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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Appointment Deserved

Appointment to a cabinet post for Jim Snow, Halton East member of the provincial legislature, has a twofold meaning.

It recognizes the personal contribution of a freshman member of the government, and indicates the importance of this riding in the general picture of provincial business.

Mr. Snow, in his brief stay in parliament, has proven an able businessman. No silent backbencher, he has spoken when he has something to say. As a building contractor, he was instrumental in drafting a standardized building code for the province and success-

fully convincing the government of its merit. His talents were further recognized when he was appointed to represent the government on the Ontario Housing Corporation.

Despite a busy life in parliament, he finds time for the smaller things and it is rare that he does not appear at a local function, be it a fall fair board dinner, Chamber of Commerce meeting, or remembrance parade.

Members of all political parties will join in congratulating him, knowing that, partisan as he must be at times, he has the wider interests of Halton East residents as a major concern.

Minimum of Hoopla

Canada shouldn't have to borrow everything from its southern neighbour, and a New Democrat leadership candidate intends to reverse one trend which has infiltrated political conventions in recent years.

Frank Howard, M.P. for Skeena, says he will proceed on the premise that choice of a leader and development of policies are very serious matters and shouldn't be considered in a circus-type atmosphere.

He will refrain from preparing large number of posters, hats, buttons and ribbons, he says. And his hospitality suite will serve coffee and tea.

He is against the presumption that

Help for Council

The newly organized Concerned Citizens of Georgetown can be a worthwhile addition to Georgetown.

As the community grows, it is natural that municipal councillors have less opportunity for a sounding board of public opinion.

When the town was smaller, the man on the street made his opinions known. Councillors knew everyone and everyone knew them. A couple of trips to the post office to pick up their mail, and they had a good indication of what residents felt about municipal matters.

This isn't possible in a town of 16,000.

CCOG is interested in parks and recreation, in history and pollution control, in roads and parking.

delegates can be swayed by liquor, and believes there is no real discussion of serious matters in a serious way in the usual hospitality suite set-up.

If this is an indication of Mr. Howard's qualifications, federal NDPs will be wise to take a good look at him as a leader.

Attending newspaper and other conventions, we can certify that firms which spend their money this way, derive little benefit. Hospitality rooms tend to collect the freeloaders and the good time charleys. The serious buyers don't want to be under obligation. They're looking for quality, for a better buy.

Politics could work the same way.

According to its chairman, it is not a protest group which will get into the political field. A wise idea, for history's pathways are strewn with the bones of organizations which boosted specific candidates for office, then faded into oblivion, win or lose.

With a trend to more business in council committee, the Herald has decided this year to impart more political information by reporting these meetings as well as the formal council meetings. In this way, the newspaper gives ratepayers a preview of upcoming decisions, and a chance to make their opinions known before final legislation.

With this end CCOG, council should be better equipped to do their job for the community.

IN THE FORTIES WE HEARD KING'S "CONSCRIPTION IF NECESSARY BUT NOT NECESSARILY CONSCRIPTION"



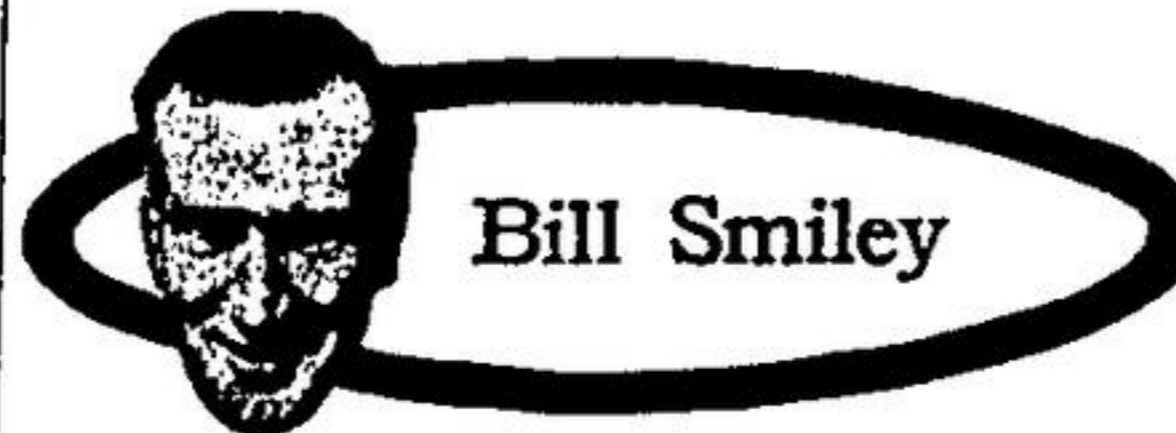
IN THE FIFTIES DIFENBAKER TOLD HIS FELLOW CANADIANS ABOUT HIS "NORTHERN VISION"

IN THE SIXTIES PEARSON TRIED TO EXPLAIN "CO-OPERATIVE FEDERALISM"



BUT IN THE SEVENTIES THE WORD FROM OTTAWA SEEMS TO BE "FUDDLE DUDDLE"

FAMOUS PARLIAMENTARY QUOTATIONS



Bill Smiley
Too Many Brains—Not Enough Hearts

Between the length and the depth of this winter, the depressing unemployment picture, and the looming of new taxes, perhaps a chap has a right to be a bit gloomy these days. We've had about 13 feet of snow so far. Today I saw a chap up on a snowbank about twenty feet high. Crouched under the limbs of a maple tree, he was trying to push the snow back enough so that he'd have some where to put next deluge.

And when it hasn't been belting down the white stuff, it's been freezing rain, or cold enough to freeze the brains of a brass monkey. Despite some statistic-juggling at Ottawa, unemployment figures have climbed steadily. On paper, they're just digits. But when they hit close to home, they're human beings. It's not just the transient or the unskilled worker who is laid off. I have friends, industrious, sober, intelligent workers — foremen and management — who have worked their way up through sheer guts and determination, and are now suddenly in limbo, drawing unemployment insurance. After searching desperately for a job, they become bitter, and one can't blame them.

With mortgage and insurance payments to meet, and just enough money coming in to put food on the table, they feel cheated. After a decade or two of hard work, just when they're beginning to see daylight financially, they are tossed aside through no fault of their own. Perhaps we have too many brains at Ottawa, and not enough hearts. The logicians, with their figures, convinced the top brains that they could halt inflation. A fiasco! Interest rates are still crippling. The cost of living slides slowly but steadily upward, while the standard of living goes down, or stays static.

Don't ask the financial moguls, or the banks, or the credit companies. They're doing all right. Ask the small business man or the skilled worker whose unemployment insurance has run out. He'll tell you.

And then there are the sneaky taxes coming out of Ottawa. Oh, they're not called taxes. There are merely readjustments, or whatever the slide-rule boys want to call them. You move so much money from here to there, and you're not increasing taxes, merely redistributing the wealth.

One of these gimmicks is taking away the family allowance from those making more than \$10,000. That used to be the fabulous figure we all thought we'd never make. He probably takes home about \$7,500, after deductions.

Now there's another sneaker in the offing. The federal government has specifically stated its intent to tax another very large group, made up of school teachers and other people who have not paid unemployment insurance. It plans to hit them for this, despite the fact that they have been paying into insurance and annuity schemes for years, and that perhaps one in one thousand would ever collect.

Again it doesn't bother me personally. I can afford the \$60 odd dollars a year it will cost. But it's the principle that bothers me. Not only do I pay this, but I will be taxed on the similar amount the school boards, as employers, will have to pay to the fund. This will be several millions of dollars, not to mention all the extra cost of administration to collect it and distribute it.

"I got a lesson in economics today. A student said 'Why do we have to worry about all this?' When we graduate, there'll be a fixed minimal income, and we won't have to work, anyway." Maybe he's right.

ECHOES..

A Glen Williams public school pupil, Martin Wheeler, and a Howard Wrigglesworth public school pupil, Yolanda Goudeketting, will represent this school area in Halton County public speaking finals. In the No. 1 Inspectorate finale last Wednesday, the Esquesing township winner captured area honours while Yolanda was chosen best of the town school speakers.

Total losses at the Meadowglan Growers plant which was hit by fire twice on the weekend may climb as high as \$30,000. First alarm was turned in at about 20 minutes to four on Saturday morning and the second late Sunday night. Most costly items lost in the blazes were two tractors, a loader and a boiler.

A new store opened last week in the Delrex Market Centre. Stevenson's Men's and Boys' Wear is located beside G/S Television, across from Loblaw's. It is operated by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stevenson who also have a men's wear store in Applewood Village Shopping Centre.

1950
Cliff Adams and his Tour for Talent show entertained a large audience in the Old Town Hall on Friday and netted about \$30 for Georgetown Recreation Committee. Sandra Scott took first prize for her singing in the amateur show. Second prize went to a quartette, Pat Willson, Bev Hyde, Sue Crabtree and Jacqueline Graham. Vocalist Shirley Forbes was third.

Fred Lawrence has been voted by his team-mates as most valuable player on the 1951 Intermediate "A" Raider hockey team. The Raider star goalie, who has played here two seasons since coming here from Port Dover, was presented with the trophy on Monday at a dinner tendered for the team at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Clifford Reid.

1941
The farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McEnery, situated about a mile from Ballinacree, was completely destroyed by fire which broke out at Monday noon. The family was in the barn at the time, and when the fire was noticed it had gained such headway that they were unable to enter the house to save any furniture or personal belongings.

IN THE MAIL BAG
Airport No Benefit? This Writer Disagrees
50 McIntyre Crescent
Dear Sir:
Re-Mayor Wm. Smith's statement in Toronto Star Feb. 22nd.
Mayor Smith said the airport could be of no benefit to Georgetown. How come others are clamouring for it? He said Georgetown is small and does not want to become a shipping and industrial town.
Mayor Smith has no thought for where children graduating from school are going to find work.
It should be right here, not have to leave home searching for work in other cities and towns.
It is time council showed encouragement to industries to locate here.
Mayor Smith is going to create a ghost town here, if his wishes are followed.
His statement sounds very immature.
Yours truly,
A. B. Teeson.
DID YOU KNOW?
Specially-designed and insulated suits enable Ontario Hydro linemen to work on live lines carrying up to 500,000 volts of electricity.
Buckler, greave, hauberk and gauntlet are all parts of men's armour.

THE SNOWMOBILER
From the Elmira Signal
There's a new type of creature emerging on earth. I'll describe him to you, whatever it's worth. He comes out of hiding in winter I'm told. He rejoices in weather that's terribly cold. He leaves a warm fireside, his wife and his kids. Climbs onto a motor, a belt and two skids. His machine comes to life; he is ready to go; But he can't cruise yet; there is no sign of snow. For the past thirteen days, he's been wearing a suit That is covered with zippers from its hood to its boot, And mittens and helmet and mask for his head — "My God," says his wife, "Must you wear that to bed?" Then it finally happened — the ground has turned white. He's on his machine and roars out of sight. On the flat, he'll crouch down; on the corner he'll lean. And they tell me his blood is now pure gasoline. Over hill, over dale, through marsh and round trees Over rock-pile and sand-pit, yet down on his knees He looks like he's praying as onward he files. Is it monster or man? All we see are his eyes. He'll go charging ahead when it's twenty below, Screaming into a blizzard of crunching snow. By what demon possessed is this new breed of man Who finds joy in a snowstorm as no human can? But what happens in summer when snow isn't there: Is he out on the porch in an old rocking chair? No, he's sitting inside the house for all to see, Sitting on his snowmobile watching TV!

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THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

HIGHWAY 24 BY-PASS . . .
GUELPH — The city has been moving toward implementation of a highway bypass around the central business district. When completed the bypass will permit someone travelling on Highway 24 to go through the city without having to go down busy Wyndham Street. The city is currently acquiring properties and aiming at a 1973 opening of the bypass.

BUY CREDIT FORKS LAND . . .
CALEDON — Some 508 acres near the Forks of the Credit has been bought by the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests. A spokesman for the department said the property will be added to the province's "land bank" of acreage along the Niagara Escarpment. Caledon Mountain Estates sold the land for \$733,700 or \$1,450 an acre.

BAND IN ORANGE BOWL . . .
BURLINGTON — Burlington's Teen Tour Band who marched in the Tournament of Roses in California New Year's Day, will march in the Orange Bowl parade in Miami, January, 1972. Members plan a circus in Burlington to raise the \$30,000 necessary for their trip.

STRONG PROTEST DELAYS BYLAW . . .
ROCKWOOD — Strong objection from freshman councillor Dick Strong persuaded Eramosa council to delay the controversial half million dollar Rockwood sewer and water project until at least a joint meeting between council and Rockwood trustees March 15th. Rockwood village trustees sent a resolution to the township council requesting they signed the bylaw to get some action on the project.

BELL REPLIES ROLL IN . . .
BRAMPTON — The Bell Telephone Company has received more than 10,000 replies to its poll regarding extended area calling for Brampton-Bramalea. The returns amount to 58 per cent. The survey is to get public reaction on free calling from the area into Toronto - Gore. It will up monthly bills by \$2.

WANT DONATION RETURNED . . .
VICTORIA — Mrs. Elizabeth Bigelow, former executive director of the Elizabeth Bigelow School for the Handicapped Children has received a request from the Board to return playground equipment and a stereo donated to the school by the Girl Guide district of Northwood Park, as a Centennial project. Mrs. Bigelow resigned and withdrew the children from the farm following a dispute from the board. She said her lawyer had instructed her to retain possession of the items pending further arrangements.

COL. PHILLIPS RE-ELECTED CHAIRMAN . . .
ORANGEVILLE — Colonel V. G. H. Phillips of Shelburne was re-elected president and chairman of the Board of Dufferin Area Hospital February 24th. On taking the chair he commented on the proposed medical centre stating the hospital land should not be given up for a clinic. "Doctors get higher fees than any people in almost any professional field, and should combine to finance their own clinic," he said.

Winter, Summer, Tortures Abound On Mountaiview

7 Eden Place
Dear Mr. Editor:
At your discretion I am submitting the following dissertation for insertion in the Mail Bag column.
Mountainview Road South — A street or concession road?
I am certain that the conditions in which all drivers have found this road over the past many months must surely have aroused the frustrations of those who find it a necessity to travel over this section of road. The general torturous nature of this main artery in and out of Georgetown, must cause concern to those who have to continually expose their vehicles to the many physical states that Mountainview Road South may be found in over the period of a year.

In winter one finds himself harassed by icy conditions, road ruts and periods of almost quagmire-like state. In the summer the road is in a constant state of pot holes, rising clouds of dust and ricocheting pieces of gravel from other passing vehicles. Safe driving can hardly be considered something possible along this route unless it is done so at the expense of damaging the shock absorber, springs and under-carriage of one's vehicle aside from the steaming tempers promoted by the contest between the average driver and the road.

Grant it, the road receives occasional gradings which only temporarily rectifies some of the problems, however, we generally consider road gradings as practices associated with maintaining out-of-the-way concession roads and certainly not for the upkeep of a street. Most of the concession roads about Georgetown are kept in better condition than is Mountainview. Therefore it would seem appropriate to exercise direct action in physically changing the structural status of this through-way from that of a wagon trail to that of a paved street.

Certainly the citizens of Georgetown are deserving of this consideration and most assuredly the ratepayers who reside along side or just off Mountainview Road South.

Respectfully,
Mr. A. M. deHueck

ject in June. The park and natural open space involves 48 acres along the bank of the Twelve Mile Creek. The land, donated by British Petroleum on a 25 year lease was idle until the Optimists spotted it and conceived the northland park idea.

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