

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### He Loved the Glen

No better tribute could be paid than the little poem which a friend composed on learning of the death of Harold Wheeler.

A merchant and postmaster in his birthplace of Glen Williams, he spent his life there.

"Everything I ever wanted I found right here" he said, surely the sign of a happy life.

And he passed this on in every way possible. Anything that was good for the Glen could always count on Mr. Wheeler's support. He was a favourite, particularly with the village children. Rarely did a youngster enter his store that there wasn't a little bonus in candy from a generous merchant. 'There's no such thing as a bad kid,' was his credo.

His family roots were firmly anchored in Glen Williams where he was the

third generation to operate the store and post office.

His musical ability, as a member of the Georgetown band, was passed on and son Marty is an outstanding bandsman.

The Giles family said it this way:

We had some bad news the other day,

They told us Harold had passed away,

But we can't believe it, it doesn't seem real,

Numbness, grief is what we feel.

To us he really will never be gone,

For in our memories he will live on;

And perhaps there is another Wheeler's Store

Where all of us shall meet once more.

### Opposing Philosophies

In a brief on development of the Brumac area, presented to council by Richard Perrott, on behalf of the Concerned Citizens of Georgetown group, the theory is proposed that as the town enlarges it should become a group of smaller areas, each with its own community core.

This gives residents an identity to which to cling, instead of being lost in a larger mass of humanity. It is quite possible for people to have loyalty for Georgetown in general while also fostering community spirit for their own special part of town.

Even in a small town, older residents will tell you that this is a good thing. In the town's earlier years, John Street residents had a fierce loyalty for their area. College View, the park district, Queen Street, 'over the white bridge' had their individual boosters.

Residents of any area would stand up for their neighbours and their neighbourhood, but in larger matters of community interest, it was Georgetown that counted. A disparaging word about Georgetown from any Acton or Milton resident, and the larger community loyalty appeared.

The concept of twin loyalties is a proper one and we agree that it makes for a good town.

Surprisingly, one public authority, the school board, is working in an opposite direction.

A vital part of our smaller community development has been the elementary school. It is there that lasting friendships are formed and adults retain memories of their school days throughout later life. Call a school reunion, and people will flock back years later to relive their old school days.

Today we find a complete reversal with introduction of a senior public school system. And, worse still, specialization has reached even to the kindergarten level. Children are shifted by bus from their home neighbourhood, attend a few years here, a few years there, and the sense of belonging is lost.

Is the supposedly better education which the new system provides, compensation for this community spirit which CCOG feels to be so vital for a person's happiness?

An interesting question to pose to our school psychologists.

#### IN THE MAIL BAG

#### Claim Weedkiller Mutilates Country

R. R. 1, Georgetown

Dear Sir: The Halton County Roads Committee has placed a new order for the weed killer 2,4,5-T in order to once again mutilate

our county roadsides this coming summer.

Halton County plans to proceed with the weeding despite the fact that overwhelming evidence of its detrimental effect on the ecology has been collected, and even though the chemical may pose dangerous to humans.

Halton County should be reminded that its members have been elected to serve, not to de-

stroy this community. If council members are unable to fulfil this function, they should make room for those who can.

The decision of the County Council to brush aside protests by groups who are concerned with the protection of our environment and to listen to the advice of chemical industry appointed people, is an affront to the residents of the county.

Yours truly,  
Charles Hildebrandt

### THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

#### GUNSHOTS FIRED AT HOME . . . .

**BRONTE** — Some Bronte residents are scared and arming themselves after a recent shooting incident there. Gunshots from a passing car ripped two holes in the front door of one home, where four persons were arrested in a police raid. Rumours circulating say speed and heroin dealers in the area are starting to use guns and knives.

#### MAYOR PROBES DOUBLE DROWNING . . . .

**BURLINGTON** — A closed inquiry was held Thursday in Mayor George Harrington's office, following the drowning Wednesday of two pre-schoolers. Barry Sharpe, four, and Carol Albert, three, fell through thin ice covering a construction site excavation. It contained four feet of water. A fence around the site has been in disrepair since December.

#### FLARE UP REOPENS OLD SORE . . . .

**MILTON** — An old wound, almost healed, was reopened at Milton hospital's annual meeting Wednesday when a woman asked whether the three month trial period covering nursing supervisor Mrs. Lucille Verrall was up. The question sparked angry words from outgoing chairman Reford Gardhouse and a corporation member Charles Menefy objected to the hiring of a supervisor to determine Mrs. Verrall's competency. Mrs. Verrall was fired and then rehired in a hospital controversy last year.

#### QUARRY WINS OVER NASSAGAWEYA

**CAMPBELLVILLE** — The Ontario Municipal Board has overruled Nassagaweya township council and is allowing Coverleaf Quarries to open and operate a quarry just north of Campbellville. The decision, handed down last week, culminates a two-year battle on the part of the township council to stop the opening. A so objecting were the Jockey Club which operates Mohawk Raceway, and several private citizens.

#### TOWNSHIP BUDGET 13.7 MILLION . . . .

**CHINGUACOUSY** — Chinguacousy Council brought down a capital budget for 1971 last Wednesday approving a record high in capital spending of \$13,761,400. If the total amount budgeted for capital works is spent it could mean a tax increase of from \$8 to \$10 per household. Largest single expenditure is the budget is \$5 million for development of a municipal complex in the Bramalea city centre.

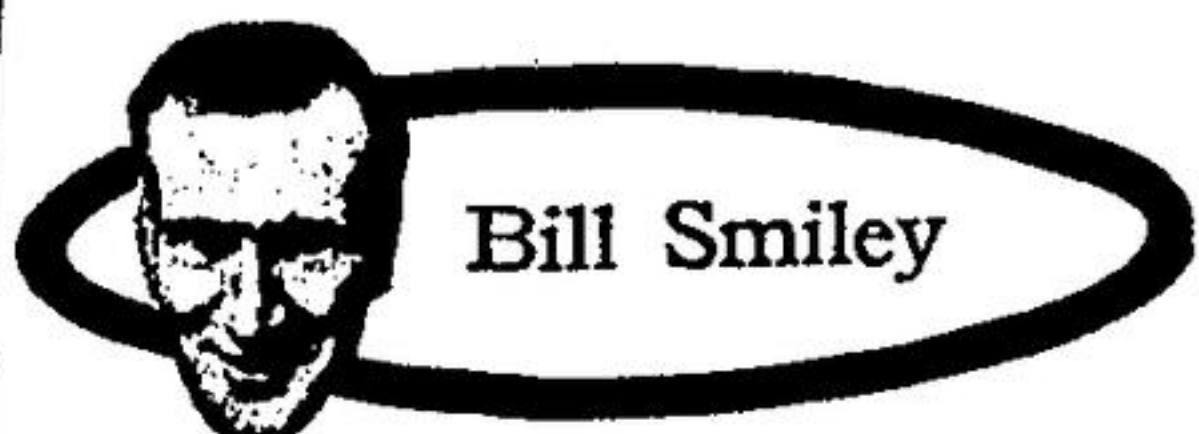
#### CHILD DROWNS IN FAIRY LAKE . . . .

**ACTON** — The body of Scott Lloyd Post, age 4, was found Saturday, March 13th in Fairy Lake, a few yards from Acton arena. The boy had been watching his elder brother play hockey at the arena and apparently became bored and wandered outside. After he disappeared an eight-hour search was made. Dragging nets located the child's body where a fast flowing creek feeds the lake.

LET'S JUST TRY THIS ON FOR SIZE.



### HOW GREENE WAS MY VALET



Bill Smiley

### Canada's in Safe Hands

Belated congratulations to our Prime Minister and his cabinet. It was one of the upsets in March. The others were Mohammed Ali taking the title in clobbering of his lifetime, and me winning an argument with swim.

Not from the first have been swept away by Mr. Trudeau's charisma, though the women in my family were. At times I have had serious doubts about his attitude and decisions.

But when a man has enough sense to wait until he is 51 to get married, I feel our country is in safe hands.

Good gravy, if I had waited until 51, and I'm not there yet, I'd probably be able to ski and scuba dive. And I might even be prime minister. And a millionaire.

But when a man marries at 25, he's had it. He has just thrown away the best twenty-five years of his life; the second twenty-five, that is.

For the first ten or twelve years, he's swimming against the tide. In more prosaic terms, he is spending about 140 out of the 168 hours in every week sorting out his kids, his finances and his woman. That leaves him 28 hours to float, and don't forget he's going against the tide. So where does he float? Downstream, that's where.

That's why so many married men of 50 are washed up. On shore, or otherwise.

If he can keep his head above water during that first period, he's a mighty strong swimmer. But in the process, he has developed hardening of his physical, emotional and mental arteries.

big rent-free mansion in Ottawa while I labour over my heavily-taxed, heavily mortgaged, hovel.

Let him have his fifty or sixty thousand a year in salary. We have enough to put bread on the table, after paying income tax and putting two kids through university.

I'm not envious. He earned it, by being smart enough to stay single until he was 51.

At least I don't have to bother with platoons of photographers and numberless newsmen when I take out Barbra Streisand.

No, I wouldn't trade him even my old lady for his, my kids for his charisma. (They think I have charisma, which is good enough for me).

The only thing I get a little wistful about is not being asked to be Prime Minister.

And I still think I could beat him in a game of Russian billiards.

#### GO T A PROBLEM?

Do you have a problem, but no solution? Maybe one of these will provide it.

● Use your old face powder puffs to apply shoe polish. They generally fit right inside the can.

● Slide a piece of newspaper under plastic when you sew it. It moves easily and sewing machine teeth won't tear it.

● Spaghetti sauce won't get watery if you cook it with the pot lid off.

● Before pouring syrup into measuring cups oil the inside of it. Syrup pours from cup more easily leaving little behind.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

If the Washington Monument were laid lengthwise on the floor of the grand concourse of Union Station in Washington, D.C., it would look 205 feet of spanning the great hall, the National Geographic says. The monument is 555 feet tall; the concourse is 760 feet long.

### TURNING BACK TIME



LIMEHOUSE SCHOOL 1900

The teacher was Jennie Hutcheson and the enrolment was 54 when this picture of the old Limehouse school on the Fifth Line on Esquesing was taken in April, 1900. The picture was submitted to the Turning Back Time series by Cedric Croes, 34 Albert Street.

## ..ECHOES..

**1961**  
● A needed improvement program, estimated at \$16,000 was outlined by library board members Mrs. George Hewson and Thomas Van Sickler to council Monday. The board wants more books and a renovated basement, as well as improvements in the main library room.

● Two sites are being considered for a new public school to be built in Limehouse. At a special meeting with Esquesing School Board last week, Esquesing council passed a motion approving a \$120,000 debenture issue for a six room school there.

● Relocation of the town's sanitary landfill site will be made to a new location off Maple Avenue East. On Monday council voted to buy an eight acre property from Delrex Developments for \$5,000. The property adjoins the CNR main line and borders on the Credit River.

**1951**  
● Branch 120 of the Royal Canadian Legion elected their 1951 executive Sunday. They are: president Leslie Clark; vice president James Bell; 2nd vice-president Henry Shepherd; secretary Wallace Thompson; treasurer William Roney; executive members: Charles Day, Harvey Garvin, Wilfrid Hillis, and Fred McCartney; sergeant at arms, Jack Kerr; standard bearers, Henry Preston and Alva Grieve; chaplain: Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson.

● Jack Kenner, 23 year old Acton sports star, met death in the cab of a heavy dump truck Monday afternoon, four miles west of Acton. He was hauling a 5 x ton load of quarry chips for use on Acton streets. Proceeding east with no other vehicle in sight the truck suddenly cut a path across the highway, plunged down a four foot embankment into a line of boulders and finally came to rest on its side between two trees on the edge of a field. The truck was a raging inferno in seconds with the driver trapped inside.

**1941**  
● With returns from the Ashgrove - Georgetown town line and Limehouse still to be compiled, chairman Alex McLaren announced last week that Georgetown district had already exceeded its \$2500 objective in the Canadian War Services Fund Drive. A total of \$2,880.30 is reported of which \$2,618.30 is in cash and the rest in pledges. It is also announced that Mayor Joseph Gibbons has won his wager with Milton Mayor Armstrong that Georgetown would reach its objective before the County Town. Celebrating the completion of the drive, a wire was strung from McBean's store to the McGibbon Hotel, marked off in \$500 sections. As chairman McLaren announced the results of the drive by districts over a loudspeaker system, an aeroplane crossed the wire to the goal. Later in the evening a bonfire was lighted on the old radial property behind Tyer's Creamery and fireworks were set off.

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