

EDITORIAL COMMENT

MP Seeks Opinions

Rud Whiting, M.P. is seeking opinion of Halton County residents on their reaction to the LeDain report on the non-medical use of drugs.

Last week, he asked residents to write their views to him. Letters can be addressed either to his Oakville home, 248 Riverside Drive, or directly to the Parliament Buildings, Ottawa.

By now, anyone who reads The Herald editorials will know where we stand on the subject.

We have nothing but alarm for a government appointed commission which comes up with the theory that people should be educated about what can happen if they use drugs, then allowed to do as they please.

It could be likened to a study of highway safety.

A commission could recommend that every driver be told the dangers of driving a hundred mile an hour. Once warned it would then be recommended that we have no speed limits.

The freedom of choice theory has already spread too far in today's society. We are so prone to labelling anyone who stands for discipline, restraint, a moral code, as conservative, a Puritan, a member of the 'establishment' that we are on the threshold of exchanging a pretty good way of life for a free-swinging, primitive society from which it has taken generations to emerge.

The excesses of the huge rock festivals are warning enough of what could be. Thinking men and women should make it a point to give Mr. Whiting their views.

Recreation Director Starts

While The Herald has been critical about plans to hire a recreational director, now that this has come about, we don't intend to carry on a vendetta against Mr. Doug Collison who started his duties this week.

On the contrary, we will do everything we can to boost.

Actually, The Herald never said that it was against a director, period.

We favoured the new Recreation Committee continuing along former paths for a year or two, consolidating its position with the eventual aim of engaging a director. Perhaps we were speaking without

enough knowledge. Those more intimately engaged in recreation work tell us that, without a director, the job is too much to cope with.

Mr. Collison has an interesting and challenging task. He must show progress, while not attempting to revolutionize things overnight. He must count on many volunteers to continue, as they do today, to lend their talents to the various phases of organized recreation.

We assure him and the Recreation Committee, that the Herald is behind the plan and will give every assistance possible.

Loss To The Community

Sudden death of David Bowman removes a resident who played an active role in the community.

Particularly will he be missed in the Legion branch where he gave generously of his time and ability. He had served as president of the local branch. The Remembrance day parade was always well conducted through his work as parade marshal. And as service officer, he worked diligently for war veterans and their problems. He had been a member and was presently chairman of the public library board,

and during his terms with the board, he shared credit for building renovations and well stocked shelves which make our library second to none.

One of many army volunteers in World War II, his devotion to duty earned him the coveted Military Medal during overseas service in Holland.

Mr. Bowman will be missed, not only by his wife and family, but by dozens of other Georgetowners. He served his country and his community well, and left it a better place than he found it.

Studying 'Killer Strip' Claim Curves Bad Design

The Ontario Provincial Police has told Nassagaweya Deputy Reeve Gordon Agnew that it wants to study the design of the Hwy. 401 'killer strip' between Campbellville and Milton.

Agnew said last week that his motion passed by Nassagaweya council, urging that the strip be made safe, may be the spark which gives the OPP its chance to start a formal study.

OPP officers are limited now to off-the-record comments that the road is not banked properly.

DONE NOTHING
Agnew said the OPP conducted investigations following 4 car crash deaths there two weeks ago but the results were classified.

Nassagaweya council decided last week to send a letter to the provincial department of highways asking them what they had done about the strip.

"They've done nothing," — Reeve Anne MacArthur muttered.

POST WARNINGS
She said one thing they could do immediately is post warnings. She suggested erecting crosses along the road, one for each death.

Agnew facetiously urged 'big signs saying, "You Are Now Approaching Killer Strip — Caution Slow Down."

The driver's attention may be diverted by Kelso Lake or by the Mohawk Raceway sign, especially at night, thought Agnew. "This is why it's so important to check the engineering of the road," he said, "so we can see if these indirect matters are more important or if it's the actual roadway."

NO WORD
"Nobody's sure of the engineer's reactions to all this," Agnew pointed out. "No one's heard from him."

The series of curves along the four mile stretch between Third and Seventh lines in Nassagaweya Twp. has been responsible for 60 per cent of all fatalities in Halton county, said Agnew.

Outline Sheridan Courses, Recreation in Brochure

For the first time in Halton County, a common brochure containing Sheridan College Education courses and recreation programs in Halton will be available to the public.

The information contained in the publication was compiled by Sheridan College, Halton County Board of Education, Oakville Parks and Recreation Dept. and Burlington Parks & Recreation Dept.

COMPLETE PACKAGE
To inform Halton county residents of what is going on in their community, the publication will include a complete educational and recreational package made up of course and program listings for fall.

The brochure will be approximately 8-12 pages published in tabloid newspaper form. The cover was designed in Oakville by Sheridan's Graphic Designer, Larry Williamson.

DELIVERED
During the first week of September, the brochure will be delivered to approximately 53,000 homes in Burlington, Oakville, Milton, Campbellville, Georgetown, Acton, Hornby and Moffat.

People are requested to retain the brochure for future reference. Registration for the courses and programs outlined in the booklet will be taken the third week in September, however, advance registrations will be accepted.

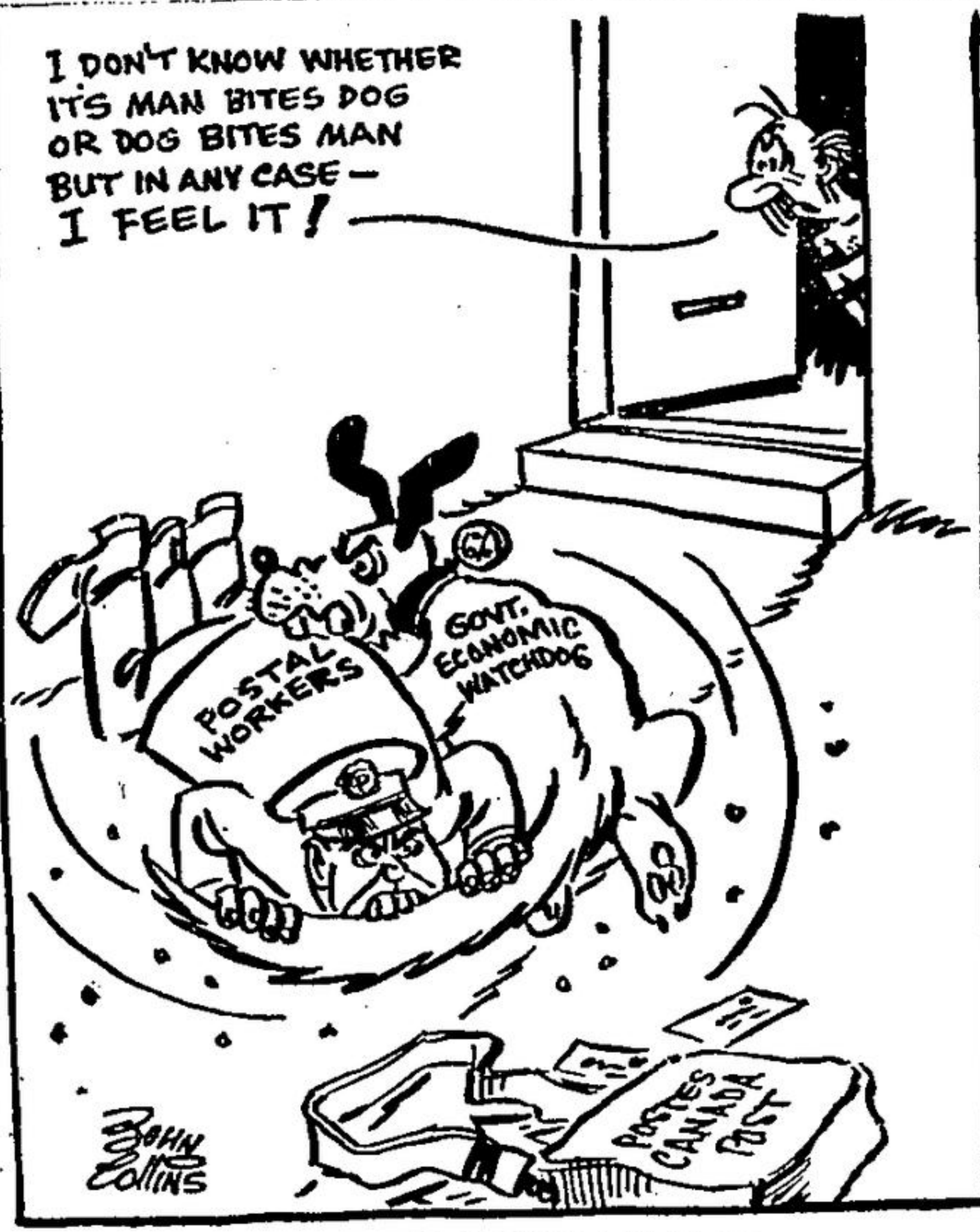
The publication is expected to be revised two or three times a year in order to help familiarize Halton County residents with courses and activities available in their area.

"The curves have not been properly designed," he said. "At the site of the last accident the south elevations on both strips are too low. It should be raised and banked the right way. Now, if anything, it's banked to be outside."

General Wrinch said that \$8,500 of this gift will go to West Pakistan where ten Red Cross relief teams are operating milk stations and conducting an anti-epidemic campaign.

He said that already four million people have been affected by the floods and landslides and there is an urgent need for food and medicine.

In Nepal, where \$3,500 of the money will go, 20,000 people have been left homeless and



ROUND AND ROUND THEY GO

Report McKeough Receptive To Keeping Burlington Here

Municipal affairs minister Darcy McKeough is more agreeable than ever on the need to keep Burlington within a Halton or Peel-Halton regional government, Warden Allan Day said this week.

Day led a contingent of Halton municipal and education officials which met with McKeough at Queen's Park Wednesday afternoon for nearly a half hour.

The group also included Jim Snow, Halton East MPP. "McKeough has always argued in the past," Day said, "but today he listened and seemed to be receptive."

Red Cross to Rescue in Pakistan, Yemen Troubles

To aid the victims of floods, landslides in East Pakistan, and Nepal and of near starvation from prolonged drought in the Arab Republic of Yemen, the Canadian Red Cross recently rushed \$17,000 to help ease the situation, stated Major General Arthur E. Wrinch, the Society's national commissioner.

This gift of \$15,000 from the Society as a whole and \$2,000 from Red Cross Youth will be administered by the League of Red Cross Societies in Geneva. He added that more funds are needed to save lives in these tragic disasters and he hoped they might be contributed by the Canadian people.

Once the major grain and livestock suppliers for the Arab Peninsula, he said, Yemen is now forced to import much of its food. The poorer farmers, many of whom are too proud to ask for help, are menaced with famine according to C. Stanisis, who has just returned to Geneva from a survey mission in the country. The \$5,000 gift from the Canadian Red Cross will help the Yemen Arab Republic Red Cross Society assist the victims of the drought in the overall emergency relief program.

The Arab Republic of Yemen still reeling from the effects of eight years of war only recently ended, now has two million people on the verge of starvation because of prolonged drought, said General Wrinch.

Concerning education the Halton group's report said:

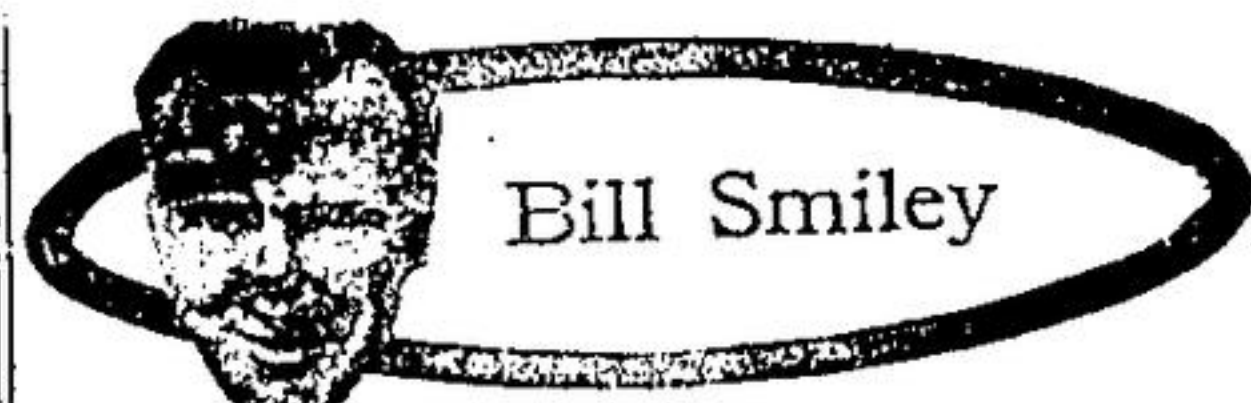
NEWS ECHOES

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

1960
● North Halton Association for Retarded Children are now planning a new school to serve Georgetown, Acton, Milton and surrounding areas. Representatives of the Association from all areas have agreed one good school centrally located to serve all three towns and areas would be an ideal arrangement. The building committee is looking for a site in the Hornby - Ashgrove area on the 7th Line or in the Speyside area on Hwy. 25.

1950
● The railway strike has caused sharp adjustments in mail service. Letters only are being accepted for despatch to points other than those in the immediate vicinity. No parcels or papers will be delivered except those posted here which are destined for Georgetown or its rural routes, Glen Williams, Terra Cotta, Cheltenham, Limehouse, and Hornby.

● One of the worst accidents in years to take place in this district took place late Saturday afternoon on the Silvercreek hill. An eastbound Hudson automobile driven by Eldon Baechler, 22, of Kitchener, crashed almost head-on into a westbound Gray Coach Lines Bus. Baechler was instantly killed and a passenger, Leonard Brown, 17, of Kitchener, seriously injured. He was rushed to Guelph General Hospital with both arms broken, a broken jaw, cuts and shock.



EVIL OMENS CASTING A SPELL

This summer I feel distinctly worms and minnows, perfect that some malicious witch or time of evening, and a top spot warlock has put a curse on me. Don't ask me why. I ain't done nothin' to nobody.

There's been nothing serious or tragic. Just a lot of little things that seem to wind up spelling hex. Why, for example, should there be a huge wasp's nest in the middle of my hedge, when the filthy little brutes have never built there before? Why should I trip over a silver dollar out of my chin, and sprain my thumb trying to save myself? Why should my waist-line suddenly leap from 31 to a snug 32? Why should my daughter fall in love with a guy of whom she says "I wouldn't marry him if he were the last man in the world?"

But it's not just what happened to me. I seem to be carrying the spell around with me, and am beginning to feel like a Jonah. Went to a delightful party. Everyone was pleasant. Except that a couple of 200 pounders wound up in a state of deep umbrage. That's a sort of purple. One had told the other during a discussion of exercise, logging and waistlines, that he was "just a big, fat pig." Not nice. But why was I the only male left to keep them from coming to carnage? — All 140 pounds of me.

Went sailing with friends on a perfect summer day. Why did a terrific storm come out of nowhere? Because I was on board. I'm sure of it.

Last Sunday, went out as crew with a friend who races his sailboat. He didn't figure on winning, with a crewman who doesn't know a luff from a larboard. But he also didn't figure on winding up two miles behind every other boat, including one he beats regularly. We hit every patch of dead calm in the bay, while the other boats invariably caught a breeze which would vanish by the time we got there. Why?

Another friend invited me for a day's fishing. Came the day, ideal for fishing. Came also a phone call saying he'd put a rod through his crankshaft, or something equally horrible, and his motor was ruined. You think that was just coincidence?

The other night I did go fishing with my brother-in-law. Good boat, good motor, lots of

These are just a few incidents from a catalogue as long as your leg. But I'm beginning to think that whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad. And I'm getting mad. I can put up with my normal stupidity. Like a dinner from the revenue people for a \$65 fine. Or going out to put our suitcases in the trunk of the car and finding it full of elm blocks for the fireplace which my father-in-law had given me last spring, and having to unload them in the heat and my brand new sport shirt. Or having the cat claw me about the head and shoulders on three separate occasions, because she doesn't like driving in a car. That was my wife's stupidity.

But I can't help feeling that there's something sinister, some kind of a trend, in all the other little "accidents." Somebody out there is trying to get me. Today I'm convinced of it. Woke up with violent stomach cramps that turn me into a white, sweating wretch about every twenty minutes. Ate and drank the same things last night as the others in the house. Why should I be the only one to wind up with dire rear. Why?

BRIDGE CLUB
With thirteen tables of players last week, Georgetown duplicate bridge club kept up its record of activities for the summer season.

North - South winners: 1st: Bob Dickson, R. Gibson; 2nd: Olive Logan, Mrs. Art Norris; 3rd: Art Norris, Helen Fleming; 4th: Mrs. Bob Barber, Mrs. M. E. Servus.

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