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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Moral Support As Well

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Indications that Georgetown council may change its plan to by-pass the fall fair's usual \$250 grant, will be welcome news to a group of hard-working town and rural residents who plan this fine event each year.

But it is possible, too, that if council indicated that it was not behind the fair board, it could lead to backbiting and lessened interest among those we count on to put over this big day.

The fair board, indeed, has been concerned for some time about dwindling support among younger farmers and town residents. Like any organization, constant infusions of new blood are needed to keep an active, progressive executive.

With the knowledge that Georgetown, through its council, is behind the board, there

contribute their talents.

The fall fair, well over a century old, is a major feature of Georgetown's year. It is an institution which would be sorely missed if the day came when it was phased out of

is encouragement for new men and women to

The small cash grant and the extra expense incurred in putting the grounds in shape and the after-the-fair cleanup, are minor expenses which council should willingly shoulder.

We hope council finds those few dollars in its 1971 budget to keep the fall fair on an even keel and to ensure its continuance in years to

It is conceivable that the fair would carry on without this money from the town

Welcome News

Income tax cuts, announced in finance minister Benson's budget speech, will be welcomed by most taxpayers.

The extra money which a man will receive in his pay cheque will stimulate the economy, while giving him a chance to save a few dollars for a rainy day.

Canadians, in these past twenty or thirty years, have borne a crippling burden of direct and indirect taxes, to the point where takehome pay for the average man is never quite enough for his routine living expenses. With good health and job security he gets

by. But he has a difficult time doing what his father was taught - putting some money aside for unforescen emergencies.

It hasn't been all one-sided, of course. Government has assumed more and more of the social welfare functions which formerly were the responsibility of the individual and the family.

Medicare, welfare, unemployment insurance, government pensions, old age assistance, baby bonuses can only be

There are few of these that today's Canadians would want to do without. But there is a happy medium beyond which a government should not go, and we have approached the zenith of having everything done for us.

There is merit in not making the individual completely dependent on the state for his every need. Too much of a socialistic world can cause inertia, lack of ambition, abandonment of the pride of paying one's own

We hope our government has this in mino when it reduces taxes, and is not just playing politics with an eye to future elections.

Big Attraction For 74

Selection of a site near Georgetown for the 1974 International Plowing Match will be a tremendous publicity boost for our town.

The International draws thousands of spectators from all across Canada.

It is conceivable that its proximity to Georgetown could lead to an industrial location, a new resident, an outlet for a local product.

Luck plays a big part in success.

You can sell your town in every way

possible, and sometimes it's chance which clinches the deal.

More than one industry has located in a community because an executive travelled through, liked the looks of the town, and got the idea that it would be a good place to build his factory.

At the least, Georgetown is going to get a lot of publicity across Canada, and having your name in print has never done a town any

Perhaps this will happen three years from now. Perhaps not.

Those Were the Days

Belles Were Welcome, But Circumspect was the Word

River valley property is owned

by the authority in Streetsville.

BELFOUNTAIN PARK - At the as its first chairman. He was turn of the century, visitors to succeeded in the senior post by Belfountain Park were properly A.M. Greenaway. In 1962 Roy called the "Belles of Belfoun- McMillan, former Mississauga

Owner Charles W. Mack made over the post. Mr. McMillan has sure his female visitors were held that position ever since properly dressed belies. He Since 1954 the Credit Valley nanded the proprieties of a Authority has amassed almost Victorian drawing room. Ac- 3,000 acres of watershed land cording to an issue of "Water- along ghe Credit River sheds", Mr. Mack blocked the acknowledged as one of the most entrance of a group of young picturesque strips of land in the ladles dressed in beach pyjamas. province. At Terra Cotta, 81,862 When told all Toronto girls were patrons and 23,664 campers were wearing similar costumes he clocked into the 33-acre area in replied: "Girls may wear them, 1970. Monora, north but ladies do not."

The belles at Belfountain could patrons and 2,645 campers stroll along the river in long during 1970. Forty six acres of skirts and starched blouses, and, river valley land are now owned on Sundays, enjoy a picnic, but by the authority at Monora. no fishing or swimming. Never such frivolities on Sundays.

Today, although the landmarks and negotiations have been of the original owner have been preserved, Belfountain Park, under the ownership of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, attracts thousands of out-doorlovers every summer, Enjoyment of nature's wonders is the motto now, and formal attire is no longer a condition of admittance.

FOUR TON BELL

The Belfountain Park acreage, complete with its famous fourton bell, cascading waterfalls, stone lined grotto and swing bridge, developed as a private home by Charles Mack at the turn of the century, and owned many years later by William G Roger, was purchased by the authority in 1959. The original parcel of land consisted of 22 acres. Since 1959, the authority has added an additional 18 acres, so today, the Belfountainrecreation area is spread over 40 acres of river valleys and gorges. The original dam was com-

pletely rebuilt, a spillway installed and a new swing bridge was constructed. The Authority has also developed a picnic area and built a wading pool for the youngsters. The massive bell was jacked up and a new foundation built. The original concept of the area, its wild natural beauty, has been preserved in its entirety.

These days, city folks and wide-eyed youngsters wander along the river trails where the "Belles of Belfountain" once strolled under the watchful eye of "Mr Mack". In fact, according to attendance figures filed in the authority's headquarters at Meadowvale, 30,432 patrons visited this beauty spot in 1970.

FORMED IN INC

. The Credit Valley Conpervation Authority was formed in 1964 with Douglas Redington

councillor and deputy reeve, took already been legislated.

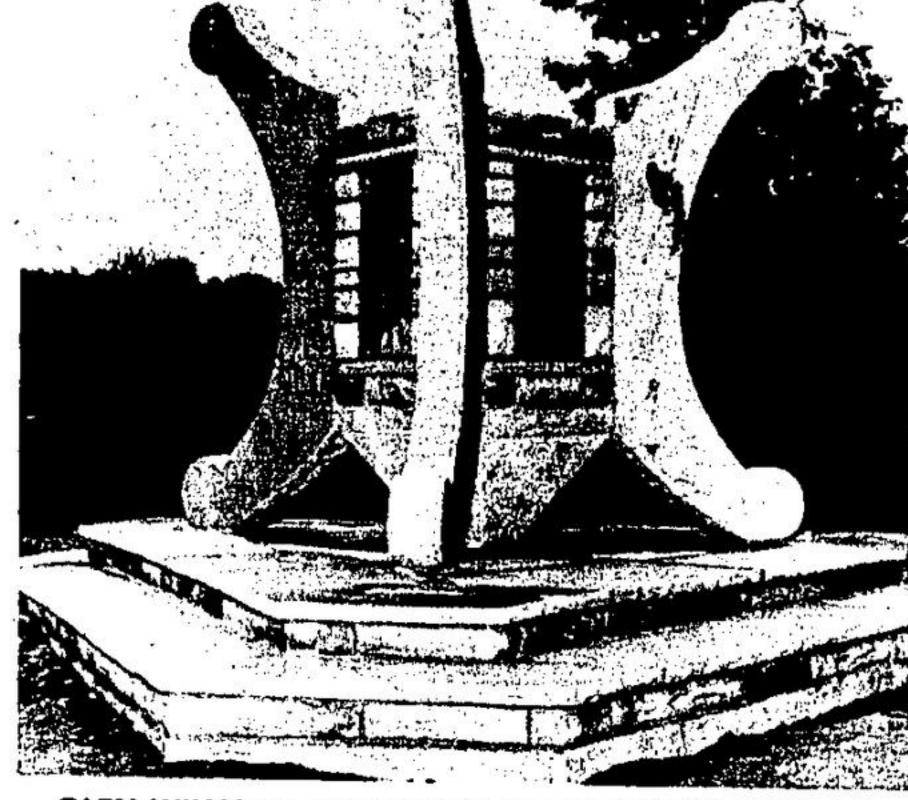
Headquarters of the authority house on the Credit River bank at Meadowvale. The old home has been renovated but preserved in its natural stately Orangeville, drew 11,469 day beauty. The authority building is located on the site of a river valley park extending for hundreds of yards north of the village, and every acre is being gradually developed for the

completed for authority control over 400 acres in the Caledon Preservation of the natural

IN THE FUTURE Future plans of the authority include the purchases of river valley land along the lower Credit and, in the 1971 budget, provision has been made to finance the purchase of Niagara escarpment land as it becomes available. Regulations on dumping fill along the river have

are now located in the old mill future enjoyment of the people.

beauties of Credit watershed is Lake area. This land is to be left the prime function of the in its natural state as a preser- authority. Financing comes from vation area for birds and wild government grants and the few life. Hundreds of acres of land, cents per capita levied on all



GLEN WILLIAMS CAIRN WILL BE DEDICATED SUNDAY

Blacksmiths Hard to Find, Trainer Learned Art Himself

house call. You can only get a acetylene torch instead. nowadays."

horse trainer, decided more than looks. 20 years ago to become his own blacksmith.

an imperfection in a horse's gait | gait." If he puts the shoe on himself.

he does possess a forge, once shoe has to fit.

Graduates Psychology

Major



MARK LLEWELLYN

Donald Mark Evan Llewellyn, 17 Shelley St., has received a Bachelor of Arts degree with Grade A standing in his four year course at Trinity College, University of Toronto. A former student at Wrigglesworth and Harrison public schools and Georgetown District High School, he majored in psychology and has been awarded grants from the National Research Council and the University of Toronto to continue post-graduate studies.

The site of Glastonbury Abbey is known as the "hollest spot in

CORRECT BAIT Shoeing a standard bred in-

The only thing that remains as imperfection in one leg, that events.

If a trotter is interfering with year." another horse "sometimes "When the little boy came I

will help," he said. Today, Mr. Talbot does not Mr. Talbot, his wife, Norma buys his shoes already made at near Norval. \$2.50 and all that's left to do is to Mr. Talbot has worked at the rear shoes were larger than the to Canada. front shoes and that shoes are "Life's a lot different up here. sure that they bend and not States" be said.

That's why Danny Talbot, 37, shoeing horses isn't as easy as it there are enough blacksmiths at the waste-basket. the track to do it.

BORN IN WESTON

remaining his own blacksmith is length of toe, he said. "It all has but has lived in the United States been totally involved in a real

equipment is an anvil, although are much like people because the somewhat tired of "being in 14 agonizing prat-falls." and 15 different places in one

lowering the outside shoe a bit thought that this wasn't a way to raise a family."

have to start off with a piece of and Michael 7, and Peggy, 4 now steel and shape it into a shoe. He live on the farm of Jack Hernick.

bend them and shape them to the Classic Gait Stables owned by size. He noted that the horses' Mr. Hernick since he came back

always made of soft steel to in- None of the hustling as in the

THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

POLICE HUNT FOR ARSONIST

GUELPH - Arson is suspected in the suspicious \$50,000 flash fire at Reinhart Beverages in Guelph last week. Plant manager Joe Buda said he is trying to locate another company that will carry out bottling and manufacturing for the firm until the inside of the plant is rebuilt. He said the nine-employee company was producing an average of 3,000 cases of soft drinks each week.

UNIT SEEKS NITRATE SOURCE

SNELGROVE . Peel County Health Unit is still trying to find the source of nitrates discovered in some area wells. The nitrates are harmful to babies under three months of age. When ingested they lessen the ability of the blood to carry oxygen and could result in death. Nitrates have been found in some wells a mile east of Vic-

FARMERS IRK BY SEVERANCE FEES

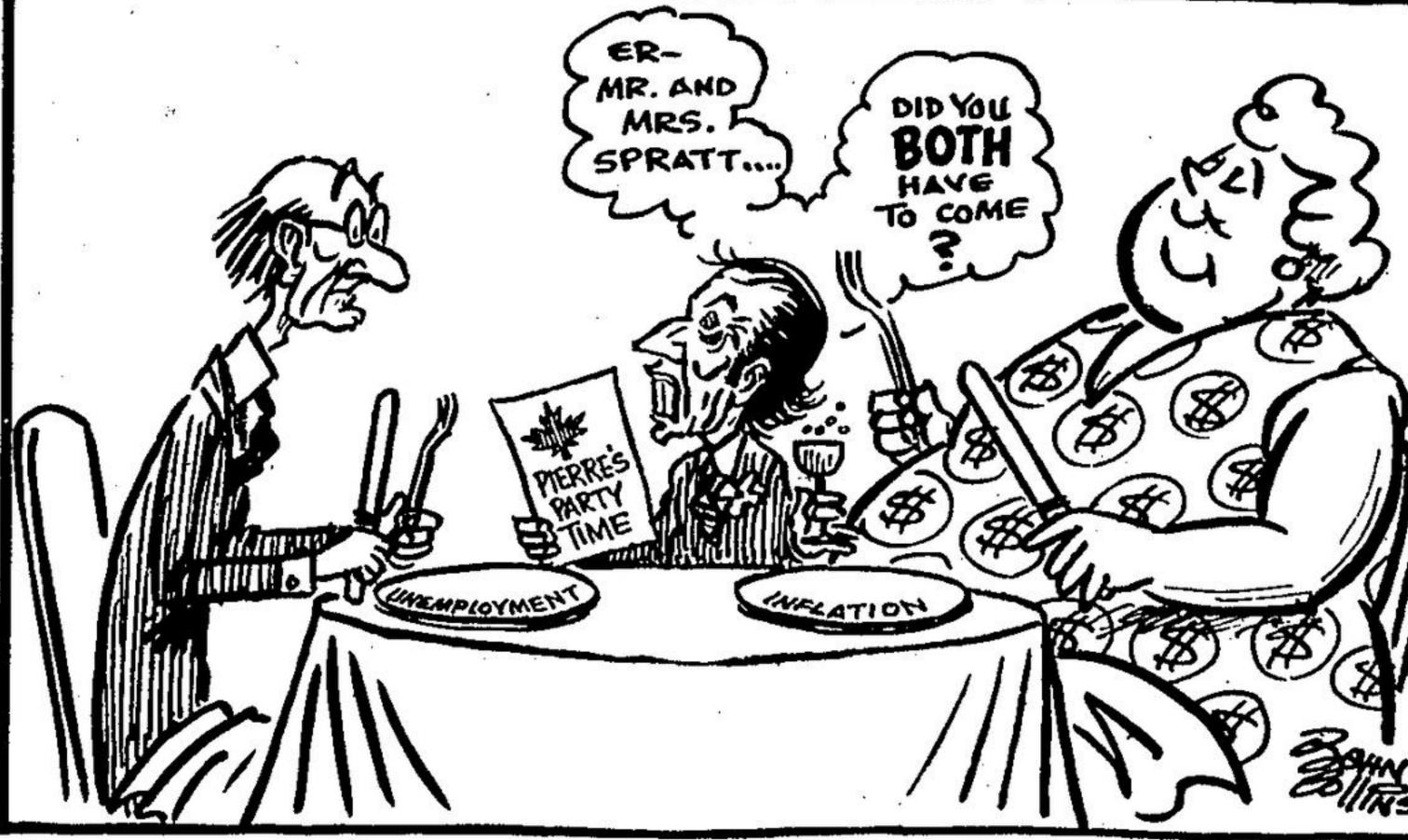
CHINGUACOUSY - Chinguacousy Rural Ratepayers Association is objecting to a proposed increase in land severance fees and the prohibition of rural strip development. About 70 people were at a meeting last week which several times broke into noisy arguments. Councillor George Gardhouse said that where land services do not fit into the official plan severances will be discontinued.

THIEVES TAKE 1275 FROM STORE

ERIN - Some time during the early hours of Thursday morning thieves gained entry to Erin Gift and Variety Store through a rear entrance. On opening the store Thursday morning manager Gord Johnston found \$275 missing from the previous day's receipts. During recent weeks Erin has been hit with a rash of breakins. Officers of the Guelph OPP are investigating.

SCHOOL SENDS HOSPITAL DONATION KILBRIDE - North Halton's Kilbride Public School has sent a donation to Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children in memory of pupils Ruth Ann and Jeanette Eleanor Leaver of Campbellville who with their parents and another sister were killed in the plane crash at Tobermory. The classes the girls attended held private memorial services for them.







BILL SMILEY **Looking Back**

On A 10-Year Term

average school-teacher takes a they've really been through the deep breath, lets out an even wringer. They can scarcely deeper sigh, and wonders where believe that they have come in the name of all that's through a year of teaching has gone.

refreshed, full of beans, full of they began. plans, and full of that once-moreinto the breach dear - friends spirit.

of your buoyant September self. clear out without a backward Ahead lies a trackless desert look, if they want to avoid with the end of June far beyond the horizon. But looking back, it seems to have flown by at the speed of a

mallard. You are exhausted, you query whether you have accomplished anything, and are ready to step out of the breach and into a lawnchair. It's a good time for a quiet assessment of what the whole

educational business is about, and also of whether you have contributed anything more than a fairly capable job of babysitting.

imagined it to be.

The brighter ones realize that "Trying to get a blacksmith out | used for heating shoes but not | break, hurting the horse's foot. | they have learned more than is like asking a doctor to make a used anymore. He uses an He said if he were not as they have been taught. They've isolated from blacksmiths and learned that kids are people, that horse shod by appointment Although Mr. Talbot has it all instead at a stable, he would not problems are never as large as down to a fine science now, have to shoe horses because they look and that memos are for

For some of them, it has been the most exciting year of their lives, because it has been the Another reason for his volves degrees and angle and Mr. Talbot was born in Weston first year in which they have

If, for instance, a horse has an around the U.S. following trotting past has been a blur, or a dazzle: | Campanius Holm, chaplain of a part of the old in Mr. Talbot's imperfection has to be corrected Three years ago, he returned to marking papers; and a com- Wilmington, Del., who began collection of blacksmith with a shoe. In this way, horses Canada because he was getting bination of great leaps ahead and making regular observations

At this time of year, the desperately to vacation, because ridiculous the last teaching year without anything worse than a slight tic or a voice several Looking forward to it in Sep- decibels higher than it was in tember, it seems endless. But September, Quite a few are even that doesn't bother you. You are | more "dedicated" than when

Some of them, fortunately not many, are soured on the whole shambles and have decided they Looking in either direction don't like kids, detest their about February is a depressing fellow-teachers, and loathe the experience. Behind lie the ruins administration. They should unhappy lives for themselves and all those about them.

> Teaching is a reasonably wellpaid job, with a long holiday thrown in. But I've never met a wealthy teacher and never will. And one can even get a bellyfull of holidays. Especially when one has to get up at six o'clock to drive his daughter to work.

> But to those who consider it as a vocation, let me just say it's a helluva tough job. It's not for the weak of will or the faint of heart.

There are certain pre-The young teacher especially, requisites. You must like, if not just finishing the first year, has necessarily understand, young had a genuine eye-opener. First people. Who does? You must be of all, he or she has discovered able to get along with, if not that the "learning process", as necessarily like, your fellow the jargoneers call it, is vastly teachers. It is perfectly O.K. to different from what he or she had | loathe administrators. Everyone else does.

After ten years of it, I have learned to roll with the punches. If you don't, you'll get a broken neck, figuratively speaking. I have learned that the mob of hoodlums I faced in September is just a group of high-spirited youngsters.

But roll on, the First of July.

The first systematic weather that he finds it easier to correct to do with imperfection in the for most of his life. As a trainer, job, with real people, students, reports in the United States are he spent most of his time roving For many of them, the year attributed to the Rev. John endless hours of preparation and settlement near present day only 24 years after the Pilgrims They're looking forward landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620.

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