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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Not All Good

Theory and practice are not always compatible.

Regional government, as announced last week for Halton County, has one decided drawback for this area - inclusion of two established urban communities in one area government.

While this is not unique, we question the wisdom of operating one municipality with two sizeable communities eight miles apart.

In most cases, where a larger region has been created, such towns are much closer together geographically and can be fitted together with a minimum of inconvenience.

In Halton, other major towns will be the only urban centre of a new area.

Surely an extra area would still fulfil requirements and accomplish the aims of a larger region.

Georgetown and a portion of Esquesing could be one area.

Acton, Nassagaweya and perhaps a small portion of Esquesing could be another.

This would eliminate most of the infighting which is bound to result when the four portions of North Halton try to get together on the make-up of a new area council.

Not So New

Examining Halton's new look, it would seem that a region could have been created with less fanfare and less fuss by phasing out Halton's two remaining townships, and making a few boundary changes.

Nelson and Trafalgar townships disappeared into Oakville and Burlington some years ago, with slight opposition.

Esquesing and Nassagaweya could have gone the same way, at the same time altering boundaries where needed, as has been done in the new plan.

Essentially, Halton's regional government sticks to county boundaries, and we have had a twotier regional set-up for decades.

All that needed doing was to turn over more powers to county council, have five area councils instead of seven, and we would have a new look.

As noted above, the new North

area, comprising Georgetown, Acton and the northern parts of Esquesing and Nassagaweya will be unwieldy. "A rose by any other name" as

the poet says . . . but it is quite a tug to see historic names like Georgetown and Acton disappear. Administration will be a problem, too.

Locations of a central municipal office, combining staff, solution of problems not common to both towns, will be difficult decisions.

Others Could Help

Council's creation of an industrial commission composed only of town council members is a backward step in industrial promotion.

To our mind, municipal councillors are quite busy enough as part-time public servants. without loading more meetings and

more decisions on their shoulders. We agree that appointed boards should have a councillor exofficio, to provide liason between that board's duties and council. But independent members can

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contribute much more in time and interest to any board when they can concentrate on the job at hand, without the multiplicity of other chores which being a councillor entails.

Often, too, community-minded people are available who have specialized skills which can be particularly helpful to a certain board.

Without minimizing the talents of councillors, we believe that an independent appointed board can do a better job, because of this.

Student Says Cutbacks Lead to Drastic Action

Peterborough, Ontario. I am writing to you as an attempt to inform the citizens of Georgetown and Halton County of an appalling situation that has developed recently in Ontario. I am talking about the recent and proposed cutbacks in the provincial Government's spending on universities and colleges. This has led to drastic action by the administrations of several institutions throughout the province. At Trent, where I am studying, this has meant a general cutback in operating expenses of roughly \$500,000 annually and has resulted in

about 40 faculty and staff being told there will be no room for them in the future. It also means that the departments of German, Spanish, Chemistry Biology and Physics, Geography have been drastically altered completely destroyed. The Government has also

raised tuition fees and the student loan ceiling for all post-secondary students in the province. This has come about as a result of recommendations made in the interim report of the Committee on Post-Secondary Education. This report, while calling for easier accessibility to colleges and universities, effectively prohibits this accessibility by also saying that students should pay proportionately

years ago.

There is I feel, somewhat services in the last year.

The ministers concerned are very unwilling to listen to the problems of those who they legislate about. The Minister of Colleges and Universities, Jack McNie tand before him George Kerr) has been approached several times by the Ontario Federation of Students (who represent over 100,000 students) and has been totally unresponsive to our requests. Every action the Progressive Conservative Government has taken in the last year shows that they are more concerned with the large business interests than

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"Everyday Language is

Georgetown, Ontario.

When reading the column High School Insights in your issue of January 25, I had to laugh. I feel Gary Glover was quite right in resigning his position. Mr. Furlong was being extremely ridiculous in his reason for vetolng the film Woodstock.

His excuse of the use of profanity in the film was very feeble. If he thinks that the showing of this film would seem to condone the

more than they already are for their education. This is just one of many glaring contradictions within this report and shows that the government tends to phase out universities as an unmarketable product. Surely they realize that it is not the fault of the schools that enrolment is lower than five

more to the problem than just the institutions themselves. We must look at the policies of the Davis regime since they have taken power. Generally, they have seemed reluctant to raise taxes on the middle income groups directly, but are equally reluctant to further tax large business corporations (who at present pay roughly 8 percent of all taxes in the 'Province of Opportunity'). Furthermore, they have cut back on hospital and social

Worse Than Woodstock's" use of profanity he is wrong, 63 Edward Street. because with or without his

is being used everyday by almost everyone in the school anyway. We see television programs with bad language in them at home and it is not because our parents condone it. It is because this kind of language is in common use and nothing he can do is

> virgin' ears. Yours sincerely, Lynne Baillie.

going to protect our so called .

condoning it, worse language

with the people who put them into power. In fact, the whole Government is a business. 'the Davis Machine.'

I sincerely hope that the people of Georgetown will look more closely at this and many other examples of this nature and to ask the Hon. James Snow what's going on in Queen's Park. I ask him "what answers will you have come next election for the people you ignored now?" Your nice form letters don't solve a thing.

Respectfully, John L. Paris.

In the Mail Bag Writes to Make Clear **His Comments**

10 Garnet Drive. Georgetown, Ontario.

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify some of the comments attributed to myself on the front page of last Thursday's Herald. (1) I did not say "the

Board also gets rid of experienced teachers because their wages become to high" I actually stated that "a few Boards get rid of and expressed my concern that Halton may be swinging in this direction. To my knowledge, this is not yet official Board policy in Halton County.

(2) Regarding the words . . would not help the image or the cause at this stage . . . " I expressed the belief that to oppose the motion at this meeting would in no way alter the concepts of the Board members, and would merely delay the Board from getting down to the tasks they were elected to concern themselves with.

(3) I dld not refer to Halton County having ". the highest student-teacher ratio in the province." stated at the time that it had "... one of the highest ..." but since I do not have a report of all Boards in Ontarlo for the 1972-1973 school year, I was unable to give as specific an answer as was quoted.

> Yours sincerely. Ian C. Barrett.\

ECHOES

10 YEARS AGO

Exterior brickwork and precast roofing and flooring were completed January, 31, 1963, on the \$71,450 Esquesing administration building, one mile north of Stewarttown.

Timber wolves were reported in North Halton. Packs of wolves were reported from the Orangeville district and six were shot in Mono Township in Dufferin County during the six weeks prior to January 31, 1963. One kill in Terra Cotta confirmed that the wolves occasionally moved south into Caledon Township in the direction of Georgetown. The first of six wolves shot that season proved to

"A baby a day, keeps the doctor away," from home that is, and almost a baby a day during January 1963 were making their debut at Georgetown and District Memorial

20 YEARS AGO

At the annual 1953 meeting of the Esquesing Agricultural Society, the treasurer's report showed a deficit of \$1,693. The largest prize list in the history of the Society was paid in 1952, \$3,079.60 with \$410 additional for races.

The catchy slogan "Georgetown District Earns a Living" was in every store window, plus a dozen displays here and there in the downtown district made everyone aware of Industrial Week, February 8-15, 1953.

The various projects associated with the conversion of Georgetown's telephone system to dial operation were progressing according to plan, W. O. Misener, Bell Telephone manager for the region said the week of February 4, 1953. The conversion was scheduled to take place in September.

30 YEARS AGO

Two independent valuators should be appointed when there is evidence that property owners are "ganging up" to demand high prices for land being bought by the Government, a House of Commons subcommittee said in its report, tabled in the House, Wednesday, February 3, 1943. The sub-group of the House war expenditure committee was asked to obtain the views of valuators on purchase of airport land at Gimli, Manitoba, after the question was raised by the Winnipeg Tribune. The request to the sub-committee, headed by Hugh Cleaver, the Liberal representative for Halton, went from acting Transport Minister Michaud in the Fall of 1942.

The annual meeting of the Halton Holstein Breeders was held in the Palermo Community Hall on Tuesday, January, 28, 1943. Not withstanding weather conditions 50 breeders were in attendance. The secretarytreasurer's and fieldman's reports revealed the club to be in an excellent financial condition - approximately \$30,000 worth of cattle were sold by Messrs, W. H. Robinson

and Edgar Lyons in the County of Halton. Feature Item in the February 3, 1943 edition of The Herald reads - There are all kinds of jokes about people who listen in on rural telephone lines and no doubt most people in town at least, think they are exaggerated. Here is the latest contribution on the subject taken from The Chesley Enterprise. "Next to the Enterprise, the best place to advertise is on the rural telephone." says a local merchant. He tells us that raisins were a scarce commodity, but he got in a shipment. One day a farm woman, in placing an order for groceries, inquired if he had any raisins. He said he had so she told him to include a pound in her order. Within five minutes after she had hung up half a dozen other women on the same line called up and ordered raisins.

O'CONNOR'S **OTTAWA**

"Vintage Diefenbaker." award might be made. That was the concensus Alitalia, the Italian National amongs House of Commons oldtimers after his recent speech. I sat just a few seats behind the former Prime Minister as he thundered. cajoled and berated the hapless government. With his fierce scowl and a boney Accordingly I asked Jean finger jabbing his points right across the aisle to their Marchand, the Minister of desk tops, they dared not

some government ministers were laughing at themselves and their alleged follies. As a young member trained in the modern style of excruciatingley reasonable but often dull argument. I experienced a sense of history watching the master perform. One could envision Sir Wilfred Laurier or Sir John A. Macdonald standing exactly where Dief stood,

rebut such fury. He used

humour, often the best

debating weapon, with

devastating results. Even

things and in the same grand style. It was an excellent argument for TV in the House of Commons.

saying exactly the same

WHICH AIRLINE? A number of people in the north part of the Riding. particularly in Georgetown. connected with Air Canada have asked me which of our airlines would be awarded reciprocal landing rights in Milan, Italy and when the

Airlines, has been landing here under the agreement for several months. But our government has not yet made up its mind as to who will be awarded the return

Transport some questions in the House of Commons last week. To quote his less than informative answer as it appeared in Hansard: "Mr. Speaker, I hope

that we will be in a position to answer that soon. So do our national airlines and a lot of people in North

Halton. **JOINTBRIEF**

The Halton Progressive Conservative and Liberal Associations have joined forces to present a joint brief to the Redistribution Commission in Toronto on February 5. The NDP may also be joining them. Although the chances for any major changes in the boundaries are quite slim, an all party presentation should

our remarks. If you have a problem, idea, comment, criticism or if you simply wish to get in touch with me please stop by or call by Riding office at 326 Lakeshore Road East, Oakville - 844-0222.

add considerable weight to

In the Mail Bag

Angered When Bodnar Seconded Ban Motion

10 Garnet Drive, Georgetown, Ontario.

The Georgetown Herald, 22 Main Street, S. Georgetown, Ontario.

Dear Sir: I sincerely hesitate to write this letter, since I firmly believe that politics should be left to the election campaign and not dealt with subsequent to it. However, to sit back and express no comment during this present conflict would indicate a lack of concern, and this indeed is

not the case. On Thursday January 25 I attended the Board of Education meeting held at their offices on the Guelph Line. During this meeting. trustee Richard Goodin made a motion to seek legislation preventing active teachers from running for election to the Board. During his extremely lengthy speech. Mr. Goodin accused teachers of contributing to road traffic and pollution by living in areas where they do not teach. He even went so far as to quote exerpts from the Bible as proof that teachers should be

prohibited from serving on Boards of Education. However, the part of the meeting that angered me the most was that which followed. Mr. Ernest Bodnar. Georgetown's present representative, seconded the motion of Mr. Goodin. As the people of Georgetown are aware. I am a high school teacher in Etoblooke and ran against Mr. Bodnar in the last election, coming a very close second. I'm disappointed that Mr. Bodnar would resort to this type of trick in order to ensure his continuation in office. Is the time coming when the electors will not be given the

right to determine who is elected. The two or three times that I have conversed with Mr. Bodnar at length subsequent to the election, he has appeared concerned about education in Halton County, and has been polite and courteous on each occasion. I find it unfortunate that he should conceive taking this political manoeuvre.

Mr. Bodnar in his speech mentioned that legislation prevents municipal employees (of which he is one) from serving on town councils and, therefore, teachers shouldn't be allowed to sit on Boards. He mentioned that the OSSTF had "common goals" and that their interests were to "divide and conquer" In speaking of teachers, he stated that it was "unwise to arm the enemy." Once again he mentioned that teachers have "tunnel vision" and can only think of their own

Surely something is drastically wrong when the teachers of children in schools are considered "the enemy" of the Board's representatives. Where is this spirit of co-operation for common goals that is supposed to exist. No one can convince me that the electors of Halton County made their choice in December with the concept of teachers being their enemy. In education we must have one sole objective - the benefit of the child. When members of the Board consider teachers in this light, the student is the one

that eventually suffers. I must congratulate the Board in their wisdom of defeating the Goodin-Bodnar motion by a vote of 15-4 'Tom Watson of Acton was absent. One of the other

Board members in speaking against the motion, men-

tioned that to eliminate

teachers might necessitate

ellminating many other professions such as "architects" since they may be considered to have conflicts of interest when contracts come up for school construction. I would go a step further and say that if teachers are eliminated from running then so should caretakers, engineers (might be involved in school construction), even the members of labour unions since some of their colleagues might be hired by the Board. If this was the case "we could end with only retired or unemployed people, housewives whose husbands had no conflicting connections and students.

as The Herald editorialized

last Thursday.

The Provincial government already has conflict of interest legislation banning teachers from secking election on Boards that employ them. A teacher can gain no benefits by working for another Board. He or she runs with the same concepts of belief as motivate other candidates. Basically a desire to improve the education system. Even though we are members of the OSSTF, we are not employed by them. I would like to think that Mr. Bodnar would never sacrifice principals even under pressure from Professional Engineering Society. Surely he must believe that other human beings are capable of equally high ideals.

In the Mail Bag

Cheaper to

GO To Toronto 21 Chelvin Drive,

Georgelown. Dear Sir.

As stated in your article,

we will soon be able to go to Toronto at the proposed cost of \$1.10 per trip.

Due to the lack of local public transport, we can go from the East End of Georgetown to downtown Georgetown, arena, doctors, dentists, hospital, park, stores etc., at the cost of \$1.80 up by cab, and who knows what to the station to catch the Go Train!

That's progress! It you don t see much of us downtown during the week, you know why. Yours truly,

Mrs. H. Gorin.

For those citizens of Georgetown that would like to attend future Board meetings, they could do so by taking Trafalgar Road south to Hwy. 5, follow this west to the Guelph Line (about 5 miles west of Hwy, 251 and then following the Guelph Line south for about 1 mile. The Board offices are on the west side of the Guelph Line. The next two regular meetings are on February the 8th and 22nd. (Priorities and Expenditure meetings are on the 1st and 15th).

I would like to express my thanks to The Herald for allowing me to take a stand and reply to comments directed at myself and my profession recently. I regret having to do this but the time comes when you either hide your head in the sand or stand up and get counted. It Georgetown and district may alienate some people but I won't stand still for residents have supported Bantam Hockey Week exceactions like this. Unless the edingly well in the past, and Board gets down to doing the we look forward to continued work it was elected to do . support for the 1973 touryou might find other people nament. expressing concern.

> Yours sincerely, Inn C. Barrett.



BILL SMILEY

A Sell Out by ' **Any Other Name**

Recent news stories about fuel shortages in New York city and a number of northeastern states must have been a real shock, not only to many Americans, but to every thinking Canadian, 1 know it shook me, when I considered the implications. It was the first strong

warning of what's to come -a world-wide shortage of fuel and energy. And that's a frightening prospect. Experts have been issuing warnings for years, but these usually consist of an article

in the Saturday supplement, easily forgotten or ignored. I'm no expert, but any school child knows that there is only so much oil and gas in the earth, and there is only so much water-power to be harnessed, and when that's gone, it's gone. For good. Already parts of the U.S. especially the heavily industrialized and populated east, are on the verge of a crisis in the fields of energy and water.

What happens in the States will inevitably happen in Canada, though it may take a little longer, because of our much smaller population and much greater reserves.

But unless science can come up with some new, cheap means of producing energy and fresh water. things are going to be pretty shaky by the turn of the century.

Perhaps, as always, it's the only way man can learn anything - by having it shoved down his throat. Perhaps we won't stop wasting energy resources until we're reduced to the

point where we're cooking dinner over a fire of buffalo chips, as the pioneers did. Except that there won't be any huffalo to provide the Wouldn't you think that Canada, having witnessed at

first hand the ravages the Americans have made on their own resources, would have learned a lesson? Wouldn't you think that we'd be hoarding carefully, with an eye to five hundred years from now, our dwindling resources? Wouldn't you think that our so-called leaders could see more than twenty-five years ahead? Many of them seem to be

thinking no farther ahead than the next election. One of these fine years, unless we begin to conserve and preserve, there'll be an Old Mother Hubbard story that will wreak untold misery on millions of

humans. But that's an old tale, of course, in this country. Through a combination of human greed, short-sighted leadership and plain

In the Mail Bag Election Might Have **Been Livier**

Georgelown, Ont.

6 Edith Street,

The Editor. The Georgetown Herald. Dear Sir. I read with interest Mr. Bodnar's comments about teachers as members of

Boards of Education. Would the recent election to the Board have been any livelier, I wonder, if we had recognized that we were choosing between the tunnel vision of a teacher and the pipe dreams of a sanitary engineer?

Your sincerely, John Bellamy

In the Mail Bag Seek Public Support for **Bantam Hockey**

Dear Sir: Time waits for no man and whilst it is still six weeks away, it will seem like no time before the Bantam Hockey Tournament is with us again.

The 13th edition of what is recognized as one of the finest tournaments in the country gets under way on Friday evening March 16 and continues through dally. except Sunday, to Saturday March 24. A great deal of prepar-

atory planning has been going on since last October and the active organizers are looking for another successful tournament this year. To date. 103 applications have been received for the 44 openings, indicating a lot of interest in participating. The International flavour is retained with the inclusion of five teams from the States and the return of the two referees from Chicago who made their first appearance during the 1972 tournament.

Heading up the various departments this year are: Catering and Kitchen help-

stupidity, Canadians have been content to continue their century-old role as hewers of wood and drawers of water, and to sell anything they could to foreign in-

and European. There's a great lot of redhot nationalism in our country these days. But ninety-five per cent of it is words, words, words.

vestors: British, American

The people who make the real decisions are not the writers, painters, students, but the cold-eyed, greyhaired men who sit in the board-rooms, and would sell their grandmothers into slavery if the interest rates were right.

They're the babies who have looted our forests and mines and are currently pawning our energy resources. And they're the birds, with some notable exceptions, who take off for the Bahamas or Switzerland when the taxes get rough and they've made their pile. To most of them, the

unemployed are an unfortunate statistic, the poor a necessary nulsance. They know where every nickel of government handouts is. They know every tax dodge. They are the real and only second-class citizens of this country.

Holy smokes! I'm beginning to sound like a communist agitator. I'm not. I just get sick at heart when I see what's happening to the country I love.

Talk about being sold down the river! We're being sold down all our rivers and all our pipelines as well. Canada might be compared to youth. Youth can, and does, burn up energy without a thought for the morrow. He can dance and drink, stand all day in the

rain, hitch-hiking, steep on

the floor, ski all day on weekends and sleep all day in school.

But imperceptibly and then suddenly, the youth is middle-aged. The luxuriant hair falls out, the belly thickens, the pace slows, and the joints begin to ache. The energy has been burned up, much of it uselessly, and the cupboard grows

progressively bare. is that what we're doing today in our comparatively youthful country? Are we going to wake up with no hair, arthritis, and a pot

belly with nothing to put in it. And while this is taking place before our eyes, the politicians chatter like parrots, jockeying for position, their eyes fixed irremovably on the past.

I've no solution. The only thing I might suggest, in view of the energy crisis, is that all the politicians in North America be laid end to end. They'd make an admirable pipe-line, of just the right girth. And they'd produce enough natural gas in one session to stave off the crisis for years.

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