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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Fitting Tribute

That two dinner sittings were necessary to accommodate those wishing to pay their respects to Ernest Forgrave, tells the story. Retiring as business manager at Georgetown district high school, Mr. Forgrave had an evening in his honour at North Halton Golf Club. The response was terrific. The former board member has been much more than a school employee since he joined the staff. And although his years of service were not lengthy, the dedication and extra effort he put into the job, his rapport with staff and students, was of lifetime scope. Mr. Forgrave got his own education the hard way. Short on formal school

training, he is a truly educated man through his own efforts. His facility with the spoken and written word has been exemplified time and time again in his public appearances. He is always able to say just the right thing, in the right way. He possesses a high sense of values and, unlike many of his years, there is no generation gap in contacts with youngsters. Befitting a man who will never cease to learn, one of his retirement projects is a study of Louis Riel. "I've never had enough time for reading," he says. May he be blessed with time in abundance in the years ahead.

Merchandising Healthy Life

Merchandising, particularly in the hardware line, must be a healthy life. The Herald had a visit last week from a former Main Street merchant who, at age 97, is still enjoying life in his home community of Warton. A. E. (Ab) Cordingley left town in 1932, selling his business to the late Jim Richardson. His successor also enjoyed a long and active life, and was on duty in the store until close to his own 90th birthday. Mr. Cordingley purchased the Graham & Clements hardware business and operated it until his sale to Mr. Richardson. He then went to Warton where he was in a

similar business for several years. He was active in community affairs when he lived here, particularly in the merchants' association of that day. Life has treated him well. He still has his driver's licence and operates his own car in Warton. By coincidence, readers of the Sugar 'n Spice column may have noticed his mention in that column a few weeks ago. Columnist Bill Smiley, once editor of the Warton Echo, devoted one of his columns to reminiscences, centering around incidents which involved Mr. Cordingley.

Scarcity of Merchants

Attending the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, the minority of merchants in attendance was noticeable. The Chamber, in existence for many years, is an established organization in the community. But it suffers from minimum support from that segment which should be its most active members. No one can benefit more directly from an active Chamber than a merchant. In many towns, the Chamber is slanted too much towards this, and tends to become a merchants' group. In Georgetown, industrial support has always been good, and

if one were to augment this with better support from businessmen, we would have an organization second to none. We realize that many merchants, particularly those with smaller, personalized operations, have limited time and limited energy. But we urge that everyone in business give at least token support to the Chamber of Commerce. Directors normally hold noon luncheon meetings, the first and third Wednesdays at North Halton Golf Club. Members are welcome to bring pertinent business, by message or in person, to these meetings.

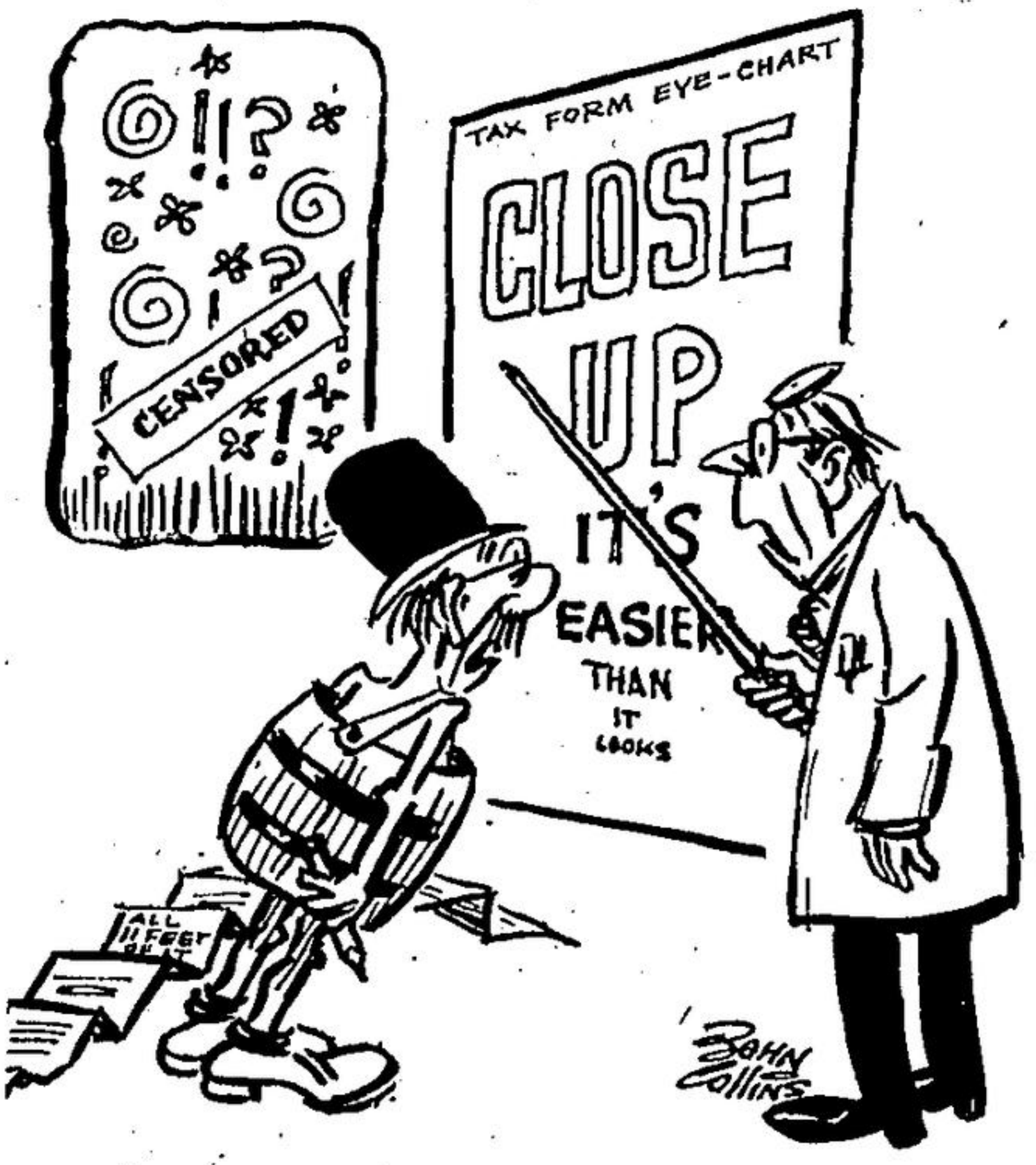
OPINIONS OF OTHERS

Shirking Our Responsibilities ?

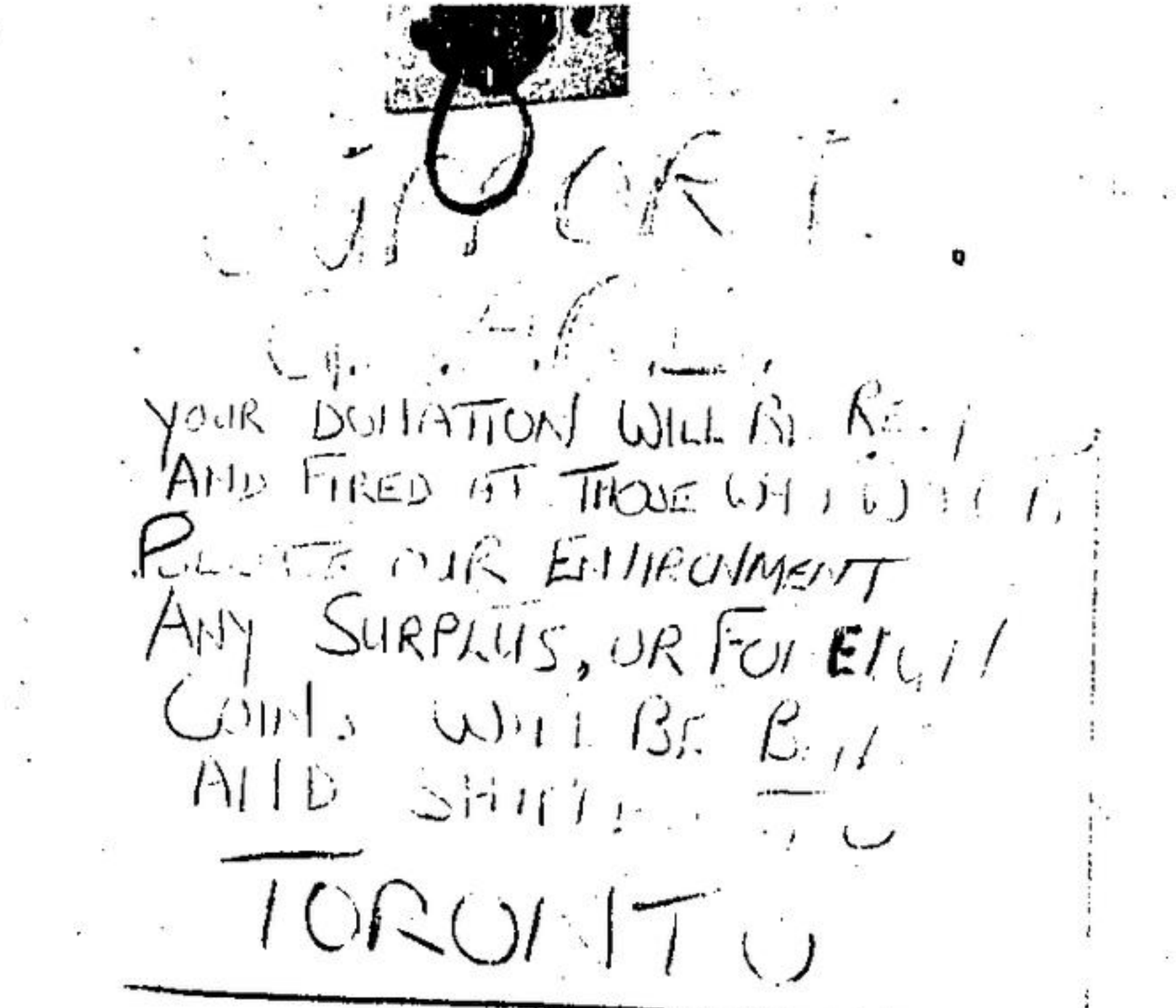
The lack of respect shown to officials of our sporting contests should be of major concern to all members of this society. Players, coaches, managers, parents, spectators and executives of all major sports, increasing show of disrespect for the men appointed to handle these games, is of great concern to me and it should be to all of you. Without an official to arbitrate the rules of a game

it becomes no contest and yet these men are too often treated as blind imbeciles. In my contacts with most of these sports I have never met a dishonest official, but I cannot say the same for some players, coaches, executives or parents I have met. The impression left on a young boy in his formative stages of seeing one of those mentioned, livid with rage, screaming and cursing about a decision (of which, in most

cases, he knows very little), cannot help but be detrimental to the character building of the boy and to his respect or disrespect for authority or the law itself. I would like to quote from an article on minor hockey, beautifully written by Cardinal McGuigan, that would apply to all sports. "The philosophy of some directors seems to be — winning is not only the most important matter; it is the only thing that matters. Thus



"I DON'T THINK YOU'VE QUITE GOT IT"



GUARD GREETING
This sign greeted people meeting of GUARD (Group United Against Rural Dumping) in Centennial senior public school.

ECHOES

10 YEARS AGO

A COMMITTEE WAS formed to co-ordinate plans for Georgetown's part in celebrating Canada's 100th birthday. MEAT PRICES IN 1963 taken from an ad of that year read as follows: pork loin, rib portion 43 cents per pound, tenderloin half loin 49 cents per pound; pork sausages 49 cents per pound; ground chuck 59 cents per pound; sliced pork liver 29 cents per pound; pork kidneys 29 cents per pound; side bacon 79 cents per pound; wieners 89 cents per pound; cold cuts 59 cents per pound; Polish sausage 63 cents per pound; and sirloin or wing steak or wing roast 79 cents per pound.

COUNTY COUNCIL CUT its mill rate by one quarter percent at the budget meeting but there were some representatives, notably, Reeve John Elliott from Georgetown, who would have liked to see a reduction at least twice as large. The 1963 rate was set at 4.35 mills for general rate and 1.4 mills for roads making a total of 5.75 mills. The mill rate for roads is unchanged from the year before.

20 YEARS AGO

WITH A CAST of 30 local models, Brill's Spring fashion was presented for two nights at the Legion auditorium last week, March 10, 1953, with a full house both nights. The Legion W.A. sponsored the show and proceeds of over \$100 would go to the British-Holland flood relief fund.

MRS. H. L. PATTERSON, director of the Farm Economics branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture gave an analysis of the dairy situation based on 58 Holton herds. The average cost of producing milk for the twelve month period indicated was \$3.89 per cwt. while the average price received by the 58 producers during the same period was \$4.21. When all costs for feed interest on investment, depreciation and other expenses, other than labour were deducted it gave a return of 87 cents per hour on the average

labour in the dairy herd. While this hourly return for labour does not compare too favourably with that paid to labour in industry, the picture would not be too bad if all operators of dairy herds received that figure per hour for their labour. Unfortunately, the two operators with low net returns received a minus figure of 9 cents per hour.

MARCH 18, 1953, the town advertised in The Herald for tenders for the wrecking of the old town hall, and cleaning up of the site.

A SIX ROOM FRAME house was advertised in 1953. The house has a stone foundation, three piece bathroom, sunroom, insulated, coal heating, heavy wiring, asphalt roofing. The price was \$4,725.

30 YEARS AGO

GEORGETOWN'S RED CROSS drive was rolling up to its objective of \$4,500 by March 17, 1943. Subscriptions amounted to \$2,250. The campaign closed Saturday March 27, and the executive hoped to reach their objective at that time.

THE ATTENDANCE AT THE public school was once more back to normal, after a rather serious epidemic of colds and influenza. The percentage attendance for February was down to 85.63; although this would appear low, yet it was reasonably good compared to the county average for the month.

A DONATION OF \$10.00 was received by The Herald War Victim's Fund this week, which represented proceeds of a lucky draw conducted by the Glen Community Club. The members were appreciative of the good work of Mrs. Fred Laws, who made and donated the cushion top which was won by Miss Marjorie Wagstaffe.

SOME 1943 MEAT PRICES at a local Georgetown market: Maple Leaf Pork Sausages 30 cents per pound; Schneider's Skinless Wieners 25 cents per pound; Mealed Back Bacon 44 cents per pound; and cooked ham 59 cents per pound.



BILL SMILEY Things That Build My Blood Pressure

Most of the major disasters of life I can accept with a certain equanimity. It's the little things in life, the almost daily irritants, that keep me in such a flaming rage that I can almost hear my great-uncle, Mountain Jack Thomson, the wildest-tempered man in the entire Ottawa Valley about ninety years ago, whisper "That's my boy. One of the old stock. Give 'em hell, William."

I have ridden, or flown, into the valley of death, and come out with nothing twitching except my sphincter muscles. I have landed an aircraft with a fused bomb dangling from one wing, climbed out to face the fire truck and the ambulance, and managed a quiet, "You're making a lot of noise with those sirens, chaps. Hard on the nerves, you know," before fainting.

When I was shot down and crashed in a plowed field in Holland, my first thought was, "Dammit, I won't be able to keep my date with Rita tonight." Rita was in Antwerp, several hundred miles away. A logical and calm conclusion.

When I was beaten up for an attempted escape, I didn't rail against anyone, including the beaters. I lay there quietly in the boxcar, hands and feet wired together, licked my wounds and said to myself, "Serves you right, you nit, for trying to be a hero. You weren't cut out."

When our train rode through the German night and right into a major bombing raid on Leipzig, I looked down on my groveling, screaming,

praying, calling-for-mother fellow prisoners, and though coolly, "There, but for the grace of God and the fact that I can't get out of this luggage rack (where I was resting) would be I." Sedate, poised. Paralyzed. "That was in war-time, of course, and a man had to keep a stiff upper lip, not to mention nether lip. But life since has brought the same sort of thing. Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned, somebody said. Oh, yes, it hath. Try this."

Tell your wife you'll be home for dinner at six. Arrive home at 6 a.m. with a couple of cronies you've invited for a late snack. "Nah, she won't mind. Come on, what're you, scared of your wife?"

A woman scorned, compared to a woman waiting, is like a Boy Scout troop compared to a panzer division. We'll all agree then, that I've faced the worst without flinching, without becoming hysterical with fear or rage. What I can't cope with is the daily degradations. The insults to intelligence. The utter stupidity of bureaucrats and the malicious heckling of inanimate objects. I'm afraid I lose every vestige of coolth, sang-froid, poise, reason.

Hom. As though it knew exactly what I was writing about, my typewriter just broke a ribbon. And I just broke my typewriter. After using the name of the Lord, the typewriter company, and

various other deities in vain. I beat the thing with my bare hands. All I got was ink up to my wrists, and a laconic, snide remark from my wife in the next room that she'd already had her hair curled that way. Item. They're cutting down the trees. The stupid bureaucrats. May they roast in eternal flames. And why are they cutting down the trees? So they can widen the roads for more stinking, rotten cars. Item. They (meaning the mindless bureaucracy) are re-numbering all the addresses in town. We were 303 and now we're 813 or 631 or something. I don't even know where I live any more. Of all the flaming ridiculous, useless, idiotic, moronic, expensive, Steady, old Man. Remember the blood pressure.

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THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

May Soon Have 36 Cabs

NASSAGAWEYA—Nassagaweya Township residents may soon have two fleets of taxis with a total of 36 cabs at their disposal. Township council last week approved granting a licence to serve the township to the 32 cab Oakville Taxi Company based in Oakville. It also received a request from a Milton taxi firm with 18 cars which also wants to obtain a township licence. A committee of council will investigate the second request. "There is going to be a lot of action in Nassagaweya," joked Reeve Anne MacArthur. She said she guessed the taxis wanted licences in the township now so they would have a head start when regional government comes into being, and municipal boundary lines are juggled. The township's taxi licence fee is \$10 per car.

Propose 1,200 Apartment Units

BRAMPTON—Armbro Heights area residents got their first taste of what the development of their area will look like in a few years if what some called "the threat" of high rise in the area is not checked. Almost 200 residents showed up at Centennial secondary school to hear Peel Elder explain the proposed expansion of the area west of Highway 10 and south of Elgin Drive, near Shoppers World. One of the proposals, explained by Peel Elder representative, Don Brooks, will bring an influx of 2,800 people into the area from the proposed 1,200 apartment units to be built in the area. The apartments, said Mr. Brooks, are expected to be started by this summer.

Asks Bank Robber for Cheque

ERIN—A bank robbery, the first in Erin's history, was foiled a week ago Wednesday when a seemingly intoxicated man fled from the Royal Bank without getting a penny. The courageous staff put him to rout. Later that afternoon a suspect was picked up by the OPP in an Orangeville hotel. A resident of Cambridge (formerly Preston), he was charged with attempted robbery and later released on his own cognizance. There will be a preliminary hearing later this month. Sandy Marshall, a teller, didn't believe the man when he demanded all her money at the counter. She thought he was joking when he said, "Give me the money." "Will you give me the cheque?" she replied.

Fears Village Population Explosion

HILLSBURGH—The third phase of the Hillsburgh subdivision waits, among other things, the views of the Guelph and Suburban Planning Board before any start can be made. At a regular meeting Monday, council again met with the developers, Glen-devon and Victoria Wood, to try to iron out their differences. Michael Brodigan, project engineer, told council that the builder must have a continuous program of building to allow the home to be economical for the purchaser. Council is hesitant to allow occupancy of the homes before 1974, because it fears the village may be unable to cope with such a population explosion. At present, the second phase of the subdivision has nearly 50 homes under construction that will be occupied by the end of 1973.

Service Clubs Group Dissolves

MILTON—Dreams of contributing something worthwhile to the town, that had accompanied the formation of the Milton Community Service Clubs almost four years ago, were shelved. Wednesday at the group's final meeting, Half a dozen members representing service clubs and other organizations agreed the original concept of the group had been lost and all voted in favour of dissolving. The history of Milton Community Services Clubs is one long series of ups and downs. Vim, vigor and vitality permeated the air at the inception and during the early meetings, as representatives of over a dozen local organizations met to prepare co-operative projects and avoid duplication.

Discuss Domed Stadium

BRAMALEA—Chinguacousy officials have already made an unofficial proposal to the provincial government regarding a proposed \$10 million domed stadium in the township. Shortly, Reeve Robert Williams, recreation director Don Gordon and other township officials will meet with Premier William Davis to find out whether the province will participate in the building of the stadium. The proposal, with detailed drawings of how the stadium will look, providing a capacity for 10,000 to 14,000, a hockey arena with moveable bleachers that will provide space for soccer, lacrosse and other games, were handed over by recreation director Don Gordon to people close to the premier.

Garbage Collection on Mill Rate

ORANGEVILLE—Garbage collection rates in Orangeville will be added to the general mill rate. Reeve Patterson said the town really had no choice. He said there were too many commercial users having their own pick-ups and eventually the town would be faced with a straight domestic service. "This would be too costly," he said. Deputy Reeve Thomson said he was against such a move. He said the administrator R. B. Lackey had advised that a person with a property assessed at \$3000 would still pay about \$16 per year for the service. He said those with homes assessed at \$6000 would pay twice the rate and those with properties assessed at \$1500 would pay one half the rate.

Township Survey Fizzles

TERRA COTTA—A survey being carried out in northern Chinguacousy by members of the township's Ward 1 citizens committee has been dropped. The survey was to determine whether the people in the area wished to stay with Chinguacousy or join the northern municipality under regional government. Committee chairman Gordon Cation said the survey "wasn't carried out too well." He added most people contacted wanted more information before making up their minds. And those taking the survey could not provide this. Other sources close to the committee said the reaction was too mixed, with many people not objecting to being thrown in with the northern municipality.

O'CONNOR'S OTTAWA



TERRY O'CONNOR, M.P. FOR HALTON

It was reported a few weeks ago that the kidnapers of James Cross had allegedly sent a telegram from Cuba to the Canadian government requesting permission to return to Canada. There were some conditions attached to such a return — conditions by the kidnapers, of course. A subsequent negotiating telephone conversation took place between their leader, Jacques Lanctot, and a High Official with the government.

"Hello, Jacques Lanctot here." "Oh yes, Jacques. How's the weather in Havana?" inquired the High Official. "The weather's not bad, but it's this working in the cane fields that gets you. Sometimes up to eight hours a day. Real work! I'm not used to it, having been a terrorist all my life."

"NOT SO FAST?" "You want to come back, eh?" asked H.O. "Not so fast. I think we should talk about it first. Can you assure us that we will be treated like any other Canadians? We have rights, you know."

"Well, of course, this is a democracy, free and proud," began H.O. "Good! I think a L.I.P. grant to do something creative, maybe to just think for a while, would be nice for a start. And perhaps an Opportunities for Youth grant for the kids. We have to get back on our feet and we won't be able to collect unemployment insurance for at least eight weeks. The grants should get us over this initial period."

"Well," said H.O., "that doesn't seem too unreasonable. These programs are open to all Canadians."

NEED A PLACE?

"And," he went on, "we will need a place to stay, since the police tore apart the apartment we were sharing with Jim Cross. How about a public housing unit, — nothing fancy — four bedrooms will be enough. The Montreal Welfare Department could pick up the cost."

"You drive a hard bargain," said H.O. "but I suppose if we spread the cost around among the three levels of government..." "Right! Now you're talking. The Provincial government could pitch in with some cultural exchange and travel grants. We could use a tour of Canada after all this hard work done here. We could tell Canadians how good they have it under the present system."

"TIRING FLIGHT?" "Then it's all settled. I'll take care of things from this end," offered H. O. hopefully.

"One more thing," said Jacques. "That's an awful long and tiring flight from Havana to Montreal. Do you think you could get us first class accommodations...?"

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

Lots of Robins

Several residents have called the Herald office, reporting seeing spring's harbinger — the robin — traditionally one of the first signs of the new season.

Winter Break

Schools will close next week for the annual Winter Break. This replaced the Easter Week vacation a few years ago in Ontario.