

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Would Be Happy with Resurfacing

A highway widening project which would cost Georgetown taxpayers half a million dollars, would not seem to be worth anywhere near that figure to town residents.

The more than double cost over an original \$215,000 estimate was revealed last week. And councillors were shocked to learn the implications.

No one would argue that the widening to four lanes from Maple to Main North, the rounding off of the Water St. corner, and a better access to the downtown area would not be advantageous.

But future plans for a highway bypass should be considered too, and half a million dollars for what will become a secondary road takes some thinking.

The present highway stretch is a bit of a bottleneck, connecting as it does, four lane roads at either end of the town. But, when it gets to the nitty-gritty, does it bother Georgetown residents that much?

If the highways department wants to speed up through traffic through Georgetown, that's their prerogative, if the province wants to pay the cost. Locally, no one is bothered too much if it takes them an extra five minutes to go from one end of town to the other. And slower traffic is an asset to auto and pedestrian safety.

Even the original figure seems a lot to pay for one road. We might be just as happy with a resurfacing job for the present.

OPINIONS OF OTHERS

Let's Not Widen the Gap

Pay for teachers is one subject that is always certain to stir up controversy, especially among teachers themselves. No one disputes that teaching is an arduous job and the rewards should fit the task, but there are those who think the pay scale is already out of line.

We were interested in the comments of the Financial Post concerning Etobicoke, a middle class suburb of Toronto, which the post thinks would be typical of most other areas in the province. There the school board expect teachers to work for six hours a day between September 1st and June 30th.

Subtracting holidays, winter breaks, time off for professional day, Etobicoke's average teacher works 200 days or 1,200 hours a year. Teachers are expected to prepare lessons, mark papers and contribute to after-hours activity as well, but this is typical in that pay bracket who do after-hours work for their companies without compensation.

To the teacher just beginning his career with a minimum of training, this means the Etobicoke board pays the equivalent of \$4.50 an hour; to the fully qualified public school teacher with five years' experience \$9.08 an hour and to the most qualified and experienced teacher \$12.75 an hour.

By contrast the Financial Post notes that average hourly earnings in manufacturing was \$3.09; in construction \$4.47.

The comparison in no way suggests teachers should be paid the same as workers in manufacturing or construction.

It Pays to Speak Your Mind

It apparently pays to be controversial.

Dr. Morton Shulman, Ontario's self-appointed Socrates and all round gadfly, has hired a New York agency to arrange his speaking engagements.

The fees — believe it or not — are \$500 per speech in Toronto, \$750 elsewhere in Ontario and \$1,000 plus travelling expenses anywhere outside the province.

Dr. Shulman has had his fingers in every pie, from the Mafia to the mistreatment of retarded children.

He has, in his own way, done much good and in process received as much publicity as ten MPPs.

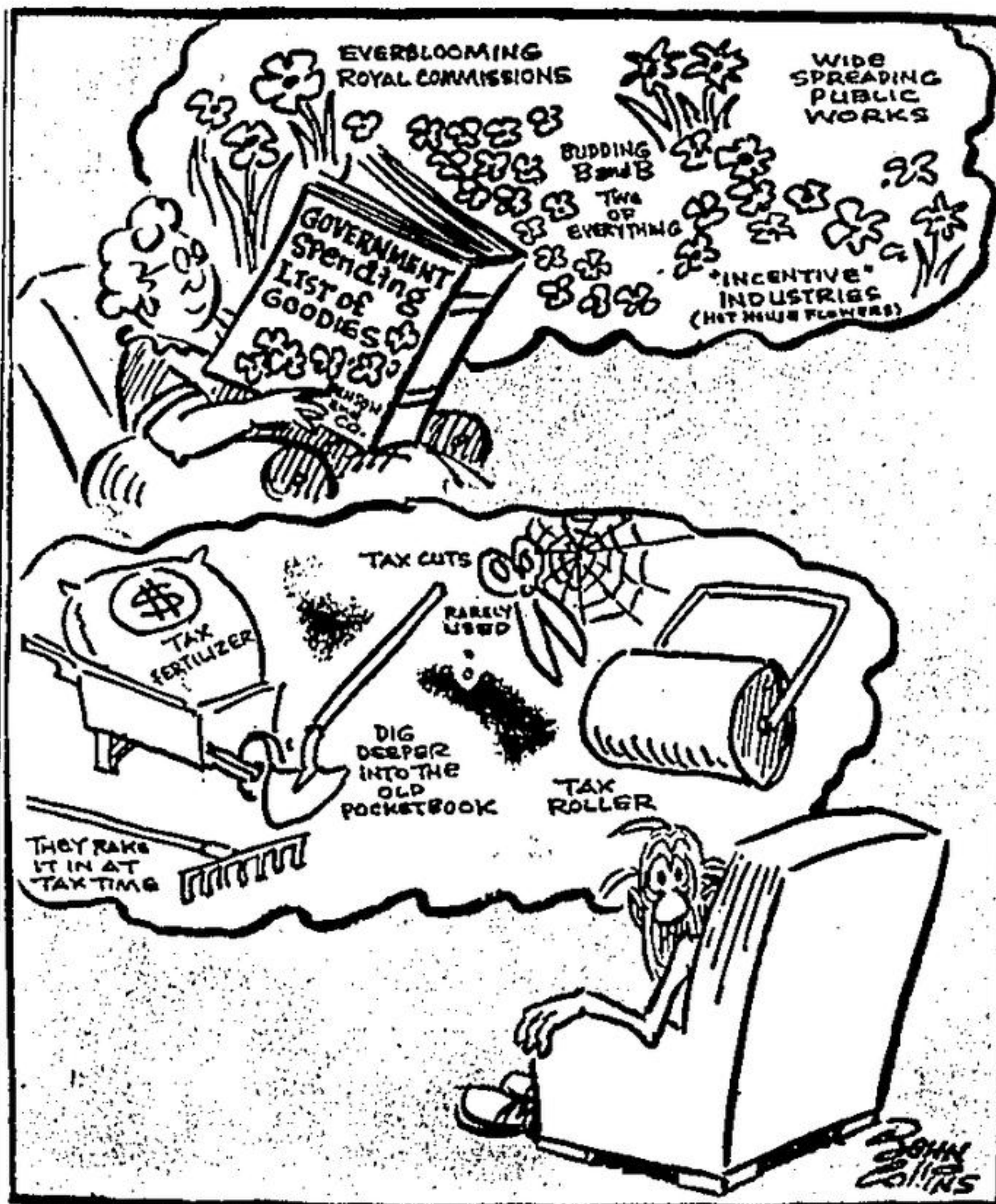
Apparently now he is reaping the financial benefits of his outspoken ways.

Even Dr. Shulman himself is rather amazed at the situation. He said "It's really ridiculous what some organizations will pay, I keep upping the price but I still get all sorts of invitations."

More power to you, Dr. Shulman. May we make a suggestion, though. Perhaps some of that money could be sunk back into some of those pieces that you've had your controversial finger in.

ANCIENT FOE OF MAN

Cancer is found throughout the plant and animal kingdom. Fossils from the dinosaur age indicate that cancer has probably existed almost from the beginning of life on earth. Help put an end to this most stubborn of all man's enemies by a contribution to the April campaign of the Canadian Cancer Society.



SEED CATALOGUE TIME



Bill Smiley

Proud Ones Suffer in New 'Hard Times'

For most people, and especially for Canadians, spring is usually a time of hope. The ice and snow have gone, or are going. The days are lengthening, the sun is strengthening. The world is coming alive again, with the first hints of new growth.

But for a great many people in this land of ours, this spring offers little but doubt and despair. There is a dark shadow lying across the relatively clean country of ours. Its name is unemployment.

For the first time in a generation, Canada, this vast and wealthy country, is facing the hard facts that its economy is in rough shape.

Thousands of university graduates will be scrambling for the jobs that will absorb half of them. Thousands of students will be competing for jobs for a quarter of them. Thousands of skilled workers will be ready to try anything to make a living.

Maybe it hasn't caught up with you yet. But it could. In my town, we had a boom about three years ago. New industries came in. New subdivisions came in. New subdivisions were developed. Real estate soared. New families moved in for all the new jobs and the population increased.

This spring, the industries are hobbling, it's tough to sell a house, and men who have worked well and hard for 10 or 15 years are laid off and looking for work.

The signs are familiar. I was only a kid during the worst years of the Depression, but I remember. My father had a prosperous

business. He went broke because people didn't have the money to buy what he was selling, or couldn't pay for what they did 'buy'. Middle aged (late forties) he didn't stand a chance when there were hundreds of thousands of young men looking for anything. He was a gentle man, and a proud one, and it broke his heart. He wound up selling coffins, on commission. No expenses; pay you own. Try that sometime, during a depression. My mother was made of stern stuff, and with five children, she knew it was a situation where pride and dignity had to go by the board. She patched and she mended, and she sewed and she darned. She took in boarders, and we kids doubled up. She sold home baking. She went out and knocked on doors, selling cosmetics to women who couldn't afford a box of face powder. What it cost her I can only imagine. But somehow we staggered through. Going 'on relief' was a disgrace to her, and she never felt that low. She invented new culinary triumphs like

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ECHOES

- 1961
- St. John's United Church was evacuated Thursday night when police received an anonymous call claiming a bomb had been placed in the building. A Cub pack and the church choir were hurried outside moments before 7 o'clock when the bomb was supposedly set to go off. Four police searched the building before vacating it themselves at four minutes to seven. Church records were locked up and fire door closed in preparation for the blast which never came.
- 1951
- Mr. V. A. Stein has been engaged as assistant principal at Georgetown Public School this September. He was hired at a school board meeting last night. Currently teaching at Vineland, he is a native of Tavistock.
- 1941
- Hedley Shaw of Newmarket has purchased the Georgetown Flour and Feed Mill from J. C. Clark who has operated it for the past few years after buying it from the W. C. Bessey estate. Mr. Shaw comes from the famous milling company which founded the Maple Leaf Milling Company and has been associated with that organization for the past 11 years.

TURNING BACK TIME



WHEN LIMEHOUSE HAD A MAPLE AVENUE AND NO BRIDGE

A number of good historic pictures of Limehouse have been submitted to the Turning Back Time Series lately. In this one taken in the days before the bridge was built over the railway it shows the Fifth Line extending over the tracks as a level crossing and referred to as Maple Avenue.

THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

VANDALS TIP 35 HEADSTONES . . .
ACTON — Thirty five tombstones have been toppled in Acton's Fairview Cemetery. The vandals, discovered before a funeral there Monday, was reported to the local detachment of the O.P.P. Town officials suspect the vandals chose Easter weekend to do most of their malicious damage in the cemetery.

PROPOSE MOBILE HOME PARK . . .
NASSAGAWAYEA — The possibility of a mobile home site on an 18 acre parcel of land on the south side of Highway 7 was advanced to Nassagaweya Council Monday night. Council referred E. Johnston to the township trailer bylaw. He said he was considering the park in conjunction with a service station and restaurant adjacent to Caroline Garden Centre.

MAN KILLED, WIFE INJURED . . .
CAMPBELLVILLE — An Ottawa man was killed late Saturday night in a two car head-on collision on Highway 401 just west of Campbellville. Dead is John Hess, 55. His wife Charlotte, 58 is the intensive care unit of Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital in Burlington, where she is listed in fair condition. A westbound car crossed the median and collided with the Hess car.

CYCLISTS PEDAL FOR RETARDED . . .
BURLINGTON — Nearly 2,000 cyclists pedaled all over Burlington Monday to raise money to equip a training centre there for retarded adults. They were paid so much per mile by sponsors and most of them pumped 30 miles. Mayor George Herrington started the riders off at the training centre at 9 a.m. They were entertained at lunch at Lowville Park by a rock group and later danced in Nelson High School.

60 MILE SCAVENGER HUNT . . .
CHINGUACOUSBY — Over 1,000 Chinguacousy Township families are expected to compete in a 60 mile scavenger hunt around the township May 9th, recreation officials said this week. They will collect various items, such as a thumb print or a vial of water from 15 checkpoints and return them to a central location. Finishers can win a colour TV or a sailboat.

RATEPAYERS ELECT DIRECTORS . . .
ROCKWOOD — Rockwood Ratepayers Association elected three new directors this week. Prior to discussion and debate on the implementation of the Ontario Water Resources Study regarding the proposed water and sewer installations in Rockwood, the association elected Cesa Schuller, Joy Lord, and Ralph Kelly for three year terms.

DRUG CASES SOAR 80% . . .
OAKVILLE — Oakville Police Department's youth section had been doubled in size to cope with an increasing work load, including a 700 per cent rise in the drug charges last year. The additional two plainclothesmen will enable the section to cover the community on a full week basis around the clock. Figures show the juvenile offences have risen from 130 in 1964 to 867 last year.

ROCK FEST PROPOSED . . .
MILTON — A proposed eight hour rock concert could attract 4,000 young people to Milton this summer. Monday, council heard two local high school students put forward a plan for the concert which would be in Milton Arena, June 19th. A 19-man security force has been lined up to work with police in case trouble erupts.

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