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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Hydro Must Listen

A concerted effort to block construction of a high tension hydro line through scenic countryside is bearing fruit.

Well over three thousand signatures have already been assembled on a petition asking for a provincial enquiry into the plan. And Premier Davis has been alerted that the petition will be arriving in the next few weeks.

The line, planned to connect hydro's nuclear power station in Pickering with the Nanticoke station on Lake Erie is being opposed, not only by residents in the areas affected, but by many who look to the beautiful Terra Cotta area as a prime recreational district.

And they have a point. So rapidly is this part of Ontario's scenic countryside disappearing, that it is past time to call a halt to further encroachment.

The hydro opponents are not rabid in their opposition.

They say that, if no other alternative is possible, they will drop their opposition.

What they do want, is a full scale enquiry, examination of all possible ways of installing the hydro lines, including consideration of burying them underground either here, or in another location.

They are concerned about conflicting statements made by different departments of hydro, a certain secrecy in dealing with an important issue which affects not only area residents, but a much wider segment of Ontario people.

We trust that the Ontario government will listen and hold an enquiry in which the whole matter will be held in detail. Those who initiated the action are to be complimented on the businesslike way they have approached it.

### Agree With Mayor

Mayor Smith's opinion that the Georgetown area is no place for a new airport is one with which we concur.

There would be undoubted commercial advantage for Georgetown should the location be close by.

But the town's character would suffer far more damage than the advantages which would accrue.

Georgetown has a unique position in today's rapidly expanding 'megopolis' as this part of Ontario is termed by developers.

We are close enough to metropolitan areas to enjoy their advantages, and far enough away to retain our entity as a community.

We have been placed in a slow-growth designation by the provincial government - a status which will keep us growing at a steady rate, rather than in large spurts, and which will, hopefully, keep a green belt between us and the metro octopus.

There can be no illusions that Georgetown will remain a community of any set size. Nor do a majority of residents want this to happen.

But too rapid expansion creates municipal servicing problems which tax the resources and energies of the municipality, and force decisions with which municipal politicians are not equipped to deal.

### Reporter's Dilemma

We must agree that council's new committee procedure seems to be working well for handling of public business, but it has created problems for the press.

We refer to the experiment in having two committee meetings take place in adjoining rooms, at one time.

It is not always possible for The Herald, with limited staff, to have two reporters on hand for these meetings.

Last week, we attempted to cover the two meetings, following the two agendas, and bobbing in and out of the two rooms when we figured the

discussion would have news value. By chance, we managed to get the meat of both meetings. But the difficulty is obvious when important matters are being discussed at one time.

We suggest that council might consider holding meetings at different times, either on the same evenings, or on different dates.

With council meetings tending to be routine, reporting of committee meetings has an equal, or greater importance, if The Herald is to give background on deliberations and decisions of our elected officials.

### In the Mail Bag

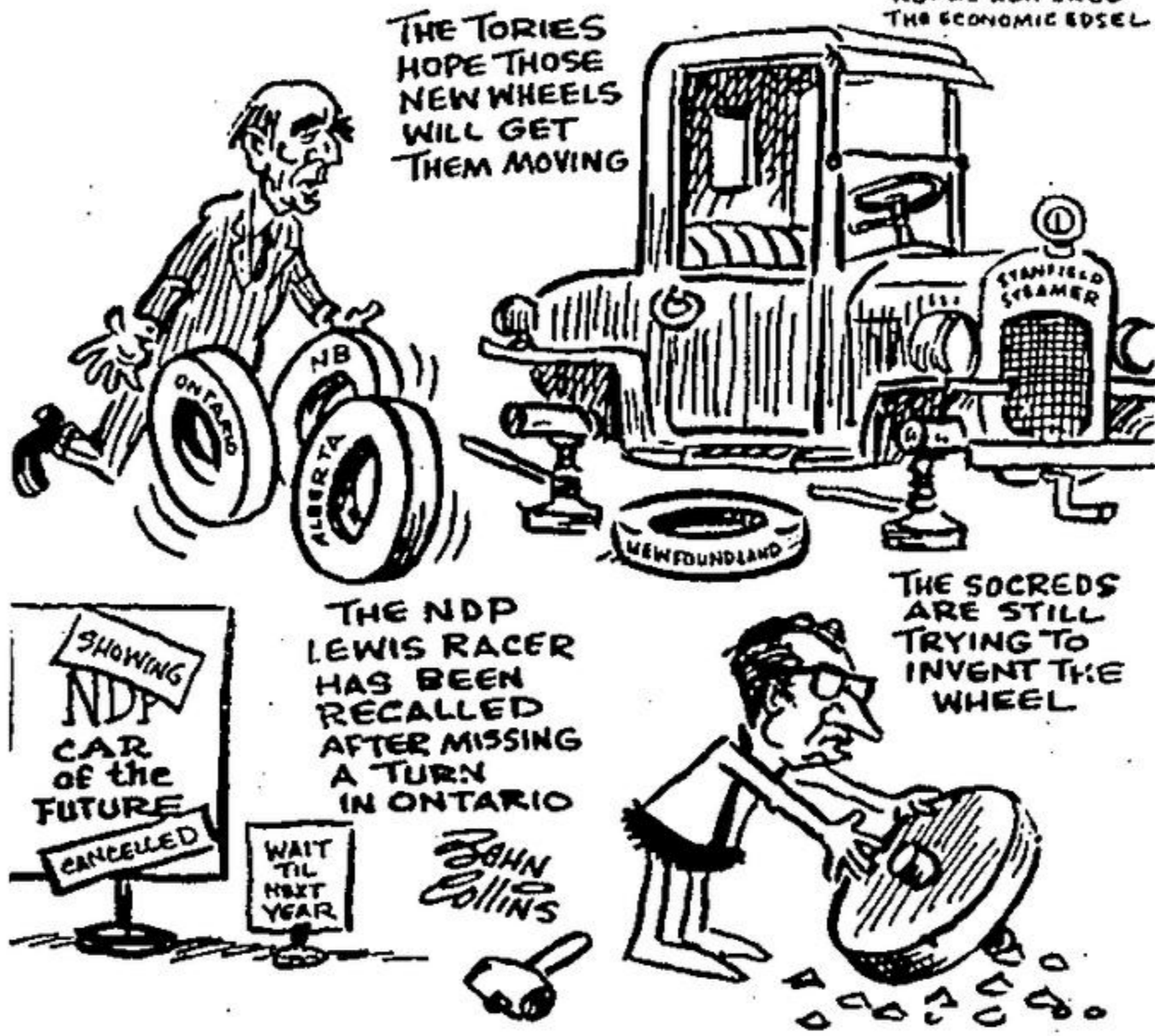
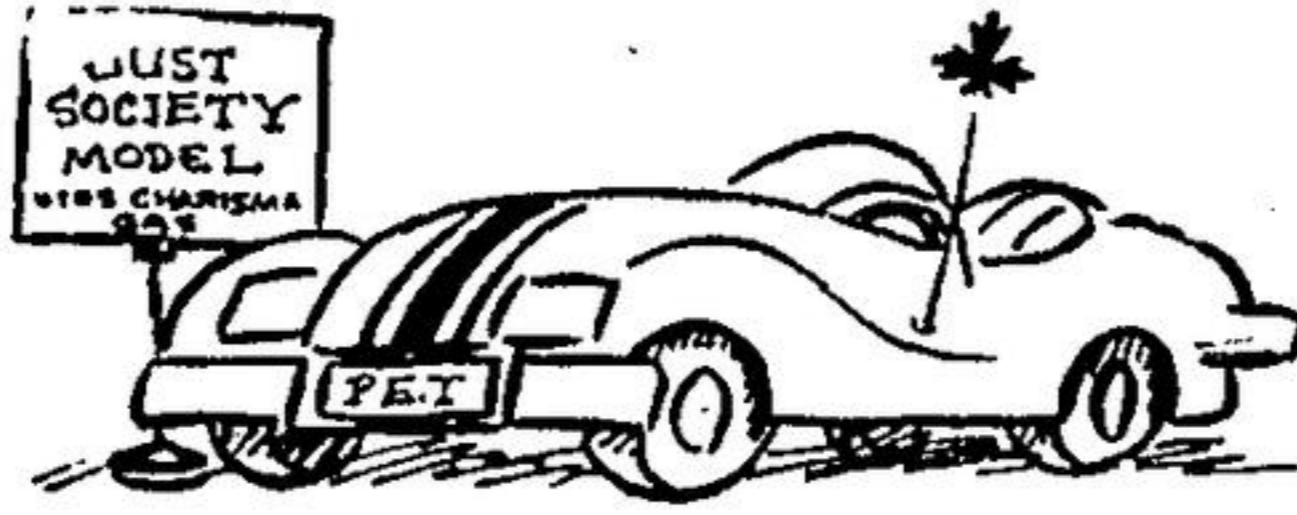
#### To Clear Out Was Only Way to Relax During Races

20 Parkview Blvd., Georgetown, Ontario.  
Mr. Editor,  
Through your newspaper I

would like to register a strong protest against the snowmobile races which "the powers that be" allowed

the Jaycees to hold in the Georgetown Park on Saturday and Sunday of the past week-end.

At the time of writing the air is smoky, not to mention the stink; the noise is shattering - certainly above the danger level, and in order to gain access to our driveway, I have had to



### ELECTION YEAR AUTO SHOW



#### BILL SMILEY

#### Smiley's Revenge Takes a New Twist

All winter I've been laughing. Not wildly or out loud, so that some people could do what they've wanted to for years - have me quietly put away.

No, it's just been a steady stream of assorted chuckles, snickers and titters, with an occasional giggle erupting when it poured rain around here in January.

I was laughing, for the first time in about four winters, at the snowmobilers and skiers.

Winter after winter I have sat, glowering inwardly, as the snowmobilers tried to outshout each other in their boisterous, boyish manner, each trying to tell a taller tale than the other about how he jumped the creek or went up a 90-degree slope with no hands, or some such rot.

Winter after winter, I've tried to keep the sour look off my face as the ski hounds burble their "in" talk about how many runs they made, chortle with glee every time there was a fresh fall of snow, and brag about their brand new Scheissmaken eighty dollar ski boots.

For about two months, the winter of 1971-72 was known as "Smiley's Revenge". There was a little snow in December, but it was almost a green Christmas. There wasn't a snowbank worthy of skidding into on New Year's Eve. And the fine weather

continued for weeks: lots of rain, high temperatures and virtually no snow.

"Let their snowmobiles sit there and rust", I whispered, barely able to restrain a guffaw. "Let their skis warp and their fancy boots remain unscuffed", I muttered, scarce able to hold back a peal of laughter.

It's not that I have anything personal against these mid-winter bores. Some of my best friends are snowmobilers, though I wouldn't want my daughter to marry one.

And I know some perfectly sensible people who think there is something inebriably enjoyable in sliding down a hill on a couple of inflated barrel staves. The genuine skier thinks nothing of spending ten or fifteen dollars on a Sunday's skiing, even if he has to cut his church givings to the bone.

And it's not jealousy or spite. Just because I have a rosy knee that would put me on crutches for two months if I had a fall is no reason to envy those who swoop down the hill like a bird.

Same with snowmobiling. I have a slight handicap there, too. I can fly a plane and drive a car, if there are good mechanics around. But when it comes to small motors which stop running, all I can do is stand there and stare, shifting from one foot to

remove the road blocks which have been placed across the road at the corner. I question the legal right of this group to block off a public road in this manner. Also I wonder how many of our citizens are aware of the countless hours that town work crews, trucks and graders have spent over the past two weeks preparing the park for this event. I'm curious to know who is paying for this.

We look forward to a relaxing weekend in the peace and quiet of our own home, and the only possible way to get any peace and quiet is to clear out.

It is utterly ridiculous that these races were ever allowed to take place in town in the first place, and I certainly hope that it will never be allowed again.

Yours truly,  
Earl & Doreen Lince

#### Who Pays for Banking Snow?

11 Parkview Blvd., Georgetown.

The Editor, Mailbag, Main St. S. Georgetown, Dear Sir:

Being a resident and taxpayer of Parkview Blvd., I am very interested and curious to know who has been paying the men employed by the Town, and the cost of maintenance for the Town trucks, to bank the park with snow (obviously not dirty snow from street snow removal) in readiness for the snowmobile races held on February 5th and February 6th 1972.

A reply would be very much appreciated.

Yours truly,  
(Mrs) B. M. Brown  
copy to Corp., of the Town of Georgetown.

#### Substitute Teachers Will Form Own Association

462 Falgarwood Drive, Oakville, Ontario.

Dear Sir:  
We are writing to express the feelings of the Secondary School Substitute Teachers regarding the proposed wage cut.

We believe that it is unreasonable to expect an experienced qualified teacher to work for 25 percent less than a beginning teacher.

If the Board is not satisfied with the qualifications and effectiveness of the substitute teachers, then it should deal directly with the Administrative Staff which is responsible for quality teaching.

A rough brief has been prepared on behalf of the Secondary Substitute teachers. It will be presented for consideration at a joint meeting of Elementary and Secondary Substitute teachers at Palermo School, 8:00 p.m. February 9. An Association will then be formed.

Sincerely,  
Derry Edwards, Oakville.  
Jeanne M. Hill, Oakville  
Marguerite Richin, Oakville  
Patricia N. Curtis, Oakville  
Margaret Daniels, Burlington.  
c.c. Hamilton Spectator Daily-Journal Record

### THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

#### Town Houses a First

ACTON—People with \$5,000 a year incomes will soon be able to buy three bedroom townhouses in Acton for \$17,400 and \$800 down. Allco Construction announced this week construction will start on the first phase of their 140 home subdivision, to be known as Kingham Hill Estates, in about two weeks. The development is located on Cemetery Hill off Highway 25. First phase of the development will comprise 78 houses.

#### Would Halt Drive-Ins

OAKVILLE—A planning board measure to halt the spread of drive-in restaurants in the downtown will solve Oakville's drive-in dilemma. The board last week unanimously recommended to town council that the anti-drive-in restaurant bylaws be tightened up to close a loop-hole discovered by the drive-ins. The move will technically stop all further restaurant growth downtown and in Bronte.

#### Recovering From Blackout

BRAMALEA—Bramalea business, municipal and industrial services have recovered from a power blackout that left the community of 25,000 without heat and hydro for intermittent periods until mid-afternoon Friday, one of the coldest days of the winter. Many stores, industries and municipal services closed their doors and sent their employees home to virtually heatless homes. The power was first cut off in Bramalea at 2 a.m. It was restored at 6 a.m. but other breaks followed.

#### Seek Direction on Arena

MILTON—Milton Community Service Clubs, the organization which is spearheading the drive for a new arena-community centre project in this town, asked Milton council to get involved in the project and give them some direction last week. Dave Brush and Gus Goutowski said their group is actively campaigning to raise funds for the project, but needs something definite to work toward. Mayor Brian Best said the delegation is investigating buying a site and to date have considered six.

#### 8,000 at Sno-Brr-Fest

ORANGEVILLE—An estimated 8,000 persons braved bitter winds and low temperatures to attend Orangeville's first winter carnival over the weekend. It will be the end of the week before all proceeds are counted and turned over to the town's arena building fund, said carnival organizer Dr. Lyle Rea. Orangeville's Bob Richardson scored 97 of a possible 100 points to win the 40 mile snowmobile rally contested by 96 entrants.

#### Playing Musical Fire Hall

CHINGUACOUSY—Chinguacousy Township is engaged in a new game called musical fire hall sites. The latest development on the question as to where the new fire hall will go is a proposal that it form part of a combination works centre and fire station immediately north of ABC Structural Concrete. Two other sites have been considered.

the other.  
"It's embarrassing, but I'm being frank. It's all very well to talk about carburetors and pistons and fuel lines if you know what they are, where they are, and what to do if they aren't working."  
I figure I'm lucky if I get the lawnmower started once out of three times, without summoning help. Thus, the only picture I can conjure with me and a snowmobile in it is a nightmare: the pair of us out in the woods, ten miles from nowhere, with the carburetors seized up or burned out or whatever it is they do.  
No, I don't hate the people or the sports. I just hate snow with a deep and bitter loathing which must have some psychological explanation.

Did I wet my pants, as a small child, while playing in the snow? Did my parents, sick of my eternal wailing, throw me into a snowbank and hastily retrieve me?  
I don't know the answer. But I do know that Smiley's Revenge has turned into Smiley's Folly.  
As I write, I can't see the house across the street. It's snowing sea-gulls, horizontally, with a forty-mile wind gusting to sixty or seventy.  
The skiers are smirking; the snowmobilers are laughing out loud. And I'm crying, deep inside. I knew it was a dream. But dream we must or we are nothing. Some winter.... Well, never mind.  
Hand me that shovel, woman, and stand back, out of carshot.

### Serve Them Suet In Balls or Logs

If you're envious of your neighbors ability to attract a number of colorful song birds and other species of feathered friends to their yard, there is a way to gain an equal number of visitors.

Make up suet balls or logs and set out around your yard or hang from trees.

The results will be satisfying, the action never ending especially when birds start migrating back north in the next few weeks.

The simple way to make suet balls is to put lump suet through a meat grinder or get your butcher to do it for you.

Once this is done all you do is press it very firmly in your hands and make a hard "snow ball" out of it. Or you can then roll the balls in a mixture of wild bird seed and put them in your feeders.

If you wish you can also mix wild bird feed into the ground suet and then press into feed balls.

ATTRACTS MOST SPECIES

Another recipe which attracts most species consists of: 2 cups cracked wheat, 2 cups ground suet; 2 cups granulated sugar; 1 cup cornmeal; 1/2 cup water.

Mix all ingredients together thoroughly. Place in the top of a double boiler with water underneath and heat until completely dissolved. Place in the refrigerator or outside to cool until able to roll into food balls.

If you wish you can add one cup or raisins and one cup of chopped unsalted peanuts.

This mixture is excellent for stuffing into suet logs and will attract song birds, woodpeckers and nutcrackers.

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#### EVEN KAREN MAGNUSSEN STARTED SOMEHOW

These mixed up little feet can't seem to get the hang of it when it comes to flashing the silver blades. However, there are a few more

weekends left to learn, and this tiny tyke may even progress from snow to ice. It's recent combinations of

sunshine and frosty weather have brought many hundreds out to Metro Conservation Areas for family winter fun.