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## IT'S SUMMERTIME **Backyard Pool Safety**

One of the first things noticed by a newcomer to Southern Ontario is backyard swimming pools. They're getting to be as prolific as weeds, but more enjoyable.

Used to be, until the pool invasion, that water safety was something that was put into storage during the winter months and taken out and dusted off for the occasional summer outing.

Home pools have changed all that. Water safety has become an everyday necessity.

Pool-owning families with small children have to develop programs of safety training and safety consciousness, not only among immediate members but also among much of the neigh-

Swimming pools, besides being à great pleasure, can be a great killer as well. Much as the automobile does, a pool can give many years of service. But it takes only one accident to ruin a lifetime.

Like a car, a pool cannot be treated carelessly. Sensible safety rules, entorced by parents, must become permanent tixtures at every home pool.

Water safety isn't elaborate or abstract, requiring extensive specialized treatment. It involves very basic training, swanning lessons and a lot of common sense It is also the difference between life and death.

Have a good, sale summer. That's the way to enjoy pool.

### Governor-General Role

The current royal tour in Canada draws attention to a little bit of royal business that will soon confront Canadians.

Involved is the position of governor-general. Roland Michener is trying to retire the's already serving an extension of his term of office) and expects to be out of office early in the fall.

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau has the chore of naming a successor. His selection, if he's made one, can be presented to the Queen while she's in Canada, for official sanction. It isn't likely that the Queen would refuse his choice.

Two names are most prominent in the list of possibilities. They are the current speaker of the House of Commons, Lucien Lamoureux, and a former Canadian defence minister, now a diplomat, Leo Cadieux.

Both are respected Canadians and the choice, if it is to come down to these two men, will be a tough one for Mr. Trudeau and his

Liberal party. Canada, beginning with Viscount Massey, has been fortunate to secure the services of exemplary persons for the role of governor-general from within the ranks of Canadians.

There hasn't been an unpopular royal representative since this nation began choosing its own sons (and who is not to say it might yet choose a daughter?) for the

Many Canadians may think they are out of step with royal tradition, but the widespread greetings that underscore every royal tour indicate that rejection of a monarchy is far from an accomplished fact. And have you noticed the reception royalty of all descriptions dets in the United States? That big country must still secretly wish it had a queen or its

## Punishment Debate

If a Georgetown policeman were to die in the line of duty at the : hands of a lawbreaker, the theory is that that lawbreaker would face the death penalty.

But the lawbreaker would never go to the gallows. His sentence would be commuted and he would serve a prison term instead. He would probably be back on the streets before the policeman's family reached middle age. Canada is supposed to have a

death penalty for the killers of policemen and prison guards (and even for treason) but in more than half a decade, it hasn't been applied against the killer of anyone. Cabinet commutations have all but abolished the duties of a hangman.

Yet abolition of the death penalty in this nation has just fizzled out again.

Parliament, in its wisdom, has

failed to agree on a total wipcout So the curious situ tion remains - that a death penalty is in three but is never enforced.

A double standard has been created. The threat of hanging, however limited, remains, but it is like wielding a club made out of styrofoam. It doesn't hurt anyone. Which leads to the question: what happened to its abolition?

Probably, some of Canada's federal legislators felt, knowingly or unknowingly, the pressures of a society that says one thing and practises another. There is a current of feeling that would have capital punishment restored for a wide range of offences, even though such punishment as deterrent or retribution has not been fully documented

Canadians, Comele still can't make up their datal, one was or the other

Down one mill from last year.

## ECHOES FROM THE PAST

10 YEARS AGO The dinosaur in Georgetown Park will have company shortly and if plans of the board of parks materialize, he may be swallowed in a crowd. At a meeting, the parks board voted to spend \$500 to purchase more playground equipment for the comparatively barren park playground. The town purchased a Dino shaped set of monkey bars. The park board purchase would add a Billy Goat Bridge, Playhouse and slide.

Looking ahead to 1964 when Georgetown would celebrate its Centennial, council appointed a a Centennial committee to start preparations. The three-man committee consists of a member from each ward, Coun. W. Snith, Coun. J. Emmerson, and Coun. D. Powers.

There will be no Grade 8 class in Harrison Public School In September. At a meeting in the Harrison school Georgetown Public School Board took the only step it could and agreed to transfer the Harrison Grade 8s approximately 41 pupils to George Kennedy Public School on Weber Drive to remedy temporarily the worsening teaching space situation. The board was pushed into taking the step by enrolment figures which showed 90 new Grade I pupils coming in and just 55 leaving at the other end of the already saturated school.

20 YEARS AGO New sidewalk work was suspended for this year, because the budget for this work had already been expended. Council hoped that succeeding councils would continue this important work in future years in order that all town sidewalks might be put into proper repair. Some \$5,275 had been spent on new sidewalks this year out of the current account.

A distinguished visitor stopped briefly in Georgetown. John Diefenbaker called to see Sybil Bennett, Progressive Conservative candidate in an upcoming, August 10 federal election. Mr. Diefenbaker, a candidate for the party in riding of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, had been speaking for the party in Ontario and was en route to an engagement in Kitchener. He told Miss Bennett that he hoped to speak in Hallon later in the summer.

Esquesing's fax rate for 1963 gas set at 20 mills. The cate breast do souds it walks for town-hip tate, a radio to county expenses, a general acrossitery of 2 band North Hallon high school district levy of 42

In addition resident core estare parts of the township will pay for extra services At Norval, taxpayers have an extra 26 mills for treet lighting and in Glen-Wilhams 13. Fire area costs have also been added in the appropriate places. Area I around Georgetown which pur chused a fire truck was assessed 4 mills Milton area will pay 16 and Acton 6

30 YEARS AGO Council speed some time in discussion about repairing sniewalks and water mains in the town. It was decided to do certain portions of walks in College View. on King Street, Main Street, and Mill Street, providing the contractor could be hired. A new two-meh water main was to be laid on Yonge Street, providing the available help could be obtained for the

The matter of twice a week garbage collection was brought before council, and it was decided that the purbage collector would be notified to start twice a week garbage collection at once, and continue during the warm months of summer

Twelve items have been added to the group of five already exempt from wat time prices and trade board order which rations new factor machinery and equipment. Rationing went into effect last October and except for hand tools, wilk confer retridgeration is a try one, at dramage equipment track toying type tractors and attachments, repair and spare parts, permits issued by farm machinery rationing officer were required before sales could be made. Other articles now exempt are sickle knife grinders, incubators (150 eggs or under) brooders, pump jacks, wood well pumps. barrel and cistern pumps, churns. sprayers (sex pallon and under) wheel barrows electric fence controller - loads operated weders, cultivators and acceles and hav torks and their sling and at

tachments.



But teachers are born

patsies. In the first place,

they aren't very militant.

They are more interested in

teaching than on going on

in the second place, for

generations in this country.

they have occupied an

ambiguous position in our

society. They are accorded a

certain respect but at the

same time have been looked

on with a certain scorn, as

rather shabby professionals

who need to be kept in their

place by the people who pay

. Business men could whore

and drink and practice shady

dealings, but teachers were

to be an example to the

They mustn't gamble.

drink, smoke or stay out late

They could own a car, but it

should be second-hand and a

certain vintage. They could

go to church and sing in the

choir, but they couldn't go to

the tavern and sing in the

That's all changing, of

course, and teachers are

actually being regarded as

people, with feelings and

faults. But the old

straitlaced hangover of our

pioneer society is still there.

the politicians say to one

another. "Let's make them

the goats." And so they do.

But perhaps the politicians

are not going to be able to

walk so easily over their

After creating a medical

health plan that is

iniquitously expensive, the

politicians, as usual, respond

to the cries of outrage by

looking around for a goat.

They have chosen the

Now, everyone who isn't

blind and deaf knows that a

medical profession.

latest patsies-the doctors.

LATEST PATSIES

"Teachers are a timid lot."

AMBIGUTY

heir salaries.

cummunity

# Medical Profession Is Made Scapegoat

Have you ever noticed that when politicians get themselves into a bind, they look atound for a patsy, or scapegoat?

They did this with education in this country. When the big space race began, the politicians rode the wave of public demand lot more schools, more schooling, and practically whipped the system of education into spending more and more money on bugger and better schools with more and more exand and

tice taxbayers. reaconably enough began to howl about the sky-rocketing heat of education I don't £3. . .

... Lappeard? The egree commune and stated sterals that they were going to hold the line on education

LIBOULINE.

The, should have held the bue a little more firmly in the to diplace instead of feeding such until it was big and strong and then letting it fear . I i en hell with the spoon in

Natural potsy for this political manoeuvre was the teaching profession Teachers were presented. with the and of some of the politicians' fame journalists, as recedy grasping people whose chief interest in life was wresting higher salaries tron the down-trodden

This was patently untrue. The average teacher would be trasmably happy if he got an annual increase sufficient to keep even with inflation, and a reasonable raise to recognize his macreasing skill and experience Exactly abut bappens in most businesses and professions.

QULEN'S PARK

## Portfolio Future Faces John White

BY DONOTIEARN Oucen's Park Bureau Of The Herald

TORONTO Treasurer and monder of intermoves attented services John Winte is back at the grindstone trying to develop a policy on housing. In addition to this Mr.

White has another immediate task. He must decide whether his portfolio is to be carved

A year and a half ago when the government was restrainzed as a result of recommendations by the committee on government productivity the most criticized action was the meorporation of the old department of municipal affairs into the treasury.

Even though COGP had recommended this practical and experienced people in the government felt it was just too meach responsibility for one manister

Time the smer was given for a one and then two parliamentary assistants to help him, but even so signs of strain have shown through in the new ministry. Most notably in that the treasurér was under

stronger attack than any other namster of the session. And at leath the energy tax g at praming legislation " ars, his hardest battles, he sermed somewhat un-Inchased

Throughout the period that the house was sitting there was considerable criticism from the opposition that he was trying to do too much with a demand that his partfolio should be split up. Finally in the last week of the session Premier William Davis acknowledged this to the extent that he said a reorganization was being

considered. The treasurer himself, he said, would study the question immediately after the session and would make recommendations as to the tuture of his ministry.

At the same time, the premier said, he was not backing down on the new shape of government resulting from COGP.

The plan, which saw groups of related ministries grouped together into three secretariats, actually doesn't seem to be working out too There is the appearance, at

least, of more co-ordination. The only ones really concerned would seem to be the three secretaries concerned: A.R.B. Lawrence, Robert Weich and George Kerr. And with them it is a lack

of public exposure. Supposedly among the top APC during the Canadian half dozen men in the cabinet Armed Forces' I Combat they get very little chance to Group summer training at Camp Wainwright, Alta. The show themselves to the public doing anything imarmored personnel carrier's driver, Tpr. R.G. (Bob)

ductor today, unless he's a bumbling idiot, enjoys a fat income.

Just because you and I didn't have enough brains and guts to stug away at medical school is no reason to envy those who do. A doctor spends about six years drudging at pre-meds

and medicine, a gruelling course. It costs him roughly \$12,000. Then he has a year or two of internship in which he is paid about as much as a lifeguard. After eight years, he has a

few books, some skills, and is probably heading for the age of thirty. And he must start at the bottom again, to establish himself.

He will work about 60 hours a week, snatch the odd holiday, neglect his family and often destroy his own health By the age of fifty he's an exhausted man. unless he has learned to pace himself.

ENJOYMENT Sure, he's well off, by most standards Big car, house. expensive holidays. But he hasn't time to enjoy much of this. And he's also paying big

laxes on that income. Let's take a look at a friend if the doctor They were in school together. The other fellow dropped out in Grade 10. He's now making \$11,000 a

But in the intervening ten or eleven years, the doc's 'riend has made \$60,000. So. plus the \$12,000 it cost for the nedical education, friend is \$72,000 ahead and has his family half-raised and has his mortgage in hand.

It takes the doc a long time to catch up, and when he does, he's earned it. A few doctors might cheat,

but most of them are honest. dedicated, and mighty hard working.

.The politicians' attempt to regulate doctors' incomes is a shoddy piece of work.

entertainment. sports facilities, and coming events. With the support of doctors, lawyers, ministers, and

other professionals, who could afford to devote a little of their busy schedule; along What's wrong with that's with the assistance of various organized clubs, and ral local public;

feel Georgetown would be greatly helped in developing a prospective future. In this day and age with the quickly expanding population in our area. I feel, concern and friendship towards one another, is the key to happiness and success in the turmoil of everyday living: linked with mutual respect and confidence, which a service such as this, could provide Anonymity, being of great importance and stressed in this particular

concern

RACQUET CLUB

Sir: The organizers of the Georgetown Racquet Club would like to thank all those who attended our successful membership night.

The enthusiasm of the 150 persons was most gratifying and we were pleasantly surprised to reach our initial membership objective that night. All those present will testify that Georgetown still stands solidly behind recreational endeavors.

Looking forward to seeing you on the squash court this

> Boyd Hoddinott Bill Manderson Pete Pomeroy

#### Bible Verse

"And the King shall answer and say unto them; Verily I say unto you. Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me". Matthew 25:40 When was the last time, on

the basis of this formula, that you did something for the

Contact Centre Is Needed The meeting concluded with a unanimous decision for a non-denominational \*centre, based on the religious morals and values of all

Sir: I would like to bring to

the attention of your readers.

the need for the proposed

establishment of a telephone

contact centre, in the

Georgetown district. Having

attended the June 7 meeting

regarding the contact centre.

I was very impressed with

the services it could provide.

from Hamilton. Brampton

and Bolton centres, gave

very informative talks about

the beneficial needs of the individual district centres.

organization.

great assistance.

with plans to expand even-

tually to a full 24-hour ser-

vice. This service would be

directed to the anonymous

caller, the desperate or

lonely, and also, our unin-

formed new-comers to the

area, who would be advised

or referred to the immediate

source of imformation

requested; or as in many

cases, speak with an un-

derstanding, sympathetic

A list of services available.

would be compiled re:

professional aid, family

needs, emergency aids

listener -- a friend!

Representative speakers

cultures, respected by all its volunteer workers. Plans to help promote

services are as follows:1) meals on wheels; 2) volunteer transportation, in and out of town: 3) various services for our senior citizens: 4) construction of a theatre (in town), more

Rev. Walter Ridley of Norval and Rev. Peter Barrow of Georgetown, expressed their deep concern and interest, and Chief Floyd Schwantz, of the Georgetown Police Department, chairman for the meeting, spoke about several advantages which could result, through such an

Red Cross Society "Y" children's aid, and similar associations have helped Herald tremendously in this area. and also agree, a more tirst president of Halton district complete service would be of Suggestions made at the meeting, were many: a telephone service, handled by trained volunteers, and provided at the peak hours. between 6 p.m. and 12 p.m.,

> he will take charge July 1. Mr Ramautarsingh stated to give the best service possible to the students and teachers of Halton and the province." A quick glance at Ramautarsingh's appointment book shows meetings scheduled for every work day night for

"There are many areas in been made," said

Comments about issues of concern in Halton during the past two years are listed in the following prepared brief by Mr. Ramautarsingh. One negotiation of working ditions. Teachers are one of the few groups in society that can only negotiate salaries and not working conditions. The Reville Report seems to call for confrontation: "I hope government in its wisdom will give the teachers the right to negotiate working conditions," said Mr. Ramautarsingh.

With respect to the creation will replace headships. Mr

needs of the students and im-Marty Hughes prove schools." "To my thinking, the

plan and the morale of the

tennis courts, and better swimming facilities for the younger set; 5) planned group discussions pertaining to all age groups. I'm sure there are many more suggestions which could be

eventually added to this list. In closing, I would like to say: Please help us support this well, worthwhile project, in getting underway as soon

as possible..... Mrs. Gall Williamson Georgetown

### **Outgoing President** Says Progress Shown

nine of the Ontario Secondary, level. School Teachers Federation. Tom Ramautarsingh, traced the role, responsibility and achievements of the presidency must be held responsible for tor the past two years in a recent interview with The the next 2-4 years. My hope is

of the OSSTF, when it was zoned a district from a division of Halton-Wentworth, two years ago Affter holding the position tor two years. Tom Ramautarsingh decided not to seek office again. May 29, Keith Wallace was elected the new president of district nine, and

federation business.

which'I feel some progress has Ramautarsingh, "and I hope that these areas will grow to give stability and thus create a proper learning environment supported by trust, faith and confidence. Such areas are the program councils, the staff board meetings, the exchange of teachers between elementary and secondary panels, the last two salary settlements."

CHAIRMEN SYSTEM

of the chairmen system, which Ramautarsingh stated: "teachers have voted 85 percent against changing from the present department heads system to one of chairmen. We maintain that department heads are specialists and the chairmen do not have to be specialists in many of the areas for which they will be responsible. A hierarchy is being built which will remove the chairmen away from the classroom. Another level of administration is being created. Will this meet the

chairmanship idea is practised on a five-year experimental basis in one of our schools and the chairman will teach very little, other classroom teachers will have to pick up the extra load and the students will lose in terms of individual teacher time in larger classes. We feel some department heads need changing, the machinery for such is there and it ought to be used if valid reasons are given. The board has passed the reorganization of staff according to the chairmanship

Outgoing president of district teachers has sunk to a very low

"In the long run when morale is low it is the students who will be short changed. The board what is going to take place in for parents to become aware Mr Ramautarsingh was the before it is too late. Trustees should be held accountable for their actions in the next election. I can only repeat what Prof. Arthur Porter, a member of the provincial commission which recommended the new math, as saying "the new math is not working and maybe we

were wrong. "It is courageous enough for Prof. Porter to point this out but what of the students who were "my basic objective in and still are the guinea pigs. whatever I have been doing, is Don't our most precious products, our children, deserve something more than this? The latest fads are the in-thing. It does not matter who gets short-

NOT TEACHERS "Paraprofessionals are hired in place of teachers at a much lower scale of pay. They are not trained as teachers. Are parents aware of what is happening in the schools where these people are hired? To my thinking they are being exploited in our society and I can foresee trouble for education in the future because they have no tenure, get no fringe, benefits, are paid extremely low wages and they are not responsible as teachers for the students, hence they will join CUPE to gain

some basic human rights. "I feel that there should be a core set of subjects at least to Grade 11. The HSI is wellmeaning in scope and intention, but are students mature enough to select the right courses? How many parents do have a say in the selection of the courses a child takes? All that the student requires is a total of 27 credits to graduate from Grade 12 and he need not select even one course from English, history,

math, languages. "Because of the variety of options and the need for more individual assistance to students, guidance teachers should have been increased to meet the growing needs, but this important service to the students continues to be operated with the same number of guidance personnel.

TWO PROGRAMS "I am sympathetic to the cause of two programs which the board turned down. The

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Strathcona's Horse (Royal

Canadians). Trooper Davies' Davies, left, and crew mother, Mrs. Barbara commander, Liet. Steve J. Davies, resides at 2586 Ewing, right, are members Mathers Ave., West Vanof the Calgary-based Lord

couver. Lieut. Ewing's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ewing, live at 80 Weber Dr., Georgetown.

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