



FOLKSINGER AMONG THE FABLES — An audience of children sits attentively while guitar strumming librarian Anne Anderson sings to them about the unfortunate old lady who swallowed a fly — among other things. She, and five other librarians entertained youngsters in the Georgetown Public Library in four separate programs one day recently. The show, sponsored by the South Central Regional Library System, included folk songs, a film and a puppet show.

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JIM SNOW REPORTS

During this past week, the Honourable George Gomme, Minister of Highways tabled a report in the Legislature relating to the evaluation and alternatives for expansion for the GO Transit system. This report evaluates the use being made of the present GO Line which has now been operating for some two years along the Lakeshore route.

It is estimated that the GO Transit System between Toronto and Oakville reduces the peak traffic volume along the Queen Elizabeth highway by approximately 10%. As the Queen Elizabeth Highway has experienced an annual growth rate of around 6% in traffic over the past few years, this suggests that GO transit has delayed the point at which the capacity of the highway will be reached by close to two years.

The report also gives feasibility studies and cost estimates for the development of 6 additional GO transit routes. Four of these routes would extend to the north and east of metro terminating in Locust Hill, Stouffville, Wesley Corners and Newmarket. 2 possible routes are studied extending from Toronto westward. 1 utilizing the CNR railway right of way, and would provide a diagonal access from central Toronto to the northwest where none now exists, 29 miles in length. The line would link the expanding communities of Georgetown, Brampton, Bramalea, Malton and Weston with downtown Toronto. This line would also run directly alongside the Woodbine racetrack and the Toronto International Airport.

It is estimated that approximately 8,700 trips per week day would be generated between Georgetown and Toronto plus additional use of the line between Georgetown and other intermediate points. The estimated costs for the extension of this line would be a capital cost of 40 million 400 thousand dollars with an estimated annual operating deficit of 1.4 million dollars.

The second westerly extension of the GO system would utilize the existing CPR railway lines between Milton and a terminus at the westerly end of the Bloor subway line, a total distance of 24 miles. This route would provide direct subway access to residents of Erindale, Streetsville, Cooksville and Milton and also shows a possible station location in north Oakville at Hornby, such a service would provide an interesting demonstration of the practicability of the commuter rail linking suburban communities with the subway system. This route

is such that it would compete in places with the existing lakeshore GO service which would clearly have a time advantage for passengers destined to the downtown Toronto area.

The estimated weekday trips generated for this line are 4,400 with an estimated capital cost of 11.6 million and an estimated annual operating deficit of 1.6 million.

Also, the Honourable Dalton Bales, Minister of Labour introduced amendments to the Workman's Compensation Act in the Legislature, to provide increased minimum pensions for workers disabled in occupational accidents.

Mr. Bales said that over 7,400 pensioners with total or partial disability will receive increases under the new legislation which will become effective on July 1. The total costs for industry for these increases will be approximately 12 million dollars annually.

The legislation will establish a new minimum pension of \$175 a month for all workers who are permanently and totally disabled at the present time the minimum is \$100 monthly. Minimum pensions for permanent partial disability will be paid on a directly proportionate basis for example, a pensioner with 50% disability will receive a minimum of \$87.50. Recipients of these pensions will be able to take jobs and their earnings do not affect the compensation payments. These new minimums will also apply to existing pensions as well as to those that will be paid in the future.

The Minister said that most workers receiving pensions for total or partial disability receive larger amounts because their normal pre-accident earnings were higher than those of workers receiving minimum pensions. These pensions are calculated on the basis of 75% of earnings up to \$7,000 annually. The maximum pension for permanent or total temporary disability is \$101 per week.

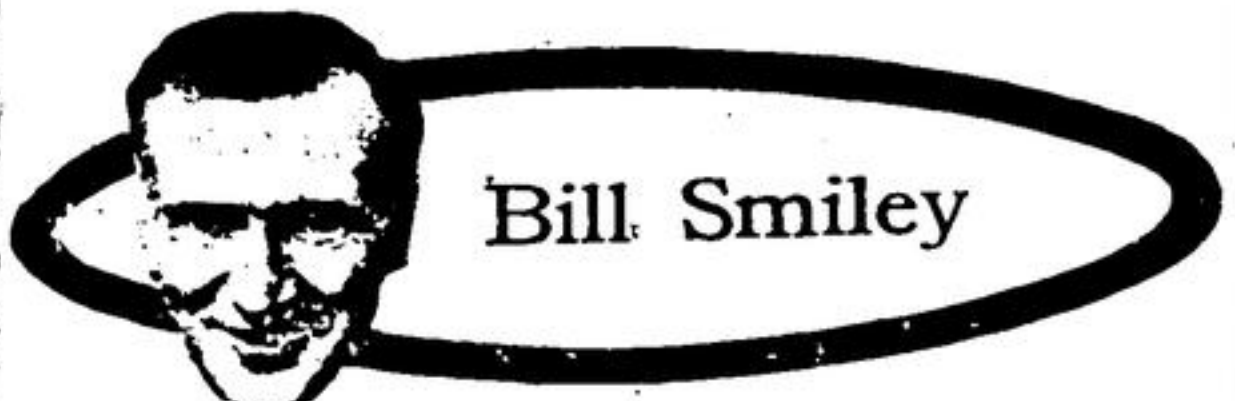
I was very pleased on Wednesday evening to attend the annual meeting of the Georgetown & District Chamber of Commerce held at the North Halton Golf and Country Club and to bring as our special guest of the evening the Honourable Darcy McKeough, Minister of Municipal Affairs who spoke to the members and answered many questions on regional government.

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A Long and Hot Summer

This is going to be a long, hot summer. And not only for those U.S. cities with their ker-osene-soaked black ghettos just waiting for a match to be struck.

It's going to be a long, hot summer for a lot of Canadians. High among their ranks will be parents, policemen and resort operators.

Why? Because the supply of summer jobs for students is far, far below the demand, and there are going to be thousands of restless, bored young people looking for excitement.

It's a natural for an eruption of rumbles, hassles and vandalism which could make the summer a nightmare for the already-harried victims listed above.

For the last decade, there has been a steadily growing population of young bums of both sexes. Summer time, warm weather bums.

These are the kids who don't really want a job. They live from hand to mouth, sleeping on the beaches, or in the old cars that are part of their scene. They are not necessarily evil or vicious. In fact, most of them aren't.

But they're aimless and irresponsible and rude and selfish and dirty, and lazy as cats. Cats that aren't house-broken. They're bored, and they're boring. They talk in endless circles about nothing. They even bore each other. But they're united in one thing — their contempt for the adult world.

High on their list of interests, which are extremely limited, are sex and drugs. On weekends, they are infiltrated by the "pushers," many of them amateurs, who arrive from the cities with their little packages of pot and speed and LSD.

Lurking on the fringe of this bundle of bums is another group — the teenie-boppers. These are not kids, — they are children — who are just beginning to make the scene, who find it fascinating, and who want to try anything that's going.

In the cities, same thing, except that it's shopping plazas and public parks and the streets. Instead of the beaches.

Well, add to this parasitic swarm all the kids who wanted, and needed, jobs this summer, angry, frustrated, and you can see what's coming. I hope I'm wrong, but two and two still make four.

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Dear Sir:
I would like to once again use The Herald to express my personal thanks for a big job well done.

I am of course, talking about the Oxfam walk (Miles for Millions) on May 3, sponsored by Oxfam Canada, UNICEF and World Service.

It was a very moving experience for me to witness and it proved again that people do care about the other fellow and will help them when given an opportunity to do so.

I wouldn't attempt to name the people or groups that took part in the walk. I would like to attempt a thank you — to those who helped make it possible. Those who were kind enough to supply food and refreshments, first aid, staff the checkpoints and supply radio cars and transportation. The police who patrolled and helped to keep traffic problems to a minimum.

A special thanks to the youth. We asked for help on the night of May 1st for pre-registration at Knox Church hall and more than enough turned out.

It was evident on Saturday that in no way is there a generation gap. Come to think of it, I doubt if there was a gap anywhere between start and finish, generation or otherwise.

I believe there was every colour, race and creed walking, running, staggering and some almost crawling. They had one common goal, to raise enough money to help the other guy help himself.

I don't think that all our youth, by any means, have gone to pot. Half our population, approximately ten million, is a lot of young people. Some people say all they can do is protest. Well, for myself, I was proud and thankful that they did on May 3. They were protesting, in a sense, against ignorance, indifference and hunger, in the

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world. They did something about it by suffering themselves, but still smiling. If anyone had doubts about our country's future or the world's, they now know where it's at and that we are going to get there.

I don't imply there were no adults. They were there over 30 and even over 80. I even saw animals doing their share. Think about it — in some countries these animals would have been eaten for survival.

Thanks to all for standing so tall.
— Lou Egerton

Jim Hayes Heads New Coin Club

Jim Hayes was elected president; Fritz Conle, secretary; and Monica Gallant, treasurer; when the Georgetown & District Coin Club named their officers for 1969 recently.

At the April meeting, a general discussion was held about some 18th century provincial German coins shown to the meeting by a new member.

It was also noted that the 1969 Canadian coins in the smaller denominations are not yet in circulation. The mint appears to be concentrating on the 25 cent pieces. The one cent pieces are in good supply, but the nickels and dimes are not yet to be found in change.

The coin club now holds its meetings at the Cedarvale Community Centre on the 4th Sunday of each month with visitors welcome.

Some club members attended the Ontario Numismatic Society's 7th Annual Convention at Prudhomme's Garden Centre, Vineland, on the weekend.

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