

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Sensible Approach

Council's decision to engage a consultant firm to advise on future organization of the town staff was a sensible one.

Perhaps, as some councillors said, they didn't tell them anything that hasn't already been suggested by present and past councillors, but it gives a better basis for discussion to have a report to discuss, change to suit council's majority opinion, and use as a guideline for the future.

Certainly the time is coming when there must be an overall man in charge of a growing municipal staff. Whether he be called town clerk, manager or, as the firm suggests, chief administrative officer, is only a matter of title. The fact is that, as in any other business, there must be a manager to coordinate the various functions.

A municipality is handicapped in establishing such a position because, unlike

private business, it is subject to decisions of a council which is only assured of a two year stint in office. And the very nature of municipal politicians, who seek and hold office through the good graces of the electorate, is such that they are loathe to delegate authority and to not interfere in staff functions.

But it is not impossible. Larger municipalities like Sarnia and Windsor have systems which have worked effectively. Given the right type of councillors, and it would appear that at present we have a majority of such, a system such as the Stevenson & Kellogg firm has set up could work.

It is now up to council to examine the suggestions carefully, weigh the pros and cons of the recommendations, then, when a master plan is ironed out, and costs examined, decided what the town can afford and proceed accordingly.

### We Had Our Troubles

Last week was not a happy one for The Herald.

There's hardly a week goes by that the weekly issue doesn't have a small error or two — a wrong phone number in a classified ad, misspelling of a name, a line of type out of place. These are the normal hazards of our business.

It's another thing again when five pictures are missing. Five big gobos of white space, and no way of explaining it until a week later.

It happened like this . . .

Our pictures are reproduced from positives on a thin plastic, then attached to the metal printing plate for the final printing.

Both plastics and printing are done at the Brampton Times, another branch of the Thomson firm.

Pictures are sent for processing in two

or three shipments — by bus, or delivered in person.

Last Wednesday night, as the paper was ready to print, it was discovered that one shipment had gone astray. With neither pictures nor plastics available, the only thing to do was to go ahead with the printing and anticipate Thursday's telephone onslaught.

It came.

The Herald office spent a busy two days, explaining our problem to the people who called. That it was our first issue at the new 15c price didn't make it any easier. One wag, with tongue in cheek phoned to say . . . "We liked your 10c issues better."

We hope it doesn't happen again. Printing a paper by remote control is not the perfect way. We try our best, but if we goof, please . . . it hurts us, too.

### Addition to the Community

The fine new parish hall, officially opened by the Sacre Coeur congregation on Saturday, is a welcome addition to a growing community.

Not only will it serve the members of that church, but it will be available, we understand, for dances, wedding parties, and other such purposes, at the discretion of the parish.

It is modern in every respect, with one of the latest plastic type flooring, kitchen, stage and washrooms.

Parishioners and their parish priest,

Father Andre Simard, can be justifiably proud of this addition to their church facilities. It replaces the parish hall in the old church basement which had limited seating capacity and suffered from a low ceiling and inadequate facilities.

The church is fortunate, too, in having a large parking area adjoining the hall which makes its use attractive for parties and dances.

We congratulate the church people on their effort and wish them well in their future activities.



CARROT AND STICK

## OUR ECONOMY

### Fewer Farms, Diversity For Canadian Agriculture

by Frank Flaherty

Few sectors of the Canadian economy have undergone more change in the last half century than agriculture. The farmer's share of the national income has dropped. His way of life has changed. Thanks to bigger and better machinery and better farming methods many enjoy better lives.

Many farmers fail to gain a good living from farming. The more able, aggressive and more fortunate of these supplement their farm income with full or part-time employment off the farm. A good number have given up and gone into other occupations. Many remain trapped on farms which yield less income for more labor year by year as they grow older.

Agricultural products over the next ten years will yield competitive returns for only 150,000 farms while there would still be 315,000 farms by 1980. That, say the experts, is the nub of the problem of agricultural adjustment for the short-run future.

Up to now governments have tried to help farmers by boosting prices through tariff protection, where feasible, through state marketing agencies, through subsidies, low interest loans and other devices.

A federal agricultural department economist, I. F. Furniss, told the meeting production of food and feed grains is rising in many parts of the world while the demand — per capita — for bread grains, especially wheat, is dropping. This could mean the grain exports, greatest prop to Canadian farming in the past — may turn into a weakness.

The answer to that situation is seen in greater product diversification on prairie farms and a "tailoring of output more in terms of the market demand of the North American consumer."

From here on that consumer will buy beef and pork. Canadian farmers can get his trade if they produce more coarse grains to feed increasing numbers of cattle and hogs and American farms and feedlots.

This is the nub of the problem of agricultural adjustment with which most governments are now concerned. Early this year the federal government set up a task force on agriculture which produced some voluminous reports and has still to finalize its recommendations.

The problem rated high place on the agenda of this week's "Agricultural Outlook Conference", an annual seminar at which provincial and federal government officials, farm associations, and businesses catering to farmers assess business prospects for the year ahead.

A federal analysis ended with the prediction that sales

The Rehabilitation Foundation for the Disabled (Ability Fund) runs sheltered workshops throughout Ontario to train physically handicapped adults to do useful work.

SHIFTS CHIEFLY TO EAST  
Up to now the actual shift

## NEWS ECHOES

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

- 1959**
  - Provision of downtown parking facilities by the town with costs involved to be paid by businessmen and property owners was included in a petition presented to council on Monday. Speaking for Georgetown Businessmen's Association, Paul Barber said the 65 signatures on the petition represented over 90 per cent of the merchants.
  - Cr. Ern Hyde will assume Georgetown's top municipal post in January when he becomes the town's mayor. Unopposed for office when a nomination meeting was held last night, Mr. Hyde accepted the position in a speech following close of nominations in Wrigglesworth school auditorium. "The town is going to have to tighten its belt and have sausages instead of steaks," he told the audience, saying the high taxes will remain that way for some time to come.
- 1949**
  - Reeve George Currie, deputy-reeve George Leslie, and councillors Craig Reid, Wilfrid Bird, and Walter Linham were all returned to office by acclamation at the Esqueville nomination meeting Monday in Stewarttown hall. Three other nominees, R. N. Brown, C. B. Swackhamer, and William Schenk did not allow their names to stand.
- 1939**
  - The annual Commencement exercises of the Georgetown High School were held on Thursday evening in the Gregory Theatre, highlighted by a varied program. The major awards were won by Harry Williams of Form V for general proficiency, and Miss Betty Speight for oratory. Miss Theresa Campbell was runner-up in oratory. Graduation diplomas were presented to Edgar Beeney, Franklin Cleave, Helen Devereaux, Ralph Hansen, Martha Isley, George Young and Azolyn Hayes. The play "Tweedles" was the highlight of the entertainment program. Included in the cast were Marjorie Harris, James Kelly, Ormie Carter, Betty Speight, James Emmons, Joy Ruddell, Marion Reid, Roy Peck, and James Coffell. The play was directed by Miss E. Penston. The evening was under the supervision of principal J. L. Lambert.

## THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

### WATCH THOSE WALLS

**ACTON:** An engineering report on Acton arena's structural stability has concluded that foundations on the east and west walls show signs of settling. The report says the arena's south wall is in very poor shape and should be rebuilt or temporarily shored before winter. It attributes most of the structural decay to poor control of drainage and condensation. A portion of the roof and seating is supported by the south wall.

### CLEAN UP RIVER

**ROCKWOOD:** Rockwood Pollution Endeavorists raised \$100 towards their project to clean up the 1-1/2 mile river swimming area for the Rockwood children next summer when they held a "Swing-a-ding" in the village. Twenty-two ball exhibits included everything from Oriental art to rug making. There was even a coffee house and slot car racing events for the large crowd.

### MAN KILLED, CHILDREN HURT

**BELOUNTAIN:** A man was killed, and family, including two children were taken to hospital as the result of a single car accident near Belountain Wednesday, Dec. 3. Paul Thomas Lemieux, 21, of R.R. 1, Malton was pronounced dead at the scene. He was driving the car which left the road and crashed into trees. Two other adults and children ages one and three were hospitalized.

### PAINT SHOP RAZED

**MILTON:** Over 600 gallons of paint and \$2,000 worth of glass was lost when a fire levelled a shop and razed part of a house on Derry Road near Milton hospital last Monday. William Koski and his wife who had both fallen asleep watching TV, awoke to discover the adjoining shop ablaze. He called firemen and the couple fled the house after scooping up some personal belongings — among them a wedding license.

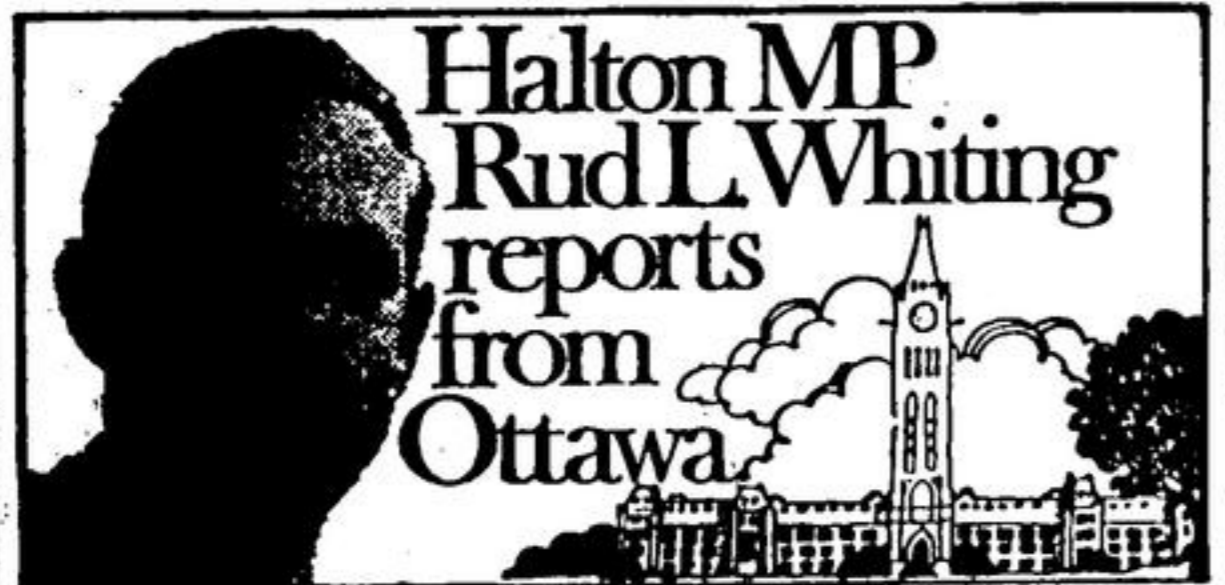
### LOCATE TRAINING CENTRE

**BRAMPTON:** A staff training centre for the whole of Ontario will be located in Brampton by the Ontario Department of Correctional Services on land formerly occupied by the Brampton Flying Club. Plans are also being made to move the department's Alex G. Brown Memorial Clinic to the site from Mimico. The town of Brampton has been trying to obtain the land for recreation-

al and park purposes since the flying club moved to a new airfield near Victoria.

### FIGHT BRICK PLANT

**CHELTENHAM:** Canada Brick's plans for a new plant near Cheltenham will be "violently opposed" says D. S. Buxton whose home is about 1,000 yards from the proposed site. He said villagers are ready to sign a petition against such a plant going in the rural area once the plans, already approved by the township planning board, come before council in January. The company wants zoning changed to industrial from agricultural to allow construction of the new plant on a 254 acre site.



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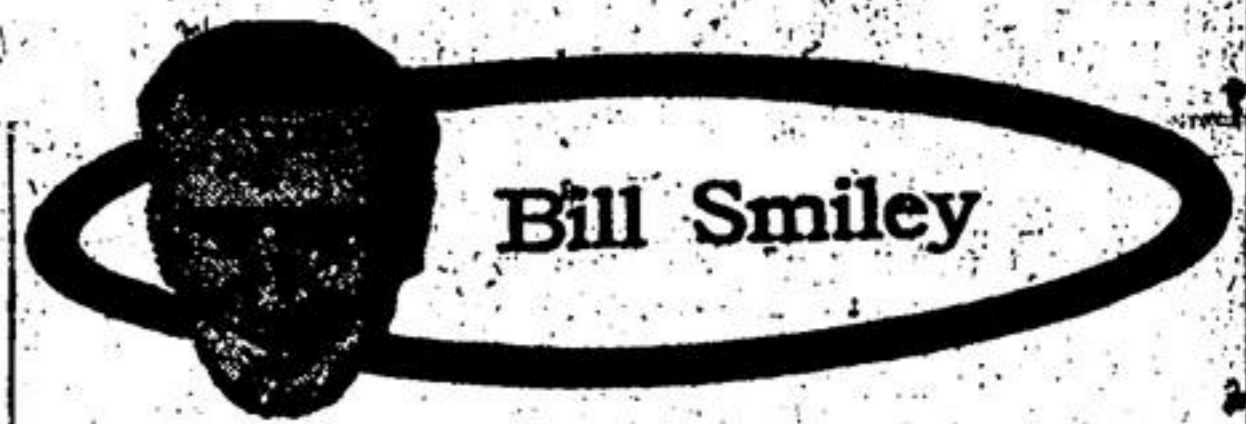
**TWO WEEKS** as a Parliamentary Observer representing Canada at the 24th session of the General Assembly of the United Nations has confirmed for me what most Canadians should know, namely that Canada enjoys an excellent reputation at the United Nations. Having met all the personnel at the permanent Canadian mission in New York I can fully appreciate why we are held in such high regard. We have represented us people of exceptional calibre who have the respect of the member nations.

**WE WERE ALSO** given individual briefings by these representatives who sit on these committees. These briefings gave us a short history of the business of the committee prior to the 24th Session and then the business which had been conducted thus far at the 24th Session by this particular committee following which we received an up to date resume of the present business being conducted.

**THERE WERE** five members of parliament and two senators acting as parliamentary observers. The Liberals and Conservatives each had three members and there was one Creditiste. Every morning we received briefings, three out of five mornings we attended the delegates meeting of the Canadian Mission where Canadian delegates to the respective committees reported to the Members of the Canadian mission as a whole.

**THESE BRIEFINGS** were as educational and as informative as it was possible to make them. There are six permanent committees and a special political committee.

**AFTER THESE** briefings we then attended the committee meeting of our choice at the United Nations. We sat with permanent Canadian representatives or being present in the committee hall. In addition to this many of us took advantage of the three meetings of the full session of the General Assembly to listen in on the Assembly's business.



Bill Smiley

## All's Well That Ends Well

Why does a man stagger out to work when he's unable to do it properly, is a threat to everyone around him, and is probably shortening his own life by three or four years?

This is the sort of rationalizing I was doing this week when I took not one, but two days sick leave. That makes six days in ten years.

I'd been coughing like a kangaroo with consumption. Blowing my nose was like trying to stop Niagara Falls with Kleenex. I was dizzy than a bat at high noon. I ached from stem to gudgeon, and I couldn't decide which was aching more.

It's boring, I know. But the 'flu is always boring. Except when you have it yourself. Then it's fascinating.

When you have it, you know that nobody has ever been as ill as you. Especially those phonies on TV who stay in bed, drink plenty of fluids, and stuff themselves with aspirin.

My wife is a great comfort at such times. She invariably says: "You're going to die with that chest cold!" And then she sits back and starts counting on her fingers. The term insurance, the life insurance.

When she begins to look a bit nasty, I realize I haven't enough insurance to keep her in affluence. That's about when she calls the doctor, so I'll get better, so I can take out some more insurance.

The doctor, of course, always settles everything. He says — "Hmmm. Got the 'flu, eh?" Naturally I've got the 'flu or my wife wouldn't have called him. If I had merely a broken leg, she'd probably set it herself. But you can die with the 'flu.

And the doctor says "Take plenty of bed, stay in aspirin, and drink lots." This always brightens me up, and I pull out of the slump within a week, provided I don't drink too much.

But there's a moral question involved with the 'flu. Should one go to church, school or business, and hack, sneeze, cough, and spit all over the congregation the classroom or colleagues?

The answer, I think, is an unequivocal 'yes', provided we have the strength. That's the only way in which we can main-

tain one of our few great old Canadian traditions, spreading the 'flu. We have spread two things in this country since I once says, 'flu and fertilizer, and we mustn't stop now.

Spreading the 'flu is not without its merits, provided it is done with tact and timing. As witness.

On Friday night, we were supposed to go to the annual ball of the year. You know the sort of thing. Five per cent of the men want to go, and 100 per cent of the women. It's a chance for them to wear their wigs, make the old man spring for a smashing new dress, and discuss for the next week what ridiculous things the other women were wearing.

After wheezing and sneezing for about three days, I was looking forward to it as one might look forward to his own funeral. So sick was I that even the thought of having to shine my shoes made me feel faint.

That was bad enough. But somehow we'd been fussed into having an after-the-ball party, with 30 people guzzling food and drink. I didn't see how I could get through it, alive.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. To my delight and horror my wife woke up Friday morning hacking and gagging and as feverish as I. I spread her the 'flu. She hung on till afternoon hoping for a miracle recovery but then had to throw in the towel and cancel everything.

That probably saved my life and about \$100 so the 'flu can't be all bad.

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