



THIS SUMMER, KEEP ONTARIO BEAUTIFUL

READER'S FORM

Litter Education Often Required

Sir: Your editorial on the subject of litter was most timely. As you say, many people require education regarding proper disposal of litter. As well, many people

including children, do not stop to think that every pop bottle, every candy bar wrapper, every piece of Kleenex (and other brands too), every cigarette box,

every empty bottle, and every bottle top is litter. In Terra Cotta, each summer the women of the Thursday Thimble Club make an effort to encourage

visitors and inhabitants of the village to place the above items in a bin, rather than on the edge of the road and in the ditch.

Clarification, Correction

Sir: Kindly permit me to state a few ideas and statements made while I was reviewing to reporters the two years in office as president of the Secondary School Teachers' Federation in Halton at the end of June, 1973 and in response to comments made at the board of education meeting on July 20, 1973.

First I want to make a correction due to an error in the statement issued to your reporter. The statement "more than 1,000 classes with 36 or more students" should have read "more than 100 classes with 36 or more students and more than 1,000 classes with 30 or more students." The source of this information is recorded in Board of Education Fact Sheet dated Dec. 8, 1971. My regrets to all concerned for this error.

In reference to the flight of teachers, I did not refer to the present situation, but the statement made was a future prognosis of the next two to three years because of the newly passed Board's policy on staff reorganization which will demote up to ten teachers who are heads in schools such as Nelson, M. M. Robinson, Georgetown and T. A. Blakelock. The heads who are in the main specialists in their fields, will be replaced by the new chairman system who may or may not be specialists.

The board was told on more than one occasion that the teachers were in favor of staff reorganization, but a vote of the teachers showed that 85 per cent of the teachers were opposed to the director's scheme and, in fact, teachers filled the board room in protest on more than one occasion when the trustees were discussing staff reorganization and differentiated staffing.

After the passing of the staff reorganization and differentiated staffing, staff morale sank to a new low level and I know of two department heads who have gone to other boards of education since the passing of the board's policy on staff reorganization. With the over-supply of teachers and the late passing (April, 1973) of the board's policy on staff reorganization, there was very little teacher movement at the end of the current school year.

The future will probably tell a different story as good, experienced, specialist teachers get demoted in Halton. Their choice will be to look elsewhere when the opportunity presents itself and in my opinion the students and parents will become the true losers.

PARAPROFESSIONALS With regard to paraprofessionals, I now ask the trustees and the director to investigate the situation where one paraprofessional was hired at Oakville Trafalgar High School and that individual taught at the school. Both the teachers of that school and the CWQE (Conditions of Work for Quality Education) Committee reported this fact.

I can recall both the principal and the superintendent of instruction acknowledged this fact when asked by the federation about a paraprofessional teaching at Oakville Trafalgar High School. I may point out that at Lord Elgin High School, instead of hiring the full teaching staff of 80 teachers based on 18.5:1 pupil-teacher ratio, only 73. Five fewer teachers were hired and the money was used to hire paraprofessionals. The students had to be taught and the parents may well ask these questions - Who taught the approximately 150 students? Whose workload was increased? What happened to the class-sizes? How did these conditions affect the students?

In the interview and the statement issued at the end of June, I pointed out that progress was made in several areas during the 1972-1973 school year and these received little attention in the press. I felt a better rapport was developed at the staff-board meetings, an increased involvement in the educational and development leave plan, two amicable salary settlements, the exchange between the elementary and secondary panels for a period of time

and the participation in program councils and professional development projects. These are examples of positive progress in relations between teachers and the board. I would like to re-emphasize that this was a review of my two years as president of Halton, District 9, OSSTF and some opinions as to the future.

In conclusion, may I state that the federation's objectives have never been geared to image building and economic or political expediencies, but on the contrary, to represent the teachers and to serve the best possible needs in education for the students in Halton County.

I thank you in advance for printing this statement of clarification and correction. Tom Kamatarasingh, Past President, District 9, OSSTF.

FRUSTRATING

Sir: The patience of the citizens of Georgetown has been sorely tried awaiting council decision to begin the recreational centre.

The delays, coming one after the other, are frustrating. An announcement prior to the next election that work is to begin, will not win as many votes as they might expect. G.D. Ripley, Georgetown

AIR NAVIGATION

Ministry of Transport has embarked on a \$3.7 million program to upgrade air navigation facilities in the North. The program, in part, calls for the installation of very high frequency omnirange and distance measuring equipment facilities at Yellowknife, Resolute Bay, Whitehorse, Frobisher Bay and Cambridge Bay.

Centre Help

Sir: Time is of essence. Help could be as close as your telephone. Several more volunteers are needed, before a contact centre training course can begin. We need your support. Think for a moment, while asking yourself these questions: do you enjoy people, do you feel good when you're returned a thank-you, or just an honest smile, can others confide in you, without fear of exposure, or ridicule, and are you concerned for your fellow-man, appreciating his good points, over all the bad?

If you have answered yes to the above, and you are age 17 or over, then you probably possess the understanding nature, qualities, and insight, necessary to serve as a contact centre volunteer. This could be your chance, for a new sense of purpose in your life, subsequently extended to others. If you do care, and you are interested, please enquire about the volunteer forms, which are available now, through the "Y" office, or for further information call Connie Nieuwhof at 877-2238, or Fran Jamieson at 877-2238. We expect the first course to begin in mid-September, and the hopeful establishment is still being sought; any suggestions would be appreciated. Gail Williamson, North Halton Contact Centre.

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BILL SMILEY Bosom Buddies Are Forgotten

There's nothing like seeing old friends. Or old fiends, as it comes out sometimes when the hoolyoke operator is not on his toes ha ha. I have a couple of old fiends who managed to drop in while I was getting ready to go to England. Between them, they almost aborted the trip. It's not that they bother me. I wouldn't say that. It's just that they cripple me for about two days each, by the time we finish reminiscing and get to bed as the robins begin to chirp. They do no bad. A chap must expect that sort of ruin. But they brought with them a couple of other old fiends—their wives. That's what really put the tart on the griddle, as Lord Faversham said while he was roasting a well-known street-walker. We have all sorts of friends, eh? There are the close chums of public school, with whom there is nothing in common by the time you are in Grade 11 except the fact that Old Lady Williams beat the hell out of you every second day, when you were in Grade 5.

FLY TOGETHER We learned to fly together. On one leave, we hitchhiked to New York together and I can still remember Bub, after a bit of temperance or something, spewing all over Broadway from the window of a taxi. Broadway has gone steadily downhill since. We went our several ways during the big conflagration, and all managed to stay alive during various hairy incidents. When we got home from the wars, we got in touch. We were all going to college and funds were pretty slim, but we'd get together occasionally for some of the old riotous living of the rude soldiery. We all fell in love about the same time and got married about the same time. We each have two children and have shared the woes and glows of raising kids. The three girls we chose, Peg, Ruth and Suse, are still married to us, something of a record these days. We've all been modestly successful in a material way and modestly unsuccessful in a spiritual way.

BOSOM BUDDIES

There are the bosom buddies of high school. This is an eternal yearning friendship, often depending on the type of bosom. Ten years later you meet and there's not much to say after exchanging the number of children and wives or husbands you have had. College friends are even closer. I was looking at a picture of four of us the other day. We had in-jokes. We were inseparable. We would give our left arm for each other. I haven't seen one of them for twenty years. One is a drunk, a second is dead, and the third is an accountant. Not necessarily in that order. Then there are the friends you make on summer jobs. These are so intimate you can hardly wait to separate so that you can write each other.

Substitutes Our wives tell us, individually that we are rotten husbands and fathers, but we don't see them reaching into the grab-bag for substitutes. When we meet, a couple of times a year, we compare times, but we compare pains, but we're young at heart, as you would clearly see if you dropped by about 4 a.m. We'll probably wind up in the same home for Senile Veterans. If we do, we'll keep it lively. Yes, a man acquires a lot of friends in a lifetime. But not many of us have two old fiends like Bub and me to drop around any time into living skeletons when we're trying to get ready to go to England.

OTHER FRIENDS

And, of course, you have made friends since you married. There are Shirley and Bill, and Joan and Dick, and Jack and Jill, and Humphrey and Ursula. Not to mention Humpty and Dumpty. Those named are

QUEEN'S PARK

Stature Of Province Is Growing Greater

by DON O'HEARN
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TORONTO—Most of us more or less realize that in the past decade there has been a great growth in the stature of the provinces as compared to the federal government.

The former child now has a much stronger voice in the affairs of the nation. What's more it is a valuable voice. For in at least some matters it can mean more harmony. If, for instance, the provinces are able to reach agreement or regional development approaches, if the provinces that might be hurt still are willing to go along, then there could be the chance of a practical and effective development program. Much more so than if Ottawa tried to dictate a program.

MARKED CHANGE:

There is a graphic illustration of this in the current annual conference of premiers at Charlottetown this week. When these annual conferences were started 15 years ago they were inauspicious affairs. The agendas were very carefully designed. They comprised subjects that were completely exclusive to the provinces; matters such as uniform highway laws. The conferences didn't come to decisions as such or agree on action. The limit was to agree to further cooperate on trying to work out solutions. And it was understood that nothing involving federal-provincial relations would come before the meetings and that the relations themselves would not be discussed.

There was a deference to Ottawa in the whole exercise. VALUABLE VOICE: But now? The four main subjects before this conference are energy policy, health care costs, regional development and offshore fishing rights. With all of these there is a strong federal involvement. And with all a main point in the considerations will be whether and how to put pressure on Ottawa.

COST OF LIVING

It's Time For Some Action

If anything is fated to topple the minority Liberal government in Canada, then it should be the rising cost of living, especially the rising cost of food.

The matter is one of solving agricultural problems with short-term solutions (just ask any farmer) which do not accumulate into long-term answers.

Canadians from coast to coast are caught up in the rising tide of food prices. Some areas are hit harder than others, but the over-all picture is one of bleakness. Food dollars buy less and less every day.

In the United States, some stringent measures have been adopted to tackle the high cost of living there, and some of the effects have spilled over into Canada.

The problem of course, is a complex one. Economists tie Canada's troubles into a host of causes, from high exports of foodstuffs to delays caused by transportation difficulties.

We're not advocating measures as tough as wage and price controls (which only give way to another big jump in the cost of living when they're removed) but we do advocate more federal responsibility, and even attention, paid to the very real problem of the growing cost of living in Canada.

No one area of responsibility has yet been levelled.

Can we say our federal leadership has been alert when a body such as the prices and incomes commission is caught by surprise by a big jump in the price of bacon?

But some responsibility must be attached, and since the price rise crosses all provincial borders, the problem then is laid at the door of the federal government.

The situation is such that already in Canada it's impossible to shop for cheaper items of foodstuffs. It all costs more, much more.

One area which could see improvement is agricultural policy. Pork is an example. Canada's exports of this meat have created an artificial shortage at home, and a consequent rise in prices. It must be possible to strike a balance between needs at home and demands abroad.

Hitting Dairy Farmer

The price of bureaucracy and the indirect blindness of government were never more apparent than in the case of Lorne Augustine, a 57-year-old dairy farmer who wants to be left alone to pursue his version of the capitalist dream—but who isn't being allowed.

The government is trying to keep the large dairies from moving in on smaller dairy farm operations, the rationale being that combines and monopolies must be stopped from reducing farmers to mere employees at a time when government policy is aimed at maintaining private ownership of farms.

Mr. Augustine, you see, is thumbing his nose at the Milk Commission of Ontario and the Ontario Milk Marketing Board by selling his milk directly to the public.

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In 1972, the Augustines grossed \$82,180. After expenses, they divided up \$9,518.

This way, the Augustines can sell milk to the public for a couple of cents less than their competition, although they are allegedly breaking the regulations.

Had they sold the milk to the commission they would have divided up about \$3,500 between the three of them.

The commission wants the Augustines to sell their milk to them. They will then re-sell that milk to the Augustines with an appropriate mark-up and minus commission "operating expenses"—without the product ever leaving the Augustines' premises.

The government's policy is, from a theoretical and practical point of view, probably commendable.

Result? A higher price. What else?

But in the case of Lorne Augustine it is leaving some scars. He's trying to make a buck but the government doesn't approve of his methods—the overall policy must be adhered to. There can be no rebels to upset the equilibrium of the policy. So he must go. It's all legal, all proper.

The commission and the board have told Mr. Augustine to discontinue his direct-selling tactics, and have suspended his license. But Mr. Augustine is defying them. He can't understand why he can't sell his product

directly to the public without government linked interference. The marketing board says it's illegal for the Augustines to bypass regulations by selling milk to themselves. This must be done through the board although the product never leaves the dairy farm.

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

19 YEARS AGO

An informal tour of county towns was made by provincial opposition leader John Wintermeyer and Owen Mullin. Liberal candidate in the fall's Ontario election. Designed particularly to meet merchants and businessmen, the day started with a breakfast meeting in Oakville for a noon luncheon at Acton and Milton and finally a reception at the Brant Inn in Burlington.

The engineering firm of Dineen, Phillips and Roberts recommended an extension of Georgetown's water system in a report presented to the council by Mr. Roberts. Main point in the report was a recommendation that a second source of supply be found to augment the present million-gallon-a-day well which was located by the firm in 1948 near Cedarvale School. The report also suggested a storage reservoir. Mr. Roberts was confident that more water would be found in the same district, in sufficient quantity to justify a second well.

A trial period of controlled daily burning of garbage was advocated by Mayor Ernie Hyde during a council discussion when concern was expressed about a stubborn fire which was burning underground and resulted in several calls for the fire brigade. East-end residents were particularly bothered by smog and the town engineer brought in equipment last week to smother the fire.

Len Caruso, scoring star forward of Georgetown N and Gs, was the only lacrosse player to make either the first or second all-star team for the southern OLA group. Len, who amassed an 81-point scoring total with 70 goals and 11 assists, was chosen as first string forward, along with Matthe of Wallaceburg, who had 100 points and Barr of Sarnia, 94 points.

Council appointed Federik A. Helson as town solicitor, to succeed George C. Hewson who resigned after serving in this capacity for 10 years. A town resident since 1951, Mr. Helson graduated from Osgoode Hall in 1957, and joined Mr. Hewson and John D. Ord in a law practice which they operated under the three names. The partnership was dissolved and Mr. Helson since conducted his own practice.

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20 YEARS AGO

Graphic Gilhooy, administrator of Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital, was admitted to the American College of Hospital Administrators, a professional society, as a nominee at its 29th annual convocation ceremony, held in the Imperial Ballroom of the American Hotel in New York City.

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Serious fire damage was averted when smoke from a smouldering chesterfield chair was noticed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Louth, Edith Street. Jim Ford, walking past the house at supper time noticed the smoke. No one was in the house at the time but luckily the door was open, and with the help of a neighbor, A.M. Baxter, the chair was carried outside. The fire brigade was called to the scene.

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