

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Need For Solomon —

A by-law restricting building on lots where municipal water and sewer services are not available, demands a Solomon to solve the problem.

Council is concerned about sanitary regulations and about the cost of services which could be demanded if large scale building occurred on such property.

But land owners, particularly in an older section of town are up in arms about not being allowed to build on land on which they have paid taxes for years.

The irony here is that, when the town first installed a sewer system in the forties, this area was by-passed because it was considered too expensive because of the topography. Yet owners have paid for a portion of the sewerage system in their general tax rate.

Residents in this area claim that regulations of the county health unit avoid any pollution danger if more houses are built and septic tanks used. If this is the case, then we do not think council should legislate too restrictively against home building. Or if they do, the town should be prepared to buy the land at a fair market price.

It is the same type of problem facing senior governments in retaining open spaces and agricultural land in areas where rapid urbanization can occur.

Here, too, it is unfair to expect a farmer to retain land on his own which is worth much more than its price as a farm. Society must be prepared to buy the land for the common good, rather than having an individual be the philanthropist.

Seeing The Light —

Reversal of a Department of Highways opinion that traffic lights are not needed at the Maple Avenue-highway intersection will meet approval from the large number of people who use the crossing frequently.

To them surveys to the contrary, it is a prime need. No one who has waited to cross or enter the highway stream for five or ten minutes at a stretch could be convinced by surveys that the lights were not needed.

Perhaps now that we know squeaky wheels are heard at Queen's Park, we could get some other needed improvements in our Georgetown road system.

Perhaps the most dangerous crossing in town is where River Road and Mountainview Road North meet. It is one of the most glaring examples of poor engineering that we have ever seen. Mountainview is a busy road connecting town and Glen Williams. River Drive is an access road to three major

industries. If one is driving down the Mountainview hill and turning left to the papermills, oncoming traffic is completely obliterated from sight. Ditto, a turn from either River Drive approach up the hill.

Last year an enormous amount of money was spent to improve and widen Maple Avenue. The end result was to make the turns from Tyers and Market onto this busy artery even more hazardous. This is another situation which should be rectified before a major traffic accident occurs.

Confusing, though not dangerous, is the new terminology adopted by the highways department for the 7th Line. Following improvements at McCullough's Corner, suddenly a new sign Halton Road No. 3 has made its appearance. How the 7th Line can become a number three road, or why the change, is a mystery. It can lead to nothing but confusion for strangers and residents alike.

Don't Favour Free Hostels —

The idea of setting up free hostels for roaming Canadian youth this summer, propounded by some well-meaning folk, finds little favour with those who will be forced to foot the bill.

There is no good reason why taxpayers should dig a little deeper to feed and house youngsters who should either be subsidized by parents who want them to wander, or kept at home when school is out for the summer.

The hostel idea is well and good if it can be established on a self-sufficient basis, properly supervised and conducted like those which organizations like the 'Y' have operated for many years.

We are not against young people travelling. That is a decision which they and their parents must make. But we argue with the theory that it is so-

ciety's duty to pay the shot any more than it is for adults to do the same.

No one has yet propounded that an adult is entitled to see Canada at the expense of the public pursestring. If he attempts this, he gets a welcome all right—perhaps an overnight bed in a police station, or a ride to the town limits, with a 'move on buddy' from the authorities.

The same treatment for wandering youth would soon enough solve the problems which some civic officials feel can only be settled by free hostels. Knowledge that young transients aren't welcome, will be smartly moved on their way, or charged with being public nuisances if they persist in holding up in public parks, would bring a fast end to See Canada at Your Expense philosophy.



RURAL SERENITY



Bill Smiley

There are 3 Choices And He Likes None

Boy, show me a silver lining these days and I'll show you a dark cloud.

It's only a couple of weeks since I was crying the blues about being stuck with a jobless child for the summer, and wishing my daughter could find work in this slim summer for students.

She has a job and she likes it. It's waiting on tables in a smart hotel dining-room, overlooking the water. The pay's not much, but tips are fair. She has learned the joy of coming home with her apron pockets loaded with quarters, dimes and nickels, and arranging them in neat little piles, and counting them over and over. Anyone who has ever worked as a slavery knows the sheer Scrooge-like delight of counting tips.

But there's always a catch, and in this case, I'm the one who has been caught, and not for the first time.

The catch is that the job is about ten miles from home, and there is no transportation to and from. Bus service is strictly from the stone age, and it's too far to take a cab and take any money home. I guess I don't have to draw

a picture. Good Old Dad. It's not the money I mind (about \$1.00 worth of gas, and five dollars depreciation on the car—most of the journey is on a highway under construction.)

It's the fact that she starts work at 7:30 in the morning. We are a one car family. She doesn't have a driver's license, so it's up at the crack of 6 a.m. for yours truly. I am not at my best at 6 a.m., except on those occasions when I haven't got to bed yet.

Good Old Mom can also drive the car, but she always seems to have the vapours at 6 a.m.

I have two alternatives. One, have Kim get her driver's license, in which case I'm stuck without a car all day. Two, buy a second car, let her use, and fork up price of the car, license and insurance. The latter considering what she'll probably earn, would put us about \$500 in the hole for her summer's work. How do you like them for alternatives?

I've scrambled desperately at other solutions. I might be able to hire a boy to take her out and pick her up for about \$4.00 a day, plus gas. That doesn't seem too profitable, and he'd

probably rack up my tired 1967 model.

I could physically kick her mother out of bed and make her drive. But I haven't the guts to do this at 4 p.m., let alone 6 a.m.

I could let her hitch-hike. But I don't like girls hitch-hiking at 7 a.m. (That is, I don't mind the girls, but the hitch-hiking.) Why, she might be picked up by some renegade and I'd never see her again. (That, on second thought, would solve the problem.)

Ab, it's just one of those rotten little problems that will sort itself out.

I've got another problem today. I haven't felt so tough since the Germans beat me up about twenty-three years ago.

Did you ever fall down a mine-shaft? I hadn't either, until a couple of nights ago. At least I thought it was a mine-shaft. Drove some people home. Into their driveway. No lights outside the house. Invited in for coffee. Stepped out of the driver's side and straight into an excavation nobody had mentioned.

Tore a quarter-inch of skin, tissue and muscle off my left palm. Sprained the thumbs on both hands. Raised a lump the size of a baseball on my left thigh. Twisted my right knee. Hit my chest on something else and have a great purple-and-gold bruise that hits me like a spear when I cough.

Can barely manoeuvre a staks, but apart from that, feel terrible. But good thing I'm a tough old nut. Scrambled out unaided, dripping blood and bad language.

It makes the transportation hang-up recede a little.

Didn't Vote, But Halton M.P. Favours Raise

Halton riding MP Rud Whiting was among the members of parliament missing from the House of Commons last week when the final vote was taken on a bill giving members and senators increase in salary and expense allowances.

The government bill passed 149-30.

Also missing from the Commons at the time of the vote was Poel South MP Hy Chapell. Halton - Westworth MP John Morrison, a Liberal, voted in favour of the bill.

Whiting's office in Ottawa reported he was in hospital in Oakville.

However, when contacted Whiting denied he was in hospital. He said he was at the hospital for a test. He said he had "important riding business" to attend to and could not be in the Commons.

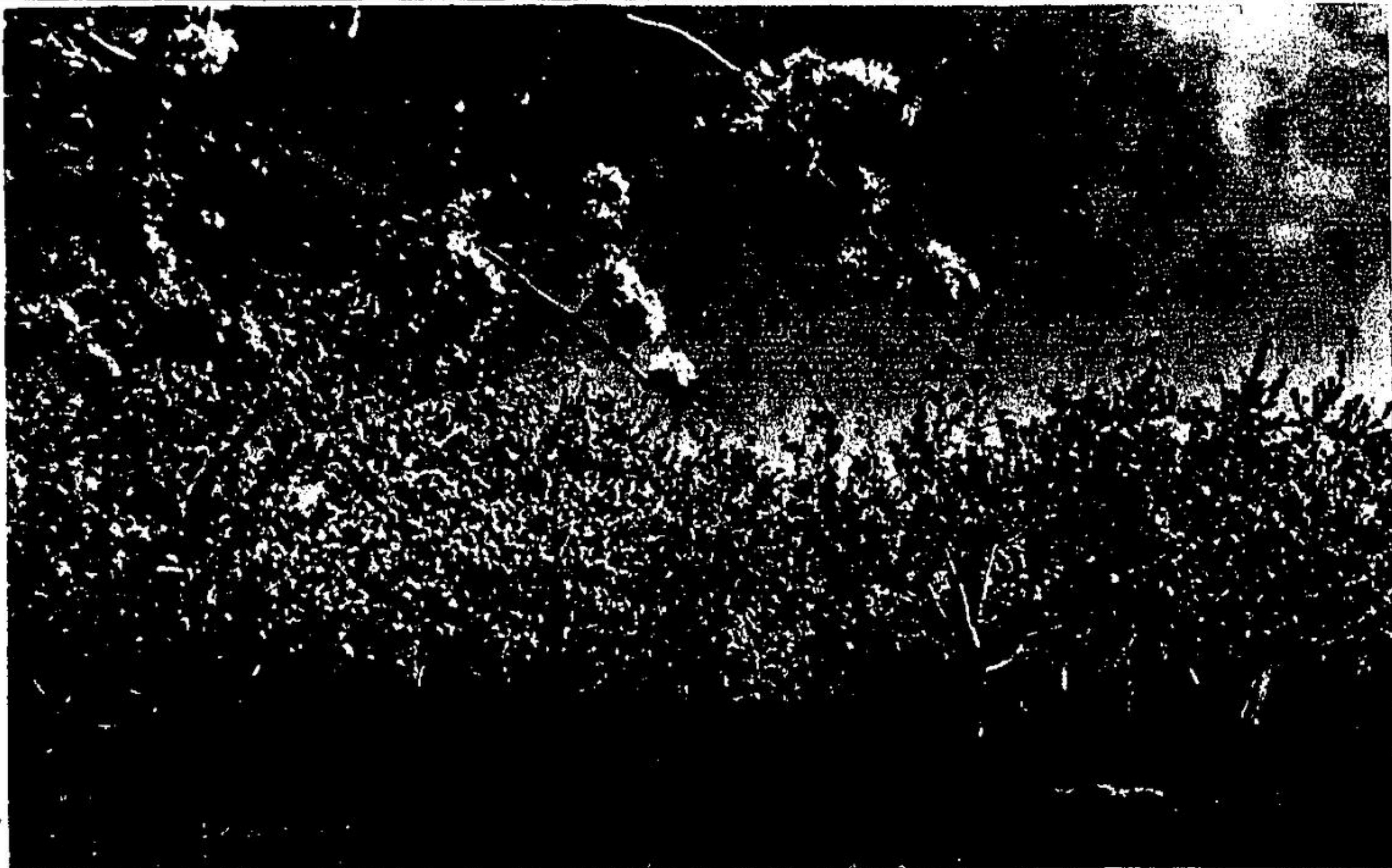
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He said: "Had I been in Ottawa I would have voted in favour of the bill. I had made this clear earlier. I support the increases."

ALL LIBERALS

One hundred Liberals, 47 Conservatives, 1 New Democrat and 1 Independent supported

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APPLE ORCHARDS IN THE NORVAL AREA PROVIDE COUNTRYSIDE BOUQUETS

THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

FEEL INCREASE ISN'T BAD

ROCKWOOD—Village trustees learned this week that Ontario Hydro will increase its charge to Rockwood Hydro for meters by approximately \$10 per month. The secretary of Rockwood Hydro said the monthly charge to the village hydro would increase from 18c to 21c for each of the 340 meters now in use.

TRUCK STORM BREWING

BRAMALEA—Residents on the Second Line east and No. 10 Sideroad are preparing to do battle to protect one of the things that remain sacrosanct in the busy world — a good night's sleep. Residents tell tales of large gravel trucks roaring by their homes all day and all night. Gordon Rayner, who sent a letter to council last week, was told there are no laws governing the situation.

ATTEMPT TO OPEN VERRALL REPORT

MILTON—An unsuccessful attempt was made last Wednesday to bring the evaluation report on former Milton District Hospital Director of Nursing, Mrs. L. Verrall, into the open. A board member and two members of the hospital corporation tried for an hour to make the evaluation report available for directors to read, but a 9 - 3 vote kept it under wraps. Mrs. Verrall decided to resign May 7 ending a 90-day controversy. It started when she was dismissed by former administrator Dalton McQuail.

Limehouse Relic Now Part Of Pioneer Village Lore

When harking back to the "good old days" of our pioneer forefathers, most people gloss over many of the things that weren't so good by comparison with modern day standards—including outdoor toilet facilities, or outhouses.

Inconvenient as these outhouses may have been compared to today's modern, all-purpose bathrooms, they were a part of pioneer life, and for this reason two of these structures have recently been acquired by Black Creek Pioneer Village as additions to the buildings there. The Village is operated by the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, and is located at Jane Street and Steeles Avenue in northwest Metro Toronto.

THREE HOLER WITH GREEK ARCHITECTURE

The latest addition to the Village outhouses was found beside a miller's home on the Credit River at Limehouse. It differs greatly from the present day concept of outhouses in that it is a three-holer, and its architecture is Greek revival. It was acquired on a long-term loan basis from the Credit River Conservation Authority and is now being restored by Black Creek staff members.

It is built of lathe and plaster inside, has clapboard siding, and the back of the building is of board and batten construction. The roof is covered with shingle shakes, and glass windows, run down both sides of the door; it is believed these were originally covered with blinds or curtains.

The first outhouse at Black Creek is made of circular logs and was restored by the Village staff after being found in a derelict condition. It is now part of the Stong farm buildings at the Village.

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