

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Sometimes We're Happy

Sometimes, we're happy, sometimes we're blue goes a song of the thirties, and I could describe the Herald office on a Thursday morning.

Some readers know, but many don't, that production of the Herald is a divided operation. News-gathering, typesetting, and composing is done in our own office and shop. But the final printing is done by an associate firm, the Brampton Times.

Our pages are 'matted' in Georgetown — an impression is made from our type metal on a cardboard-like substance, and these are sent to Brampton where they are cast into circular metal cylinders for the final printing on a rotary newspaper press.

When all goes well the finished Herald gets back to Georgetown between 9 and 10 p.m. Wednesday night, and the variety stores which are still open start selling it. While the majority of people get their paper delivered Thursday, there are some who buy it Wednesday night most weeks.

But there's a catch.

If Brampton has press trouble, or if the Herald is a bit late getting the final shipment of mats there, the papers don't arrive back until late at night.

And on the very rare occasion, as hap-

pened a couple of weeks ago, it was so late that the usual deliveries couldn't be made to the carrier boys and girls until Thursday morning.

Rather than handling this end of the business from our office, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Eyre look after carrier distribution from their home. A late paper not only inconveniences readers, but it means a lot of extra work for Mrs. Eyre when her phone starts ringing early Thursday morning.

Late delivery is prone to happen in the summer particularly, with short staffs during vacations both in Georgetown and Brampton.

If it should be that carriers don't receive their papers Wednesday night, they will be there as soon as possible Thursday morning. And if your paper carrier doesn't deliver it at the usual time that day, have patience. He'll be along as soon as he gets his bundle.

As for the Wednesday night buyers, we can never guarantee at just what hour the papers will be on sale. That's why we date the paper Thursday.

Rest assured that the weekly issue will come out as early as is humanly possible. The Brampton press room doesn't want to work any later than they have to.

Things That Can Happen

Because of the split production, there is an occasional mix-up in pictures in The Herald.

We use a process known as 'scanografting' — a picture is reproduced on plastic from a 'positive' and then pasted on the metal printing plate.

Despite a careful numbering system, there is always a margin of error between the picture being sent to Brampton and its inclusion in the paper.

Sometimes there will be a complete blank. This means that the scan has been mislaid, or has not been processed on the Brampton machine. Occasionally, two pictures of the same size may become interchanged. Were we doing the printing here, we would have a closer check, because we know the local faces. The Brampton shop has only numbers to go by and can't catch an error in the same way we can.

Despite the possibility of errors, we think we do a pretty good job and over the course of the year, the error are few. And, unlike some trades, we can always right a wrong in the next issue.

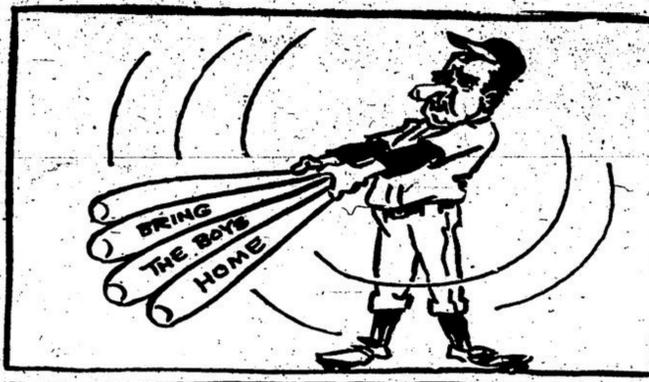
Misprints are bound to bob up, no matter how carefully we check.

In our routine, we proofread an item once, correct the errors and proofread this a second time. Should the typesetter goof on the correction lines, and these not be noticed by the compositor, there will be an error. Sometimes you will see two similar lines in a news item, and part of the thought will be missing altogether. This happens when the compositor removes a wrong line of metal and inserts the correction line in the wrong place. Next time you see this, take a double look. You will find that although the lines appear to be the same, one will have a typographical error in it.

Transposed lines are another problem which plague us in the printing business.

Each line of type in the Herald is produced on a separate piece of metal, which comes red hot from the linotype machine. If two lines are switched and are not caught in the proof-reading, a news item may take a little study to get its proper meaning.

Perhaps his brief explanation of some of the pitfalls of producing a newspaper will help make readers a bit more kindly to the staff which labours each week to give you the Georgetown news.



CASEY AT THE BAT

Consider Middle School Pilot Project in County

Haltom County may get its first authentic middle school, comprised of Grades 6, 7, and 8 by September, 1970.

A pilot project, the school could be followed by more if successful trustees of the Haltom County Board of Education learned last week.

At present, several senior public schools in the county provide accommodation for Grade 6 pupils but do not incorporate an integrated Grades 6 through 8 middle school program.

The recommendations came in a report of the board's Middle School Council, set up to investigate the middle school philosophy and outline the general program.

Board trustees received the report last week and will consider the program in detail after the board's summer recess.

The council recommended middle schools be established in Haltom County to serve better the educational needs of pupils in that stage of development between childhood and adolescence.

The report states 'children are maturing faster and are, therefore, more sophisticated by ages 10 and 11 and are prepared to undertake rather specialized study of many subjects by the time they reach these ages.'

Optional Subjects
The council recommends that middle school offer pupils optional subjects such as typing, instrumental and vocal music and theatre arts as well as the usual compulsory subjects.

Pupil progress will be continuous through the three-year program to provide an opportunity for pupils to bridge the gap between the continuous progress system operating from kindergarten through Grade 5 and the credit promotion system of the high schools.

Individual progress will be stressed — pupils will learn at different rates in different subject areas.

Several trustees expressed concern over the method of evaluation of pupils in the special transition period middle schools cover.

"I've got to know what I'm approving before I do it," said Trustee Liberty Pease. "How are we going to know whether the pilot project succeeds?"

Old Fashioned
"Old fashioned as it may sound, I insist that the three R's will still be taught as well as before. Will middle school do that? be asked. "How will we measure their success?" He was told there was no intention to de-emphasize core subjects but rather to provide a wider range of subject areas for the exploration of the children.

"The council was not able to answer specifically how pupils will be evaluated as the matter will be studied in detail by an evaluation council.
Both the Middle School and Evaluation Councils are sub-committees of the board's Innovations Council, chaired by David Katz, vice principal of Bur-

lington Central High School.

The Middle School Council only studied the middle school philosophy in general and recommended that a working committee be established to develop specific details.

The county consists of nine Haltom teachers, two board administrative persons and three trustees, chairman is Ron Campbell, principal of Tecumseh Public School in Burlington.

Evaluation Difficulty
Trustee John Ronson of Burlington, pointed out the difficulty of evaluating 2 different things in middle school.

"Perhaps we'll be educating more mature children," he said pointing out that maturity is particularly difficult to measure. The evaluation of skills is easier, he said, but nevertheless just as valid. "Many trustees feel this is just as important as the evaluation of maturity."

Board chairman Fred Armitage asked if there is a danger that children who have not reached the maturity level of the

Debenture \$198,000 For Local Road Projects

A \$473,000 road improvement program which will cost the town \$198,000 received council approval on June 30 when a debenture by-law received the necessary three readings. The plan provides for \$277,000 in improvements to Maple Avenue, from Main Street to the west town limits; \$58,000 to finish Tyers Avenue in a project started last year; \$100,000 to be spent on Delrex Blvd. from the highway to Chelvin Drive; and \$40,000 for lower Main St. from Church to Maple.

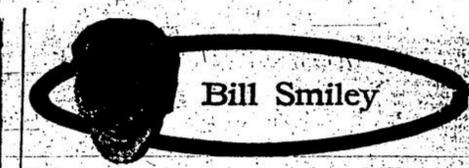
How To.... Bring 'em Back Alive

- Plan your route in advance, have reservation in hand early.
- Show exceptional caution and courtesy on the road.
- Fasten all seat belts at all times.
- Keep within the posted speed limits.
- Avoid passing whenever possible.
- Keep to the right on multi-lane highways, except to pass.
- Make rest stops every two hours.
- "Bring 'Em Back Alive."

Critical accident periods are most often defined as between the noon hour and 6:00 p.m. and again between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. when drivers are too often tempted to make a quick 20 or 50 miles to a desirable restaurant or hotel.

Plan a trip in detail; know exactly where you are going, how to get there and how long it will take. Have your car checked thoroughly to make sure it is in good condition.

On long trips, take games and puzzles to keep the children amused and away from the



TALES OF THE BATHROOM

We've come a long way from the cellar to the recreation room. And we've come a long way from the backhouse to the bathroom.

I don't know whether you'd call that progress or not. There's something to be said for both sides.

You can't store coal and potatoes in the recreation room, for example. A definite disadvantage. On the other hand, you couldn't have a shower in the backhouse, unless the roof leaked and it was raining. Also a disadvantage.

Fifteen years ago, I was suckered into a brand new pink bathroom; and swore it would never happen again. Financially, it set me back about a year. Perhaps one shouldn't swear about such things. They are transitory, after all, and besides, it doesn't seem to help much. This month I've been suckered into another one. We are going through our turquoise phase now.

Do you know how much plumbers are getting nowadays? Of course you do. And carpenters and electricians? Well, I hereby swear once more a mighty oath, and with all you witnesses, that I'll never install another new bathroom so long as we both shall live. Me and the bathroom, that is. When I conk out, my wife will be right into the insurance money for another new one, probably in deep purple.

What gets me is that there wasn't a thing wrong with the one we had. It had a perfectly good white cast iron tub. (The only thing I enjoyed about the whole installation was watching those plumbers move the 800-pound monster down the stairs.)

There was nothing wrong with the tub except that you had to keep your big toe in the drain or the water would run out. And as I like to soak for an hour with a drink book and smokes, this was a bit of a strain on the bad knee.

We had a perfectly good toilet that required the services of a plumber only about once a month. We had a towel rack that fell off the wall with a tremendous clatter only about twice a week, usually when the

rest of the family was asleep. It wasn't exactly the bathroom you'd get at the royal suite at the Chateau Laurier. The sink had served many generations and was a sort of gray-green. There was a bit of paint missing here and there.

I'm not an unreasonable man, I'd have gone for a new sink and maybe ten or twelve dollars worth of paint, and we'd have been right as rain, whatever that stupid expression means.

I said as much to my wife, and she said approximately ten times as much to me. Ceramic tile, already. Turquoise fixtures. New wallpaper to pick up the turquoise in the toilet and the gold fleck in the new linoleum. A 'vanity' built around the sink.

A vanity! All is vanity. I need a vanity like I need another pair of rotta kids.

It's not really the money. You can't take it with you. Though as an old friend of mine, who is loaded with the stuff says "I can't take it with me, I ain't goin'."

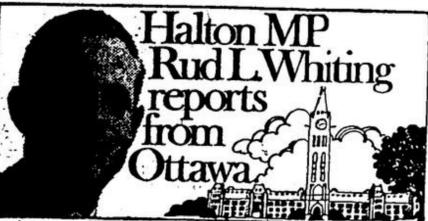
It's the confusion of trying to co-ordinate carpenter, plumber, and electrician. Either they're all working someplace else and nobody can come, and you just sit there in the wasteland, or they are all available at once and are bumping head and bums are getting in each other's way, at five-something an hour.

It's the endless decisions, like where the toilet paper rack should be installed. Can you imagine anything more ridiculous than a couple of adults sitting, fully clothed, on the johnny and practising reaching for the tissue? Should it be on the wall straight ahead? Quite a reach. And what about little kids? I offered to bring in some kids to practise. Should it be beside the toilet tank? With my bursts you could break your arm off at the shoulder.

Much ado about nothing. But I'll get my own back. When everything is complete, and up to my wife's rigid specifications — I'm going to demand that a whole section of tile be pulled out for the installation of a set of electric toe-nail clippers.

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Halton MP Rud L. Whiting reports from Ottawa

THE HOUSE is staying in session longer than we expected. It was at first hoped that all legislation would be completed by the end of June but at the end of the month there remained two items of business which had to be dealt with. One was the Official Languages Bill and the second concerns changes to the rules of procedure in the House. This latter deals with the amount of time to be devoted to discussion of any legislation by Members. This has aroused quite a controversy as you have no doubt read in the newspapers or heard on TV and radio. In order to give a better understanding of what this is all about I thought I would try to explain some of the main points of these proposed changes in this column.

THE FIRST of these changes would make it possible for the House to decide without debate how much time should be set aside for one or all stages of a Bill when there is unanimous agreement among the House leaders of the various Parties.

THE SECOND would make it possible for the Government House Leader, without notice, to propose a time allocation

the other House leaders could not reach agreement on how much time should be devoted to a particular stage of a Bill, he would then give notice of the time allocation motion. On the second day the Minister would move his motion and it could be debated for two hours. On the third day the time allocation order would go into effect. If this procedure had to be used the full three times on a Bill the minimum elapsed time would be ten days. It would work this way — three days to terminate second reading, three days to terminate the Committee stage and four days to terminate the report and third reading stages.

THIS WEEK I was pleased to announce the approval of a loan from the Federal Government in the amount of \$175,512.00 to assist in the construction of a twenty-four unit senior citizens apartment project in Georgetown.

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