting (L-Halton) said here Friday in commenting on the resignation of Hon. Paul T. Hellyer from the Cabinet. Whiting said the resignation came as a complete surprise to him and he had no idea Hellyer was contemplating such an action.

"But there is no doubt he wanted more action on the task force report on housing than has been forthcoming so far," Whiting said. "While housing legislation has been promised within a few weeks, it appears that this does not go as far as Mr. Hellyer wanted it to."

Whiting referred to recent figures which showed a substantial increase in housing starts in the early months of the year but he said the root of the problem is still not being reached because he finds many people in Halton riding cannot afford the houses that are being constructed.

He notes that houses in Halton have risen in cost substantially over the past year or two and were on the average, more costly in Toronto.

The Halton M.P. said he was not taking sides in the argument Hellyer is having with the rest of the Cabinet but there was no question that Hellyer's constitutional position was at variance with the prime minister's because he wanted greater federal initiatives in such fields as housing, pollution, urban development and inflation.

He does not feel the government's NATO and defence policies were a factor in the resignation and feels that if the transport portfolio had been split up Hellyer would have preferred to take on the housing end rather than the transport end.

"I am sorry he resigned. He has made a great contribution for the past 20 years and I am sure he will finish out his term as an MP," Whiting said.

He rejected the suggestion that the resignation was a long range attempt by Hellyer to establish a base from which to seek the party leadership at some time in the future.

During the federal Liberal leadership convention a year ago this month former Halton riding MP Dr. Harry Harley backed Hellyer in his campaign to take over from retiring Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson.

Trudeau won the leadership and he received the backing of most Halton riding delegates to the convention who split with Harley on who to support as leader.

Prior to the federal election last June, Harley retired as M.P. and he was replaced by Whiting who went on to win the Halton riding election race.

Both Whiting and the Halton Liberal Association have been active in the housing field and both have called for action to tackle the housing crisis.

SMILE

Doctor: "Did your wife say anything before she died?"
The widower: "Yes, she talked uninterruptedly for fifty years."

Separate School Taxes Parallel Public Schools

Halton's Roman Catholic separate school supporters will face a tax hike similar to public school supporters this year. The county separate school board's 1969 levy, announced at their April meeting in Milton, will require identical mill rates to the elementary public schools.

Of the total \$3,500,000 budget, municipalities in Halton will raise about \$840,000. Most of this will come from Oakville and Burlington. Milton's share is 27.2 mills, \$35,000; Georgetown's 21.6 mills, \$43,000; Nasagaweya Township's 22.1 mills \$28; and Esquesing Township, 30.6 mills, \$19,000.

Trustees said it was necessary to cut out all frills and "squeeze every dollar" to keep the mill rates the same as the Halton County Board of Education. Their budget is up about 10 per cent over the combined budgets of the four Halton boards in 1958, which merged to form the county board on January 1.

In other business at their meeting, trustees approved bilingual classes for students from kindergarten to grade 4 in one Burlington school following requests from French-speaking parents for instruction for about 85 children. There are 170 students involved in a similar program in Georgetown. The board also approved a plan for Burlington students to participate in a swimming program at the YMCA at a cost of \$3,000 for 10 weeks of lessons for 600 grade three pupils.



PAY-OFF TIME AGAIN

HALTON EAST M.P.



JIM SNOW REPORTS

Parliament proceeded this week with the consideration of further sections of the estimates of the Department of Social and Family Services, and in addition gave consideration to several pieces of new legislation.

One major piece of legislation before the House was the new Act establishing the amalgamated city of the lakehead. This Act brings together the existing cities of Fort William and Port Arthur, along with parts of the surrounding townships into a new regional city, to be known as the Lakehead. The debate on this Bill lasted some two days and was finally given second reading Thursday evening.

On Thursday afternoon the Honourable William Davis, Minister of Education announced to the Legislature that certain amendments would be made to the grant regulations covering provincial grants to the county boards of education. These new regulations will give additional provincial assistance to county boards of education who have kept their overall budget within certain limits and who have municipalities within their counties that have experienced an excessive rise in mill rate due to the revised educational grant structure as necessitated by the county board set up.

In Halton County the direct effect of applying these new formulae will not be known until the Halton County Board of Education and the municipalities are able to calculate the effect on the municipal contributions required after the application of these new formulae. In brief, this additional grant will be available to municipalities of less than 60,000 population who have experienced an increase in educational mill rate of more than 1 provincial mill for elementary and 1 provincial mill for secondary school costs in their municipalities.

I was advised this week by the Ontario Water Resources Commission that the Commission has now executed agreements for engineering services with the firm of Proctor and Redfern Limited for the preparation of design reports to the commission on the water and sewage works requirements of the township of Esquesing. On receipt of these reports from the consulting engineers the staff of the commission will then proceed to develop rates based on usage and submit proposals to the Esquesing Township Council for provincially financed water and sewage works systems.

This report will include the provision for the construction of a complete sewage collection system for the community of Glen Williams the necessary facilities to convey the waste to the town of Georgetown treat-

ment plant and also a complete water supply and distribution facility for the community of Glen Williams.

It was interesting to note this week in statistics released by the Department of Social and Family Services, that again the town of Oakville has the lowest percentage of its population requiring welfare assistance from the Department, of any town in the population range of 50,000 to 100,000 residents. The report also shows that the number of people requiring welfare assistance has reduced by 19.8% from the same period in 1967-68.

On Wednesday evening I had the opportunity to attend a meeting of the Sunningdale Home and School Association along with representatives of Oakville town council, Halton board of education, trustees and also staff representatives of the Halton Board of education. A very informative discussion was carried out in which members of the staff of the Halton

Board explained the operation of the new county school system and a question and answer period followed which was most informative.

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

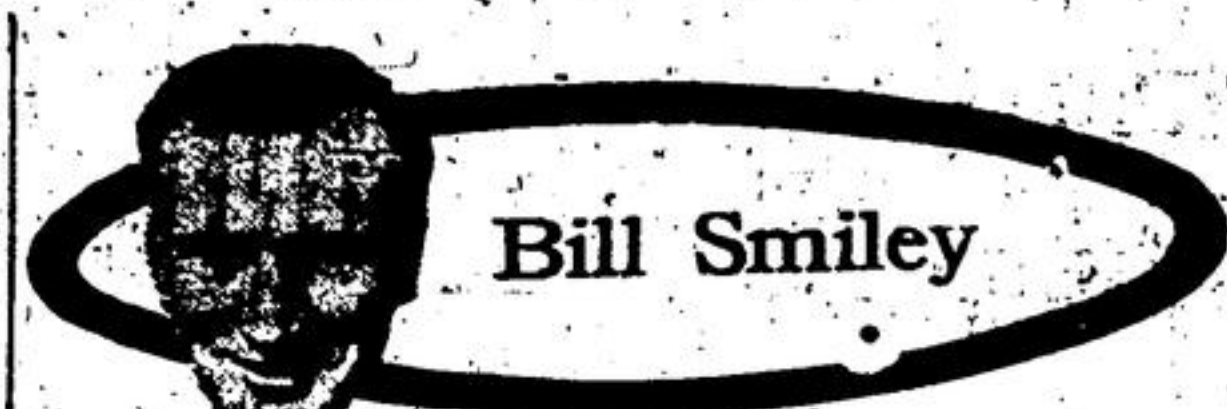
1959
Hunter's Realtors were officially tagged OHA Intermediate champions of Ontario Monday night and they looked every inch the part in powering their way to an 11-1 win over a badly outclassed Thorold team at Thorold to end their trek to their title. The victory was their fourth straight in the best of seven final. The Realtors had to wade through Stouffville Clippers, Bradford Brads' Fords, Walkerton Capitols, Sundridge Beavers and Thorold to claim the cup presented to them by OHA executive Dinty Moore of Port Colborne after the game.

Georgetown will greet Canada's Governor General, His Excellency, Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey tomorrow when he pays a half hour visit to town. Mr. Massey will be met at the station by Mayor Armstrong, councillors and their wives, Sandy Best MP, and Stan Hall MPP, and their wives. The party will proceed by motorcade to St. George's church grounds where Rev. Kenneth Richardson and his wife will join the party. School children will be assembled on the grounds to hear the mayor's welcoming speech and His Excellency's reply. A motorcade will complete the visit.

1949
Students from Georgetown Public School and the surrounding rural schools did well at the Halton Music Festival in Milton last week. Two gold medals went to Georgetown girls, Jean Engleby and Sandra Scott. The latter also won a bronze medal with Jacqueline Graham in the duet for girls 11 and under. Helen Muckart was third in the solo for 8 and under, and Joan Harrison won a silver medal in the senior solo. Sylvia Lambert and Bev Hyde won silver medals in senior girls duet. Paul Prust was third in senior boys solo. Students from district schools who did well included Maureen Hepburn of Glen Williams, first in girls solo 8 and under, and Donnie Currie, Limehouse, third in the similar class for boys. Gail Wheeler of Glen Williams, was third in the solo for girls 11 and under.

1939
A largely attended meeting of the men's section of Cedar Crest Golf Club was held at the home of last season's captain, Mr. J. R. Smith this week, when the following officers were elected: president, J. Willoughby; vice-president, Mrs. J. A. Willoughby; captain, J. B. Mackenzie, vice captain, J. H. Crichton; handicap committee, R. B. Foulis, P. B. Coffin, and C. Kennedy; social committee, R. W. Robb, H. F. Goring and F. F. Salt.

The annual parents' night of the Georgetown Public School was held on Thursday. Many parents visited the school and examined the exhibits of writing, drawing, and other work prepared under the direction of principal Howard Wigglesworth and his staff. Following this, the parents were treated to a program of choruses, drills, action songs, and plays including a scene from the Merchant of Venice, and a pageant: A Welcome to the King. During the evening the parents were addressed by school inspector L. L. Skuce, and Georgetown public school board chairman Hugh Dickie.



Bill Smiley

Yep, I'll Be There

April is a month to try the soul of the householder. And mine has been tried and found wanting.

When the last dirty gray streaks of snow had disappeared I took a tour of the estate. Then I went inside, wept for a few minutes, and took shock treatment on the rocks.

We live on a corner lot. On two sides of it, there was something that looked like the remains of Hadrian's wall. It was the ramparts of sand and silt thrown up on the lawn by the snowblower in January.

You can't blow it back into the street. There are two alternatives. The first is 18 man-hours, first with shovel, then with rake, then with silt broom. The other is to use it as the foundation for a stone wall around the property. Either way, your lawn is ruined.

But that was merely the beginning. Last fall, I managed to keep ahead of the maple leaves burning and raking like a fiend for a couple of weeks. But the oaks drop late, and they don't cascade down, but drift, one by one.

You might as well wait for them all, I distinctly remember going out one day last November, with a face as long as a foot, taking a look at the fence-to-fence carpeting of sodden leaves, and reaching with heavy heart for the rake.

My wife, in one of her rare moments of pity, said "Why don't you wait a few days until they are dry?"

Reeling with shock, I said, "O.K." The next day I awoke. And the next. And so on until the end of January.

They're still there, even more sodden after snuggling under four feet of snow all winter. And they'll be the death of me, I know it, if I try to rake them. There must be 48 tons of wet leaves on the lot.

I wonder if I could get some husky male student who's not doing too well in his English at school, and have a quiet crafty little chat with him, pointing out the ratio of my benevolence to the scarcity of wet oak leaves on my lawn.

Those are just two April

problems, neither yet solved. And there's a host of smaller ones. Huge oak branches all over the front lawn, broken off in snow storms. The hose has been out all winter. My wife set fire to the back porch, one winter day when she put out a box of ashes which contained some live coals. Charred is the word.

The flower beds look like a barroom floor on a Sunday morning. The shrubs are all broken off at the elbows by the weight of snow. Fences lean precariously, as you would if an oak branch, ten inches thick, had fallen on you.

A dreary scene, indeed. But there's only one thing to be done about it. No use griping. And that's what I did. On the first warm day, I went out and attacked it.

Not directly. That way lies a heart attack. I took a beer and a book, laid them down, looked at the blue sky and thought about opening day.

That's the salvation of April. Deep in your heart, you know that all that garbage is going to be attended to, even if the Old Lady has to do it.

And if you have a touch of the poet and artist in you, as what man doesn't you know that the first day of trout fishing will wash away all the sordid aspects of April, and leave you pure of heart and mind, if not of tongue, when you get out and have a bash at the trout.

This, the promise of getting away out into the real world of icy water and lost lures and no women, on the last week-end of April, gives a man a certain sanity-retaining detachment as the surveys the no-man's land of his property.

Last year, for various stupid reasons, I missed Opening Day, for the first time in 20 years. This year, even with a broken neck (and I think I have one; the X-rays haven't been read yet), I am going to catch my limit, fall off a log into that polar water, and come home, filthy, stinking, and purged; all the good things that accompany Opening Day and the real beginning of Spring in the country.

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