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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Long Municipal Service

George Currie has had one distinction In his lengthy career in municipal politics. He has twice been county warden - first In 1936 and again this year, in 1969

And if present plans go through as echeduled by the provincial government, he will add one more uniquity - that of being the last reeve of Esquesing township.

Mr. Currie's two year term as reeve continues into 1970. And this week, Jim Snow, MPP, told the press that he expects the new metro type community;" which will turn Halton and Peel counties into a metro type region will become a fact on January 1st, 1971.

In the shuffle, Esquesing township will disappear, parts into Georgetown and parts

And Georgetown itself, will also be in for a radical change. The initial proposal combines Georgetown, Acton, and a part of Esquesing into one large municipality.

That Esquesing will cease to exist as separate municipality is fore-ordained. whatever comes in the way of regional

In Mr. Currie's time, he has seen a ru-

ral community shrink to one in which urban assessment exceeds rural. Communities like Glen Williams, Stewarttown and Norval have continued to expand rapidly. And there has been more fringe development on Georgetown's outskirts, along No. highway toward Acton, the Limehouse sideroad, the 5th Line, almost everywhere

Many farms have been eptioned for future residential development.

Esquesiing lost some 1100 acres when Georgetown had its rapid expansion 1954. Urbanization has been less dramatic, but just as relentless since then.

If regional government operates anywhere near as efficiently as has Esquesing, we will have no worries. Generations et men like Mr. Currie have been good budgeters, good administrators. They have operated the township predominantly on pay-as-you-go policy, with a minimum o debenture debt. They have given residents reasonably good roads, good public buildings and facilities.

The new metro government could use men of this type on its council.

Good Idea Gone Wrong

The Company of Young Canadians, a Grainchild of Lester Pearson when he was prime minister, has fallen on evil days.

Conceived as a way to encourage Young people in isolated communities to better themselves and in this way make a Better Canada, and to rehabilitate some whose potential is not being fully realized, was theoretically sound, but didn't work

Sunday the CBC public affairs television program revealed just now bad things Have become. A young American in a pos-Ition of responsibility, revealed that he is Lenin communist follower, that he joined the CYC because this was the best place for him to operate and that he has no particular interest in the CYC program as such. He was followed by a lady hothead, a member of the governing committee, who

observed that the young radicals are the real part of the group, and the 'establishment' is at fault for not giving them their head. Saner voices on the directorate have asked that the government take over.

We think the group should be immedlately disbanded, written off as an experiment gone wrong. Monday the daily press informs us that the CYC has been fostering a group of oddballs living in a communal set-up on one of the Toronto islands, helping an underground publication in the city to spread obscenities through the mail, have been asked in an effort

Were this being done with private funds, we would not condone it.

The fact that tax money is being used brings our blood to a boiling point. Now that our federal government knows what is This group presented a brief to going on, we should expect an immediate termination to such foolishness.

Keeping Natural Beauty

It is to be hoped the Ontario government will act on a recommendation that parkland be acquired along the Niagara dscarpment.

We are already seeing the effects of quarrying operations in this part of the province, with unsightly bald spots appearing on the beautiful mountain at Milton.

This natural heritage is too valuable to be destroyed by commerce.

If one has taken the Skyline drive Virginia, you can realize the possibilities of using nature's bounty. Ontario has a similar type of beauty and could develop tourist attraction similar to Virginia in years the crash of a dragster due to

IN THE MAIL BAG

Says Dragstrip Noiseless Safe, Community Asset

87 Weber Drive,

Dear Sir: II with to make a few comments regarding the proposed dragstrip on the Don Matthews farm near Georgetown, for the use of young adults on meekends.

· As a secondary school teach et, a participating drag races and former car club executive I feel I can speak with a certain degree of authority about young people's activities and the sport of drag racing itself.

The greatest cause of juvenile delinquency is the lack of some thing constructive to do with one's time and energy. This seems to be one of the major complaints heard from those who oppose this project on the grounds that it would attract so-called hoodlums, gangsters etc. Such is not the case, since this type of person abhors any thing that is organized. Drag ricing is an extremely professional and organized sport. suggest that the \ diabelievers equalit the rule book published by the National Hot Rod Asso ciation. The sport attracts great deal of people in the age 18 - 30 mainly and these of the age group where a keen sense of competition is prevalent. For a single day's racing many hours of preparation are necessary in order to ensure success. Would the opponents of this project prefer to see the car buffs running around the streets with nething to do rather than fin-

ding them burning the mid-

night oil in their garages get-

ting thair machines ready for

the mor? I suggest that these

behanical activities will

much to teach a person mechanical skills, how to budget time

sense of responsibility and keen compet"ive sense which ever so necessary in later life professionals in the sport, ha

ving invested many tens thousands of dollars in their equipment.

and money, and to acquire

Party? Throwing a

If you're throwing a party this holiday season, it can be more successful if you spend less time planning how to get it going and concern yourself more with how to end it properly.

If alcoholic b verages are part of the party menu, it is imperative that modern motor age hosts consider their guests who will be driving.

Holiday entertainers should plan the party from the end. not the beginning with these ten steps in mind.

(1) Make contingency arrangements for accommodating overnight any tipsy guests who otherwise would have to

(2) Devise means for tactfully making passengers out of guests who may have overimbibed - h e taxi service available or pre-arrange for another driver who has abstained to transport them

(3) Stop serving liquor altogether at least an hour before guests will be leaving. Time away from the toasting is a most important element for those who must eventually get behind the wheel of

(4) Gradually -substitute rich desserts and coffee for high-ball glasses as the evening wears on.

(5) Midway through the party serve a tempting meal Food, especially starchy types, helps to moderate effects of alcohol, while decreasing desire for additional liquor.

(6) Pace the party. Make organized game: and other activities the focal point of entertainment, not the bar.

(7) Emphasize food. Place lots of attractive and varied shack trays throughout the party area and replenish them often.

(8) Set up a self-service bar featuring lots of non-alcoholic or low alcoholic content beverages, such as exotic fruit juice mixtures and other soft drinks.

(9) After serving the first cocktail, let guests help themselves. Guests who pour their own usually mix fewer und-less potent drinks than does the host.

(10) Never push drinks on guests who are driving. The admonition, "if you drink, don't drive' is still the best rule but too few persons follow k. k is more realistic to expect the host to follow a few guidelines which can stabilize the celebrating and literally assure his motoring guests many happy returns.

Many of the racers are tru On the subject of the sport

the sport is not noisy. I have driven right past some drag strips while looking for them, hoping to hear some noise to direct me. The fact is, sound simply does not travel lang distances over land.

3. Besides being a competitors' sport, it is also a spectator eport. Consider Cayuga 13220 Dragway for example. A typical Saturday night event craws some 300 400 competitors, and 3000 - 5000 spectators, at \$3 - \$4

aplece. I she 'd think any municipality would find good use for the corporation tax revenue from such a venture, not to mention the money spent establishments near the strip. Ask any resident of the Town of Cayuga if their local dragstrip hasn't, brought money into the town as well as put it on the map internationally. In conclusion I support the idea of the proposed dragstrip

run by solid experienced pernnel id that fair agreements reached between the municipality and the proponents. Such things as food concessions and sanitary facilities should not be overlooked. There is no doubt ir my mind as to the worthwhileness of this project.

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- G., K. Thompson. Georgetown Herald

Yours truly,

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of the 28th Parliament opened Pension. on 22nd October, my mail has DEALING WITH these letters been increasingly heavy. Much has become for me a top prior- ans everywhere have grown to ity as certainly no one in my appreciate the great contribuposition can be so callous as to tion made to Canada by its Sesit idly by. Some encourage- nior Citizens and are very symment was felt here in Ottawa pathetic to the plight facing last week when word was re- some of our senior citizens at to alleviate the suffering and ceived that the Federal Gov- the present time. Many Canadernment of Nigeria had agreed ians realize how difficult it is to permit daylight relief flights for those who have to live OTHER LETTERS have come Their statement now permits solely on their old Age Pension from the National Pensioners the Biafrans to agree also.

ROBIN HOOD

Rud LWhiting

Halton MP

reports

from,

of it has reflected the great

concern we as Canadians feel

over the Nigerian-Biafran sit-

uation. My help and support

starvation which has resulted

and Senior Citizens Federation.

month and the full cost of liv-

itself, I make the following

1. It is one of the safest

sports in ' stence, safer than

all body contact sports. Accid-

ents rarely happen between two

cars running side by side in

straight line. In four years of racing myself, I have yet to

witness any mishap except for

the driver's own error in failing to properly pack his para-

2. Contrary to popular belief.

from this tragic civil war.

THE BIAFRAN leaders have rejected a land corridor on the undertaking an exhaustive the Government last October Old Age Security to \$150 per

HIS MERRY MEN

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BAIDS TES

who regard it as an obvious atstrength. At the heart of both Biafran rejections is the plausible fear that relief arrangements might be turned into SINCE THE SECOND Session, ing to be added to the Old Age military advantage by the Nigerians but this is now ended. CLOSER TO HOME, Canadi

and Supplement. THE GOVERNMENT IS ground that it could be exploit- view of all social legislation asking for an increase in the ed by the Federal side for mil- and in particular the Old Age as a Trojan Horse tactic, aimed can gather, the words of our at camouflaging the real goal of much-respected Senior Citizens overrunning Biafran territory. did not fall on deaf ears when

new airstrip in a location which would block the Nigerian offensive. THIS OF COURSE, was un-

tempt to reinforce Biafran air, destroying the peace

itary purposes. They regard it Pension benefits. From what I ing out of the woods on a snow-

Bill Smiley

A Special Christmas Gift

around your way, but there's snow-drift. little doubt that we're going to have a white Christmas around. here. Winter came in like a lish with Christmas approachpolar bear with a toothache, ing. But if any enowmobile and I went of to work on De manufacturer thinks he can comber 1st as though it was bribe me into reversing mid-January.

inches of fresh snow, pray fer- send it right back. In April. vently as I try to start the car, breathe another little one of the road, and then send up an. Irish cattle sale. other few words of gratitude because I'd got my snow tires on the night before.

the whole business as much as lights out in November, and I is our cat. It was kad enough mail their cards on the first of for her before the snow came, December. Huge tomcats, black, white and plebald, littered the yard, and There's something about she'd sit on the "picnis table, people like that that irks me. spitting and enarling at them They're of the same species as with an air of chastity and vir- those who work with a clean tue that is seldom seen these desk, never lose their rubbers.

She was in command of that a fag situation. But when I chucked her out into half a foot o snow, her first experience of it, she almost went out of he

strips has also been rejected: and that other insidious new tant papers. I forget important daylight flights have been agbreed, the snow-mobilers, are things and remember trivialireed to only on the condition beaming all over their big, fat ties. that relief organizations build a red faces.

It's not enough that we should have our summers ruined half-wits in motor boats acceptable to the Nigerians on motor cycles, tearing around polluting the water and endangering not only their own lives (who cares?), but those of everybody else within ramming distance.

> No we have their winter counterparts. I can tolerate the snowmobile as a handy tool for work, or for getting from one place to another under dif- Christmas. Maybe my family ficult conditions. But I haven't will rehabilitate me, at least much time for those idiots who outwardly. merely revel in the noise, the sense of power, and the stink. half-trained and often stoned, a menace to everything in or out of sight.

I'll bet poet Robert Frost is glad he's dead. Imagine trying to write a beautiful, haunting thing like Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening, today. Some moron would come chargmobile, frighten the horse, and

Don't know how things are the poet would wind up in a

I suppose I mustn't get churstand by sending me one of these infernal machines for That is, wade through six Christmas, he's mistaken. Pd

Hope you are in better shape thanks when it goes, close my with your Christmas preparaeyes and bomb backward down tions than we are. Every year. the driveway, muttering anoth. at our place, the last week or er supplication that I'll make so is about as organized as an

But I'll bet you despise, as much as I do, those aseptiesouls who buy their presents in a One creature who despises September, have their colored

> and smirk, 'No thanks, I don't smoke,' when you offer them

Perhaps the reason I can't stand them is that I hate myself. My desk looks like a bargain counter after a sale. I lose Skiers are delighted, of course, gloves rubbers, hats and impor-

> One of these is buying clothes. I'd rather go into the jungle than a clothing shop, I have one suit, for all occasions, one two year old lacket, one pair of flannels with a hole in them. I have an old trench-cost about as warm as a silk nightie. somebody else's rubber boots, a pair of gloves with holes in both thumbs, and a golf cap for winter headgear.

So I shall leave this column lying about ostentatiously until

However, I'll have about the nicest Christmas present I can think of, and it won't be wrapped. I'll have my dearly loved daughter home for the holidays.

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The second alternative of day- they made their presentation to light flights into existing air- the Government. THE DISTRICT A GLANCE

RAP LIGHT FINGERS

ACTON A very serious increase in cases of shoplifting has resulted in Acton police informing all local shopkeepers of the correct procedure in making a citizen's arrest. During the past week 7 local juveniles wer charged with shoplifting Goods recovered came from stores in Acton, Milton, Guelph and Georgetown. "We're going to clamp

HELICOPTER SERVICE ORANGEVILLE

The Canadian Transport Commission has approved an application from Caledon Helicopters Limited to operate a service from a base at Orangeville. The company propposes to use helicopters to carry on flyer training, gertal photography, aerial inspection and advertising, and recreational flying. The air transport committee said it was satisfied that it would be in the public interest to

grant the application. GRAND OLD MAN

MILTON Milton's grand old man, John Maxted, reached his 100th birthday on Sunday. He has been a resident of Milton for the past years. He was a masonry contractor all his life and built over 100 homes and public buildings in the Milton area. He didn't retire from active work until he was 80, and that year built a new home for himself and his daugh-

WINTER CARNIVAL OAKVILLE

Oakville recreation committee approved plans lastweek for a winter carnival complete with snowmobile races betwe I town councilmembers and service clubs

people. The program hasbeen scheduled for February 21 and 22. Events vould include a Snow Queen contest ice sculpturing, family skating party, snowmobile races. winter camp out, tug of war, toboggan and snow shoe races, sleigh rides broomball tourneys and figure skating demonstrations.

CPR STATION CLOSED BRAMPTON

Brampton's Canadian Pacdown on this," Acton police ific Railway Station has officially been closed. No sooner had the railway's new customer service in London opened than the works crew descended on the station. They quickly removed its semaphore signal blades ending its hundred year history which started when the Credit Valley Railway laid its narrow gauge through the town in the 1800s. 10,000 UNIT HOUSING

MISSISSAUGA

An application by Bruce McLaughlin and Associates Ltd. to allow the development of a residential - commercial complex that will house 31,500 persons approved in principal last week by the planning board. The project is a phase of Mc-Laughlin's plan to develop 4,000 acre, \$5 billion city in Mississauga. It will be called Mississauga Valleys.

> CHARGE DEATH TRAP HUTTONVILLE

Charges that county coun-

cil has created a 'death trap' at the intersection of the 4th Line West and Huttonville sideroad were heard last week when council candidates took their campaigns to Huttonville. Dr. Robert Williams claimed the 'death trap' o.eated by reconstruction of the intersection there was caused by Peel Good Roads Committee being more interested