

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Most Urgent Problem

(From the Peterboro Examiner)

How often have we heard that inflation is the most serious and urgent problem facing Canadians today? About as often as we have heard others say that pollution is the most serious and urgent problem facing Canadians today?

Or is it poverty that is the most serious and urgent problem facing Canadians today?

For most of us none of these are really very serious problems. Inflation actually is hardly noticeable. Most of us receive annual salary increases and if we have to pay slightly higher prices with each trip to the grocery or clothing store there is always enough for the essentials and even a little left over for the odd luxury.

Pollution really is not much of a problem either. Our sewage is flushed away and our garbage is picked up. Clean water, while it may not always taste like a

fresh mountain stream, is available every time we turn a tap.

The air is a little smoggy occasionally, but there is plenty of it and we seem not to be any worse off for breathing it.

Poverty is the least of our problems. We know where the next meal will come from and we have clean, dry accommodation. We know vaguely that other people live in something called poverty, and on a Saturday evening when there is little else to do we may even drive around the city; first to the rich sections and then to the poor sections.

As we drive through affluent subdivisions we may sigh softly or dream of the day we too might own a large house with three-car garage, and passing through the poorer sections we condescendingly pity the poor unfortunates or privately scold them for not manicuring their lawns as neatly as the rich people do.

### Omen For Cities

(From the Acton Free Press)

Strikes by policemen and firemen in Montreal with the subsequent wild disorders and breakdown of services may foreshadow in microcosm more painful urban events to come.

It underlines the growing gap between the fast rising expectations of society and the resources necessary to meet the aspirations of society. The upheaval, of course, was helped by the confusion of a Quebec living with uncertainty about its future.

The fact that Montreal has become even temporarily unstuck is a development that plays directly into the hands of those who have stated that the dissolution of Canada is their aim.

It also represents a setback to the conscientious and constructive people who believe that cities — which will become increasingly large and important — can be places of beauty and offer a range of opportunities to enrich the individuals.

### Attractive Communities

(From the Leamington Post and News)

Farm people have good reason to be interested and involved in the nationwide push to move industry and jobs out into the country so that young people can continue to live there rather than migrate to the metropolitan areas which have become more and more crowded and harder and harder to govern decently.

Too often we adopt a defensive stand and start worrying that growth in the community will mean higher taxes and more competition for farm labor.

The truth is it may cost even more to live in a community of shrinking population and declining tax base. Local governmental and community services cost almost as much in a shrinking as in a growing society. The fewer remaining people find themselves taxed heavier to keep these services going.

Spreading the jobs and the population is the most sensible national program we have launched in a long time. It may be the solution to the problems of the big cities as well as the rural areas.

As we work at the job of spreading economic growth, some facts have been coming to the fore, both in the surveys that are being taken and the experience that is being recorded.

A variety of jobs is all-important in rebuilding a rural community. Now that farming has become more specialized and

mechanized, agriculture alone cannot be expected to provide the employment base. There must be jobs or young families must migrate elsewhere. And without young families the community is doomed to go downhill.

Good schools are next in importance, again because they are necessary to hold young families. When industries contemplate a move to a rural area, they look first to such things as quality of schools and level of pay for teachers.

Health care facilities also come near the top of the list.

Other community factors are, of course, important like churches, recreational facilities, highways, and many others. You may be wondering by now why we haven't mentioned low taxes. The reason is that taxes come a way down the list among the characteristics considered by firms shopping for new locations.

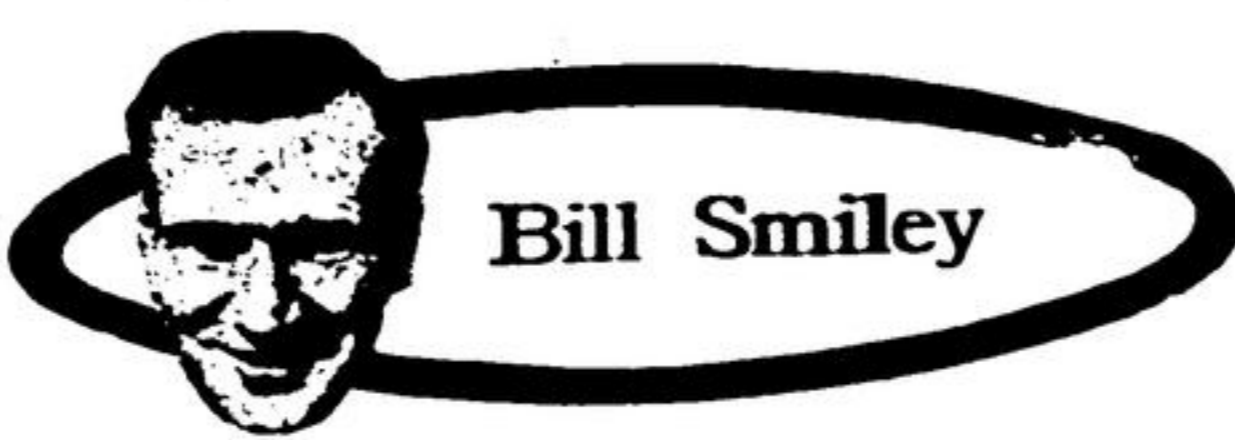
Low taxes are nice providing they have not been achieved by robbing the community of the things that make for what is called livability.

A company must have an adequate supply of labour, including young labour. They must have a community attractive enough to please their administrative personnel needed to launch and manage the factory, laboratory, or whatever the enterprise may be.

Low taxes do not necessarily mean happy families, good schools and a head-up community.



WRONG NIGHTSTICK LET IT NEVER BE USED AGAIN



Bill Smiley

### SMILEYS GO VISITING

This column is not going to have one theme, but several. Fair enough? I've just returned from an exhausting weekend, taught eight 40-minute periods of English and attended a department heads' meeting which ended by six p.m., with everybody snoring.

We went to visit our daughter at university. A mistake, but you love them. First few weeks are bad enough, but when you add a tooth extraction, with complications, it's horrible.

Complicate that with loneliness and you have a pretty sad kid on your hands. (Funny, isn't it? Kids spend years telling you how glad they'll be to get away from their rotten parents and be FREE. And a week later they're desperately homesick.)

But it wasn't all bad. We had a good dinner, out, and Kim ruined her new leather skirt by dropping a fried shrimp on it. This is the only skill she has really mastered, after 13 years of education. Dropping things.

And then there was Dennis, the cab driver. Rotund and jolly, he talked steadily as he drove us in circles and squares looking for an address. When we found it, we realized we could have walked in half the time.

And Dennis, striking his forehead violently, remarked "Geez, I shoulda known dis place. I work right across do."

### BRIEFLY

"You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they can and should do for themselves."

"A vain man can never be utterly ruthless, he wants to win applause and therefore he accommodates himself to others." — Goethe.

"You cannot put the same shoe on every foot."

If you find life is empty, try putting something into it.

The trouble with the chronic borrower is that he always keeps everything but his word.

Our days are all the same size, like identical suitcases. But some people can pack more into them than others.

The writer again, for himself and on behalf of the many concerned parents, urges this Council and this County's School Board to overcome its bureaucratic lethargy and act in a positive, responsible manner now before other accidents occur.

Yours very truly,  
DODOKIN & SOTINKA

— Ron Dodokin.



JIM SNOW REPORTS

HALTON EAST M.P.P.

During the current week's sitting of the Legislature, other than the normal ministerial statements and question period, the full time of the House has been spent considering departmental supply estimates.

The estimates of the Hon. Stanley Randall, Minister of Trade and Development, which also includes the Ontario Development Corporation, and the Ontario Housing Corporation, were completed and the House is currently considering the estimates of the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, the Hon. Arthur Wishart.

On Tuesday, Oct. 14th, the Hon. J. R. Simonett, Minister of Public Works made a statement to the House advising that during the next session of the Legislature it is his intention to introduce legislation which will ensure the facilities for handicapped persons are provided in all public buildings.

Mr. Simonett stated that in Supplement No. 7 of the National Building Code, published in 1965, minimum standards for the handicapped in maintaining entrances and exits for public buildings, including standards for washroom facilities, hallways, doorways and so on, and it is his Department's intention that legislation will provide similar facilities for the handicapped in all public buildings in Ontario.

### Facilities for Handicapped

As examples, Mr. Simonett mentioned facilities that have been provided in the Ontario Science Centre, the Frost Building, the Macdonald, Hepburn and Ferguson Blocks in the new Queen's Park Development and the Ontario Pavilion in Expo '67. The facilities have also been provided for the handicapped in the legislative buildings, and the Whitney Block, and are being incorporated into the design for the new Ontario Place at the CNE grounds.

Mr. Simonett also suggested that such facilities should be provided wherever possible in new public housing developments built by the Ontario Housing Corporation. These facilities are being provided as a result of meetings held over the past two years with officials of the Government and officials of the Canadian Paraplegic Ass'n. in regards to the problems of the handicapped residents using the facilities of public buildings.

Handicapped persons wish to lead as normal a life as possible. Very often they are prevented from doing so, whether they are seeking employment, education, or looking for recreation, due to their inability to obtain access to a particular building. We hope that the Government's proposal will provide handicapped persons with additional facilities to enjoy a full life.

### AIRCRAFT NOISE

The Hon. Darcy McKeough, Minister of Municipal Affairs in a statement to the Legislature announced new zoning requirements for land in the vicinity of Toronto International Airport effected by aircraft noise.

Mr. McKeough's statement was accompanied by a map showing the areas of land surrounding the airport affected by an area of 2,427 acres in north east Oakville. This acreage is at the extremities of the noise cone for aircraft departing to the west on runways 23 left, and 23 right, of the International Airport.

Six noise sensitivity zones have been established with limitations on development ranging from no limitations for Zone 1, to very heavy limitations for Zone 6. The 2,427 acres affected in North Oakville lies all within Zone 2. Under the regulations for Zone 2, no restrictions are placed on apartments, commercial, hotel, motel, office buildings, or industrial and ancillary uses. The regulation states that in this area for single-family dwellings and town houses that this is a marginal zone and noise may start to become a problem.

### TELL BUYERS

It is recommended that devel-

opers be made aware of this fact, and that they be required to so inform prospective tenants or purchasers of residential units. In addition it is suggested that development should not proceed until an analysis of the noise environment is made and it is established that noise control features, if any, should be included in the building design. It is recommended that schools, hospitals, libraries, churches, community centres, theatres, and auditoriums should not be constructed in this area unless a detailed analysis of noise reduction requirements for the specific development in question is made, and needed noise control features are included in the building design. The only land use expressly prohibited in this area would be for an outdoor amphitheatre.

### DO BEST FOR UNICEF

For 365 days and nights of the year, the United Nations Children's Fund — UNICEF — does its best for the millions of children all over the world who lack even the barest necessities of life.

On one night only of the year — just on eshort evening — the children of Canada ask you to do YOUR best for UNICEF.

## NEWS ECHOES

From the Herald of 10, 20 and 30 Years Ago

- 1959
  - An additional 200 telephone terminals are now being installed in the dial exchange building in Georgetown. Meanwhile work on extension of the Georgetown building is nearing completion. It will have the exchange name and number of Triangle 6.
  - Two fires within ten hours each of each other attacked the Main St. home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haney, Friday morning. A converted steeplechase with two rooms attached, the dwelling was estimated at \$2,500. All of the contents went up in smoke. The first blaze broke out at 1.15 a.m. and the second at 11.25. A neighbour, Ted Darlington, turned in the alarm.
- 1949
  - Stan Grabb, Main Street merchant who has been proprietor of Georgetown Furniture Sales since early in 1946 when he established the business here, has joined the Provincial Police.
  - Corey Herrington Sr., editor of The Feather Fancier, who raises show poultry at Stewarttown, was in Fort William, last week to judge at the Northern Ontario Poultry Association annual show at the Lakehead Exhibition Grounds.
  - Dr. J. M. Mather, Medical Officer of Health for Halton, and Dr. B. J. O'Meara, newly-appointed county dental inspector attended a meeting of Georgetown Board of Education last Wednesday and explained the new Georgetown dental system in detail. The local board, at an earlier meeting had already voted to provide free dental treatment for all public school children and an agreement will be signed. Thirty percent of the cost is borne by the provincial government. Georgetown is the first municipality to inaugurate free treatment.

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### IN THE MAIL BAG

### Claims Council, School Bd. Share Death Responsibility

The following is a copy of a Re: Interaction of Park Avenue and Charles Street letter sent to the Town of Georgetown by the law firm of Dodokin and Sopinka

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correspondence was never acknowledged, the writer was indirectly made aware of your referral of this correspondence to the Halton County Public School Board.

It is probably not entirely fair to lay the blame for this situation wholly upon the Corporation of the Town of Georgetown, as acknowledgement has been taken of the road markings and warning signs erected and placed at the above intersection subsequent to the writer's correspondence. However, this Council together with the School Board must share the responsibility for their inability to anticipate the very situation which occurred today.

Certainly, a crossing guard is the most suitable solution to this problem and the writer's request for a stop sign was made in compromise. It became apparent that interest in a crossing guard was lacking by the proper authorities.

If this unfortunate accident serves no other purpose but to motivate the Board and inspire your interests in the acquisition of a crossing guard at the intersection in question, it will bring this situation to your attention by his correspondence to you of the 25th of September, 1969, and although that

it is a double tragedy firstly because of the injuries suffered by the child and the anguish caused to the child's parents and secondly because this very danger was so patently obvious to so many people but unfortunately not to those very people who represent that interested group.

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