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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Remembrance . . . Something for All

There's something for everybody in Remembrance if one cares to look. Even the 60 percent of the population who have little recollection of World War II can draw something from the new concept of Remembrance.

This year's Remembrance theme is: "If you can't Remember - think!" If you can't remember war, think of the peace and what you are contributing as a citizen.

Some, the next-of-kin of the war dead, will of course see other things in Remembrance. So will veterans who lost friends in war. And for a few, it may even be an ego trip. But most of the war generation have very personal feelings about Remembrance, and with a bit of

application the post-war generations can also find something very personal in this day.

There is no day in the calendar upon which Canadians stop and assess their performance as citizens. Last year the Quebec crisis dramatized two facts: we could lose this country by default, and many of us are indifferent citizens.

Citizenship and understanding is what it's all about. Some 114,000 young Canadians died to give us the opportunity to develop both.

Remembrance seems a logical time to look at ourselves and ask: "Are we blowing it?"

"If you can't Remember - think!"

### Could Accomplish Much

"Ontari-ari-ari-o" may be a place to stand and a place to grow, but it is also a place where the people, once they are convinced they have a reliable government, are very reluctant to try a new one.

The Conservatives are back in, despite 28 years in power, and the Liberals and the New Democrats must be shaking their heads and wondering just what it takes to sink the Tory boat.

The Ontario public went to the polls yesterday and placed their vote for experience, the past record of the PCs and the current record of Premier Bill Davis.

The effect that Premier Davis had on his party retaining political control in Ontario must not be underestimated. It has been considerable.

It should be remembered that in the 1967 election the powerful hold that the PCs had was loosened. It appeared that if the party had continued under John Roberts it may have been defeated in this vote.

Davis, however, gave the party and the government a fresh approach.

"People come first with the Davis Government" was the motto and obviously the people of Ontario were persuaded to believe it.

We hope that vote of confidence has been

well placed. Looking at what Mr. Davis has managed to accomplish in the short time he has been in office (it is hard to realize it is less than eight months) we are somewhat reassured. We believe he could accomplish a great deal in the next four years.

Since becoming Premier on March 1 of this year Bill Davis has gone from being a fairly unknown political figure to a man that the people of Ontario can identify with and obviously feel they can trust. He has made some hard, decisive political decisions, such as the separate school issue, which many other politicians would have avoided like the plague so soon before an election.

Perhaps it is this very decisiveness which ultimately led the people to place their trust in Bill Davis. It is a time of economic crisis in Ontario, as in the rest of Canada. With unemployment the highest it has been in 10 years we need a decisive man as our leader. A man who will not flinch from making tough and even unpopular decisions if he believes it is necessary.

The people of Ontario obviously felt they had that sort of man in Bill Davis when they went to the polls Thursday.

—Guelph Mercury

### Cheating Ourselves

We're cheating ourselves of the pleasure and relaxation that should be part of summer, claims the Smiths Falls Record-News. We rob ourselves of many important leisure hours by sticking to an outmoded work week and outmoded work hours, says the paper.

Friday afternoons, we end our week's work at approximately the same time. A good percentage take to the highways to head for favorite country retreats. The resultant driving ordeal provides more tension than most of us experience at any time at work.

Sunday afternoons we repeat the rush in the opposite direction. Those who do not leave the urban area but seek an outdoor experience in parks and conservation areas find them so jammed as to be hardly enjoyable.

Even when we start a holiday trip outside Canada, probably by charter flight, we find the airport unbelievably congested—because we have to start our flight on a weekend; that is when vacations traditionally begin and end.

Everybody knows that the roads are largely bare in midweek, the parks uncrowded, the airports not so heavily used. We have known it for years while putting up with weekend frustration, inconvenience and strain. But still we tie ourselves to a Monday to Friday summer workweek, obligatory in earlier times because of the ironclad tradition that Sunday must be reserved for religion.

In summer particularly, staggered working weeks would now make far more sense for most people. To start work Friday morning and finish Tuesday afternoon, leaving Wednesday and Thursday for leisure for, say, 20 per cent of the work force, would make a big difference.

Has any major union ever really asked for staggered summer work periods in contract negotiations? Has any major industry ever tried to introduce them on a wholesale scale? Why not? How much longer do we endure unpleasant alternatives?

—Acton Free Press

### In the Mail Bag

#### Urges Citizens Support

#### Recreation Organizations

Georgetown, Ont. those people connected with the Georgetown & District Minor Hockey Association for all the work and effort that has been put

in during this past month to make this organization become a reality.

This executive is composed of volunteers from the community who in their own time have undertaken the formation of a hockey association to serve the boys of Georgetown and area, who play house league hockey.

In less than a month this organization has formed itself into a viable working group. They have determined operating costs, recruited managers and coaches, worked on raising finances, taken registration and formed teams whose first game will be October 30th.

The G. R. C. are co-operating with this group by assisting in registration and other mechanical ways but the financing will be the groups responsibility. This group will receive the same financial assistance as any other group dealing with minor sports in Georgetown.

It is through organizations such as this one "The Georgetown Figure Skating Club," "The Georgetown Minor Hockey Support Group," and "The Tyke Hockey Group", that the various activities offered at the arena are made possible.

The dedication and effort that go into each of these groups is greatly appreciated by the G. R. C. and we urge all citizens of the area to support them in any way they can.

Doug. Collison  
Director G.R.C.

### THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

#### G.E. SUSPENDS 24 WOMEN

OAKVILLE—Canadian General Electric is suspending 24 women employees for one day each who refused to work October 2 because of excessive heat. Plant manager M. C. Reeve said of the incident, "all I can say is that in Japan when the temperature reaches 86 degrees the employees don't walk off the job, and they aren't getting paid \$4.80 per hour either." The union said grievances will be filed on behalf of all 24 workers.

#### UNHAPPY WITH POLL FEES

ACTON—The \$17 fee paid polling clerks for election day duties has been called inadequate by several Acton women who agreed to do the job but then wished they could get out of it. "The pay is below the minimum wage for 13 hours work," one complained bitterly. "I can't afford the money or the time," snapped another. "Ridiculous." A third, who said she expected fees for polling clerks to be as generous as the money for acting as enumerators which most of them had already done.

#### GUELPH DAM PROJECT

GUELPH—Members attending the general meeting of the Grand River Conservation Authority in Guelph this week were given an in depth presentation of the Guelph dam project by general manager Mac Coult and Jim Jones representing the consulting engineers. Planned for completion to catch the spring water in 1974, the project will go ahead with land purchased in the area. Construction site is west of Victoria Road (Guelph) between Highway 24 and Sideroad 6. The resulting reservoir will be about a mile and a half long and about three quarters of a mile wide. It will mean some rerouting of Highway 24 with dwellings to be acquired and removed.

#### WANT TO BE ANNEXED

MILTON—A spot survey of homeowners on land at present part of Oakville and being considered for annexation to Milton shows those owners would be anxious to become part of Milton - providing there is no drastic increase in taxes and some services could be provided. The land in question takes in some 921 acres in north Oakville bounded by Milton's western boundary, Derry Road, Tremaine Road, and Steeles Avenue. Each of the people contacted indicated they feel more a part of Milton than Oakville.

#### HIGH SCHOOL STAYS

ERIN—Wellington County Board of Education took a second look at the Erin-Erasmus school accommodation situation at a meeting in Guelph last week and came up with a decision which meets with the overwhelming approval of all those concerned. An earlier proposal by the board to close Erin District High School and bus all the Erin students to Guelph was confronted with extreme opposition from elected representatives, citizens and students. A motion that the board approve the secondary school facilities at Erin passed unanimously.

in a law suit, the judge ordinarily rules on questions of law while the jury decides on questions of fact.

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### Making the Best Use of Peace

by BARBARA MLODZIK,  
Ocean Falls, B.C.  
Junior Winner

What is peace? Webster's dictionary quotes "a state or period of mutual concord between governments". True, but does this wholly describe what peace means to various peoples? Martin Luther King defined peace in his famous speech, "I have a dream today." To a family in Communist Europe, peace is a treasured dream of freedom that may never be; to an illiterate child, peace is an education and its resultant possibilities; and to a soldier in Vietnam, peace is an end to bloodshed and a chance to go home.

War is not a new concept; it has been a common entry in the pages of history. Despite the suffering and hardships experienced by both victors and losers, wars still flare up today, indicating that man has learned nothing from previous tragedies.

What price must we pay for the peace so desperately sought by humanity? Already it has cost us millions of lives, enormous expense and a criminal waste of time and effort that could have been better utilized. And even as we view the damage already done, there is an underlying fear of a third world war. This possibility is a very real threat as such a war could well mean the end to the human race.

What can we, the young people of today and leaders of tomorrow, do to create—and maintain—a peace in our sad, confused society?

First, by the way we lead our lives, we must prove to the world our desire to create a lasting peace.

Secondly, as young energetic people, we must redirect the time, money and effort spent

on developing sophisticated weapons into an instrument for world unity and understanding.

The United Nations has the potential to be the greatest organization capable of bringing about world peace, so long as its individual member states work together and co-operate towards a final solution. Agricultural, educational and welfare organizations form part of the United Nations' program. This joint action brings about what we really need to end all wars—for peoples to understand each other.

Students visiting on exchange programs see how others live and thus better appreciate their views. Underprivileged countries benefit from foreign scholarships and from the works of voluntary organizations such as the Peace Corps. The Olympic Games provide a forum for international competition and comradeship. We could combine development of natural resources (example: hydro-electric power) where several countries have similar problems. These are only a few illustrations of what is being done and what could be done; we must act now and strive for our goal—peace.

Yet even as we look at the technological aspects of peace, we should not neglect the spiritual half. Christ taught us to love our neighbour and make this a better world by our presence. Unity should be a real practice and all men should follow the words of our Lord. One of the beatitudes expresses this topic perfectly: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God"

### In the Mail Bag

#### Says Council's

#### Roadblocks

#### Halt Needed

#### Facilities

Georgetown Ont.  
31 Byron Street.

To the Mayor and Council,  
Town of Georgetown.

Gentlemen;

How much longer will some members of Georgetown Council persist in harassment of those people sponsoring projects that are beneficial to the town?

We are paying a council to work for the things the town needs, not to throw roadblocks in the path of efforts to provide facilities the town desperately requires.

I am referring now to the possibility of the town having a motor inn near its eastern entrance which would provide much needed overnight accommodations which are unobtainable elsewhere at present in town. It would also provide meeting space for conventions and apartments to overlook the scenic Credit river. Unfortunately for the voters, we have no election in town this year, so we cannot make the necessary changes to ensure that such projects will not be blocked next year.

Yours truly,  
—Ed. A. Peters

The largest farms in the world are the collective farms in the Soviet Union.



BILL SMILEY

### Smiley's Formula To Save Canada

It seems, if we are to believe the financial experts, that Canada is in for a tough time, economically. The mardanyankees are at it again. They are paying as much attention to our various trade missions and professional whiners as would a buffalo charging toward a cliff, with a flea on his back screaming that he, too, would be killed if the buffalo went over the edge.

Well, as the fleas, we can't blame it on anybody but ourselves. It's been too comfortable, riding around on the back of that big, fat, juicy buffalo. Better we should have been wasps, stinging instead of sucking.

Now we know how the Eskimaux and the Indians feel about the rest of us.

Newspaper editorials are crying the blues, telling the government to do something about it, or trying to assure their readers that the U.S. is not out to "get" us.

They might as well save their type. It's too late for crying; there's no use telling the present government to do anything about anything; and the U.S. is not interested in "getting" us: it is interested in getting itself out of the worst economic mess it has been in since the thirties.

Writers of letters-to-the-editors are offering some emotional, but largely irrational advice to anyone who will listen. Some would cut the Yanks off from all our resources. That would be like cutting off your nose to improve your appearance.

Others would seize, or seriously police, all American subsidiary companies in Canada. That would result in further unemployment as the Yanks started closing plants, many of them heavily subsidized by our own government, and started pulling in their horns.

Maybe a mouse can frighten an elephant, according to legend, but a rat can't stop a ship from

sinking by threatening to jump overboard. And there's a lovely mixed analogy for you to ponder over.

To carry on with the cliches, Canadians are reaping what they have sown. For several generations, they have invited, nay, begged foreign capital to invest in this country. They have refused to invest in their own country, preferring something "safer", like Brazilian Tractor or A.T. and T.

Result? The country is crawling with British, Swedish, German and American plants, directed from abroad. I wonder how many Canadian companies you would find operating successfully in any of those countries.

Another cliché. You can't have your cake and eat it. We have all the ingredients for the cake. But rather than bake it ourselves, we send them to foreign bakers, buy it back from them, and find that it's mostly crumbs.

One more. You can't have it both ways. You can't be half capitalist, half socialist. And if you want to play around with a giant among capitalists, like the U.S., you need more protection than an Alcan jockstrap. You don't send in your high school second-string juniors to play against the pros.

Have I a solution? Of course I have. This economic lecture wasn't prepared without deep thought and deeper research.

First, let's stop running around in ever-decreasing circles, like that bird of legend. You know it's fate.

Second, let's not bite the hand that feeds us. Unless that hand tries to give us a cuff on the ear, then bite to hurt.

Third, let's pull in our belts, get off our tails, and start competing with industrialists in other countries. In short, stop producing shoddy merchandise at inflated prices. I'll take a wage freeze, will you? Thus endeth the lesson.

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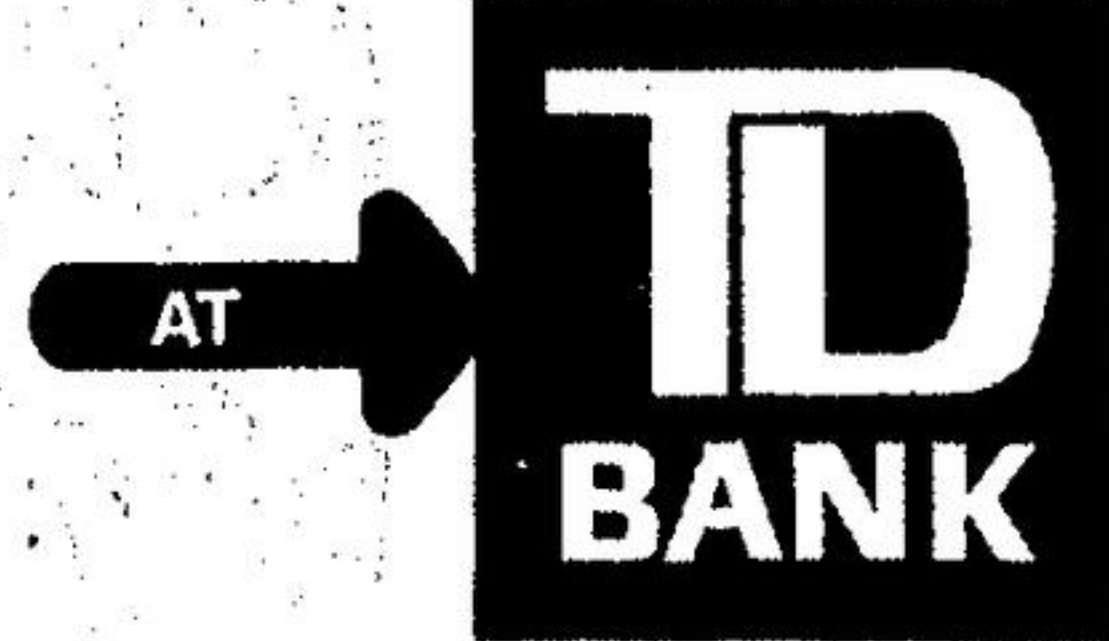
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