

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Profit Sharing the Answer?

While it can never be expected to reach Utopia where every man feels he is fairly rewarded for his daily toil, and every employer gives the ultimate possible in remuneration, surely some better system can be devised than the present one where strikes and threats of strikes, are always with us.

Industry, all too often, ignores a man as a person and an employee becomes a statistic, a machine. Unfortunately, unlike a machine, he has more basic needs than the occasional servicing and oiling, and he produces a number of little machines with mouths to feed and bodies to clothe.

Labour, on its side, is inclined to blindly follow leaders who sometimes put the hourly wage on too high a pedestal, when it is the yearly income which is the most important. A guaranteed, yearly income, sufficient to provide life's necessities and some of its luxuries, is better than a high hourly rate with layoffs when business is not so good.

Profit sharing, still a relatively scarce

business practice, would seem to provide some answer to solving labour-management strife.

On what grounds can industry justify multi-million charitable donations if these are at the expense of the men whose toil produces those millions?

Wasteful expense accounts, stock options, executives who draw income from being front men on corporation boards, men who, because of their position, are paid salaries which are away beyond what they can spend in ten lifetimes, are subject to an inspection by industry.

Absenteeism, careless workmanship and lack of pride in a man's part of the production line, refusal to conform with working conditions set for the good of the majority, are matters with which labour should be concerned.

It is past time that men should start using justice in their dealings with others. The golden rule is something we are fond of quoting, but how many of us are prepared to follow it to any degree more than we are forced?

Graduation Time

Graduation time is here again and for the next few weeks The Herald will be full of news and pictures of those who have successfully completed their higher education. Universities, nursing schools, teachers, colleges and technological institutes are having their convocations.

And a good share of young Georgetown men and women will be embarking on careers in the world of business, teaching, nursing.

Born Too Soon

A reprint from the Wall Street Journal, as it appeared in an Ohio weekly loaned to us recently, says a lot in doggerel.

Titled 'Born Too Soon' it reflects some of the feelings of a generation somewhat baffled by some of today's militant youth.

I was a student,
I was quiet,
I didn't protest,
I didn't riot,
I wasn't unwashed.

The Herald has tried its best to contact every graduate.

But with such a large town, it is impossible to do this without help.

If your son or daughter has graduated, or if you are one of those who have gained a degree, please do us the favour of letting us know. If the Herald misses one graduate, we feel we have not done a thorough job.

I wasn't obscene,
I made no demands,
Of prey or dean,
I sat in no sit-ins,
I heckled no speakers,
I broke not a window,
Few students were meeker,
I'm forced to admit,
With some hesitation,
All I got out of school,
Was an education.



MOON GAZING

HALTON EAST M.P.P.



JIM SNOW REPORTS

Labour Minister Dalton Bales opened debate this week on his Department's \$30 million estimates, with sharp criticism of news media for over-emphasizing labour disputes. He said there were 2,700 peaceful settlements last year compared to 286 strikes and lockouts.

"The mass media concentrate their reports on the strikes and lockouts. And, in the process, an impression of almost constant labour management turmoil is created. This tends to create an emotionally charged atmosphere in which conflict predominates and as a result some representatives of both union and management are going to the bargaining table expecting the worst from each other, and very often getting it," Mr. Bales said.

The Minister went on to point out that the real danger of 'lopsided' reporting lies in the fact that the general public seems to believe that order can only be restored by getting rid of free collective bargaining.

Ontario can expect one of the biggest collective bargaining years in its history in 1969-70. Some 3,600 agreements expire and another 500 first contracts will be negotiated.

Following this week's presentation of a brief by the Ontario Separate School Trustees calling for extension of the separate school system to Grade 13, Premier John Roberts told the Legislature that the Government plans no immediate change in the policy of providing grants up to Grade 10.

The trustees said that Catholic children are denied an equal opportunity in modern education because the separate system ends at Grade 10. At present, Ontario supports separate schools up to Grade 8, and provides grants to assist separate Grades 9 and 10. Students in Grades 11, 12 and 13 must attend the public school system or privately supported high schools. There are 400,000 children in the separate elementary system.

"Unless able to offer an essentially unified school program of 13 years, separate schools will be plagued with transfer problems, faced with difficulty in providing for individual fulfillment of pupils, hamstrung in exercising overall control of the normal span of school experience," the Trustee Brief says.

During Premier Roberts' remarks to the Legislature, he expressed optimism that the Government would find a solution to what he called a highly complex issue.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports Canada's population was an estimated 21,007,000

on April 1, an increase of 1.5 per cent for the year, since the same date last year.

The estimate is based on the June 1, 1968 census count of 20,015,000 adjusted for births, deaths, immigration and emigration since that date. Ontario's population in 1968 according to census figure, was 6,960,870. Ontario's 1971 population, as projected by Treasurer Charles MacNaughton, will be 7,550,200.

Mines Minister Allan F. Lawrence's two bills, 111 and 112, to amend the Mining Tax Act and the Mining Act, have been approved in committee of the whole. "The Ontario Government will require all ores mined in the province to be treated to at least the metal stage, in Canada, where economically feasible," the Minister said.

Bill 111, an amendment to the Mining Tax Act, provides certain tax incentives for companies who carry out the complete processing of their own ores in Canada. "These incentives are so designed as to make the further processing of ores in Canada economically attractive for mining companies and yet yielding a net economic advantage to the people of Ontario from the operation of new refineries and smelters to be built in Canada," explained Mr. Lawrence.

"I am convinced," he said, "that in the long run the proposed amendments will be instrumental in securing a better and fuller utilization of Ontario's mineral resources and effectively provide for the people of this province a significant piece of the action."

On Thursday evening I had the opportunity of attending the Testimonial dinner for Mr. Sheldon Featherstone, Clerk for the town of Oakville, on the occasion of his retirement. In his sincerity and devotion to duty, Mr. Featherstone has contributed greatly throughout his 23 year employment, with the former township of Trafalgar and more recently, with the town of Oakville. This dinner, which was attended by over 200 past and present elected officials, municipal employees, and local businessmen, was indeed a fine and well deserved tribute to Mr. Featherstone on this occasion.

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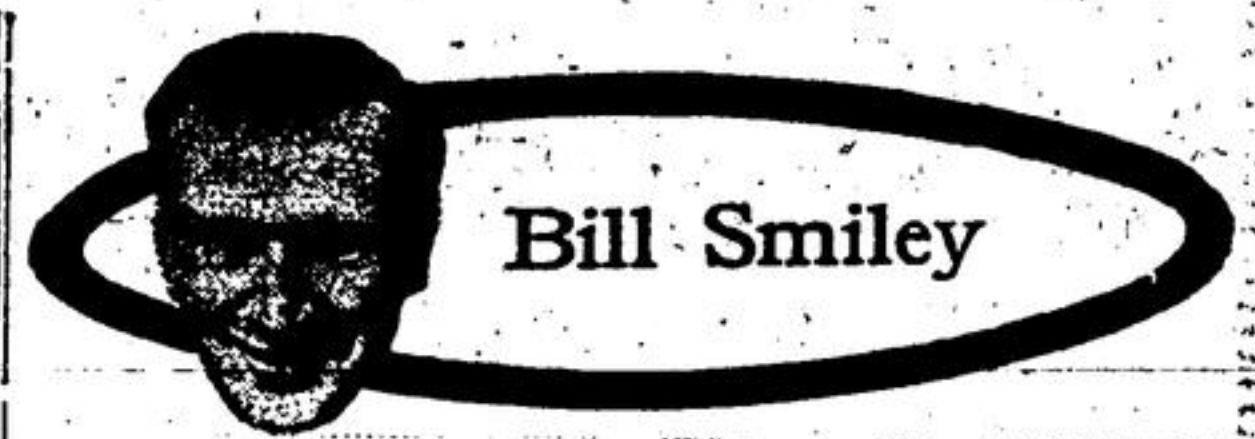
From the Herald's of 10, 20 and 30 Years Ago

1959
A zoning change recommended by the Georgetown Planning board was adopted by council on Monday. The Moore farm on the town's western limit is slated for a subdivision and will be changed from agricultural to industrial, commercial and residential. Reeve Doug Sargent opposed the Moore farm change on the grounds that in his opinion the land should be all allocated to industry.

Stan Hall, Progressive-Conservative standard bearer in six provincial elections was returned as Halton's MPP in Thursday's election which saw the PC party again in power with a substantial majority. Owen Mullin (Lib.) in his first bid for office, trailed Mr. Hall by 714 votes. CCF's Jack Henry was a poor third.

1949
Georgetown was honoured yesterday morning, with a brief visit from the Prime Minister of Canada, Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent and Mrs. St. Laurent. The train with his private car stopped at Georgetown station for five minutes. Gail McGillvray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garfield McGillvray, presented a bouquet of roses to Mrs. St. Laurent on behalf of the local Liberal Association.

1939
A most happy and enjoyable outing took place last Thursday evening when the members of the Georgetown Lions Club together with their wives and friends sailed across Lake Ontario on a moonlight cruise. The party left the Toronto docks at 6 p.m. aboard the S.S. Cayuga, and although a rain storm blew up and lasted for half an hour, the remainder of the time saw good sailing. The evening was warm enough for the passengers to line the decks when the boat stopped at Niagara-on-the-lake and Queenston. A meeting was called aboard ship for the purpose of presenting a gold wrist watch to Lion G. W. McIntock who has been the secretary of the club since its inception, and is also a past president. The orchestra played excellent music for those who wished to dance. The Cayuga returned to dock at 11.30 p.m.



Bill Smiley

Good Neighbour Bill

We all know what happens to good Samaritans, don't we? They end up holding the bag.

Recently we acquired a kitten. It was practically over my wife's dead body, but Kim insisted she was going to crack up psychologically if she didn't have a little brother for company. As usual, Dad was the catalyst. No pun.

It turned out to be a little sister, as I've mentioned, but that was to be expected. She was a little beauty and immediately took over the house with that mixture of charm and utter arrogance that only a female kitten can muster.

Even the Old Battle Axe became fond of the thing, despite the usual clawing of furniture and drapes. Kim was ecstatic. I'm the only one in the family who can barely be civil to cats. I'd as soon have a baby gorilla, or a pet anaconda, as a cat.

Pip, the kitten, had been re-trained, after a traumatic lapse when the painters were here. All was serene. She had run of the house, slept with Kim, and began spending some time playing in the back yard making like a tigress with insects and worms. Tragedy struck Sunday afternoon. I was sitting outside, reading, when I heard the unearthly but unmistakable scream of an animal in its death-throes.

I couldn't believe our kitten could make such a noise. But it was definitely feline, and she'd been playing around in the yard only a little while before. Leaping up, I spotted the direction of the walls, and ran out to the road. There was Pip, head down, wailing wildly crouched in the middle of the road, as the cars sped by.

I picked her up as gently as possible, certain she'd been run over or at least hit by a car. She squealed piteously and clutched my sweater. She was shuddering with terror and pain.

I carried her in like a wounded bird and called my wife. She was horrified. The kitten was obviously in shock, eyes glazed, head shaking. Her hind legs seemed paralyzed and I thought her back must be broken. Her face was bloody and half her nose seemed to be missing.

We put her in her box-bed and stood about, wringing our hands. My wife shrieked,

"She's shrinking!", and I agreed. Creatures seem to do that when they're dying.

My wife wailed, "Her eyes are funny, and her ears are turning inside out." I agreed. The kitten shivered uncontrollably. The death rattle was imminent.

"Better tell Kim" quavered the boss. "She'll never forgive us if Pip just dies and she isn't here."

Once again I agreed, and raced upstairs, where Kim was watching Hamlet on TV. My face as long as a foot. I intoned, "Kim, you'd better come quick. I think Pip's been run over, and she's in bad shape."

She looked up, startled, and said, "Dad, what have you been into? Here she is, right here." And sure enough, there was Pip lying snoring on the couch, as elegant as Cleopatra waiting for Mark Antony.

Well, you don't have to be Sherlock Holmes, do you? I'd rescued the wrong blasted cat. There was some excuse. My tender heart. The thing was screaming. And it was exactly the same colouring as Pip.

The reason my wife thought the beast was shrinking was that it's about a month younger than Pip. The reason its eyes were dull is that it's retarded, I'm sure.

Kim promptly produced a saucer of milk. The cat with the broken back and paralyzed legs just as promptly walked over to it and drank it, though still shivering, then curled up and slept for two hours. Its bloody nose was probably from gravel spattering under a car's wheels.

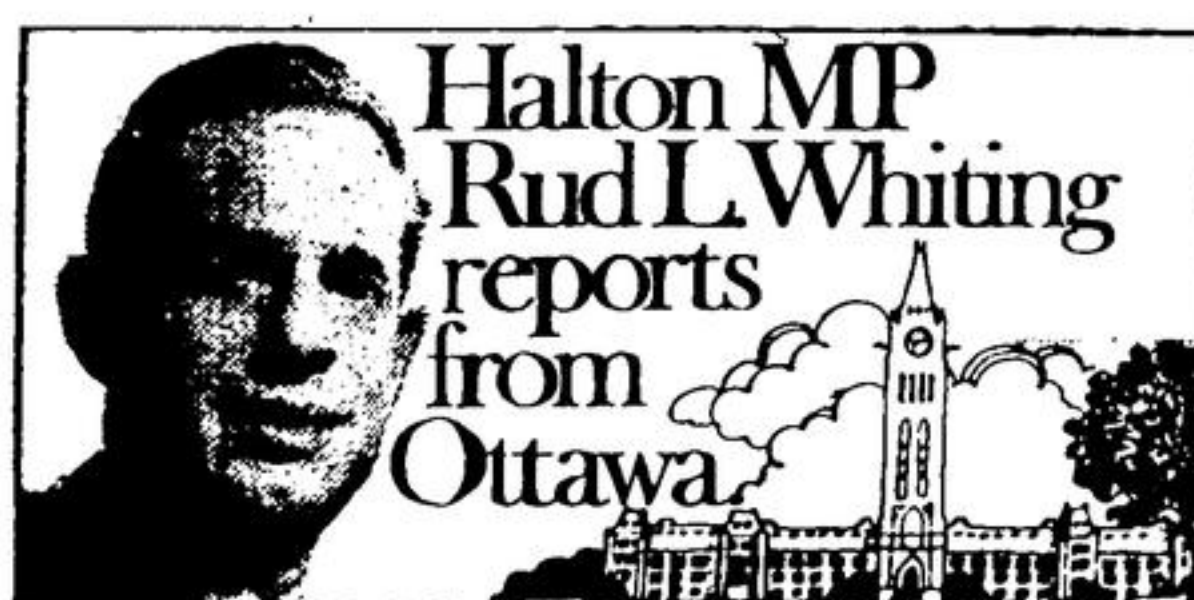
Well, what do you do? Throw it back on the road? Fly and my wife are furious, one of them having an interloper, the other at having the cats, when she didn't want one. Kim is delighted and determined to keep the ugly, stupid little mutt, who eats like a lion.

And I, as usual, despite the fact that this is a cat story, am in the dog-house, where good Samaritans frequently find themselves.

BIBLICAL FIRES
Forest fires were known even in biblical days. As James said in his New Testament Letter (chapter 3, verse 5) "What huge forest can be set ablaze by the tiniest spark!"

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Halton MP Rud L. Whiting reports from Ottawa

I SPENT last week in Western Canada with the Standing Committee on Regional Development. We travelled some ten thousand miles by plane, bus and we also did considerable walking. Our purpose was to visit depressed areas or, as they are now referred to, designated areas and to inspect and make recommendations on the FRED program (Funds for Rural and Economic Development) and New Start programs.

MANY OF THESE Government sponsored programs in the past did not get down to the grass roots of the problem mainly because their scope or base was too limited and by that I mean certain towns or cities were designated as disadvantaged communities whereas the whole area surrounding these communities was in need of assistance.

THE COMMITTEE visited the Manitoba Inter-Lake Region which extends one hundred and fifty miles north of the City of Winnipeg and is sandwiched between two of the largest bodies of water on the North American prairies namely Lake Manitoba and Lake Winnipeg. Here fifty-four thousand people live in an area of eleven thousand square miles. This whole region is a disadvantaged area and the Federal and Provincial Governments are co-operating and sharing in the costs of an eighty-five million dollar (FRED) agreement which was signed in 1967 and runs to 1977.

WE VISITED two other areas in the City of Prince Albert in Saskatchewan and the Town of Lac La Biche and the village of Kikino in Alberta. The latter two communities are located about one hundred and twenty miles north of Edmonton.

HERE ARE located New Start I programs. These are educational programs financed by the Federal Government in co-operation with the provinces. Lac La Biche and Kikino are 2

isolated communities with the potential to provide full employment for their inhabitants. However, many of the people in these areas lack qualified skills and rely on massive public assistance to provide them with a minimal existence income.

Whites, Metis and Indians attend classes to provide them with academic upgrading, basic life skills training, personal grooming, hygiene, social behaviour and human relation skills necessary to qualify them for the world of work. In addition programs are offered in driver-training, basic trades, training in automotive, welding, building construction skills, electrical and pipe-fitting trades for men. For women instruction is given in such elementary skills as the use of the telephone, training in office practice, typing, retail clerking, nurses' aides, domestic service and home-management courses.

I WAS IMPRESSED with these various programs and their broad scope and aims although, I believe, some refinements could be made and the Committee will be making recommendations along these lines. I believe the monies being spent by all levels of government will do the job it is intended to do. Our human resources are our most important asset and any money spent in this area to upgrade the living conditions and to help make the people more useful both to themselves and to the country is money well spent.

ON THE POSITIVE side this area has a variety of resources that have potential for improvement. This is not true of some other under-developed areas where resources are non-existent.

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