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# EDITORIAL COMMENT

## Retaining the Past

Those who value history will be cheered by a recommendation by Ontario's minister of tourism that officials of the province's major cities examine preservation techniques being used in American cities.

One of these is a new zoning device which enables the owner of a landmark building to realize his potential profit without tearing down the building by permitting him to sell unused development rights to a neighbouring developer who wants to build nearby.

Earlier this year, the department of municipal affairs undertook a study to develop legislation that will assist municipalities in preserving buildings that deserve an enduring place in our heritage.

The news adds hope that Toronto's old city hall, for one, will continue to stand, With the parliament buildings, it is one of the city's finest examples of architecture of its period. The type of building which tourists admire in European capitals, and

## Too Long Away

Return of traffic and criminal court sessions to Georgetown has been too long delayed, and will have general approval among residents, particularly those who have had to travel to Milton for court appearances, many of a manor nature.

Court sittings, twelve miles away, in town which has no radway or nos connections, have been a decided annoyance to everyone concerned.

 It has left the town short of police protection, when officers have been away all day. People charged with offences and by another of the steel and glass monstrosities which are rising all around it. Recently there has been much interest

in preservation( not only of buildings, bu of scenic beauty too.

a real tragerly if it were to be replaced

In Fergus a citizen's group is protesting the demolition of a fine old bank built ding, perhaps the most impressive on that town's main street.

A preservation committee at Terra Cotta is active in opposing demolition of a historic old structure, and in straightening in scenic road which adds to the village's charni.

It is obvious that progress must have its way, too and that is not always possible to let nature's beauty outweigh the necessities of loday's traffic or a private individual's profit.

But too often actions is taken with complete disregard for history and scenic beauty. Government will make a lasting contribution if it acts as a watchdog for future generations.

#### witnesses have been put to unnecessary travel expense, have lost time at work. and many a day's pay. It has cut into a lawyer's work week. And the end result has been delays in court decisions, which

Court will be held in the Masonic pay for those timed wretches Hall on Highway 7 just out of town limits, who scurry to southern, warmwhere adequate facilities are available.

have helped to overcrowd the Millon ag-

Court was dropped here when the municipal building proved inadequate, and Canadian character - the stabno other suitable location appeared to be born, tenucous stupidity. That available.

## Old Brooms Could Sweep Too

Listening to the five major candidates for the Progressive Conservative leadership at last week's convention, we were struck by the fact that if five cabinet minlater had been doing for the past three years what they promise to do in the next four, we would have that much better a

We heard much about participatory democracy, control of poliution, a better deal for senior citizens, las if these were new ideas which only this or that cardidate could make post ble

And as the the we were thinking that all trete promises have been post ble all the time, with the burn powerful politicians in a position to make it so.

We realized, of course, man a man seeking leaders plof this party and his province for the new easer will now become premer) must see something and

The Other Side of

Charles Hildebrandt

WILDERNESS BLIGHT

Inst as the conclusion dawns

on man that the automobile is

remote countryside. It is no lon-

herved by the dtn of engines

In Alaska and the country doc-

tened by speed maniaes and un- tion.

The Snowmobile Coin

hot an unmixed blessing, along fanaties and mental B year olds

R. R. I. Georgetown, pleasures, but must convert

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the use of snowmobiles.

Dear Sir.

Times.

not base his campaign on the way he dresses or the government's past record, for al are in the same boat.

\* But we particularly wondered if polfution is such a serious matter in our prove things warmed up, figuratively smoke curling up like musical ere-silevel, ground, that had ince, if the five candidates have been do. Out of the west came a howl notes from all the commercy been planted with young evering their job in that field.

pollution of air, water and soil, to dire wind child factor temperature of Don't tell me Canada isn't a predictions that the human race is phasing itself out of existence, that it's past time. Somehow, it was all fun. I money to get out, leaders in our province and our dominion got up, looked out the window take action - either to clamp down on the The house was creaking and first Captain Dalton Hud on. so-railed polititers, or to determine that we growning like an arthritic climb retired treat. Lakes, caption are unnecessarily alarmed and set quide, ing a rope ladder. ares are in permit progress without detri- Didn't even put on my long poker, and a deadly followed nier to it dustry.

warreland, there will be no one to care throw me out in that, buddy." who has 'premier' engraved on his tomb. Didn't, Plunged out the back. And he does, in spring he of it, but do you have to wave

ally vague and unenforced.

er and trail conditions.

them at once into instruments. New York State's current reg . I have read last week's resoft destructive power and a mations on snowmobiles are ut drint of an article, favourable to blight on his most tragile sur- terly inadequate. In its excellent roundings. Last winter slone, report on The Future of the Adaccording to an illuminating re- irondack Park the Temporary May I ask you now to publish port just issued by the Conser- Study Commission recommends the much more timely essay, vation Foundation, the snowmer immediate closing of snowmobwhich appeared in the February bile, which may be driven by ile trails in the wilderness areas # issue of the Globe & Mail and an 8 year old as long as he can and a phasing out or reduction originates with the New York see where he is going, claimed of trails in other primitive and 82 lives and injured many times wild lands. That is surely a minthat number. This is not surprise intal step in what Governor Neling since the vehicle, conceived son Rockefeller claims to be his to travel at an average speed of "quest to restore a more livable

#### the worst features to the most 114.5. Other 'sportsmen' have used onment. per necessary to keep to the the snowmobile to chase coyotnation's roads in order to be as- es, deer and moose until they; bailed by gasoline fumes, threa- drop, and often die, of exhaus-

flat country at 50 or 60. Sports this state.

pushed to the point of agony. Thoughtless drivers have whip- When a woman called police areas, ruined ski trails, scatter- cellar, he advised: Intrinsically as innocent as ed wildlife and made existence; the snow it traverses, the motor unbearable for hikers and camdriven sled is useful in rescue pers to whom the wilderness from the basement to the yard jopenations and explorations, a once provided a haven of tran- and wait for the skunk to folthoon alike to the native hunter quility.

fions to sane uses and simple its use and to control its driv- the cellar."

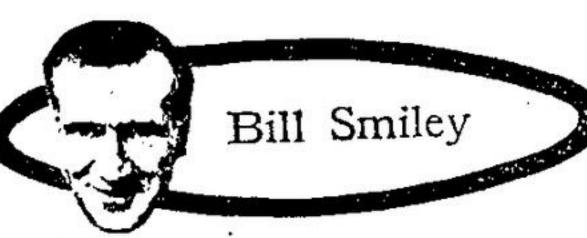
## SMILE!

Now it can all be had in the cd out whole plantings of snow constable Crawford in Owen covered seedlings in forest Sound to report a skunk in her,

"Make a trail of bread crumbs low it outside."

tor in Maine. The trouble, as! Plainly it is not possible to: A little later the woman call nouncement that the lieuten control department. lelways, is that man seems in outlier the snowmobile, but it is ed back. "I did what you told ant-governor had been visiting lespable of confining his invent- despace ely important to limit me. Now I've got two skunks in the county and had declared a





### What A Difference A Day Off Makes

Sometime, I feel nothing but ing day, Friday. er cinnes at the first fall of a day night on the last shot. This doubtedly I will be accused of flake They have beltayed one somewhat made up for loons talking book a subject of of the greatest aspects of the my car keys in the savirting which I know absolutely noth makes the rest of us endure. Things remained on the up- int through the winter.

grand one, and let me hear no old-timer snorting contemptuously that "The winters ain't only set) by a minor miracle. what they used to be."

It started off ordinardy on er succ. This morning it was 1. Thursday, February 4-71 ough a colder than a tax col- 32 below but one of those per Three and ymobiles charging lectors beart. In mid-steek feet winter days, bright sun down a 70 degree slope and acing blazard, winds gusting snow crunching, eyes watering green tives by the Department from 40 to 60 m p.h., snow that lungs backing So much publicity has been given to cut like a razor blade, and a

> and saw nothing but white. I have a triend in his seven ter wheat sill affect to the da He's a salty racontem, a fright

underwear Took a look at the player, But he is living relutacat, whose green eyes haleful from of my last statement. He sometimes 3 and 4 abreast This If Canada societay is to be a moon by threw back, "Just try and could go to Fibrida. door in great spirits and sank pilots a yacht to Florida, comes the flag at 40 mp.h 2 miles to the pavel in snow

Made it to the garage be- in fall, and says, as he stomps Two machines placed outside ers laws to the end are gener cause I knew there'd be no off into a blizzard, pipe clench- local drinking establishment to cabs on the road. The darn car ed "Holy old Hughie" who'd town . These whots think they started. Then the big decision, want to live in Florida in the are responsible when they come What is needed is strict regist. With the eye of a computer I winter, when you can live out. nation and beensing, a severe judged the snowbank, Decided here?" A real Canadian, limit to the sound level and rig- to use the bombing attack. Closid confinement of snowmobiles ed my eyes and sent her backto designated areas at designat, wards at full bore. Wound up pleasant and warming, letter height of last minute weekend ed times under specified weath like a stranded whale: four from Mrs Mary Bellavance of shepping This is an it?" wheels in the air, body sitting lake Lenore, Sask, who claims. These are isolated incidents high and dry on the snowbank. "I still think you take into a covering two days I realize that

> Ind I quit' Not on your life, keep up the good work," A savage, gireful mood took hold of me Shovelled, wept, called upon the Lord in no uncertain turns. Nothing doing, Commandeered two high school IN THE MAIL BAG boys coming by. One had his ---nose frost-bitten right back tohis cheeks. Put how in the car. Appreciates Work of at the controls. We rocked and shavelled and shoved, and made Dog Controller

Crept to school through the 30 miles an hour, skims over environment" to the people of white rage of the storm. Felt Dear Mr. Editor: triumphant. What a peaceful Through your 'Mail Bag' may place. There were 140-odd kids I express my appreciation to comes the snowmobile to spread have pushed the record up to The snowmobile in its meteor. (and they had to be odd to Mr. G. Herrington of the dog ic rise is a threat to that envir- walk it on a day like that), and control who, when our family! :50 - odd teachers (same com- pet 'Queenie' was found by the ment). Normal numbers, 1,300 Georgetown police lying badly kids, 80 teachers.

> We enjoyed the best "school highway, in the early hours of spirit" in years, We felt like a a bitter cold morning (2 a.m.). doughty band of the chosen came out and picked her up, The kids played games or re- her out of her misery, (joined them in the games, or To make matters worse, Mr.) gave luition.

on the way home. Unfortunately, the weather cleared a bit next day, and rou- I feel that we are very forttine resumed. However, all were unate to have such a humane cheered by the principal's an person looking after our dog 'school holiday for the follow-

IN THE MAIL BAG

### Not Against Snowmobiles—But This Was Too Much

R. R. 3. Georgetown Dear Sir.

I have sat book for a considerable time and listened with great interest, to the present snowmobile controversy. I do and own a snow machine, I wish I did, her at the present mom Won a curling gone Thorseont an anable to do so Un sans just before I left for our mg. The is not so as I still retain my powers of observat

Recently there was a snow swing, Long, luxurious sleep Friday morning. There's noth mobile meet put on at Stea This last week has been a ing sweeter than sleeping in on arttown. This in itself is a most a day which you'd normally be praneworthy endeavour. It is working. Found the keys (my the mesponsible actions of some operators, away from the meet, that I object to and these And it's been going well ex- I will proceed to enumerate

> of Lands & Forests last sum mer. These persons showed absolute disregard for any damage great place to be in winter. It or the fact that it was not their is: Unless you have enough property I no sare that any farmers who have planted win mage being done constantly by

> tresposing snowmobiles 2 Saturday, February 6 71 At least 15.20 knowmobiles opening opposent at bridge or erating at top species down the 17th sideroad on glace see is safe? I know that winning a race is nice and you are proof

> home and fishes here in som- from the track mer, returns to fetch the yacht. 3. Saturday. Pebruary 6-71

4 Alar on Samilay one snowmehile going through the And to top off the week, a Delrex plaza at 5 pm at the

door to get your black eve. . . it will seem that I have spoken out against Motherhood and the Great Canadian Dream but all I didn't, Mrs. B., but I'll try. the experts seem to have then say so I thought it was about time I had mine. Don't you think that if these people want our respect and support that they should earn it by the responsible operation of their machines.

-- Peter Suider

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## THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

CADIUM IN GUELPH WATER \_

GUELPH - Above-average concentrations of cadium found in waters near Guelph "is not a cause of pante, but is a cause for concern," according to an official of the Canada Centre for Inland Waters. Anthony Kirby said that little is known about the heavy water's toxicology. Presumbly the drinking water is safe but since tests for heavy metals are not conducted in Guelph there is no way of being certain.

#### LEAVES WIFE \$400,000 CASH -

OAKVILLE - in addition to bequeathing his lakeshore home and its adjacent property to the town of Oakville, the late James Arthur Gairdner left substantial gifts to an Oakville boys' school, a new Brunswick University and a charitable foundation as well as his family. The wife of the well-known philanthropist was left a eash sum of \$400,000 and her choice of personal property from the home. .

#### (BRIDGE DESIGN OKAYED

TERRA COTTA -- Preliminary plans for the construction of a new bridge on the Terra Cotta Road were approved in principal by Peel County's roads committee last week. The present bridge began to show cracks in the superstructure a few months ago, and is now restricted to a vehicle of less than five tons. The new bridge will be built this year beside the old

#### FUND IS NEARING \$20,000 -

STREETSVILLE - The Roy Ivor Bud Sanctuary fund has reached \$19,293 and the bank says the fund raising projects are not over yet. The fund is to set up a bird sanctuary to replace the one Mr. Ivor operated for nearly 40 years from his home near Streetsville which hurned last year,

#### **NEW BANK NOT WELCOME?**

FERGUS -- A. B. McQuarrie, one of the more active citizens in the drive to save the old Royal Bank building here has received an answer from Royal president, W. E. McLaughlin: Mr., McLaughlin said plans for the new bank call for a landscaped area for the corner and suggested, the new building would be a welcome addition to the town. A petition is circulating to save the old stone structure which is a landmark in downtown Fergus.

#### INSIST ON UNDERGROUND WIRES ---

ACTON - Acton Hydro Commission stuck to its guns and insisted on installation of underground wiring for the new 150 home Hulad development on the former Seynuck property despite pleas by the developer, Joe Adamick, for permission to use overhead backyard servicing, Commissioner Ted Tyler Sr., said the trend is to install everything possible underground, stating: "in the long run it is safer and less costly."

#### PARENTS OPPOSE SCHOOL CLOSING -

CAMPBELLVILLE - Opposition is growing here to the Halton Board of Education's plan to close the three-room rural school and send pupils by bus to Brookville. Mrs. Don Smith last week asked Nassagaweya council to support the 35 parents with emildren in the Campbellville school in their tight to keep the school open. Parents are content their children get a better education and establish better principles in the small school.

#### \$10 MILLION FIRST PHASE

BRAMALEA -- Commercial construction worth \$10 million will be started here this year, after last week's signing of the Bramalea City Centre official plan by Mumeipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough. An Eaton's is scheduled for completion October 6th and another 60 stores will be under construction by that time. The Centre is bounded by Highway 7. Bramalea Road, Dixie Road and Clark Blvd.

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