

EDITORIAL COMMENT

There's Been Changes

Every few years, we used to review Georgetown's business area as it was when we first came to town in 1940.

It's been some years since we did so, and it would take some real head scratching to itemize every business as first glanced by a young newspaperman, a stranger to town.

But, doing our best at total recall, here is one last review.

Starting on our side of Main Street South, Harry Chu had the Chinese restaurant. There was an alcove for dancing and parties, later changed into a small store, now the Grass Shack Gallery. The present Herald office was empty, as we recall, last occupied by a bake shop. Next door was Ready's 5c to \$1.00 Store, managed by Clarence Bain. Then Harold McClure's Furniture store, in one section of which was his funeral parlour.

Bill King's butcher shop came next, then Magloughlin's barber shop and poolroom, ending with Brill's department store.

The McGibbon Hotel included an empty store in the corner, where Ernie Alcott had had a men's clothing store. Sienko's shoe repair shop and MacCormack's Drugs. Bell Canada's business office and switchboard was later remodelled into the Stedman store.

The Herald office (now Henry's Clothing) came next, with the Misses Claridge millinery shop upstairs, and Dr. Frank Watson's dental office above the Bell. Then came Dominion Stores, Licata's fruit market with A. M. Nielsen's chiropractic office above, Lillico's beauty salon, in which Bill Huffman also had a barber shop, Long's restaurant and bus stop and the Lee Sing laundry. Silver's Dept. store has had several additions since those days, and last was the old Creelman factory building, with Preston's Fish & Chip store in part of it. Tyers Milk Products, since torn down was the old suburban radial station originally. And, in what is now the Norton Building, Norm Brown had his bakery.

Crossing the street, Mackenzie's lumber and coal company was in its present location up the side street, with Sinclair's service station beside the municipal building. In the next building was Wright's meat market, Hugh Lindsay's radio shop, Russell Kirby's clothing store, George Chong's Georgetown Cafe, Dr. J. B. Milne's upstairs dental office.

Starting down from Wesleyan Street, O'Neill's Garage was on the corner, Walter Rigg's flower shop, then Carroll's food market.

Chapman's drug store, Malina's jewellery store, Anthony's Hardware, Perc Blackburn's men's wear, Robb's drug store, Dr. Jim Jackson's dental office upstairs, and the Bank of Montreal.

The then-Bank of Commerce was in its present location, McBean's general store next, Reid's hardware, Jim Goodlet's grocery, Smith's shoe store, Richardson's hardware and Farnell's food store. An older building, now razed for a new block of stores was empty at the time, as we recall. The hydro office moved in a few years later.

Up Mill Street from the Bank of Montreal corner was Elmer Thompson's insurance office, Dale & Bennett's law office, Ivan Hay's beauty parlour, Muckart's plumbing and heating. And down from the Legion Hall, Frank Golden had a barber shop and Ken McMillan a coal and wood business.

Buck's food store, recently closed, had a building next door, where Dick Marchmont had a small grocery store. The Gregory Theatre was a popular spot down the street with Ken Langdon's law office and Lyla Francis Beauty Salon in the same building then the post office and Dickenson's corner store.

Maple Leaf Dairy was in the present Steen's Dairy location.

The old Arnold Glove Factory, on the far corner was empty then. The site of W. H. Kentner and Son's lumber and coal office was destroyed in a fire a few years ago. Dr. Reg. Paul's home and medical office was further up the street. And Ab Williams pool room was in the side part of the Brill building.

There were a few other businesses here and there in town—Scott Motors at the top of Main Street hill, with Alger Cripps Ford agency across the way; Mrs. Loud's corner store at Main and Ewing; Saunders' grocery at Victoria and John; Hill's Store at King and Union, and Mrs. Arvilla Wright's Exchange Hotel near the station. The Armstrong's, father and son, operated a highway garage, still in the family; Jack Cain had a garage on Victoria Street; Art Speight's, Georgetown Creamery and Saxe Motors were on the highway.

Dr. Claude Williams' medical office and home were just down Main Street and Dr. Jim Bateman had his home and medical office on Market St.

Dr. Learmonth was the veterinarian. F. L. McGilvray had a sheet metal shop on John St. And the Barber Floral Company was opposite Hill's Store on King Street. Dominion Seed House had a popular retail outlet in its building then too.



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ECHOES

10 YEARS AGO

NORVAL BOY SCOUTS enjoyed fried chicken during a weekend when they and their leaders spent Friday night and Saturday at their campsite near Terra Cotta. There was just one catch to the fried chicken, however, they had to start with live chickens, kill, pluck, clean and get them ready to cook. This was part of a test they had to pass. They also enjoyed hiking and using their tracking knowledge to track down the enemy patrol.

A MOTION WHICH would close the town park to vehicles except on big days such as the Fall Fair was withdrawn for further study Monday, April 1, 1963, by council.

FIREMEN HAVE THEIR fingers crossed in hope that there would be no recurrence of the previous year's record number of grass fires that season. The department answered four calls to grass fires that week, however none of them gave them any trouble.

20 YEARS AGO
WINNER OF \$50 of fishing equipment in a lucky draw conducted by Georgetown Anglers and Hunters Association was Dan Livingstone. The draw was made at a social afternoon on April 3, 1953 at the association's clubhouse near Hickory Falls.

AT COUNCIL, regarding an extension of Charles Street which is being made thru' to Young Street, Cr. Allen said he would like an engineer's opinion on how high it should be. A property owner, he says, claims the road is being made too high and too much fill will be needed to put building lots in proper shape. Cr. McGilvray stated that he did not think the road should be built up higher than the existing houses, namely, Sargent's and Davidson's as it would only trap the water.

A COURT APPOINTMENT was made for April 22, 1953, at 10.30 a.m. considering the by-law of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Georgetown to change the name of Factory Street to Park Avenue; and for

hearing those advocating and opposing the changes.

CONCERNING ENQUIRIES which he made, Cr. Sargent said there is no provision in the Municipal Act for a by-law to force subdivision to include cost of services when they sell property. Eboticake has a "matter of policy" which they have been using to accomplish the same end while Toronto Township strikes a bargain with each individual subdivider.

30 YEARS AGO
A REVIEW appeared of Walt Disney's movie "Bambi" in The Herald, April 7, 1943. "The most beautiful as well as the most mature of Walt Disney's feature productions. Bambi uses the background of the Main Woods, at all the varying seasons of the year, to tell his appealing story of birth, life, love, parenthood, tragedy and triumph. Famous author Felix Salten wrote this story, using animals of the forest as characters, and turned out a best selling book of the month novel. The Maine "deep woods" backgrounds were secured during a year's sketching and photographing trip by the Disney artist, Maurice Day. RKO Radio is releasing Bambi which was photographed in Multiple Technical.

IT WAS WAR TIME and The Herald announced that in less than three weeks the greatest job on the home front was to be faced by the people of Canada. That job was the raising of \$1,000,000,000 in the fourth victory loan. It was a tremendous job that faced the community and the co-operation of every citizen was asked for that the tools of war would be supplied to the boys on the battle front.

A NOTICE WAS published concerning the 1943 gasoline rations. "Now that you have your 1943-44 gasoline ration book it is up to you to keep it at all times in a safe place. If it is lost, burned or stolen you will be deprived of coupons which will not be replaced."

In the Mail Bag "Tell Us the Advantage of Halton Region"

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

Dear Sir:
Last week you reported that Georgetown favoured moving the boundary of the proposed Halton Region one lot east, so that all of Terra Cotta would be included in Halton. And today, on your editorial page, you advocate this change, and state that it would be to the benefit of the residents.

I would point out that the greater part of Terra Cotta is at present in Chinguacousy, and so far as I know, the question of joining Halton has never been discussed with the residents. Moreover, what the advantages would be to us I have no idea. It is true that I look to Georgetown for shopping and certain services, but I prefer to be part of the Peel region.

I feel that it would be both kind and diplomatic on the

part of those planning for the future of the Halton Region to tell us of these tremendous advantages before announcing that we should join them.

Having just become accustomed to the idea of being partitioned from Chinguacousy and joined to Caledon and Albion, I am now horror struck to find that I am about to be annexed to Halton.

Mary I. Cassidy

In the Mail Bag Suggests Collection Bins for Glass, Tin

35 Duncan Drive,
Concerned Citizens:
"Washing these bottles for recycling seems such a waste of time," a member of our family said to me the other evening, "especially when we see that some of our

neighbours don't take time to do their's, it makes you wonder if it's worth the trouble."
Well, there are still a lot of people here in Georgetown who do believe that it is worth it, and every little bit

helps, but we certainly could do with some government assistance.

If people are not co-operating to save our environment by having their glass, tin and papers recycled, in many cases the reason is they don't know where to take it to be recycled. Some of us take these back to the factories concerned individually, some as a group, many, but not enough, trips are being made to Brampton, whereas if one large disposal bin were set up in the west and east end of town, the glass would be deposited, while on a trip to the plaza etc., either by groups or individuals, then the container taken to Brampton once or twice weekly. The cost of rental of these units is minimal, and surely with our rising population and buildings we can justify this cost.

Compulsory recycling will come to be an accepted situation! Let's get with it. In Burlington, Bolton, Orangeville and other areas much smaller than ours the Government has stepped in and banned the sale of no-deposit-no-return bottles. This in itself is an indication for refund and not simply throwing glass away, is more economical in the long run. Let's get going here in Georgetown and for once be ahead of the situation. If the disposal bin is there the majority of our concerned citizens will make use of it and therefore encourage others to do the same.

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BILL SMILEY

They Think Bill's A Rich Tourist

Any day now it will be cheaper to fly to Europe and back than it is to spend a couple of days in the city.

Air fares are coming down as rapidly as city prices are taking off. This was borne home to me, as they say, during a recent brief visit to the Big Smoke. And I don't mean New York. Just an ordinary Canadian city in the true north, strong but far from free.

Our relatives always kindly invite us to stay with them, but we seldom do. We throw caution to the wind, let ourselves go deliberately decadent, and plunge for the hotel room and all the extras.

It used to be grand feeling; checking in at the hotel just like the rich people; tossing the bell hop half a dollar as though you did it every day; walking into the luxurious room and turning up the heat and to hell with the fuel bill; picking up the phone call room service; and joyfully asking the Old Lady, "Wonder what the poor people are doing today?"

But that semi-annual plunge is no longer into a warm bath of unaccustomed luxury and service. It's more like a dive off the town dock just after the ice has gone out of the bay. Not refreshing; just numbing.

Things have changed. Now there's a car jockey to park your car. He can open the door with one hand and hold out the other like a professional beggar in Calcutta.

Next is the doorman. If you have one small bag, he's right there, taking it from you with one hand, and holding out the other. If you have four heavy bags, he's busy whistling up a cab for a blonde.

You totter across the capacious lobby, and the bellhop relieves you of your bags just before you collapse in front of the desk.

There's one thing that hasn't changed: the room clerk. He's as snotty as he was 20 years ago in every city and every country. You'd think he owned the place as he looks down his nose at your overcoat with the frayed cuffs and your big rubber boots which you wore from the country.

And beware the poor innocent who doesn't have a reservation. He is the dessert for the meal of this particular type of hyena.

Someday, when I am old enough and crotchety enough, and I haven't had any kicks for a long time, and I've driven a hundred miles, and a room clerk smirks at me, "Sorry, we haven't a thing," I'm going to pull a gun and shoot him right between his cold, mean little eyes. And I think, a good lawyer, with an understanding jury, would get me off scot free.

Next in the gauntlet is the bellboy. He doesn't lug your bags and sweat anymore. He shoves them onto a cart. Don't hand him, with a flourish, the old-time half-dollar. He's liable to hand it back with a bigger flourish and snarl: "Here Mac, I think you need it more than I do."

And he's probably right. He's no "boy". He's 38 years old and he owns three duplexes.

Well, anyway, you've made it to the room. But before you flop on the bed, don't check the room rates on the back of the door or you won't flop, you'll swoon.

Italy Old Nelly! You must be in the wrong room, or they've given you the Trudeau suite. Shake your head, look around the room, make sure that lady isn't Margaret. Say, old room you swear you paid \$18.00 for last time. Same woman. And the price tag is \$30.00.

This is not the time to say, "Oh, well. In for a penny, in for a pound." You know what happened to the pound. Your dollar is suffering the same shrinking sensations.

Dazedly, you call room service, order some ice, and if you're smart, you'll tell them you don't want it transported by air from the Winter Palace in St. Petersburg, (U.S.S.R.) even though it will take as long and cost as much.

Don't order any glasses. They'll cost you more than a new pair at your favourite optometrist's. Drink out of your hands, as you did when you were a boy.

If your wife has a yen for something sweet when you get back from the theatre or whatever, don't call room service and order French pastry and coffee. Two sad little pieces of stale Christmas cake or something and a jug of coffee will set you back four bucks, plus tip. Take a chocolate bar with you instead.

Don't go to the theatre in the first place. We took our daughter and her husband to a show. Four tickets, \$48. New York wouldn't have the nerve.

Don't eat out. Dinner for four, at a "moderate" restaurant, with one cocktail, can run from \$25 to \$50. Plus the inevitable you-know-what. The only result is a nagging feeling which may be either gastritis, or your pioneer ancestors' ghosts haunting you in the stomach.

Final disillusion. I always spring for a shoe-shine. It seems a reasonable luxury, as it's one of the two or three times a year my brogues get a brush. Went for it this time. Halfway through, I realized the poor devil shining my shoes was retarded. I decided to help, in my small way. I had my quarter ready, but changed it for a fifty-cent piece. Gave it to him, feeling sort of warm inside. He pointed to a sign behind my head.

It read, "Shoeshines, 50c. It was then I realized which of us was retarded, as I fished for another two bits.

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THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

Advises Shopping Mall Restrictions

BRAMPTON—Further expansion or construction of new malls in the central planning area of Brampton should be restricted, according to town planner Leonard Laine. This should be done to encourage redevelopment of the downtown core. He told a public meeting, it was the fifth and last meeting in a series being held to explain details of Amendment 56, the Brampton official plan in various sectors of Brampton. Held at Central public school, it drew more than 250 people residing in the Brampton central planning district. The central planning district which includes the downtown core is bound by the Etobicoke watershed on the east, Vorden Street in the north, McMurchy Avenue and the CPR right-of-way in the west, and Frederick and Clarence Streets to the south. Population of the central planning district estimated at 4,700 will increase to 10,000 in full development, said Mr. Laine.

Hold Tax Line Despite Arena

ORANGEVILLE—The Orangeville mill rate will remain steady for 1973. Orangeville Town Council struck the mill rate for this year at \$132.42 for residential and \$144.22 for Commercial at an April 2 meeting. These rates are constant with those set in 1972. Total budgeted expenditures for 1973 are set at \$1,934,719 as compared with an actual expenditure in 1972 of \$1,868,000. Mayor Victor Large said even though they were able to hold the line on taxation they were still faced with over \$66,000 increase in total expenditure. He cited the new arena as the major contributing factor. He said it was his hope that during the year the town could continue to upgrade all services in the community.

Bus Service Starting Soon

MILTON—Milton's full scale bus service is to go into operation April 16. Milton council was told recently, Council approved a by-law authorizing the agreement on which ratepayers voted favorably in December 31, 1972. Administration committee minutes of the previous week indicated the bus service had been operating on a reduced basis since the first of the year. Mr. and Mrs. D. Lewis told the committee they had covered approximately 75 miles per day, four days per week. They suggested council consider granting them financial assistance of \$2,200 for this service.

Residents Opposed to Speedway

ERIN—Hon White appeared before Erin Township Council on behalf of Eugene Seminars recently to request a licence to re-open Acton Speedway, just south of Ospringe, on Highway 25. Shortly before, council had read a letter from 15 nearby residents opposing the application. Reason for the opposition were cited as: noise, traffic problems, parking on the side of Highway 25, littering, dust, and general intrusion on their day off. Reeve Lloyd Lang told council that while the track was in operation there were few complaints. He added that it was there long before zoning by-laws were thought of, and existed as a non-conforming use. Half the residents had moved in before the track was opened and half after.

Believe Four Foxes Rabid

KILBRIDE—Authorities are advising local dog owners to have their pets vaccinated against rabies, following an outbreak of rabid foxes in North Burlington last week. Four foxes believed to be rabid, have been seen in the Kilbride area in the past few weeks and one of them was shot by a Burlington policeman near Kilbride School one morning two weeks ago. Constable John Gibbons of Burlington Police was called to the area after Mrs. Ann Farrow spotted the fox at her back door. The fox headed towards the school and Constable Gibbons gave chase through a field with his cruiser. When the cruiser got stuck in mud he ran after the animal and killed it with his revolver about 200 yards from the school. Several youngsters were playing nearby.

Three Charged After Thefts

SNEILGROVE—Sometime between March 24 and 26, someone stole a 1973 Wisconsin boat trailer from Aquarian Boats and Products Limited, Caledon East. The trailer was valued at \$270, states the OPP. Sneilgrove detachment in its weekly report, Two acetylene torches and three cutting tips were stolen from a farmer's shed in Caledon Township sometime during the week. Provincial Constable D. Noseworthy is investigating this \$150 theft. As a result of a routine check on March 27 by Provincial Constable G. Wiles three men have been charged with possession of stolen property. Other occurrences investigated such as property checks, assaults, domestics, etc. totalled 96.

Village Gets Seniors Units

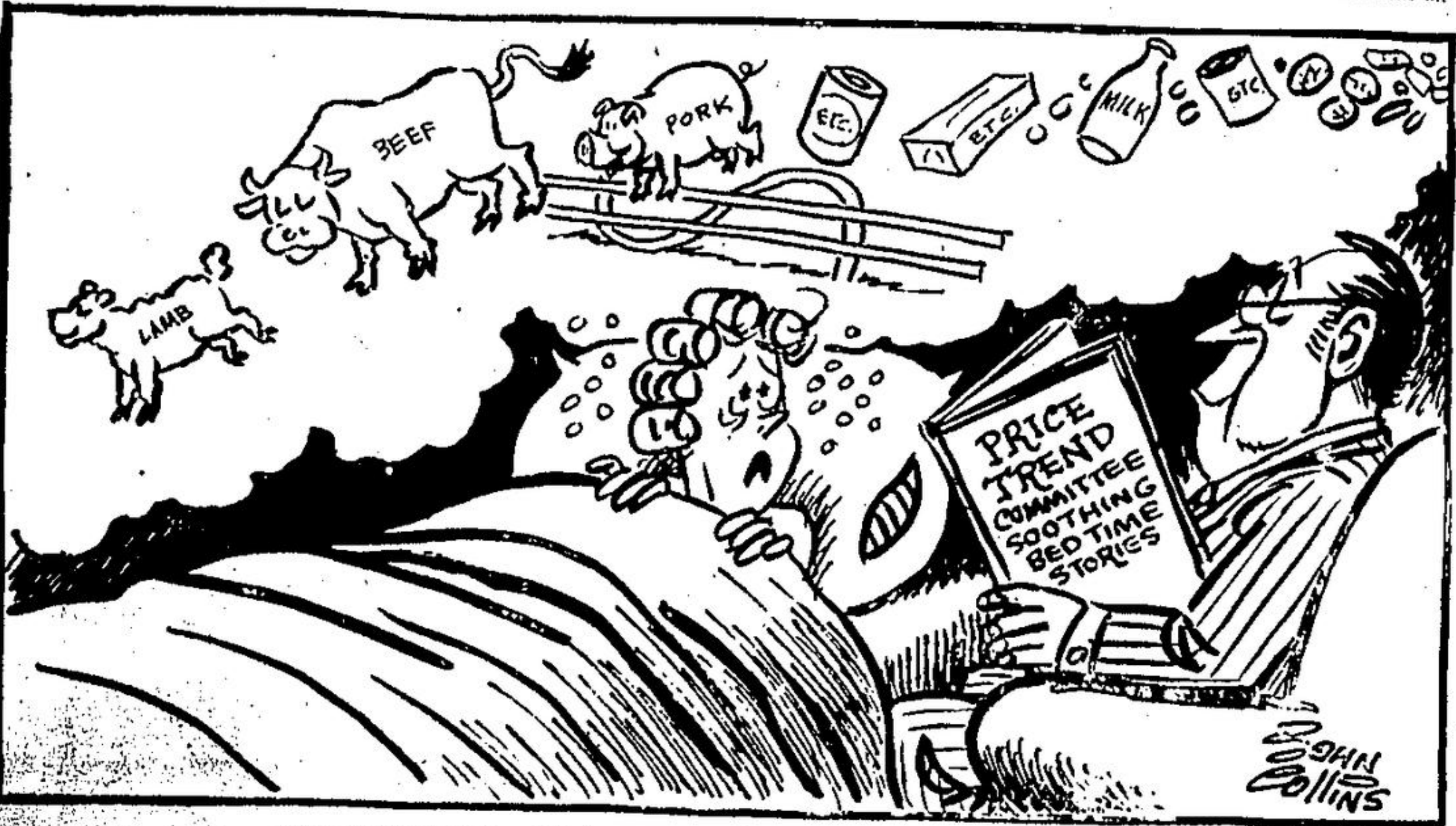
CALEDON EAST—The village of Caledon East has received approval from Ontario Housing Corporation for construction of 15 senior citizens apartment units according to Reeve Gerry Proctor. Caledon East had a survey conducted sometime ago that according to the reeve, "didn't go over too well". Council's persistence resulted in a second survey which indicated the need for the units. An apartment block will be built in the village but no date for start of construction has been set. Reeve Proctor said he estimates at least a year before the first sod is turned. "We are moving as fast as possible on it", he said.

It Was Error Filled Week-End

BRAMBLEA—A group of 36 air cadets, 758 squadron, are home after stumbling through an error-filled weekend trip to Montreal. The comedy of errors began Friday night when a bus chartered to take the boys and three officers for a citizenship tour of the city, never showed up. A quick call to Downsview Canadian Forces Base revealed that no one knew of such a bus. About two hours later a bus was acquired from a Galt bus company and the group was off - for a while, anyway. Near Oshawa the group stopped at a roadside restaurant and returned to the bus to find that the door had fallen off. Repairs were improvised quickly and the bus was off again with the boys taking turns holding the door on with a belt. Soon the bus and its occupants arrived at CFB Trenton where arrangements had been made for an overnight stay - except someone had neglected to tell officials at the base. This was a sample of more to come.

Extend Hwy. 25 to Hwy. 89

ACTON—People in this area will have a new route to the north soon according to announcement made jointly by MPP John Root and Gordon Carton, Minister of Transportation. Highway 25 will be extended from Ospringe to connect with Highway 89. The province will assume the road in April 1974. The new section of Highway 25 will start at Highway 24 and link up with Highway 89 about midway between Mount Forest and Shelburne. Mr. Root said the highway would benefit the whole area, and tourists travelling north will be able to go through some of the most beautiful parts of Ontario.



"IT WOULDN'T BE SO BAD IF I WERE ONLY COUNTING SHEEP"

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