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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### It Wasn't Us

Many readers were confused last week when the Herald made its accustomed Thursday morning appearance a few hours late.

While it was a strike that caused this, the Herald was only indirectly involved.

As many know, the composition of the newspaper is done in the Georgetown shop, then this is 'matted' and sent to the Brampton Times for final printing. A strike in the press room there, delayed printing until the small hours of the morning, rather than the usual Wednesday night, and it was not possible to get the papers back to Georgetown for early distribution to carrier boys and girls, and for mailing on the rural routes.

To add to the confusion, a threatened rail strike took some of the blame for the mail delay.

On Friday, everything was back to normal. The Brampton pressmen had solved their problems with management, and this week, unless trouble erupts at the post office, we will be on the usual schedule.

### Rapidly Urbanizing

A Sunday drive, our first of this season, pointed out how rapidly this district is urbanizing.

Wherever we went on country roads, we found the front portion of farms blossoming with new houses, many quite elaborate, architect-designed structures.

The Terra Cotta, Erin, Glen Williams area particularly appeals to city people in search of country living. Beautifully rolling land, wooded, with birds and small wildlife in abundance has a terrific appeal.

The 6th Line this side of Limehouse is almost solid with new homes, and the other side of Stewarttown, there are new homes by the score.

Glen Williams has become a town-sized community, though still just a part of

the township, with no political identity. The Hungry Hollow area of east Georgetown is a new town by itself, with hundreds of beautiful new homes.

We noticed a new road being cut into the woods on one side of Princess Anne Drive, then continued on to investigate the fine new apartments soon to be occupied by some of our more senior citizens. There will be a brisk demand for these, no doubt.

While amazed at how fast our countryside is filling up with people, again we marvelled at how nature has endowed this little corner of Ontario with almost every type of topography. We can enjoy a drive every Sunday and never travel more than a dozen or so miles from Georgetown.

### Housing Pressing Problem

While people today have an admittedly higher standard of living than that of twenty years ago, it isn't all roses.

Inflated costs, whether buying or renting, have reached near tragic proportions in this part of Ontario at least.

We have reached the stage where the average man is unable to secure any sort of home unless his income is supplemented by a working wife or children.

With the fairly average house selling in the \$25,000 bracket, rentals soaring to \$150 or more for a house, it puts many people in a precarious state. If they are forced to buy, interest rates, if they can borrow the money, impose a crippling burden. If they count on a double income, and a wife cannot continue to work, suddenly a family finds itself behind the eight ball.

Our government doesn't seem to have any answers, and certainly we don't.

The only observation we can offer is a more or less negative one.

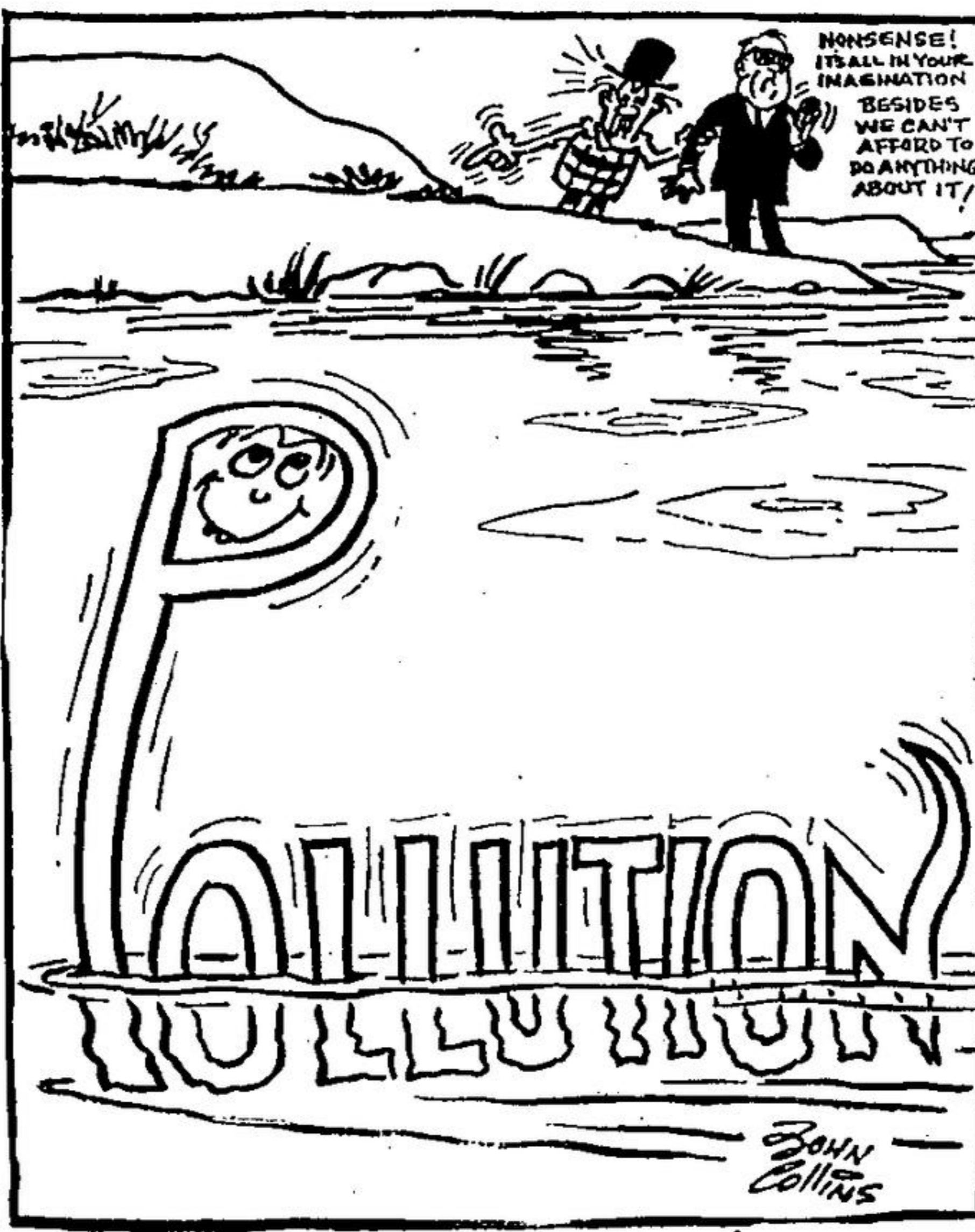
This is, that today not many people are willing to make enough sacrifice to save enough money for a down payment on their home. Granted, today the sacrifices may be too much to attempt.

Perhaps a word of explanation is in order, as we do from time to time, to explain to readers just how our publishing schedule works.

While the Herald is datelined Thursday, it is actually printed Wednesday evening and brought back to town that night. Neighbourhood stores which are still open, begin selling it that night, so a small proportion of people get their news early. Bundles for carriers are distributed that night, and most of the carriers make their deliveries before school on Thursday mornings.

And at the office, we manage to mail early enough to catch the rural routes and some of the nearby areas. The rest of the mail list is delivered to the post office by noon hour.

Eager beavers looking for rentals that get a head start Wednesday night when the paper gets here in reasonable time, but we don't guarantee it. It's not a perfect system, but the best we can do.



OUR LOCH NESS MONSTER

### IN THE MAIL BAG

#### Favor MacKay Report—Gives Spiritual Truth

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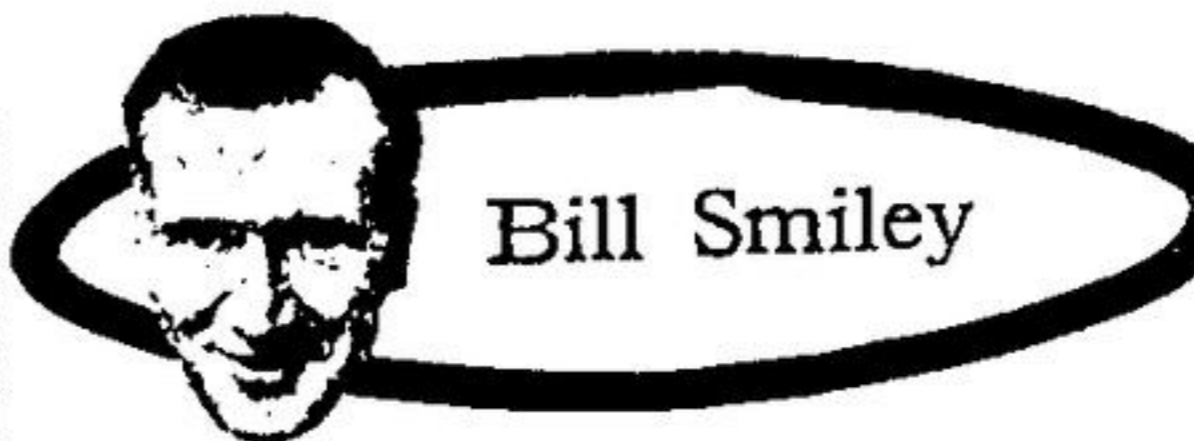
We have followed with great interest the various letters submitted to "In the Mailbag" which dealt with religious education in the schools. It is encouraging to note, whether or not one agrees with the various statements made, that individuals are concerned and interested enough in the matter to take the time to put forward their comments. The decisions reached with regard to the implementation of the MacKay Report should mirror the informed views of as many people as possible, and any communication which leads to an expression of these views must be helpful to those in whose hands such action rests.

A careful reading of the MacKay Report can only lead to the conclusion that its main concern is to ensure that our children are taught the basic moral and spiritual truths of Christianity as well as those of the other major religions of the world. To attack the presentation of valid spiritual truths (valid because they have contributed to man's moral and spiritual advancement) because they have not originated solely within the religious context and structure with which we are familiar, would seem somewhat like throwing out the baby with the bathwater.

Many of today's youth, searching for a meaning to life, aware of the failure of our society and our institutions to provide the answers to today's problems, groping for true values and spiritual insights, are the products of a culture which does not reflect in its educational, political, and economic structure, the moral values of Christianity, or any of the other world religions. Can they but benefit from an introduction into the classroom of teachings which call and challenge them to a higher standard of behaviour, a greater understanding of the purpose of their creation, and a concern for their fellow man?

Baha'is believe that Baha'ullah, the fulfillment of all the religions of the past, brought a new spiritual impetus to the world. That His teachings, which include the need for an independent search for truth, a search unfettered by prejudice, custom, and tradition, are a further step in the receipt by mankind through the ages, of the guidance necessary to enable man to mature as an individual and carry forward an ever-advancing civilization. Baha'ullah revealed the blueprint for a spiritually-motivated world society, and in over 350 countries in the world, members of the Baha'i Community, free of prejudices, strive for world peace and unity.

This new Revelation, the fruit upon the tree of religion, would not have been possible without the trunk, branches, leaves and blossoms of the religions of the past. The more we know of them, the more we



Bill Smiley

#### LET'S HAVE SOME SERVICE

I have no sympathy for anyone except the public.

Mail service in this country has gone backwards about 50 years in the past two or three years.

Costs have steadily increased and service has steadily decreased, until we have reached the point where many people would welcome the return of the pony express riders who used to carry the mail through dust and storm and hostile Indians.

Because it is a government monopoly, it is huge, sprawling and utterly inefficient in a modern society. No enterprising private business would put up with the incredible sloppiness of the present postal system. If it did, the public would soon put it out of business.

It's rather a paradox to note that the liquor stores, which used to operate on a five day week, are now open six days, plus Friday evenings, while postal service has been cut to five days and post offices close earlier. Apparently there's more profit in booze than public utilities for government.

And that's what the postal service is, or should be — a public utility. Wouldn't we be in a fine state if hydro power, and the telephone service, and police and fire protection were lopped off on Friday, to recommence Monday — or Tuesday, if there were a federal holiday?

The only people who have benefited from Mr. Kieran's new "efficient" postal service are the telephone and telegraph companies. They're reaping a harvest because big business has practically stopped using the mails.

What's the point of posting an important letter on Wednesday if you know it probably won't be delivered Friday, and therefore will be delivered the following Monday or Tuesday if Monday's a holiday.

It's had enough to drive a businessman to apoplexy, but it's just as frustrating, on a more personal basis, to the ordinary citizen.

Our daughter lives in the city, 90 miles away. She does not have a phone. If we write

practice religion in any size, shape or form, the more we are able to contribute to world unity, world peace, and world brotherhood.

We cannot afford, in a world which desperately needs, despite its material advancement, the qualities of tolerance, understanding, and good will, to reject our children, a Report which suggests the implementation of the teaching of spiritual truths in the schools.

Mrs. S. B. Moore  
Baha'is of Halton County

her on Monday, she gets the letter Thursday or Friday. If there's something urgent, and we write Wednesday, there's no guarantee she'll get it that week.

So send her a wire! Suppose she's not at home. She doesn't get the telegram until next day, or the next. If I were to drop dead, she might find out about it a week after the funeral. It wouldn't bother me. In that condition, but it might upset her a bit.

Today I checked at the local post office. Three mails a day, get out. If I send a letter to my southwest for 200 miles, southwest for 120 miles, southwest, here's the procedure. It goes due east for 35 miles, then west then northwest for 120 miles. The shortest distance between two points is a triangle, in post office math.

There is a good sized town, three miles away. A letter sent from there can, and usually does, take two days to get here. You could walk it in 45 minutes. Paradoxically, a colleague of mine writes his mother in England, and she gets the letter within 36 hours. If this is efficiency I'm all turned around somehow.

Granted, the postal workers were underpaid for years, though I'll witness that they were not overworked. I was employed in a post office during the Christmas rush and nobody was rushing that much.

Pay them a decent wage, give them decent working conditions, but let's have some blasted service. If the P. O. runs at a loss, pay it.

The CBC and the CNR are heavily subsidized, and there aren't too many squawks. Millions and millions are thrown down the drain on such flourishes as the aircraft carrier Bonaventure, and shrugged off. How about delivering the mail on time!

#### DID YOU KNOW?

The Mountain Avenis is the floral emblem of the Northwest Territories.

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#### Development Design Discussions Start

First in a series of discussions on 'Design for Development' Toronto-centred region, has been announced by Central Ontario Regional Development Council. First meeting in Brampton

next Wednesday will receive suggestions from the town, organizations and individuals, with emphasis on ways and means of implementation.

When the government presented the report in April, Prime Minister Robarts requested dialogue immediately with people responsible for local decisions in the region.

## NEWS ECHOES

From the Heralds of 10, 20 and 30 Years Ago

1960

● Lt.-Col. Gordon Brown has resigned as secretary of the Georgetown High School District Board. Col. Brown, who threatened to resign if the board favoured assisting financially teachers taking specialist courses at a previous meeting made it official Tuesday night when he announced it before the board. The action came after a heated debate which ended when Col. Brown scribed resignation on the spot, placed it before chairman Fred Masterman, a proponent of the idea, and left the room. His opposition found support from vice-chairman Clarence Anderson, Esquimes representative on the board.

● Marking sixty years in business in Georgetown and Acton, the local J. B. Mackenzie and Son Ltd. firm, held open house on Friday and Saturday.

1950

● Georgetown property owners voted 3 1/2 to 1 on Monday for the building and auxiliary public school. Final returns showed a vote of 303 in favour of the new school and 82 opposed.

● Father Clovis Beauregard who operated Notre Dame de Beauregard on the 8th Line of Esquimes, just south of town, died suddenly of a heart attack while driving in Quebec on Saturday. His car was then in collision with another automobile and the occupants of the other car were seriously injured. The tragedy occurred near St. Jean Port Joli.

● Mr. and Mrs. Horace Coleman are the new proprietors of the former Steamer's Inn, Main Street restaurant and bus depot. They took over ownership last week from Wheldon Emmerson. The name of the restaurant will be changed to the Rose Bar Grill.

1940

● In response to the recruiting posters which appeared throughout Halton County last weekend, it is reported that over 200 young men signified their willingness to seek active service with Canada's army.

● Mrs. Laura Scott was one of the first prize winners in the recent Convoy Contest conducted by the Toronto Globe and Mail. Top score for the 24 games was 29,976.

● Locating in the office where the late Dr. B. Gollop practiced and, afterwards Dr. J. E. Jackson, Dr. Clifford Reid has started to practice dentistry in Georgetown. Dr. Reid comes from Toronto where he had an office on Yonge Street near Gerrard since graduating from Dental College in 1922.

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## Investigator Will Screen Status Manor Applicants

The financial status of future applicants to the Halton Centennial Manor will be screened by an investigator before being accepted by the county home for the aged.

Last Tuesday afternoon, the County Council gave its approval to the hiring of an investigator to check into the background of all applicants. The approval was given over an objection raised by Oakville's Deputy Reeve, Brian Gillies.

#### ONE DISSEITER

"Now isn't the time to expand. If anything, we should tighten the reins," he added.

"We should try to get the best service for our money now."

Georgetown's new W. Hunter Council an investigator for the manor has been needed for some time.

"The staff at the manor does not have the time to investigate the financial status of every applicant and sometimes

we're led down the garden path." He cited an example of an applicant whose case came before the manor board.

#### OWNED PROPERTY

"He was applying as being destitute, but we learned from someone who knew him that he had sold two valuable pieces of property to his sons at a dollar apiece. We told the sons they would have to support him if he was to stay." Under present rules, a destitute person can stay in the manor at the county's expense.

Acton's Reeve, Dr. F. G. Oakes, told of a similar case in which a couple who had been living in the manor, grew tired of the life there, and left.

#### SUBSTANTIAL REVENUE

"It wasn't until later we learned they had a valuable piece of property which was bringing in a substantial revenue that we had no idea they were getting," he stated.

David Coons, Burlington's Deputy Reeve, sided with Deputy Reeve Gillies, telling the council they were still using taxpayers' money and council has a responsibility to cut wherever possible. He said he did not oppose the hiring, but hoped council would wait before making a final decision.

#### BANKING COSTS

The high cost of banking the manor resident's available funds came under fire during the discussions, with some county councillors wondering whether the cost of administering the money deposited in a county trust company, could be cut by keeping the money at the manor. A bonded member of the staff would be responsible for the money, he suggested. No action was taken.

Reeve Hunter, after the meeting, stated that it costs about \$250 per resident to administer whatever savings they have deposited.