

HOT AND COLD WATER IN PRE-PLUMBING DAYS



Double washstand is a conversation starter at Halton County Museum

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Birth of New Party —

Paul Hellyer, who might have been a Canadian Liberal prime minister had it not been for Trudeauism, is promoting Action Canada in daily newspaper advertisements.

And while he hasn't come right out and said it, we judge that we may be seeing the birth of a fourth Canadian political party if he gets enough public support.

As one who has been preaching for a fourth party for some time, Mr. Hellyer has us somewhat mystified. He has given up his federal cabinet seat, resigned from the official Liberal political party, but still sits as an 'independent Liberal' in parliament. We would admire him more if he resigned completely, for as we understand the parliamentary system, a man is elected, not as a person, but as a party member. If he sheds his party affiliation, does he then truly represent the people who voted him in?

The ideas which Mr. Hellyer propounds are mostly sensible.

He would have government provide more housing, reduce income taxes, cut down pollution, have Canadians participate in decisions.

But are these any different than one or other of the established parties promise?

If he has the answer to the riddle

of doing more and more with less and less money, he should spell out his plan more clearly.

What frightens us about the Action idea, is his blast at senior civil servants. He claims that a small number of cabinet ministers, plus the top echelon of civil servants, form an autocratic group who control government decisions. And his statement that he would shuffle civil servants every few years, is irresponsible and could do untold harm to our economy.

Whatever type of government a democracy elects, there is no way of governing without knowledgeable employees. We would not want to see a return to the days of political patronage which his statement implies.

We won't wash out Action Canada immediately. The time is long past when government at all levels must stop considering the public purse as a bottomless pit. But, if we are to reduce taxes, give people more control over the money they earn, we cannot continue to promise more social welfare, more subsidies, more security.

This will be Mr. Hellyer's biggest hurdle. No politician has yet been elected on an economy program if the economy is at the expense of the man he hopes will elect him.

Neater Town —

Concentration on a clean-up campaign in town should not be allowed to wane.

The tons of garbage collected in a council-sponsored Green-Up drive, the work of the Lions Club in sweeping Main Street on a couple of Saturdays, the river clean-up by the Concerned Citizens Group, augurs well for a tidier future Georgetown.

But much more than this is entailed if we are to do our small part in making Canada more beautiful.

A proportion of adults are past the stage where they will ever learn not to litter. And each succeeding generation seems to get more careless.

What we need is an emphasis on

the training of youngsters to be neat. If parents would train them, schools stress neatness, such groups as Cubs and Brownies encouraged to embark on clean-up projects, we could get somewhere in the next decade.

Nature has given us such a beautiful heritage in this part of Ontario. It is sad that we despoil our scenery with bottles and cans, waste paper, and litter of all sorts.

One of the few good things we have heard about Nazi Germany was an emphasis on cleanliness. A friend competing in the 1937 Olympic Games told us that he threw a chocolate bar wrapper on the ground, was tapped on the shoulder by a policeman who said 'We don't do that here.'

Sentiment in Quilts —

An item in the Ballinfad news caught our eye last week.

To mark the 25th anniversary of their marriage, a couple's daughters pieced a quilt which depicted highlights of their married life.

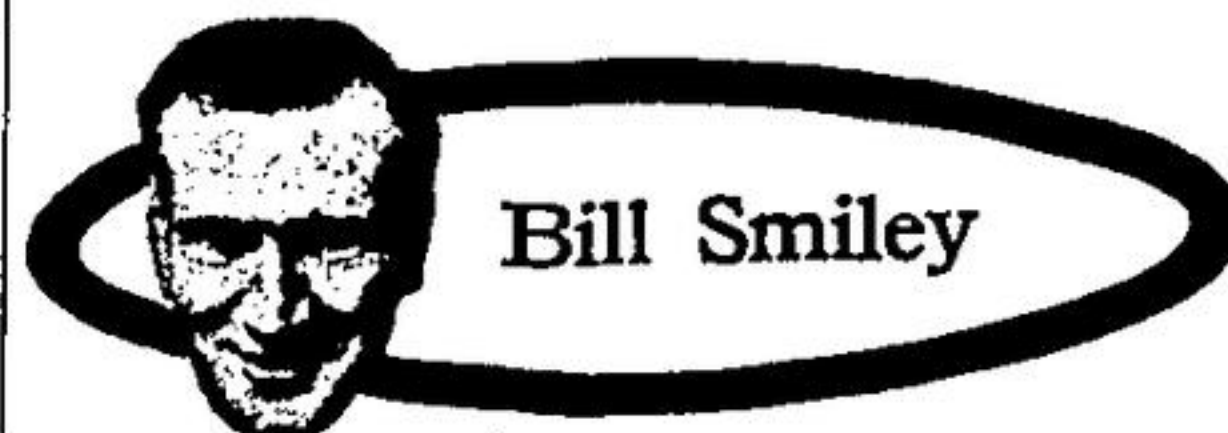
It will surely be a treasured possession of the couple, and of their children and grandchildren in the years to come.

It made us think of the demise of the once-popular 'crazy quilt' in the days of our childhood. The quilts always told a story. We remember our mother pointing out the various quilt blocks,

each part of a dress she had worn, maybe a reminder of a happy time when she had worn it to a party, maybe a tinge of sadness, but all recalling incidents in her life.

The quilts went out of fashion for many reasons.

Women entered an era when there was more social activity, less emphasis on home crafts. Houses are now better heated, and the old, heavy quilts aren't needed to keep one warm. Today one usually finds them in summer cottages, these tender reminders of the past.



Bill Smiley

A Sober Side to Delights of June

June is one of the happiest months of the year in Canada. Or it should be.

In other countries they have spring. In this country, we may have a bleak month before the last snow goes, and June bursts forth in all her lush, soft splendour.

Grass is startling green and the cattle fill their bellies with the juicy sweetness after a long winter of confinement and dull fodder.

Young ones of all species actually gambol, sport, kick up their heels, and butt their mothers on one side, then on the other.

Our trees have forgotten their groaning and cracking in the teeth of winter; they bow and whisper like ladies at a garden party while the squirrels scamper saucily about their legs and the birds twitter among their ample bosoms and verdant hair.

June is full of anticipation. The boat owners are painting and repairing and launching. The golfers are having their finest hour before the silly summer duffers swarm onto the courses.

And school is nearly over. And the most beautiful marriages ever conceived are in the offing.

It's a month when surely every Canadian should be shouting, "Praise the Lord" or "Let joy be unconfined", or at least "Wow! This is the greatest!"

But a benevolent Providence, in its wisdom, must remind man that every light contains its darkness, that every good has a balancing evil.

It's probably just as well. If there were no bad smells, we wouldn't appreciate the good ones. If we never felt pain or illness, we wouldn't appreciate

the limbs go languorous, the eyes go glassy and that retarded adult up front might as well be talking to himself in Swahili.

As for those beautiful marriages, conceived in heaven, and time-tabled for June. If I had any statistics, I'd say that statistics show that fifty per cent of them will end in a life of quiet desperation, thirty per cent of them will be unbearable ten per cent will be impossible, five per cent unspeakable. The rest will wind up having their sixtieth anniversary pictures in the local paper.

I'm not being cynical about June. I wouldn't miss it for anything. I am merely, as usual presenting the facts.

So, in June, as in life, there's another turn of the wheel, another side of the coin.

There's all that glorious nature, just waiting to be revelled in. And there are all those mosquitoes and blackflies just waiting to revel in turning you into a swollen porpoise or a striped skeleton.

There's all that luxuriant grass. But the dam' stuff is up to your knees before you get your lawn mower overhauled.

And there's all that young life. June was a happy month for my mother, more years ago than it is decent to talk about. She proudly bore her third son, me. But what she got was a sickly whelp who cried for two years without stopping and barely survived every infant's ailment there was in those days.

There's all that anticipation. But the boat owner discovers that the rats have been at his hull, or his motor has developed a perforated ulcer. And the golfer swings too hard on his first day out, silps a disc and is out for the summer.

To be sure, school is nearly out. But June is pure hell for both teacher and student. For the teacher it is a scramble of final reviews, an avalanche of evaluation, a surflet of statistics. Fair enough. He's paid for it. But he might as well be teaching a couple of cords of wood. The bodies are there, but the minds and spirits have fled through the open windows into the musky June air.

It's even worse for the student. There is that oft talking about poetry when the greatest poetry in the world is taking place outside that stifling rectangular prison. The blood stirs

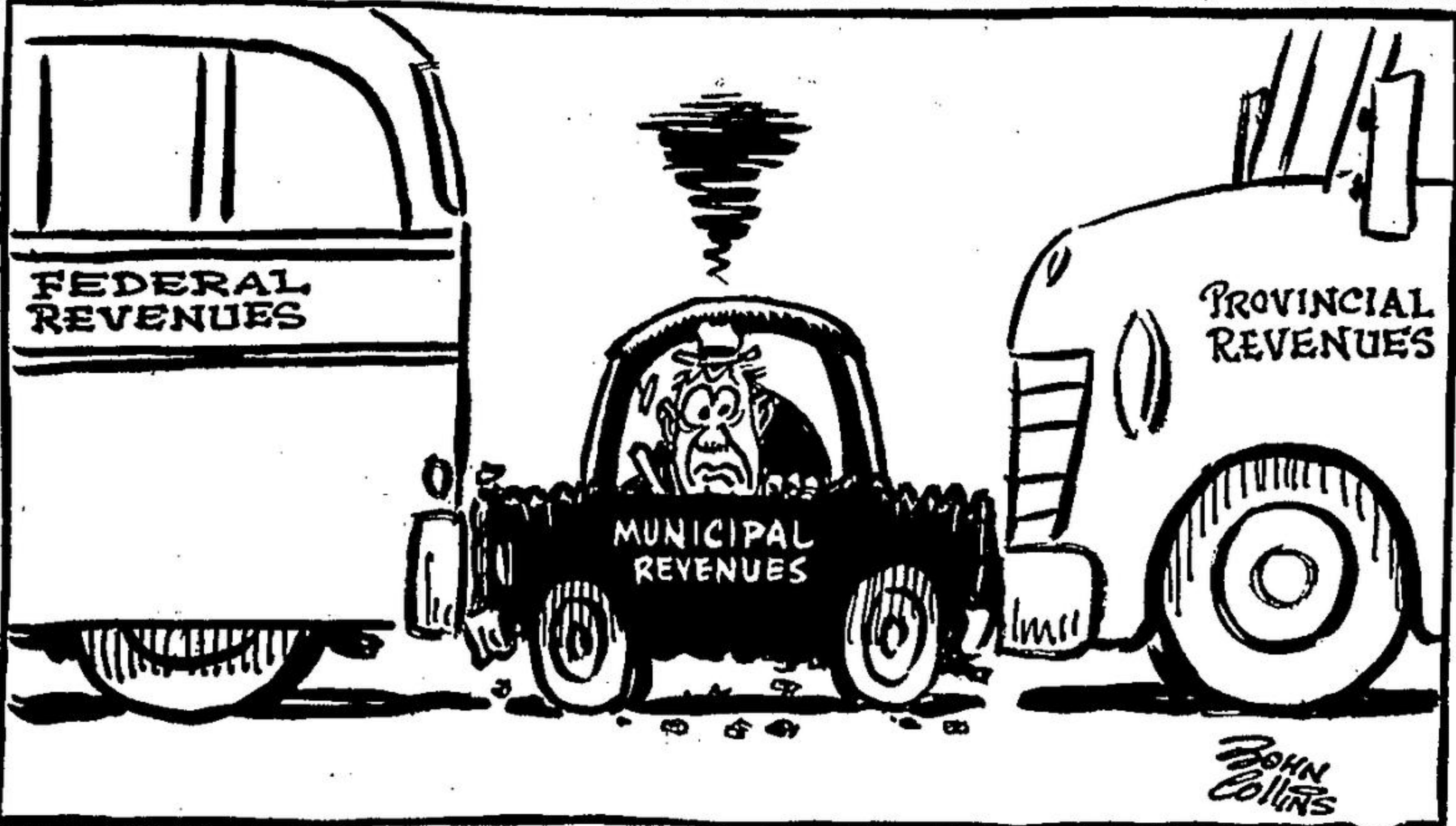
Yours sincerely,
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Great News Tree Lovers, Science Finds Immune Elm

The May edition of The Young Naturalist magazine has a great piece of news of all those who feared the elm tree would eventually disappear from this country entirely.

Ontario scientists have developed a new type of elm tree, the Quebec elm, which can protect itself from the Dutch Elm disease. This tree will grow taller and faster than the American and White Elms and will be available next summer.

Dutch Elm disease came to North America in 1917 when New York cabinet makers imported a load of wood from Europe on which the European Elm beetles hitched a ride. The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River served as a protective barrier for Canada, but in 1950 some logs were hauled across the St. Clair River to Windsor and the beetle found fresh elm forests.



"IT ISN'T SUPPOSED TO BE A COMPACT"

THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

RECREATION COMPLEX SUGGESTED

HUTTONVILLE—A recreation complex beside Huttonville Public School was suggested by the Chinguacousy parks and recreation committee. The complex would include a pool, an arena with little or no seating, dressing rooms, meeting room, craft room and teen room, library and gymnasium. Cost estimates range as high as \$545,000.

SKELTON STAFF AT MASON

ACTON—Although employees at Mason Knitting Company have been reduced from 129 to three there is still a mood of cautious optimism about the fate of the Acton company. The company got into financial difficulties several months ago, resulting in a take-over under the banking act. Production was shut down and inventory seized.

WOMAN AEROBAT KILLED

ERIN—Mrs. Sally Wagner, 48, of Erin, was killed last week in a plane crash 18 miles north of Whitby. She received her pilot's license at the age of 18. She was alone in her Chipmunk aircraft when it crashed into a field. Mrs. Wagner was also a colour consultant with a cosmetics firm.

SENIOR APARTMENTS JUNE 24

MILTON—The proposed date for the opening of Milton's new senior citizens apartment building has been changed to June 24. Officials of the Ontario Housing Corporation, Wimpey Homes, and town officials will be on hand for the opening ceremonies.

WILL BAN BIG TRUCKS

BRAMPTON—Heavy trucks will be kept off Main Street, Brampton, with or without Chinguacousy township's co-operation, Brampton Mayor Jim Archdekin told 75 downtown merchants at a meeting last week. A report earlier this month said Chinguacousy was not interested in helping Brampton finance the proposed bypass along Heart Lake Road.

WIPE OUT CREEK IMPROVEMENTS

OAKVILLE—Improvements for the Twelve and Sixteen Mile Creeks in Oakville have been wiped out because of cuts in the Halton Region Conservation Authority capital budget by Queen's Park. The total capital budget was cut almost 70 per cent from an expected \$1,500,000 to \$400,000.

CHARTER FLIGHTS TO COAST?

GUELPH—There are excellent chances that Guelph will have service for coast-to-coast charter flying within six months. Guelph Air Services Ltd., which has provided flying services in the area, has applied to the air transport board for a license to extend its business to national freight and passenger lines. To date the company has only been allowed to make short local trips.

NORTHERN PUPILS PAY VISIT

STREETSVILLE—Some 32 pupils from the Northern Ontario community of Kapuskasing will visit Streetsville in a return visit in a student exchange program. In January, a grade 8 Streetsville class was billeted in Kapuskasing homes. June 8 the northern children will stay in the homes of the same pupils they hosted.

RIDDING PHOSPHATES EXPERIMENT

BURLINGTON—Canada Centre for Inland Waters and Burlington together with the OWIC are co-operating in an experiment to remove phosphates from municipal sewage. If successful, the experiment promises the possibility of a system cheaper to operate than the various chemical systems which are also undergoing testing.

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