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EDITORIAL COMMENT

May Go Down in History

Norval's fight to retain the public school in the village has become more than an issue involving one small group of people and one large school board.

Those who would retain the school are ahead of board trustees in realizing that bigness does not necessarily mean better.

There are advantages, of course, in larger schools.

But do any of these compensate for youngsters being bussed far from home for the day, deprived of privilege of a mother close by if sickness or injury occurs, of coming home for noon lunch, of leaving for school at a quarter to nine, and arriving home shortly after school is dismissed for the day ?

Does the impersonal attitude which must prevail in a large school replace the close relationship which teachers in schools like Norval can have with their pupils, and with the parents ?

And is not the closing of smaller schools, whether depriving an entire community like Norval, or an area of a larger community like Georgetown, helping cause some of today's youthful unrest?

Instead of closing Norval school, we suggest that the school board should be discussing enlarging it. And at the same time, they should be planning a return in Georgetown to the 8 grade schools of old. The senior school system has been a costly, unweildly experiment.

Shame .

That members of the federal government could even discuss such a substantial boost as seems to be in the cards, is a blot on every elected politician.

At a time when unemployment is high, when government has suggested six percent as a guideline for industrial pay increases, when inflation is making it tough for an average citizen to maintain his standard of living, those who guide the economy are blithely talking about a \$6,000 handout from taxpayers already bled white by taxes.

Can Prime Minister Trudeau really

Continuation of a tree planting pro-

Living as we do in an older part of

Trees, like people, don't last for-

gram in Georgetown's newer areas will

pay untold dividends in future for resi-

town, we bless those pioneers whose

foresight gave us these beautiful shade

ever, and 'gradually those plantings of

long ago are disappearing, some to

blight, some to age, some to progress

when a street is widened or improved.

dents not yet born.

Thinking of the Future

expect us to swallow the reasoning that, because members of parliament have had no increase since 1963, such a raise would really only be six percent? (8, times 6% equals 48%).

And even so, is it proper for men, elected only two years ago in a hardfought election, to decide they are worth so much more ?

If parliament is serious in considering that those we elect should have higher remuneration, then bring in legislation to increase pay after the next election. Any other action is a betrayal

of public trust.

er and water lines, trees with shallower

Georgetown attractive, to provide shade

on hot summer days, colour in our au-

But trees should be a must to keep

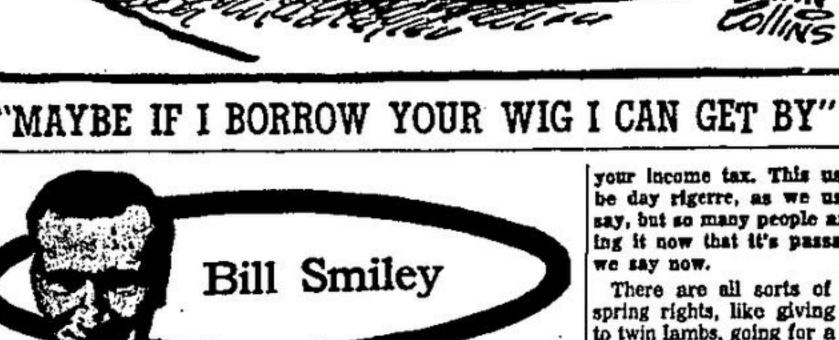
roots are more in keeping.

Torn from this earth before his time; But his soul subilme."

Along with plantings in the newer No, I don't really want that sort of thing. Although it was spring in this country, but they areas, we hope council will keep in my first suggestion as I lay, are becoming polluted, like mind a replacement policy when trees gasping for breath, trying to everything else. are removed. Perhaps it won't be poschoke down the rye and hot water and honey and Icmon juice flahing on Opening Day. This sible to again have those stately maples. that somebody had suggested to was once an indefinable and in-Nor is there any use planting elms for beetles to feed upon. With today's sew-

discussion concerning how much ing onto a subway train at rush a letter the tombstone man hour. charges. And I will say this for my wife. She wiped my fore- and shovel and sweep back onto head and brought me cups of the road all the sand the snowtea while she sorted through blower has thrown up on your

We settled on: "After all Bill knew



Don't Sneeze at Rights of Spring

So do you."

first things first.

we have left.

matic dishwasher. Let's put

There's been a lot written ab-

There's the right to go trout

first five or aix years.

It's only when you're dying that you truly appreciate living. And I'm dying right now.

Don't scoff. I mean it. You'll be sorry next week when this column appears as a blank, white space with a heavy black border around it.

I don't want any culogies in that white space. At least, nothing fancy. Nothing like:

"Here lies a noble soul His words were nothing

my wife might save me. We compromised, after some it's about as thrilling as climb-

my insurance policies. lawn during the winter. This

your income tax. This used to be day rigerre, as we used to say, but so many people are doing it now that it's passay, as We say now.

There are all sorts of other spring rights, like giving birth to twin lambs, going for a swim as soon as the ice goes out, or discovering that your kid has quit university a week before

But we're not all cut out for these things. They're sort spotty. The only spring right that has not been interfered; It wasn't quite what I had with by government, big businin mind, but I don't quibble abess, labour unions or the womout these things, and I did like en's lib is the ordinary Canadthe last line. Also, we saved lan's spring right of dying from \$367.80 on the lettering. That's almost enough to buy an auto-

I think it's probably the last spring right we'll have in perpetuity. And I think it's fitting that we should.

out the rights of spring: poetry, Practically anybody can die music and stuff like that. To be of practically anything these dying of the 'flu is one of the days, according to the experts. rights of spring in Canada. It's And they're probably right, one of the few inalienable rights though I have yet to know an expert to be right about any-Oh, there are other rights of

But to dle of the 'flu 'every spring is something that's fairly precious to us Canadians, and I hope the advertising agencies don't catch on to it, or they'll spoil the whole doleful

explicable delight. Nowadays, Can't you see the ads? "COME TO CANADA FOR A NEW THRILL! INSTANT INFLUEN-There's the right to go out ZA!" Probably sponsored by "drink Canada dry" and "re-

lax with Canadian club." has a tendency to pall after the There's the right to cheat on horning in.

Don't let them. Let's keep something for our mess of pottage. I'm dying of the 'flu, and I don't want a bunch of tourists

THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

THEFTS SOAR IN HIGH SCHOOLS

OAKVILLE-Personal property thefts in Oakville secondary schools have reached major proportions but are not being reported to police. An Oakville police spokesman said this week, one secondary school alone had about 50 thefts in recent months of personal property from students in the school, but the authorities were not relaying the reports to police.

UNIFORM STORE HOURS WANTED

BRAMPTON-Merchants and officials have given immediate unanimous approval to a resolution from the Ontario Chamber of Commerce calling for uniform retail store hours across the province. A "miracle and a God-send" was how one prominent Brampton merchant described the possibility after hearing the resolution. In 1966 Brampton's own store-closing bylaws were tossed out by council as being unenforceable.

CANDLE WORKS NEWEST INDUSTRY

ORANGEVILLE-Rich Hill Candle Works, one of Orangeville's newest and smallest industries is operated by three 23-yearold men, who started the business last year on Rich Hill Farm, Amaranth. They now have outlets right across Southern Ontario from Port Elgin to Kingston, and hope to soon be producing 800 candles a day.

FIREWORKS GIVEN THE WORKS ERIN-Fireworks were given the works at Erin Village coun-

cil meeting last week. The sale and display of fireworks, includes squibs, fireballs or firecrackers within the limits of the village has been banned except for the three days prior to Victoria Day and the day itself. The sale of fireworks has also been prohibited to any person under 18 years of age.

DOWNTOWN TOWER BID FAILS

MILTON-Hopes of seeing a 17-storey tower of stores, offices and apartments rise on Milton's Main Street were dashed last week. William Johnson of Dorel Investments Ltd., developer of the project, told Mayor Brian Best he's giving up and disposing of the lant. He's fed up fighting council over how much parking he has to provide.

 A juvenile has been apprehended in connection with a fire which caused extensive damage to Wrigglesworth public school early Tuesday morning. The arrest was made following investigations by Inspector Ray Simons of the Ontario Fire Marshal's office. Inspector Simons was called here by Fire Chief Bob Bonfield who told the Herald he became suspicious about the fire's origin shortly after the brigade was on the scene. The investigation started at noon that day and was completed by 7 p.m. The blaze started in a nurses' room and spread to a cloak room and then to a storage room.

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have become frustrated at their own ineffectuallity and bored with the fruits of their fathers' labours.

to do with all the extra man-hours of spare time - recreation. Look around - what is there to do?

there have been no effective, viable answers offered for even one of these problems. Many people, of great intellect, have tried to answer these questions, but they have all failed; mainly. I think, because of the simplicity of the answer. The Solution to all of these problems is to be found in one area - drugs. Legalize them - and each one of these problems is solved, and we can obtain, as a bonus, the answers to a number of questions concerning drug use which, under present circumstances, we cannot discover - harmful effects, habituation, genetic damage, brain damage, etc.

the greatest number of people.

These in turn, present opportunities for the clever entrepreneur with influential friends. Now this is not the end of the benefit to the labour market. Taking into consideration the number of people who die as a natural result of continued drug use (legal or not) added to those who will commit suicide the job turnover should be quite rapid, and this in turn, as you can see will not only help the unemployment problem but certainly be an aid in controlling the population explosion; an added feature here, of course, will be the extra work for morticians, florists, etc. Yet another opportunity presents itself, heretofore unimaginable, but with legalization, certainly worth considering; those drug users who had progressed to more powerful drugs could, since there would be no stigma in being identified, participate in studies tearried out by the Candisinterested), education (why do we have to learn this stuff?), adian Medical Association) to determine the effects of conrecreation (what is there to do in this town/city?), a future tinued, or even cumulatively progressive drug use - this would naturally, lower the economic burden on those users who had achieved a certain degree of dependency on Acid, "Smack", or what have you. At the same time the reports for these studies would provide vital information for the humgeneration in the world has had a rougher time, psycholog- anitarians and vicarious cuphoria for the general non-using

As for the problem in education, my suggestion provides the truly beautiful answer, which, of course a number of our students have already discovered. Why should kids over fourteen of above average intelligence have to sit and soak up all that cares what they did back then? Who's Shakespeare, or for that man. All of these problems will be solved; only those people who want to learn will go to school—the others can 'turn on' and expand their mind until such times as they ask to be placfrom the sale of drugs - certainly an added benefit - which is now both impossible and, apparently, politically unpopular. Notice, that by solving the education problem, we have solved the recreation problem because the use of drugs is, in its

creasing circles, each small problem solved in turn solves several others. Employing the same logic that is suggested here, I'm sure the reader can discover many other benefits accruing from adapting the Humble Proposition. Most important of all - notice that the answer is so simple - by legalizing and

IN THE MAIL BAG Thanks to Many Willing

66 Regan Crescent, as usual the young of our com-

To the Editor:

seems to have been a huge suc- of this year's walk.

mendous effort from a great for their work in organizing the many Georgetown and area re- many details of the walk. sidents. I would like to take this opportunity to thank hie people for their help in registering P.S. Our collection day is set walkers on April 28 and in man- for Saturday, May 15 at Cedarning Holy Cross and Pineview vale Community Centre, Georcheckpoints, as well. I am sure getown. If you are able to help many of the walkers enjoyed please contact any member of the food and beverage donated the walk committee. by church groups to the Y world service committee and the ladies of Holy Cross Church, Many thanks to Marg Jaques and Chris Galbraith for their work in organizing the many people who prepared and distributed food were given by the following: the Y World Service com-

Our gratitude goes out to the instead of flour. local school boards, their principals and stalls, the Georgetowni Library, Georgetown Cable TV the Georgetown Herald and the YM-YWCA office for their help in distributing sponsor forms.

mittee, A & P. IGA, Al Ferri's

to our walk by The Georgetown handle with the key to dis-Herald and Cable TV Co. With- charge the spark. out this support our walk would not have been such a success.

I would like to mention espec-wiping with a rubbing alcohol ially Holy Cross Church for the dampened cloth. generous donation of facilities for a check point, and Mr. John vice at reduced rates.

Most important of all, thanks to the many hundreds of walk- ten and mark peanut butter are from the Georgetown area, cookies. Once over does it.

Helpers in Oxfam Walk

tumn landscape.

munity proved again that kids are still the greatest. Despite the weather and a The large number of "older few other minor hitches, this kids" who walked with their fayear's Miles for Millions Walk milies was an important feature

ton - Peel Walk Committee, Honor Shepley, Jim Dalton, John Nash tells us that this was Wayne Taylor, Kevin Townsend, the most trouble-free walk yet. Dean Smith, Geoffrey Pantling. This was the result of a tre- Liz Catling and Leslie Catling Yours sincerely

Don Strathdee

Add These to Your "Helpful Hints"

Water - stiffened leather glove food. Generous contributions of can be restored to softness by working rich hand lotion into the

Apples and the Coca Cola Co. | dough if you dip them in water Graduated scoops or seethrough measuring cups are

Cookie cutters won't stick to

great laundry helpers. Exact measure ends waste. If static electricity is a prob-Generous coverage was given lem in your car, touch the door

> Hair spray on a bathroom mirror can be removed by

If your dishwasher has no pre-Scott of Georgetown Transport sonk for pots and pans, turn it ation Co. for providing bus ser- off halfway thru the cycle for about 15 minutes, then restart, Use a potato masher to flat-

A Humble Proposition for the Solution of Youths' Problems

by Jonathan Swift (20th Century Version)

No one would deny that the teenagers of today are faced with a growing number of problems; they were born into an uncertain and changing world; they have witnessed the greatest scientific advances made by man as well as the most retrograde acts of inhumanity; they have come to mistrust the cess. The chairman of the Hal- Last but not least, thanks to judgement of their elders; they violently denounce the traditions which have secured The American Dream; finally they

> Heaped upon shoulders that strain from the weight of the world's problems, are those personal, practical problems of the individual: a summer job, parents (either too straight or (even if I get a degree in Social Work, where can I get a job? pollution (stop the world, I want to get off!), adulthood (yech). drugs (like, it really expands my mlnd, ya know . . . I mean when you're really strung out - like there's no problems). No

> These latter problems are real. We need only look at unemployment figures to realize the problems such as that defined as the "generation gap" have been aggravated by rapidly changing morals; along with permissiveness we get promisculty and its associated problems (doubly unwanted children) and venereal disease—a new epidemic). The dilemma of forcing unwanted education on unwilling students to prepare them for jobs that will not be available by the time they graduate is not a puzzle which many people would attempt to solve; yet solve it, someone must. Dove-talled into this problem of overeducation and under-employment we find the question of what

Despite every suggestion that has been made thus far

First of all, with the legalization of drugs, the government can control the production of all drugs and, as is the case with alcohol, reap tremendous profits from the sale thereof. At the same time, this new industry will open up a tremenlous number of new job opportunities; no doubt there will be retail outlets which have strict opening and closing hours and we will need attendants and managers for these; some areas will accepting the use of drugs we solve all the problems that plahave licensed "smoking" lounges and "shooting" pads, etc. | gue our youth. And isn't that what Utopia is all about?

boring material which makes up the "course of study?" Who matter Steinbeck, or even Breslin? It's what's happening now, ed in a Government sponsored Drug Sanitorium; this new institution, of course, will be financed, partially, with the tax own way, the panacea for boredom.

To even consider such problems as the lack of communication, or the generation gap, becomes redundant under the circumstances suggested in my Humble Proposition - the problem, as such, disappears since the users obviously do not wish to communicate physically, or externally, at any rate. The more personal problems, based on sexual relationships will also decrease, since, according to experts among users, sex-I'll go into this later, but let me first explain how the legis- uality declines: this would also, therefore, cut down on two lation and acceptance of drugs will do the greatest good for of the serious problems mentioned earlier - population control and social diseases.

As you can see, the possible benefits spread out in ever in-