

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Times Have Changed

Youngsters who think today's adults are too square would be amazed if they looked back in the Herald files a couple of decades to see what a change there has been.

An editorial in which we expressed the thought that beer and liquor should be advertised brought mail bag letters from members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and others, chiding us for our views. One writer likened us to Ralph the Rover in a popular school poem, The In-cape Rock. (Ralph was a pirate who moved

the warning bell so ships would founder on the rock.)

Another time when we suggested that sports should be legal on Sundays drew a stern admonition from the ministerial association.

Criticism of a politician of the day got us into hot water fast with an anonymous writer who said we should tend to the business of writing news and leave politics to the experts.

Yes, things have moved very fast in a generation.

### A Real Day of Rest

Last week, the Herald carried a story on a new off-track betting shop just opened in town. And an advertisement for a beer garden festival, which has become a popular way to raise service club funds. Sunday hockey and baseball games have become common, golf courses are full that day, beaches crowded.

Believe it or not, kids, it is a different world.

While we don't necessarily agree with dropping all the restrictions which made Sunday a day of rest, we certainly are happy we didn't grow up in our parents' day.

At the turn of the century, the puritan ethic, so disparaged today, was in full force, particularly among those in the pro-

testant faith.

When mother was a child, the sabbath was strictly observed.

One could read only a religious book, take a walk for health reasons only. In our grandmother's house, the piano lid was closed on Sunday. We can remember one Sunday when we were visiting, grandma made her own concession to change. She told us we could play some hymns on the piano.

As a teenager at the Beach, the Methodists still stuck to their guns. The Presbyterians allowed their children to go swimming and play a game of euchre. These were verboten to the Methodists until church union leavened their philosophy.

### A Meeting to Attend

We lived in a border city and Sundays across the river was the temptation of movies. We sneaked across to one, and carried our guilty secret for some time. Then mother shocked us. She had visited a friend in the States for the week-end and they went to a Sunday show.

There was a reason in those days for a Sunday rest, of course.

Men worked a 60 hour or longer week. Women had many more household chores and few of the amenities of today's electric age. They needed their Sundays to recharge batteries.

Today there is not that need. The 5 day working week gives plenty of time for relaxation. On Sunday people are ready for a change, which doesn't have to be a physical rest.

The Meet the Candidates night next

Monday, sponsored by the Jaycees should be a must on the list of every Georgetown resident interested in municipal affairs.

Voters have some opportunity during the year to evaluate a councillor's job by reading items of council news. New candidates, except through mail bag letters, or an appearance at council to discuss a specific issue, are politically unknown.

Monday you will have an opportunity to listen to everyone, make your own judgment on who you want for the top council offices and for councillors in your ward, water commission and other offices up for election.

The Jaycees are to be commended for this public service.

It is helpful to both candidates and voters to provide a public forum where everyone is on an equal basis and has the opportunity to put their story across.



FAMOUS LAST WORDS

### Says Many Arguments Rule Out Fluoride

R. R. 1, Acton,

Dear Sir:  
Before voting on fluoridation each citizen should seriously consider the following:

(1) The long term effects of fluorides on general health. If fluoride hardens tooth enamel it must reach other parts of the body. How will it affect bones, the digestive system, heart or lungs? What will the results of a 40 year build up of fluoride be? Long term effects of continued consumption of sodium fluoride are unknown.

(2) Sodium fluoride used to fluoridate water is 85 times as toxic as calcium fluoride which occurs naturally in some water.

Fluorides inhibit enzyme action in the body. As well as hardening tooth enamel fluorides sometimes cause permanent brown stains on teeth.

(3) Should public water supplies be used for medication? Vitamin tablets containing fluoride require a prescription. Should a prescription drug be added to everyone's water?

(4) The intake of sodium fluoride is uncontrollable. Although added to the water source at one part per million, it is impossible to control the amount an individual receives each day. This depends on the amount of water and food processed with fluoridated water consumed.

Children drinking mostly milk and juice receive little, while adults drinking tea or coffee receive the most.

(5) Accepted products and procedures found harmful in some circumstances.

(a) The artificial sweetener cyclamate was found harmful to lab animals.

(b) Smoking has been linked to lung and heart disease.

(c) Radiation from X-ray was found to affect the genes in the body. Precautions are now taken in the use of X-ray.

(d) Thalidomide, the safe sleeping pill caused deformed limbs in unborn children.

What will be next?

(6) Pollution

How quickly are fluorides building up in the lakes and rivers as fluoridated water flows in from sewage systems?

We used DDT without realizing residue was building up in soil and water.

Phosphates fertilized algae which in turn used up oxygen in the lakes.

Mercury build-up has resulted in an unsafe mercury content in fish in some areas.

Remember "Air of Death" the CBC production about air pollution including air born fluorides?

Are the lakes and their products being tested for fluoride build-up?

(7) Alternatives to water pollution: (a) Fluoride application to the teeth by a dentist. (b) Supervised brushing with spe-

cial fluoride toothpaste, (free at clinics) (c) Vitamin preparations containing fluoride available on prescription. (d) Fluoride preparations to add to home water supply.

In view of recent findings about pollution any step with such widespread effects as the addition of a chemical of doubtful safety to the public water supply is unwise.

There are simple, safer and probably more efficient alternatives for those wishing fluorides.

As they say about foods "If in doubt throw it out."

(Mrs.) Marjorie L. Still

### Stop Criticizing Show Some Love

36 Shelley Street

Dear Mr. Editor:  
After reading your editorial comments over a period of time I have developed an odious attitude towards your constant criticism of the people in this town and elsewhere whose lifestyles, differ from yours.

I feel it is about time that you switch your line of thought to some more constructive writing such as, informing the public on the slow putrefaction of our environmental and ecological conditions and how we can help better them, trying to understand your young, encouraging them to discuss their thoughts and ideas, not to oppress them. How can we begin to try and understand your ideas and morals if you won't try and understand ours. This is not the American South but Canada. It's time we stop this contention and show a little love for each other. Sure some of our ideas may only be applicable in a Utopian Society, but we have dreams of our future just as you did. This could well be the age of aquarius or the age of anarchy, only we the free people can determine which.

Love and Peace  
Manfred Janssen

### TRUTH?

When I feel fear of the H bomb, atomic war, nuclear explosions, I realize for every condition we have a reason, an alternate without birth we could not experience death, without wealth we could not experience poverty, without sorrow we could not experience happiness, without health we could not experience illness.

The ultimate truth is that the fallacy is in the goal we strive for, you see without war we could not experience peace.

by Jeanette Gray

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## NEWS ECHOES

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

1960

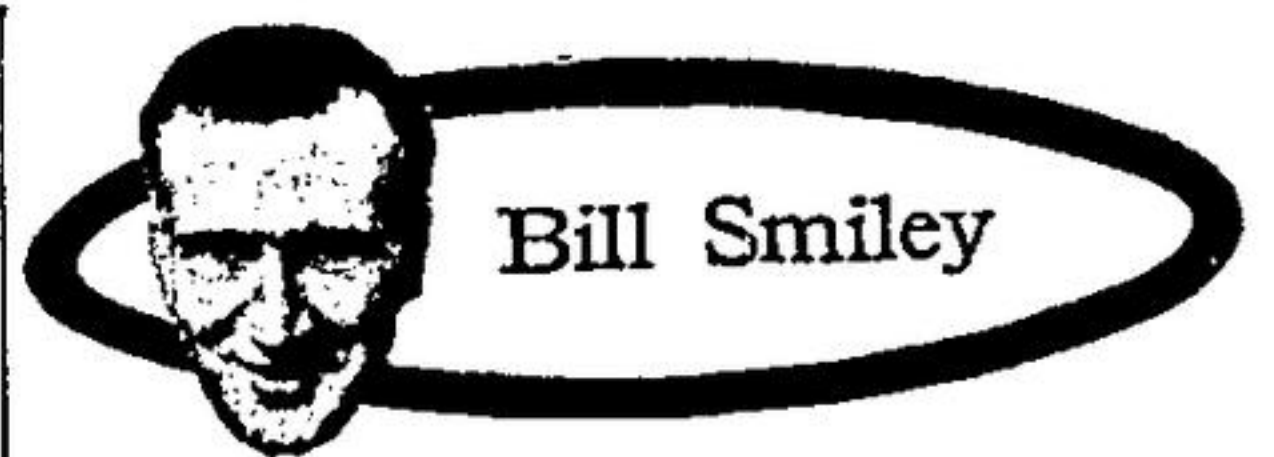
Twenty-one candidates are seeking office in the municipal elections this year. Candidates for mayor are Eric Beard and Ern Hyde; for reeve Walter Gray, Doug Sargent; for deputy-reeve Jack Critchlow, John Elliott, Fred Harrison; for council Don Barrager, Jim Brown, Bob Burke, Ian Cass, Rex Cook, Jim Emmerson, John Henley, William Hunter, and Bill Richmond; for school board Bert Classen, Stan Finlay, Bob McNeilly, Don Powers and Ray Salter.

1950

Teachers in the high schools at Georgetown, Acton and Millon have asked for a salary adjustment in January. The request was made by a delegation representing the teachers at a meeting of the North Halton High School District Board. The teachers have asked the minimum salary be raised from \$2100, and the maximum from \$3500 to \$3800.

1940

The annual commencement exercises of the Georgetown High School were held at the Gregory Theatre last night. R. B. Foulis, chairman of the high school board, was chairman for the evening. Graduation diplomas were presented to Jean Frances Allingham, Margaret Bartlett, Delmer Stanley Beaumont, William Joseph Cummins, Mae Winnifred Deans, Marjorie Bernice Harris, Olive MacDonald, Jocelyn Alfrede McCartney, Verna Clare McIntock, Olive Joy Ruddell, William Douglas Sargent, Susie Joanna Shorill, Helen Louise Williams, James Francis Ruddell.



Bill Smiley

### Proposes New Marriage Vows

Young people of today, as we all know, don't want to do anything the way their elders did it. This includes getting married.

Most still stick to the traditional service, but many modern wedding ceremonies are completely different from the time-honored and time-worn ceremony that most of us endured.

Nowadays, instead of hearing the organ triumphantly booming 'Here Comes The Bride', you may be startled, but should not be surprised, to hear somebody belting out 'Hey, Jude'—with guitar accompaniment.

Instead of the comforting, traditional and often anachronistic passages in the orthodox ceremony, you may hear an erotic poem by Leonard Cohen.

Any day now, you'll see the men lined up to kiss the groom on both cheeks and shake hands with the bride.

In many ways, I agree with the trend. I had the devil's own time with my wife before our nuptial vows were finally nullified.

She wanted the 'obey' deleted from the phrase, 'love honor and obey,' and fought me right up to the altar, where she muttered it only to avoid a scene. And, of course, she has never obeyed me since.

Another bit that got her back up was, 'With my body I thee honor,' spoken by the groom only. She took it the wrong way, and thought it a wrong example of male vanity.

'In sickness and in health' is another howler that could be jettisoned. When I'm practically dying with the flu, she has less sympathy than she would have for a rattlesnake making its death rattle. And if there's anything I can't stand, it's having a sick wife malingering around the place and not getting the meals.

The last bit of farce at our wedding was when the preacher, being a little coy, looked at me and asked: 'Would you care to salute the bride?' It was an Anglican ceremony and I was a bit at sea, anyway. In addition, I was just out of the air force, where 'salute' meant just that.

I gawked at him as he repeated the question. 'Well,' I thought, 'this is the way these Anglicans do it. O.K.' made a smart left turn and was about

to whip up a snappy salute, when my bride, who knew the damn fool was telling me to kiss her, solved the situation by grabbing me around the neck and kissing me. It was a beautiful kiss. I got a mouthful of veil and that's about all.

But with my personal experience, and in view of the divorce rate today, I'd go further than the modern kids do. Not only would I bring the service up to date, I'd insist on an air tight contract to be signed by both parties before they swore to anything.

There's not nearly enough space here to set out the contract in full, but I'll give you a sketch, and you can fill in the flesh.

ITEM: If either party suffered from cold feet, he or she will refer to a hot water bottle, rather than shock treatment to the party of the second part.

ITEM: It will clearly be understood who is to put out the garbage, who will get up to close the window, who will get up to shut up the baby, who will get the car on opening day of the trout season.

ITEM: Neither partner shall spend more than ten minutes during each 24 hours telling the other partner what a hell of a day he/she had at work/home.

ITEM: She will not say, more than once a week: 'You never say you love me anymore.' And he will refrain from replying: 'Certainly I love you; now will you quit bugging me about it?'

ITEM: Neither party will promise the kids something ridiculous, then confront the partner with a fait accompli.

ITEM: The male partner may invite anyone for a drink or dinner regardless of hair curlers, 'the house is a mess', there is not a thing in the house to eat, or 'you might have a little consideration for me.'

ITEM: Males will refrain from shouting violently, 'Why is there never any peace around here?' Females will not hit, except in the clinches. (I have scars.)

Carry on chaps, I've just begun. There's money, jealousy, nagging, back-seat driving, deprecating. There have been far too many books written about sex and marriage. Let's get down to the realities.

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## - In The Mail Bag -

### 'Freeze' Order Leaves This Farmer in Precarious Spot

R. R. 3, Georgetown  
Dear Sir:  
Would you please include this letter, which I have sent to Prime Minister John Roberts in your Mail Bag.

Dear Mr. Roberts:  
I notice in a recent newspaper article that the Hon. Donald Jamieson, Minister of Transport, wishes to freeze many thousands of acres of Ontario farmland. It is bad enough to have your land expropriated but if a government agency freezes such huge tracts of land, the hardships placed upon the many land owners are much worse than expropriation.

I will try to set out below a few of the problems involved.

There is a very large number of farmers at the stage of life when they wish to sell their farms and retire. If a prospective purchaser knew the government was contemplating the expropriation of their land for an airport, they would certainly not buy it.

The proposed public hearings after the land freeze, I feel are merely a delaying tactic which will take some years and probably, at the best, a public decision will not be made on this matter until after the next federal election.

If I am not mistaken, the Minister, not too long ago, promised a decision on the location of the airport by early fall of 1970 — this date is already past. In the meantime, farmers in these areas who wish to continue farming and make necessary improvements and capital ex-

penditures will be placed in the uncertain position of not knowing whether they can ever recover these investments.

Whether you wish to continue farming or whether you wish to sell, the result is that you are unable to operate in a sensible businesslike manner. When the final airport location is determined, the people whose farms are expropriated will then have to go through the usual procedure of being offered relatively poor settlements and because of a lengthy land freeze there will not be any recent comparable sales of land to reflect current market values. Government agents will evaluate these properties, in say 1974 or, 1975, on sales that are at least five years old.

Unless a person immediately accepts the government offer, it would probably be another three or four years before any final settlement could be forced up on the government. By that time with the federal government's complete inability to control wages and inflation, we will find that the purchasing power of our final settlement dollars will probably be about 1/2 of their present day value. In the meantime, those of us who wish to remain farming will have been denied the right through lack of funds to reside on anything like a comparable farm. Many of those who wish to retire will probably be in their graves.

The pretext that the federal government is trying to reduce speculation in absolute non-sense, because no businessman, especially a speculator would knowingly tie up his money in land that is going to be expropriated. The cost of money today 10% at the bank and more elsewhere — combined with the unknown length of time involved and only one buyer makes this a shaky proposition. No speculator is that crazy.

The federal government has spent thousands of dollars over the past few years on reports commissioned from private companies plus their own staff reports, trying to establish the most suitable location for an airport in the Toronto area. With all this time and effort, if the best location is not already known, I feel it shows a complete lack of competence not only in the Minister of Transport but also his staff and the consulting firms that he has used. Besides having to pay my share of this cost of investigation through taxation, I am again asked to bear a heavy burden in the freezing of my lands.

I understand that my farm is located on one of the possible airport sites in Halton County — a major portion of Esquesing Township. I believe a second proposed site is in Nassagaweya Township. I am not aware of the locations of the other proposed sites.

As Prime Minister of Ontario, I believe it is your duty to safeguard to the best of your ability the rights of the citizens of Ontario and I trust you will do so.

Yours truly,

R. D. Pinkney

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
There are 124 adult book clubs and 19 for children, according to what appears to be an accurate tabulation. Among some of the lesser known ones: The Accountant's Book Club; The Circuit Design Book Club; The Horsemen's Book Society; and the Gambler's Book Club.