

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Could Be Safer

The long awaited traffic lights at the dangerous Mountainview Road highway crossing should improve traffic conditions considerably, despite an inauspicious debut last week, when several minor accidents were registered.

The corner should have two evident improvements.

The lack of a traffic light warning sign on the eastbound approach is noticeable.

And still adding to the traffic hazard is an increase in speed limit, just as one approaches the crossing.

Parking Persecution

Enforcement of meter parking regulations is tricky.

A police officer is 'damned if he does, and damned if he doesn't' when it comes to ticketing an offending vehicle.

Meters were originally installed on petition of merchants who wanted a law to save themselves, for most spaces in the downtown area could and were being taken by merchants and their employees.

They have served their purpose, to a large extent, and now that they are so well established, even original opponents, like the Herald editor, can see their value.

But at times, too rigid following of a by-law is not too good for merchants who, as heavy contributors to the tax treasury, deserve consideration. We speak of times when a shopper, just a few minutes overdue in a metered zone, finds he is getting a ticket just as he arrives to drive away.

The police are only doing their job, and one can't be too critical. And yet, one

This came about last year, after years of complaints from commuters about a 30 mile limit extending to the Norval hill. Motorists felt, and rightly so, that an increase to 40 miles would be justified along a highway stretch which contains few residences. But when the highways department finally listened, they went too far.

The 40 mile limit should start east of the shopping plaza entrance where traffic flow is relatively unobstructed. To increase a speed limit just before a major intersection which now also has a traffic light, is asking for trouble.

should expect a reasonable amount of leeway.

There are two solutions.

From a motorists' standpoint, if he intends to stop for more than a few minutes, he is wise to either use a non-metered area, of which there are many within easy walking distance of the stores. Or better still, there is a large free parking area behind one block of stores, where one can always find a spot to park all day.

From the public standpoint, the day is long past when men who command the training and salary of police officers, should be burdened with the chore of ticketing cars and making out minor traffic tickets. It would be cheaper to deputize a healthy, retired man or woman, for this job. Such an employee could be given wider scope to use judgment than a uniformed policeman.

Prosecution for minor offences should never become persecution.

A Job Well Done

In his 37 years as superintendent of Greenwood Cemetery, Harry Savings can be credited with creating one of Ontario's most beautiful memorial sites.

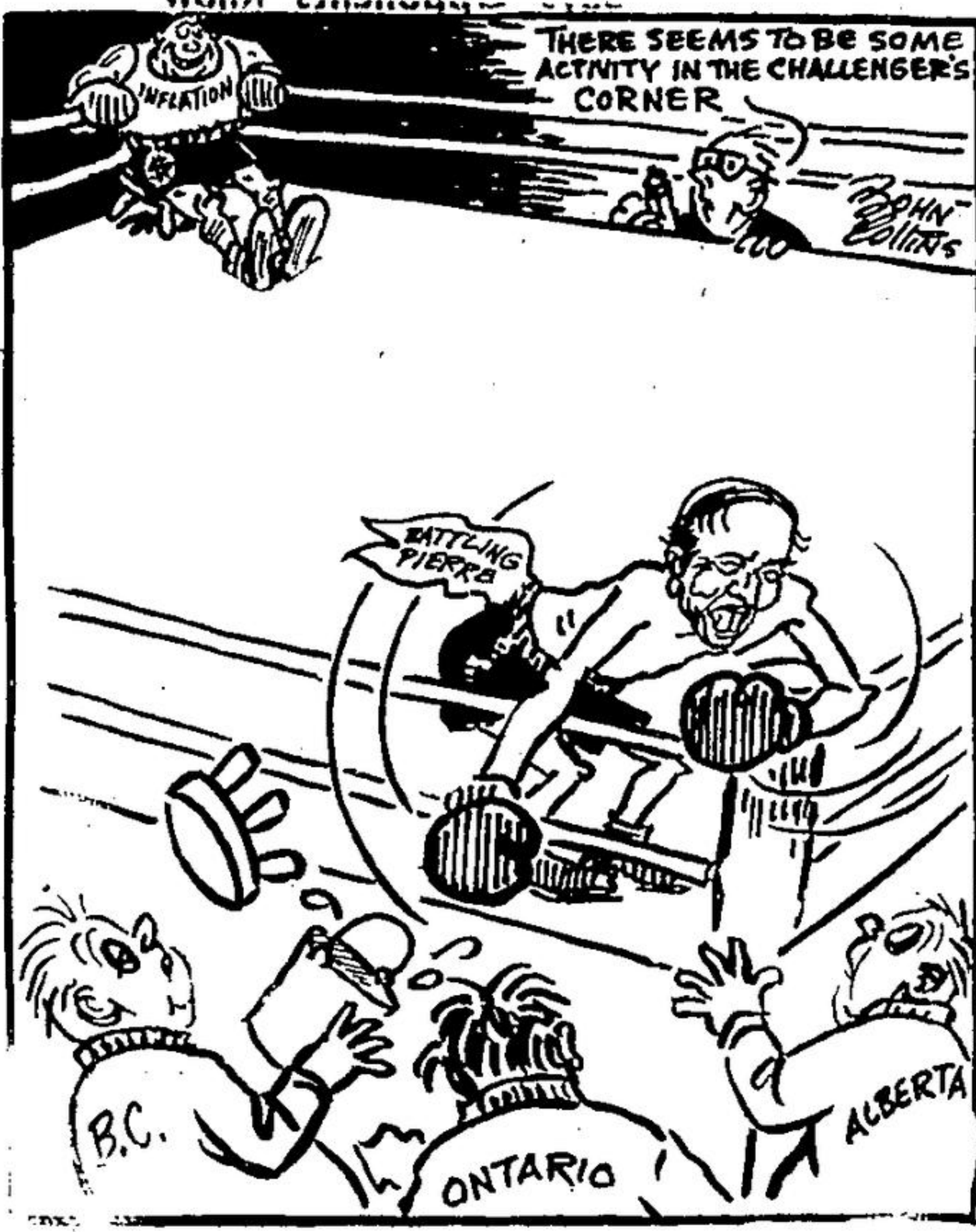
In his time, a new addition has been carefully planned with trees and shrubs, and the care given to grass cutting and beautification by Mr. Savings and his staff is always evident.

It is good to know that he will not be completely divorced from the cemetery, where he has given such faithful service. He will remain a member of the cemetery

board and hold the position of secretary-treasurer, where he can be of assistance to the new superintendent with his store of knowledge.

Mr. Savings is of the old school of public service. In his years in town he has served the community in the important post of fire chief, has been warden of his church, and served as a member of many public organizations.

It is men like him who have made Georgetown the prosperous, fine community it is.



THE FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION



Bill Smiley

SIXTIES WERE PURE BOSH

Thinking back over the year-end reports of the 1960s, I realize that all the experts painted a picture of a decade of violence and change probably unequalled in history. What is especially embarrassing is the thought that I did the same thing, though I'm no expert.

On second thought, it was all pure poppycock. It's true that the Sixties included these things, but the 1940s, in retrospect, make the 1960s look like a children's birthday party: Nasty, disorganized, messy,

but essentially kids' stuff in comparison.

Surely it was in the Forties that today's violence, revolt, drug addiction, sexual freedom, disgust with the Establishment and all the other goodies of The Sixties, had their roots.

In the 1930s, those lucky enough to have a job were working for less than it costs today for a night on the town. As Toronto newspaper columnist Richard Needham pointed out, the Great Depression was not brought to an end by our economists or politicians, but by Adolf Hitler. War created jobs, wages went up, prosperity began. Sickening thought, but true.

In The Sixties we waxed indignance over Chicago cops for beating dissidents over the head. And so we should. But in The Forties, six million non-dissidents of all ages and both sexes were beaten, gassed or starved to death. And millions of others were obliterated without even waving a placard. How's that for violence?

Revolt? It was everywhere, in partisan groups and new nationalist organizations. And the rebels were just as long-haired and bearded and dirty — and a lot hungrier than today's rebels. They, too, were of both sexes, as today. But they were fighting for something, not against anything. And they were laying on the line not just a clot on the head, a trip in the paddy-wagon, and a fine, but their lives.

The Establishment? In 1943 the British threw it out, including that heroic but unmistakable member of it, Sir Winston Churchill. That was a far, far greater thing than rioting on a campus.

Atrocities? We had one, apparently, in Vietnam recently, with the Yanks as villains for a change. Villa? Certainly. But it was a mere trifle compared to the atrocities of The Forties. On all sides. Tell your kids about Lidice, the bombing of Hamburg and Dresden, and what the Russians did at Warsaw.

And then there was the biggest one of all, committed by the Good Guys — the atom bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Today's atrocities are peanuts, however indigestible.

Drug addiction? There wasn't any "pot" around. But I wonder how many alcoholics are wandering around today who got their start when they were 18, and in uniform? I could list you a dozen, from personal knowledge. Just multiply.

Sexual freedom? Perhaps it wasn't as blatant and self-conscious and publicity conscious as it is today, but it was there, lady, it was there. Now, I don't for one minute mean your husband. But those other guys. Wow!

Change? Whole countries disappeared. Millions of people wandered, homeless. New countries sprang into being.

However, just as The Sixties weren't all rotten, neither were The Forties. They produced courage and sacrifice and a great sense of sharing and loving, amidst all the hatred.

They produced a generation that sincerely believed that a

THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

OLD P.O. WILL GO FOR FOURTH BANK

ACTION — Action's fourth bank, a branch of the Toronto-Dominion — will open in a new building on the site of the old post office if committee of adjustment accepts planning board recommendation and makes a zoning by-law change. The new bank would have a 68 ft. frontage on Mill Street.

MAY MOVE LIBRARY TO SNELGROVE OFFICE

SNELGROVE — Chinguacousy library board proposes to abandon its small branch at Claude and establish a new one in the Municipal Offices in Snelgrove. The Snelgrove offices will be vacated by the Chinguacousy council this week. The Claude branch has about 250 library card holders, but many more would be served in Snelgrove.

SOME KINDERGARTEN PUPILS STILL AWAY

OSPRINGE — Some Ospringe area kindergarten pupils are still not going to school, and others are being kept home during the winter months. The Wellington County school board closed the kindergarten at Ospringe in September when they decided to have Ospringe area kindergarten pupils bused to schools in Hillsburgh and Brabant. Mothers complained that the bus route of 30 miles per day was unreasonable for five year olds and some protested by keeping their children home.

KILBRIDE WILL STAY IN MILTON FIRE AREA

BURLINGTON — Reversing their earlier decision to withdraw, Burlington wants to remain in the Milton Area Fire Department's coverage area — at least until regional government clears up the future of firefighting services in the rural area surrounding Milton. The Kilbride fire station proposal was one of the hottest election controversies in the December Ward 3 election in Burlington.

DEPUTY REEVE LABELS '401' A DEATH STRIP

CAMPBELLVILLE — Nassagaweya deputy reeve Gordon Agnew took a verbal swipe at Hwy. 401 from Campbellville to Milton last week and labelled that section a "death strip." "It's the most dangerous strip of highway in Ontario," he commented. There have been sever-

al bad accidents on that piece of highway, some of them fatal. Council sent a resolution to the Minister of Highways asking him to look into the poor design of this section of highway.

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL SECEDES FROM HALTON COUNTY

NASSAGAWEYA — Nassagaweya Township, an area of 45,000 acres in the north-west corner of Halton County, could secede from the county — if a Halton-Peel form of regional government is adopted. The drastic action was suggested last week at a regular council meeting by Cr. Alan Ackman. He asked council to study the possibility of joining Wellington County. His suggestion surprisingly got the support of the other four members of council.

OAKVILLE PLANT TO SHUT DOWN

OAKVILLE — About 3700 of the 4000 hourly paid workers at Ford's Oakville operation will be laid off for about one week. A Ford spokesman said the car assembly plant will not operate for a few days in an attempt to balance production with stock on hand. Employees will get about 85 per cent of their salary through benefits.

FIFTY SNOWMOBILES FORM ORGANIZATION

ORANGEVILLE — The Orangeville and District Snowmobile Association has been formed following the police department's recommendation to council that the machines be banned from the town's streets. Fifty owners agreed to observe an 11 p.m. snowmobiling curfew; travel at slow speeds in town to keep the noise down; and stay off the town's main arterial roads.

SNOW BUGGIES BUG BUFFALO, STAMPEDE HERD

Halton Region Conservation Authority have an employee in a jeep patrolling the Rattlesnake Point area to keep snowmobilers from stampeding the herd of buffalo there and scaring other wildlife in the area.

Resources manager Dave Murray said the Authority may also have to hire a traffic policeman to keep the machines out of Glon Eden where thousands of skiers gather every week-end.

saying goes. I do not find it difficult to talk to the Prime Minister, or any of the Cabinet Ministers, on matters which concern Halton and our people and I have done so on many occasions. A Member of Parliament has a job to do and when he goes about it in a positive way there is much he can do and much he can accomplish.

Township Ratepayers Form New Group

About 85 ratepayers registered as members of Chinguacousy Ward Three Ratepayers' Association last week in Huttonville United Church.

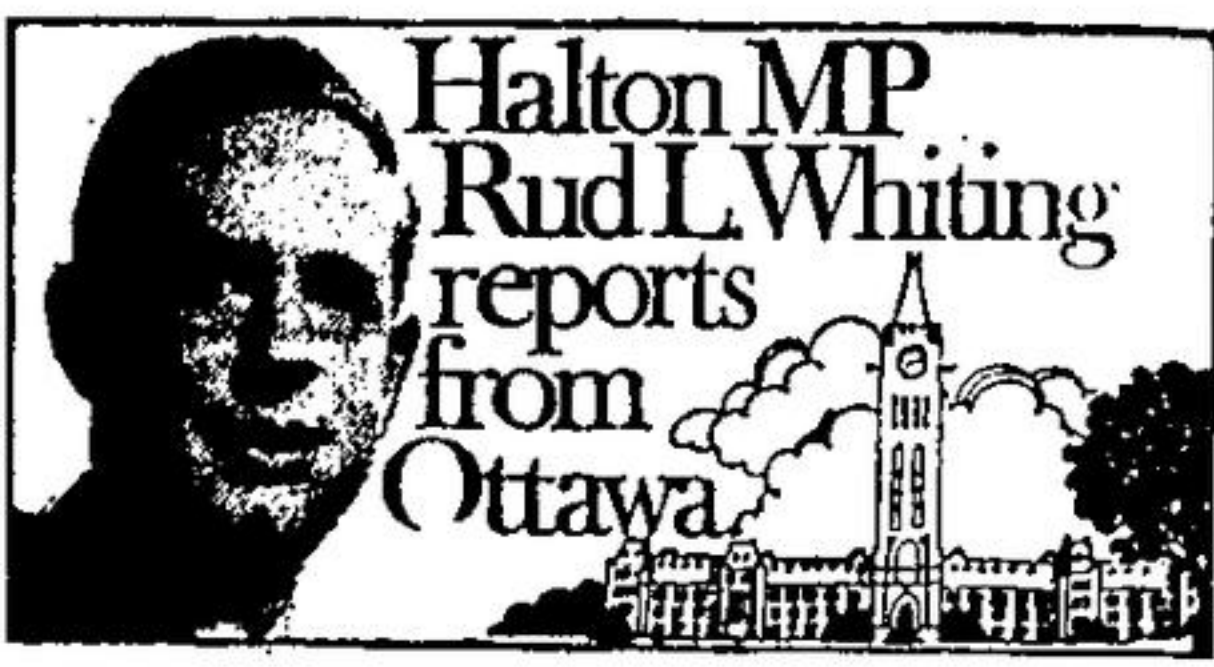
The group's first concerns are high taxes and zoning controls.

Elected to the executive were Keith Squires, chairman; Victor Wagner, R.R. 2 Norval treasurer; Mrs. Georgina Bowers and Mrs. Etta Prue, River Road, co-secretaries; Mrs. Margaret Otte, R.R. 2, Brampton information chairman.

Several neighbourhood contact officers were also elected to provide neighbourhood contacts for the ratepayers association. They are Bob Moy, Mrs. Ruth Camplin, Cecil Sanderson, Mrs. Margaret Sanderson, Rev. Manuel Marques, Carl Laidlaw, R. G. Manley, Charles Kee, A. E. Beamish, John Sterritt, Wilhelm von Bloedau, Alf Scott, Philip Bird and Doug Henshaw.

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Halton MP Rud L. Whiting reports from Ottawa

COMING BACK to Ottawa after the Christmas recess, many Members of Parliament seemed to feel they were at the crossroads. There are many problems facing the people and the Government which have no easy solution.

MY DESK WAS piled high with letters expressing concern especially about the White Paper on Tax Reform and Inflation. Members of Parliament from the west were besieged with mail about surplus wheat and the plight of the western farmers. There were letters from all across the country on Biafra. Then the question was being asked was our method of Government changing and are we headed for a republican style and breaking away from tradition.

IN PARLIAMENT the major debate is centred on pollution. Whenever a Bill like this comes before the House, an attempt is made to create a sense of urgency and imply neglect. Statements like the following one by the Member from Grey - Simcoe illustrate this.

"There will not be a dissenting voice in this House or in the country in respect of setting up an adequate water policy. However there will much resentment if this Bill-C-144 is not amended so that it is meaningful and effective. In a few words, it lacks teeth, strength and direction."

IN A PERIOD such as this, Members both inside and outside the House express a frustration with their part in the act of Government and the manner in which things are car-

ried on. I received one letter from a retired gentleman living in Burlington, who is a friend of long-standing. He asked what I was going to do about it all.

AS IT SO happened during the Christmas recess I started to read a book on the life of Sir Wilfred Laurier and I found out that the same criticisms are being made today, especially from Ontario and Quebec, were made in 1898 — over seventy years ago. I took heart because today Sir Wilfred Laurier is revered as one of Canada's Greatest Statesmen.

IN THE AREA of taxation I think Mr. Benson has done a lot in the past week to allay the fears of many people by again stating that the White Paper is not law and its main purpose is to state a suggested policy on tax reform and to elicit public opinion on these proposals. He has assured the people that this is not a plan to increase Government revenue and that taxes could be reduced.

WE HAVE SEEN the end of the civil war in Nigeria and we must pray that law and order will soon be restored and that the distribution of food and relief supplies is properly organized and distributed.

THE CANADA Water Act — now in Committee stage, is revealing itself as one of the most important pieces of legislation to come before the House and I plan to talk about this more fully in a future column.

PERSONALLY, I do not share the frustration talked about by certain members of the House. We cannot all be Chiefs as the

NEWS ECHOES

From the Herald of 10, 20 and 30 Years Ago

1960

Subdivisions have been under discussion at practically every Georgetown council meeting for the past few years and Monday was no exception. A recommendation of the planning board for an amendment to the town's official plan would change the Moore farm on Main Street into industrial, commercial and residential land — a first step in a new subdivision.

A Junior Chamber of Commerce is a possibility here if a minimum of 20 young Georgetown men show interest. Formation of a Jaycee organization was discussed at a director's meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last week.

1950

Council on Monday, were told by the public school board of the need for immediate planning for the erection of a new six room school to take care of the growing enrolment. The entire board with chairman Edwin Wilson as spokesman, attended the meeting. The school would cost in the neighbourhood of \$180,000, of which 45 to 50 percent would be paid by the government. The board presented a survey showing the current enrolment of 385 pupils will grow to over 500 by 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hills are taking over ownership of the Barker and Brown grocery and meat store on Main Street this week. Both are natives of Kent county. Charlie Brown is remaining at the store and will be in charge of the meat department. Another business change is the purchase of Ross Thompson shoe store by Maher's. Mr. Thompson has operated the business here for four years. He had purchased the business from W. F. Smith after selling farm near Stewarttown to Vern Pickett.

1940

Georgetown is in the throes of a municipal election for the second time in order to elect a full council for 1940. At the election held in December, George W. Davis, was elected reeve but has since passed away. J. S. Hall, who was given an acclamation for council in Ward 2, has since resigned and Elmer C. Thompson who was elected hydro commissioner could not qualify because of his position as Division Court Clerk. A nomination meeting was held in the public library on Thursday. Harold Cleave and Thomas L. Leslie, two former Halton County Wardens will contest the reeve; James Costigan was given an acclamation for councillor for Ward 2; and Hugh Lindsay and W. V. Grant and William H. Long are in the running for the hydro commission.

better world was not only needed, but could be built. They produced entire new concepts of world peace. They set the seeds for the end of the old imperialism. Never mind that these have been frustrated and warped since. And, as a sideline, they produced the millions of kids who are now a mystery and terror and bewilderment to those relics of the frightful Forties. Nuff said?

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