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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Santa in May?

A reader who took issue with us on changing the remembrance day date to one when weather would be better, asked what we would do about the Santa Claus parade.

That was a stymie. But, thinking it over, we could suggest that this, too, is a well-meaning idea which would be even better moved to another occasion.

When the Lions Club and firemen started the parade many years back, it was far less elaborate than the 1970 version. At that time, Santa on his sleigh was the big feature, and there were fewer floats, no drum major-ettes, or others on foot. Bags of candies were handed out to children at the main downtown corner, and the parade was strictly a Christmas feature.

Now, with candy distribution no

longer, and the parade becoming more and more spectacular, we wonder if it wouldn't be a better idea for a complete change - perhaps to May 24th, Dominion Day or Labour Day, or tied in with the Fall Fair.

So often, the parade takes place on a cold, rainy day, and much of the hard work which has gone into producing floats is lost. Paraders, and those on the exhibits, are exposed to the elements for several hours, as are the viewers lined along the parade route.

There is no intention of criticizing sponsors or participants in the present Santa parade.

We just hate to see so much time and effort spent for something which could be that much better at a different season.

### A Gift Worth Giving

The holiday season has always been a time of gift giving.

For young and old alike, the custom of exchanging gifts is a highpoint at Christmas time, as a symbol of affection.

There is one gift which can mean the difference between life and death for someone in need - blood. And it is one of the very finest, because the recipient is unknown to the donor.

Some people will need blood desper-

ately this Christmas. They may never know who you are, but your gift of life will be a present they will never forget.

Your chance comes on December 6 when the local Red Cross sponsors one of its regular clinics.

It will be at the usual location in Holy Cross Hall, and the Red Cross is hoping that, even at this busy season, they will have a large number of donors.

### Tragedy of Cities

The tragedy of big American cities was never more clearly pictured than it was on a David Susskind TV show last week.

Mr. Susskind had five victims of New York City robberies on a panel, telling their stories and discussing remedies.

They were from varied occupations and income groups, and each had a frightening story to tell. One, a merchant, wants to sell his business "if I can find a darn fool who wants to buy it". One, a housewife, complained that although her husband wanted to view pictures of possible suspects, the police brushed her off. It was a busy night, and they couldn't be bothered, she said.

One man is pulling up stakes and leaving the city. Another is stubborn, has joined the auxiliary police, and is determined to do his bit to restore New York to a safe place to live.

It seems almost axiomatic that

bigness begets crime, and the bigger the community the more the crime percentage rises.

In Georgetown, one is safe to walk any street at any time.

In Toronto, there are areas which one should avoid at night.

And yet, be it city or town, we're just a group of humans, some good, some bad.

Perhaps the answer lies in the fact that it is easier to get away with a crime in the anonymity of a city. Plus the fact that the city tends to draw the criminal element, because of this.

Whatever the reason, we're happy to live in Georgetown, a law-abiding community where the police force draws its proper respect.

May we never reach the stage where we hurry home from work before dark and hole up in a locked house, afraid to venture out until daylight. This is pollution of the worst sort - people pollution.



### IN THE MAIL BAG

## Quotes Authorities Supporting Esqueuing Name Mix-Up Theory

R.R. 1 Georgetown, Ont. The Editor, Georgetown Herald, Georgetown, Ont.

Dear Sir: There would appear to be two schools of thought in respect to the meaning of the Indian words, Esqueuing and Nassagaweya, to which we might add Chinguacousy. My old friend, K. C. Lindsay, has taken up the cudgels on behalf of the generally accepted version of the first two words,

**NAMES BY THE MISSISSAUGA**  
Pim.me.be.lagonk  
Esqui sink  
Ne.sauga.y.onk  
Mes.sin.ni.be  
A.to.bi.coak  
Co.be.c.he.nork

**OTHER SHORE TOO**

It would appear that "Esqui.sink" would be the last creek encountered in proceeding along the north shore to the head of the lake. Grindstone Creek, which flows through Waterdown, is not mentioned as it empties into the west end of Burlington Bay which is shut off from Lake Ontario by Burlington Beach. The fact that the list also shows a creek named Esque.sink on the other side of the lake as "last out creek" for those proceeding along the south shore to the head of the lake would bear out this meaning.

Augustus Jones did a great deal of the surveying in L.L. Governor Simcoe's day. He ran the line of Yonge Street up to Holland Landing, Dundas Street and the Governor's Road, from Dundas to the Grand River. He also mapped out York County and ran a line due north west from the outlet of Burlington Bay to demark an earlier purchase of lands to the west from the Indians. This line is now the boundary between Halton and Wentworth counties.

Mrs. Mathews writes "Augustus Jones was married to the daughter of a Mississauga chief and was familiar with the Mississauga language. As his survey work remains today exactly as he mapped it out, we can be reasonably sure that he was meticulously accurate and that his wording is correct."

**OUTLET**  
Mrs. Mathews states that "As the interior of the present Halton and Peel) was unexplored in 1796, merely the outlets are indicated." Dr. Robinson points out that "Sauga" means outlet and appears in such modern names as Nassagaweya, Saugene, Mississauga and Saguenay to which we might add Notawasa.

Now we come to 1819 when the land in the upper part of Halton and Peel was being surveyed after its purchase from the Mississaugas in 1818. The L.L. Governor wrote on April 2, 1819 to the Surveyor-General instructing him as to the naming of the three new townships as follows. "To the western township in rear of Nelson that of Nassagaweya, to the centre township (in rear of Trafalgar) the name of Esqueuing, and to the eastern township (in rear of Toronto) that of Chinguacousy. Being the Indian names of the principal rivers in each respectively."

Mrs. Mathews writes (page 8) "Giving the name of the

as set out in his letter appearing in your issue of November 10th. I am sure he will take no offence if I go to some length of making out the case for the opposite school. My attention was first called to the other version in reading Mrs. Hazel Chisholm Mathews' excellent history entitled "Oakville and the Sixteen". It was her great-grandfather, William Chisholm, who founded Oakville in 1827. On page 5 we read "The Indian name is given to a list of rivers

**NAMES BY THE ENGLISH**  
Outlet, Burlington Bay  
12 Mile Creek, north shore  
16, from Burlington Bay  
River Credit  
Aibicooke  
Humber

centre township the name for the Twelve Mile Creek appears to have been in error as no branches of this river flow through Esqueuing township". Similarly the names for the easterly creek (Sixteen Mile) and the westerly township are reversed. It is just possible that some of that cheap whisky at a York shilling a gallon that K. C. refers to, may have been a contributing factor to this mistake in the Governor's office.

**MORE SOURCES**  
As for Chinguacousy this would appear to be an earlier Indian name for the Credit meaning (according to G. H. Armstrong in his book "The Origin and Meaning of Place Names in Canada") on page 64 "Where Young Pines Grow" and on page 73 "A Pinery". In her book "Winter Studies and Summer Rambles" Anna Jameson, who went by wagon to Detroit in 1837 and by

and creeks flowing into Lake Ontario compiled by the early surveyor, Augustus Jones. The original list written in 1796 is now in the Surveyor-General's Office, Toronto, and they have been good enough to give me a photostatic copy. Mrs. Mathews states "I have been indebted to the historian, Dr. Percy J. Robinson, for calling my attention to this list."

The following wording refers only to the creeks and rivers in our immediate neighborhood.

**EXPLANATION**  
Creek running through the sand  
Last out creek  
Having two outlets  
Trusting Creek, Credit  
Black Alder Creek  
Leave their canoes and go back.

steamer to Sault Ste Marie writes, Page 221, "The chief of this Chippewa village is named Shingawacuse (the Little Pine) but he chooses to drop the adjunct and call himself the Pine". Apparently the name Mes.sin.ni.be which Mr. Jones gives to the Credit came with the fur-traders who would possibly "grubstake" the Indians in advance for their season's catch.

**CONVINCING**  
With these lengthy remarks I "rest my case". I trust that the foregoing evidence in respect to the Indian translations and the naming of the townships will appear convincing and make some converts to this other school, and, particularly so, Mr. K. C. Lindsay who, but for a clerical error, might have been born and raised in a township named Nassagaweya instead of Esqueuing!

Yours respectfully,  
—Ben Case

### Museum Notes

## Log Cabin Shingling Will Wait Till Spring

by JUDITH GOEBELLE.

"The Friends of the Museum" have all but completed their 1972 project - the reconstruction of the 1822 log cabin on the Halton County Museum grounds. All that remains to be done to the exterior in the spring is the shingling, mortaring, and installation of the windows and doors.

The members of the Surchers Car Club, Hornby, are to be commended for their limitless enthusiasm for the project. The club members spent five weekends working on the cabin, reconstructing it from the four base logs to roof-level. Thanks also to individuals from Toronto, Burlington, Oakville, etc. who lent a helping hand.

**CLOSED IN THE WINDOWS**  
Mr. Fred Hilson, museum carpenter, has closed in the windows, doors, and roof to protect the cabin from the elements until spring. At that time the mortaring will be done - mortar is slow to dry and will not set properly in the cold weather; windows and doors will be installed; and the roof will be shingled - hand-made cedar shingles are now on order to ensure their arrival by spring.

The last fund-raising endeavour by the "Friends" for this particular project is presently under way. Tickets are being sold for a quilt draw which will take place in mid-December. The quilt "churn-dash" pattern was made and donated by Mrs. Howard Bradley of Hornby.

## Local Women's Article In Book of Auctions

A humorous article, "The Antique Bug" by Margaret Lipsitt, appeared recently in the hard cover book "The Book of Auctions" published by Ward-Price Ltd., Toronto.

The author is the wife of LaVerne Lipsitt, R.R.1, Georgetown, and mother of Steven and Tiffany. Mrs. Lipsitt, a former teacher, is the daughter of Mrs. Emma D. Dison, Orangeville and the late

John A. Dison, whose ancestors, the Disons and Lyons were early settlers in the Georgetown and Brampton area. Column by Margaret Dison have appeared in the Orangeville Banner, Alliston Herald and four other weekly papers when Mrs. Lipsitt was a student at Orangeville and Alliston high schools.

## THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

### Narrow Escape from Gas

BRAMPTON—A Brampton family narrowly avoided chlorine gas poisoning when fumes leaked from an attached enclosed swimming pool. Fire Chief Matt Gowland said he has never run into a situation like it. Donald McLean, 13 Watson Crescent noticed the fumes at 6 a.m. He drove his wife and four children to the hospital when they all felt ill. No one was seriously affected by the gas. He said there are two heating systems in his house, one for the residence and one for the enclosed pool. It is the heating system from the house that had drawn air from the pool. The house was aired out and no action was needed by the firemen.

### Startled by Revenue Loss

ACTON—Acton Parks and Recreation Committee may have lost in excess of \$1400 revenue for each week in October a suitable sheet of ice was not ready in the community centre. Startled by this estimate made Thursday night by arena manager Harold Townsley, park committee has decided to seek professional engineering advice to find out what mechanical or structural deficiencies in the building are delaying the preparation of ice this year. Ice-making machinery was set in motion October 17, but a sheet of ice was not ready for use until November 2, over two weeks later. Townsley based his \$1400 figure on the ice rental revenue and refreshment booth profits.

### Reveal Hydro Line Plans

ROCKWOOD—Plans for a new power line between Guelph, Rockwood and Acton will become a reality village trustees were told Wednesday night by Ontario Hydro officials. Work will begin in 1972 on the first stage between Guelph and Acton. The existing 27,000 volt line will be increased to 44,000 volts. A new line is needed along the main street of Rockwood because existing poles are not high enough according to Stan Rosylin, arena manager for Ontario Hydro explained. It will take eight years to complete the overall plan which includes Fergus, Guelph, Rockwood and Acton.

### Pub Would Be Hub

OAKVILLE—Sheridan College's Board of Governor's last week again considered a proposal for a student recreation centre with a pub as its main attraction. Student Senate Sid Simpson submitted a plan for the centre to the board about two months ago. He said last week's proposal was basically the same except for the shape of the building. A huge dome would enclose student senate offices, washrooms and a pub on the ground floor with the upper floor for a lounge and dance floor. The dome would be about 60 feet across and 30 feet high and cost about \$54,000 plus about \$6,000 for services.

### Object to Defense Cost

CAJEDON—Those who appeal parts of Caledon official plan should pay defense costs at various government hearings, Mike Pembry, president of Caledon Ratepayers Association said. Pembry said ratepayers, through their tax dollars, had the township official plan drafted and approved by the province. Now they are being charged again to pay a township lawyer to defend the official plan. The executive of the 200 member association will protest to the province over the double expense.

### Nine Seek Council Seats

MILTON—Four seats were filled by acclamation but an election for the post of deputy-reeve and six council seats was assured last week at Milton's municipal nomination meeting. Mayor Brian Best, Reeve Ron Harris, and Hydro Commissioners William Rowney and Charles Thomson were returned unchallenged. Deputy-reeve Percy Barr was challenged by Robert F. McQuig, a former councillor.

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### BILL SMILEY

## Finding Comfort In a Duck Blind

"November glooms are barren beside the dusk of June". Thus quoth the poet Henley. And I say too ruddy true. As a general rule, But this year has been an exception. I don't think I've ever written a decent word about November, with its "sunny blasts" its sudden, depressing dumping of snow, its bleak and sterile look. I know we're going to pay for it with a terrible winter, but this November, for the first time in many years, we've been ushered into winter with a gentle melancholy that seems unbelievable. By the time this appears in print, we may be up to our goggles in snow. But credit where it is due. The first few weeks of November this year, in these parts, have made me decide to give this country and its crazy climate one more chance. It's almost as though God had held up his hand as the four winds were on their mark, cheeks puffed, ready to give us the usual, and boomed, "Hold. The poor devils are having enough troubles of their own making. Let's give them one November to remember."

Normally, November is the most dismal month in the year, with the possible exception of March. But in the latter, at least the days are getting longer and there's a wild hope that spring may come again. Normally, November means many things, none of them pleasant. Darkness comes early. There is a wild scramble, for many of us, over snow tires and storm windows. There is bitter wind ashore and terrifying storms on the water. It's been a grand November for the hunters and trout fishermen. Perhaps not so good for the deer hunters, with little snow. But for the duck and partridge boys, and the rainbow anglers, it has been near perfection. Day after day of mild, almost balmy weather has done away with the agonized squelch in the duck blind, with nothing between you and certain death from exposure except the flask of rum. The same weather has made trout fishing, usually undertaken in a biting wind with half-frozen fingers, practically a Sunday school picnic. Even the golfers have been able to stretch the season by at least a month. The only danger (if they face it

exhaustion from golfing in the day and curling at night. Normally, the squirrels would be getting set up for the winter. I look into the backyard and they're gambling as though it were mid-June. Surest sign that it's been a November without peer is the behaviour of our cat. As a rule, when November arrives, with its wind and rain and snow, she has to be hurried bodily outside. This year, she has actually been going to the door and asking out. I haven't seen any bees, but there are still a lot of crazy birds around who have been baffled by the weather, and are going to be caught with their pants down one of these days. And they're not the only ones. Many a man like myself has been lulled into a false sense of security, hasn't his storms on, hasn't changed to snow tires, hasn't even turned off the outside water, and hasn't a clue where his winter boots are. Oh, there'll be a day of reckoning, all right. My bones warn me. But to heck with it. I'm going to live dangerously and enjoy every day of it. And to prove it, I'm going to write my first, and probably my last, ode to November. Much-maligned November. This year you've been my friend. Don't quite know how to prove it. But you've shown you can groove it. No way are you September. But you're one I'll long remember. Isn't that beautiful?

### ACUTE NEED FOR FOSTER HOMES

The need for foster homes has reached an acute level, according to officials of the Children's Aid Society of Halton County. The Society renders a fine service to the community by arranging temporary care for children who, for a number of reasons, cannot remain in their home surroundings. In Ontario last year, there were 17,877 children in such homes, compared with 18,430 the previous year.

## It Costs Money to Complain of Weather

Bill Batten, editor of The Exeter Times-Advocate, had an interesting piece in his column recently about the weather. Batten says: Having survived one of the most severe winters on record and now a heat wave, most residents of this neck of the woods have ample indication of why their cost of living is higher than that enjoyed by people in more stable climates.

Coping with weather conditions which range from blinding blizzards to blazing blazes with a temperature range of up to 120 degrees in a 12-month period is not cheap.

However, given a more constant tropical or frigid climate, our unemployment would be fantastic.

Think about it! We have to have three complete wardrobes, one for winter, one for summer, and one for the months which fall between.

Our houses have furnaces to keep us warm for five months, air conditioners and fans to keep us cool for five months and an impossible situation to keep comfortable with the whims of the other two months.

You need a humidifier to keep the atmosphere damp in the winter and a dehumidifier to take out the water in the summer.

We need screen doors and then storm doors, snow shovels and then lawn mowers, hot chocolate and then iced tea, snowmobiles and then boats, antifreeze and then radiator coolants, over-shoes and then sandals, skates and then baseball gloves, hockey rinks and then swimming pools, a holiday to Florida in the winter and a trip to Alaska in the summer, etc., etc., etc. But a few of us would survive if it was any other way. We wouldn't have a topic of conversation and worse yet, we'd have nothing to complain about. We shudder at the thought!