

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Work, School Good Mixture

A cooperative program of work and education, as proposed in a report being completed for study by Halton board of education, should find wide acceptance.

Compiled by an Oakville high school teacher, at the board's request, it details similar plans which exist in the United States and the benefits which accrue to individuals and industry by combining academic and business experience.

While its adoption would be an innovation in secondary schooling, Ontario has already embarked on a similar program. The University of Waterloo engineering course has pioneered in this with a program in which a student attends university for one semester, then works in industry the next, alternating this several times before his graduation. Here there is a double benefit, in providing income for his studies as well as practical experience in the field.

In a much smaller way, the Rotary Club has assisted the local high school students by encouraging industry to take a graduating business course student for a week of indoctrination into the working world each spring.

We are delighted to see the school board interested in investigating the idea. A few years ago, when the Rotary Club sponsored an exchange of students with an Ohio town for a week, we were host to a young man who was eyeing a banking career. He went to school mornings, worked in the bank afternoons, and we were impressed with his description of the program. It had given him a maturity unusual in young men of his age. And an obvious advantage was a testing period to see if he was suited for banking and wanted to make it his career, while still able to change plans without the dislocation which would take place were he a high school graduate with the necessity of earning a living and taking care of a family.

Introduction of a school and work plan could, perhaps, have a terrific psychological effect as well in combatting a growing tendency among today's adolescents to think of the working world as a drab, humdrum existence to be shunned as long as possible, rather than the exciting start of an adult life.

### Reasons For Giving

The reasons for the Red Cross fund drive for \$5,000 underway this week in Georgetown and district are almost too obvious for repeating.

Anyone who reads the Herald is well aware of the work which the Society does for the community proper, and for the larger service to humanity. The blood donor clinic alone, is reason enough for residents to make a cash contribution.

The water safety program is another. A loan cupboard of sickroom supplies, available free to anyone on request, and the aid which is given to people when fire, flood or other disaster strikes, is commendable.

And now, the Red Cross is extending its activities to include a home nursing program which, while aided by a

\$4,000 county grant, will need money from the Society's funds also to make it successful.

Above this, a portion of the money collected this week will go to national headquarters for the larger work of the Society in Canada and abroad. In major world disasters — the Nigerian civil war, Pakistan tidal wave, Indian famine, Georgetown people who contributed in past campaigns gave their own assist.

Last year, of \$4900 collected in the campaign and forwarded to the Ontario divisional office, \$2200 was returned for strictly local purposes.

For selfish reasons alone, this is reason enough to continue supporting the Red Cross. Combine this with help to the less fortunate people of the world, and the Red Cross appeal is airtight.

### Watch For Rabies

A two year old in Ontario and a 20-month old Scarborough girl were bitten by rabid skunks last fall. Winter not only brings snow but also rabies, and cases in skunks and foxes, two major carriers, greatly increase during the cold season.

Last year's figures for the Toronto area show significant increases, particularly in skunks and it is not particularly confined to rural areas.

This time of year watch for 'strange' behaviour in wildlife. Beware of the skunks seen during the day or wandering into your yard. They may appear friend-

ly, or they may be extremely aggressive. Young children should be warned not to touch any strange-acting animals, particularly foxes and skunks. Check out any reports by children about the new 'kitty' or 'doggy' in your yard.

A rabid animal's bite can cause illness. If you believe an animal is infected call your nearest office of the department of agriculture or the Ontario department of lands and forests.

Action in time can save you anxious moments if a child is bitten and must go through the painful process of treatment for rabies.

### Experiment With Business Courses for Grade Eight

Business courses at the more important suggestions Grade Eight level was one of the report of the Business

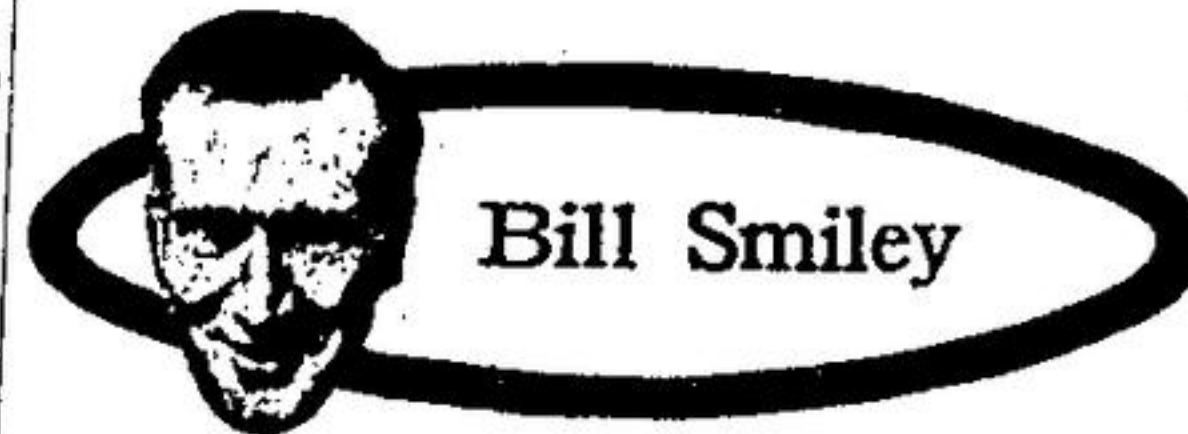
Education Program Council received this week by the Halton Board of Education.

The council is awaiting results of an experimental course in general business launched in a Halton elementary school by Tom Tidey, assistant co-ordina-

To date, Ontario Hydro has spent or committed over \$50 million on air quality control.



WINTER GAMES



Bill Smiley

### Pour Your Own With Smiley

Well, we ventured into Sodom or Gomorrah recently, and escaped with nothing worse than a case of pop. Or thirteen cases, to be exact.

We just had to visit our daughter at university because she's lonely. This is the Old Bottleaxe's story, and Kim aids and abets with sly innuendoes in her letters.

How anybody can be lonely when she's living in a house with thirteen other girls is beyond the simple comprehension of a male parent.

Maybe she is lonely, but her real reason for wanting us to go down and see her is that she knows she's going to get a night in a hotel room, have a smashing good dinner, and see a show, none of which is included in her budget.

The day before we were to go, my 'muffler' blew. This, coupled with dire weather warnings and my phobia about the city, made

### ECHOES..

1961  
A group of citizens is examining the possibility of bringing the YMCA organization to town. The group has chosen Interested Citizens Group as its temporary name and has been meeting and discussing their plan for several months. Members of the ICG include Donald Parker, Mrs. Helen Van Sicker, Tom Trouten, Larry Maughan, Mrs. Leonard Burns, Al Summerell, Alex MacLaren, Mrs. Phyllis Stobie, Dr. Alistair Macintosh, Bert Sweezy, Mary Hembruff, and Lynda Clark.

A planned program of tree planting was embarked upon by council Monday night when a Cass - Sargent motion to budget \$500 as a start this year was endorsed. Cr. Ian Cass explained the ravages of the Dutch elm disease, ice storm damage and old age had eliminated a large share of the town's trees, and more are slated for the tree expert's axe.

Presentation of a 30 year certificate to Harold McClure, only charter Lions Club member retaining his membership, and display of a new swimming trophy in memory of a deceased member, were features of a Friday party to mark the Lion's charter night. The club was chartered February 14th, 1931, when twenty men met at the Georgetown Inn for dinner. The anniversary party was in Guelph's Royal Hotel. The memory of Ed Pries will be perpetuated in the handsome trophy.

1961  
Three hundred women attended the largest meeting of Rebekahs held when Verdun Lodge No. 184 and Evening Star Lodge No. 79 of Milton held a joint meeting last Tuesday in St. John's Church auditorium. The occasion was a visit from the president of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, Miss Jean Burch of St. Catharines. The Evening Star degree staff exemplified the Rebekah degree on six new Georgetown candidates, Mrs. Al Zeravlev, Miss Rosemary Jordan, Mrs. Mervyn Cook, Mrs. Stan Allan, Mrs. William Gibbs and Mrs. Jim Martin.

Announcement is made this week of the sale of Empire Lunch. David Bowman has sold the business to Elmer Hutchinson of Markdale. Mr. Bowman has been the proprietor for the past two and a half years.

1941  
Net proceeds of \$21.05 realized from a dance held last Friday night in the arena were turned over to the Herald War Victims Fund. The dance, sponsored by Bob Early, Ralph Whitmee and Larry Mackenzie, was advertised as a dancing party with "music by all the famous bands" which was provided by a phonograph Victrola. Patronesses were Mrs. Walter Whitmee, Mrs. Sid Mackenzie, Mrs. Arnett Early, Mrs. John R. Barber, and Mrs. Isabel Cleave.

\$121.40 has been turned over to the Evening Telegram War Victims Fund by the Canadian Legion Branch 120. This represents proceeds from a stag party in the Legion rooms last Friday night. It was attended by over 125 men from Georgetown and district. Jim Hunter, radio news reporter for the Toronto Evening Telegram was present and spoke on behalf of the fund started by the Toronto paper for the benefit of British war victims.

me suggest cancelling the trip. Nothing doing. Turned out to be the worst weekend for driving this winter, and that's a big statement. However, we made it. Had a room reserved, but had forgotten about the big political convention.

The hotel lobby was chaos. Wild-eyed room clerks. Red-eyed conventioners arguing over the bills they had run up, which they had signed with a flourish for food and drink before the rusty dawn of the last day. Not a bell-hop to be had.

Finally got a key. The people had checked out, said the flunkie, but the room wasn't made up yet. All we wanted to do was relax after a 150-mile day drive, so we found our own way up. Not only was the room not made up, it was still occupied. But the residents, a charming couple from Ottawa, let us in while they finished packing.

Both the room and the couple looked like the tail end of a convention. It was actually two adjoining rooms that looked like a scene from Ten Nights in a Bar-room. Not the people, the rooms.

This had been a 'hospitality room', it turned out. That is a polite way of saying a place where the drinks, usually supplied as a public relations deal by the distillers, are free for every moocher who arrives, as well as the hard-working politicians.

There was plenty of booze, and about eighteen cartons of mix. There was one made-up bed in two rooms. The rest of the space was a conglomerate of glasses, bars, desks, placards and posters.

Sam, the husband, was a fairly big wheel organizer. He was tottering with fatigue and sounded as though he had swallowed two pounds of sand, after four days and nights of working for the cause.

But within twenty minutes, we were fast friends. At four p.m., they informed us that

they had to meet their son at his wife at the station at 4:30 p.m. They got away about 4:45, leaving us with the chores, telling their son where they might meet him, and protecting the booze that was left.

Everything worked fine. I phoned, got the message. Boom, boom, looking like a couple of hotel dicks, picked up the booze, giving us the cold, suspicious stare. I hadn't taken a single jug, so help me. My wife wouldn't let me.

But they wouldn't take the mix. Cartons and cartons of bottles and bottles of it. We sat around desolately in the wreckage for three hours, waiting for the mails to come. Finally, the Old Lady got sore, phoned the desk and demanded action. We were given another room.

But leave all that mix? No. An old prisoner of war. We carried thirteen cases with us, after giving several to a raucous party from Timmins, across the hall, who had been ogling and whistling at wife and daughter, to former's delight and latter's amusement.

Settled in new room. Knock on door. Family of four entered. Dad exhausted, mother distraught, teenage daughter excited and twelve year old son sitting sullenly in corner, muttering, "Never trust an alcoholic." Gave them a drink. Buddies in no time. But they still had no room.

Saw show. Wife shocked at nude scene. Checked out next day with thirteen cases of mix, about \$35 worth. "Real Hicks" said the bell boy's arrogant glares. Carried it off with a plumb.

Dropped Kim and eight cartons of ginger ale and cola at her residence. Arrived home with five of soda and tonic water. Drop around, and bring your own booze. Any time. We're set for mix.

DID YOU KNOW?  
An average of 20 units of whole blood is needed for every open heart operation.

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