

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Good News for Halton

A government decision to delay the anticipated merger of Halton and Peel counties next January should be welcome news for county residents.

Halton has much to lose and little to gain from joining its larger neighbour.

But oddly enough, it was some infighting among Peel municipalities which has caused the delay. The majority of Halton communities had accepted the government's premise that two should become one, and were not particularly fighting the plan.

Now the possibility exists that the merger may not come about at all, and that Halton may possibly get together as one large region, with a central government and local councils modelled on the system proposed by Municipal Affairs minister Darcy McKeough.

The system would not be so different from the present one, except that instead of having central government composed of reeves and deputies, this would be a separate elected body, with much wider powers.

There could be advantages in such phases of municipal life as planning, police and fire protection.

There would be disadvantages, too, for bigness can lead to detachment.

A small municipality, where residents sit on the town council, know even the smallest problems and are easily accessible to the voters has much to be said in its favour.

Whatever one's view, the die seems to be cast for larger units of administration. Education, assessment and social services have already been removed from the local sphere in the past year. It would seem that, whether regional government comes or not, towns like Georgetown will have little localized control over their destinies in the next decade.

If Halton should go it alone, we would consider this one small victory in our march to bigness.

### Lots of Action

Plenty of action is promised this week at the arena, where for the eleventh year, the international bantam hockey tournament is in progress.

By today, some of the 44 hopefuls have already bowed out. Competition becomes more exciting as semi-finals commence, leading to the series finals on Saturday.

The all day affair culminates with the grand championship that night at 7 p.m. While it is always hoped that Georgetown will be in there for the finals, there is still lots of interest in the championship.

Out of town teams acquire followers during their earlier games. Those who billet young players, get interested in their team progress. And there is always a rooting section, no matter which team earns its right to the big competition.

The original organizers of the tournament, and the Kinsmen who have taken on its management, deserve much credit for an event which has brought good advertising, and a week of top sport to our town.

We hope residents will support it as in the past with good attendance at the games.

### Long Overdue

"Long overdue" was the heading for a news item last week which reported that Esqueving council is considering sharing cost of some of the recreation services made available to its residents by Georgetown.

This has been a point of argument for many years between town and township councils. Harsh words have been exchanged, depending on the temperaments of councillors in office, and seldom has any business arrangement been able to be arrived at.

One exception has been the fire area, a mutual sharing of machinery and manpower which has given Esqueving better service, albeit residents have been assessed costs which some years ago were all paid by the town.

Some Esqueving councillors indicated their willingness to consider sharing costs of such facilities as arenas and swimming pools. Neighbouring towns of Georgetown, Acton and Milton finance these partly through local mill rates, so in effect, town residents are subsidizing township residents to some extent for certain phases of recreation.

Esqueving will consider this while discussing this year's budget. We hope that their council will be able to come up with a plan which will be equally pleasing to their ratepayers and to those in the towns.

### ASKS FOR EXPLANATION

## Thinks 'Junk Mail' is Waste of Money

Halton MP Rud Whiting has asked the government for an explanation of the deluge of 'junk mail' from federal government departments.

Mr. Whiting placed the following questions on the Commons' Order Paper.

1. How many newspapers across Canada, both weeklies and dailies, received unsolicited material such as newsletters, press releases, books and other documents, from various government departments during the years 1968 and 1969?
2. What were the actual mailing costs involved?
3. How much did it cost the respective departments to produce this material in the years 1968 and 1969?
4. How much of a saving could be realized by these departments apart from mailing costs, if these unsolicited services to newspapers were cancelled?

### LEST WE FORGET

'Lest we forget' a veteran once said, We must remember our glorious dead, To pay a tribute where tribute was due, A battle won, but a life was through.

So long ago, at an early date, Another battle of fear and hate. We seem to forget the enormous loss Of the man who died upon the cross.

'Forgive them Lord' in a pleading voice, 'Thy will be done has been my choice.' It happened then at Eastertide, Men's worst deed and blackest crime.

Lest we forget, but it's sad to learn That the true Christian spirit could twist and turn, That a Christian race should fail to recall There is but one God, lord of all.

O foolish people of a foolish age Forgetting man's wonderful heritage, The Easter story, so beautiful yet, O help us lord, lest we forget.

— W. LOWRIE,  
53 McMurchy Ave.,  
Brampton



### THE ULTIMATE IN TWENTIETH CENTURY LIVING

#### IN THE MAIL BAG

### Has High Praise For School's Religious Play

11 Ewing Street

Dear Sir:

As one who attended the Biblical presentation of 'Ruth' by the children of the Christian School, I would like them to know how very much I enjoyed that play. It is safe to say that those 200 children who took part in it will never forget the sorrow of Naomi or the steadfast love of Ruth for her mother-in-law and her desire to worship Jehovah, the God of Naomi.

It is only when we really study the Bible together with its marginal readings that we come to know God and what his purpose was from the creation right down to this day.

I venture to say that to those children, the Bible is no myth. My only regret is that it could not have been presented for more than one night.

With training like this, I doubt that those children will stray very far away from 'the path of life' and I sincerely hope they will present more plays of this kind.

History is soon forgotten unless we refresh our minds on what it means to us today. We are much too preoccupied with the happenings in our every day life.

We must keep our minds refreshed with God's word and the things that happened in the past. If we would let ourselves be guided we can learn of the blessings from God as did Ruth and Boaz who were eventually of the genealogy of David and later of the Son of God.

Those who worked so hard to present that play deserve much praise. It was very well done.

Sincerely,  
(Mrs.) Katherine Cordaro

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#### PLAN \$200,000 CAPITAL EXPENSE ON TOWN ROADS

Approval is being sought by Georgetown for a \$200,000 expenditure this year on town roads.

Plans call for half of this to be spent on new construction, and half on maintenance.

At present major reconstruction is taking place on Maple Avenue West, which is being storm sewered and widened.

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## NEWS ECHOES

From the Herald of 10, 20 and 30 Years Ago

- 1960**
  - Preparation of a by-law for a December vote on returning to the ward system of elections passed 5-4 majority at Monday's council meeting when a motion for this was proposed by Cr. John Gunn and Reeve Doug Sargent.
  - Georgetown council has refused an application of Delrex Developments for release of more residential building land. Explaining the refusal, Cr. Ian Cass said his committee feels an increase in industrial assessment must come before there is any further release of land for housing.
  - Thirteen Georgetown High School students received honour graduation diplomas at commencement exercises Friday. They went to Elizabeth Avery, Wabe Baker, Carola Conle, William Crawford, Rodney Hyde, John McGowan, Irene Rafai, Douglas Sargent, John Verlis, Virginia Walker and Paulene Watson.
- 1950**
  - Fans are wondering if referee Pat Patterson is getting too big for his britches or if he just needs a better tailor. At any rate when Georgetown's favourite referee was officiating at Saturday's game with Wakefield there was a rip and a parting of the seams. Referee Pat finished the game with borrowed pants.
- 1940**
  - Two Toronto men were given penitentiary terms by Magistrate W. F. Woodbine in Peel county court March 22nd when they pleaded guilty to a series of livestock and other thefts in the district. They were charged with the theft of 20 pigs, four cattle, 17 sheep, 96 bushels of wheat, and four bags of coal from area farmers.
  - Bill Gray of Norval and his helper Wes McCaully had a narrow escape from being seriously injured on Monday when a large pine tree crashed to the ground hitting the truck in which they were riding. Although it did serious damage to the truck it missed the occupants by inches. The accident occurred on the farm of Gordon Price near Stewarttown. Some men were felling trees on the farm and Gray, driving up the lane towards the barn, drove right in the path of a falling 70 foot pine tree which hit the truck a tremendous blow. Both the rack and the platform of the truck were smashed to bits, the springs were broken and the frame bent.

Great Slave Lake secondary school. And at which school boards become panders.

Along this line, don't get too excited by the government's expressed determination to 'hold the line' and 'take a firm stand' against inflation. The government is merely trying to trim a little fat off the cat, trying to conceal the fact that she is pregnant and nobody wants the kittens.

The rich will continue to be rich, and the poor will continue to be poor. And the middle-class will howl bloody murder, as they always have.

I couldn't care less. I'll pay my income tax, and support an entire family on welfare. Maybe they need it. I've lived on bread and water for three weeks, and I know what it's like.

But there are two things I object to in the White Paper on tax reform. I don't like to be taxed on taxes. That is, if I'm paying \$500 in real estate tax, and I have to pay income tax on that \$500, I object.

Strenuously. And I object just as violently to the fantastic capital gains of land speculators. This field is full of downright crooks working with other people's money and producing nothing except fat profits for themselves. Sock it to them, Mr. Benson.

This has nothing to do with tax reform but Kim Smiley is alive and well and living in Limbo. That's the favorite residence of a lot of young people these days. It's a sort of cross-roads between Utopia and the salt mines.

Limbo is not a bad place to live, actually. No taxes, no demanding job. I wouldn't mind the odd holiday there. But I wouldn't like it as a permanent residence. I'd miss the old toll and struggle and sweat of real life. It's cool in Limbo, but

who wants to be cool all the time?

I'll take the arena of life, where you have to face the bull (and you can take that any way you wish) and either get clinched from the horns, or run, like hell for the barricades! At least there's a choice.

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#### IN THE MAIL BAG

### RIGHT TO OMIT IN FREEDOM OF PRESS

Stirling, Ontario

Dear Sir:

Having enjoyed the Herald for some thirty-five years, I feel that a note of appreciation from me is long overdue. The news coverage of births, deaths, marriages, promotions and retirement is of unflinching interest to ex-Georgetowners; the editorials are thoughtful and the columnists, Mary Biehn, and Bill Smiley, a delight to read.

Most valued, however, of the Herald's attributes is its policy of generous omissions. When a family is in trouble of any kind, gossip is inevitable and must be endured, but newspaper publicity is much harder to outlive. Anyone who fails to see what benefit is served by the paper withholding names of people involved in criminal offences must have had a singularly trouble-free existence! Thank goodness the "freedom of the press" includes the right to omit!

— Sheila R. Lambert

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#### JOINS LEADERS IN PRAYER

Mayor Wheldon Emerson will attend an Ontario Leadership prayer breakfast in Toronto on April 6th.

The invitation, extended by Prime Minister Roberts, was received by council last week, and the mayor delegated to attend as Georgetown's representative.

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