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Big Business

Regional Council Pay

Not much public attention seems to be paid to the fast-approaching election for regional government in North Halton.

One point that probably hasn't crossed many minds is the question of stipends or salaries for elected officials. This point is going to be raised quickly on or immediately after the election.

Regional government is big business, so electors in North Halton had better prepare themselves for substantial pay schedules for their elected representatives.

It isn't possible to predict now what pay scales may be set, but it is possible to predict that the political workload is going to be greater under regionality.

Thus, it stands to reason that municipal politicians are going to be realistic in their appraisal of

stipends, and they can be expected to act accordingly.

This is not to say, of course, that we expect our politicians to delve deeply into municipal funds for their own benefit, but we do expect them to want, and to get, financial reward that reflects their political involvement.

At the same time, we expect the voters to elect the best persons for the job, to get their money's worth all the way around.

Political service can be an expensive business, as many politicians, or would-be politicians, have learned at the municipal level. Such public service may appear to be glamorous, but it often results in long hours of meetings, many out-of-pocket expenses and a financial return that rarely measures up.

Nominations Draw Nearer

Continuing on with regional government, nomination forms will be available soon for selection of candidates in North Halton, Georgetown, Acton and Esquesing.

No nomination meeting will be held. The provincial government has laid down the rules and regulations, and nominations for the Oct. 1 vote will consist of paperwork.

Nomination forms and information will have to be filed at town and township offices. Responsibility for correct nomination papers lies with the candidates.

Newspaper advertisements will be appearing, outlining the procedure for nomination. As well, hours of nomination will be listed.

Electors in North Halton will have to choose a mayor, who will be elected at large; four regional-

area councillors and eight area councillors.

Nominations will also be held for the divisional board of education and the separate school board.

The election is close, so close that it will be here and gone before the leaves fall from the trees in the fall. It is of growing importance that voters in North Halton start giving the matter of regional government some serious thought, and to decide now who they want to represent them.

They have to provide the nominations, and then choose those who will serve.

Several persons already have announced their intentions to seek nominations. Voter interest must rise as nomination time draws near.

Sidewalk Sale Charming

Shopping malls on downtown streets are interesting places:

Georgetown held a successful one last week, to mark George Kennedy days. A sidewalk sale was in progress for three days on two blocks of Main Street, where barricades kept cars out but allowed people in.

Some observations come to mind.

The sale was popular with people, who liked the freedom to peruse and browse along the street without interference from cars. But these same shoppers insisted on driving to the sale, and parking areas in the perimeter of the weekend mall were crowded.

Portions of the street mall were a little more popular than others, depending on what merchants did to attract visitors. The more that was offered, the busier was the area.

Malls are popular with thieves as well as shoppers. Some pilfering was reported, and even some decorative trees disappeared.

All in all, it was a busy and colorful tribute to the Kennedy name. Shoppers apparently like the hum of a market scene, of which the mall was reminiscent, and the sidewalk sale committee judged the popularity well.

As a continuing feature, such sidewalk sales have a flavor all of their own.

BILL SMILEY

Travel Is Broadening - Before You Ever Leave Home

My wife cannot understand why anyone wants to travel, when he can sit in his own backyard and commune with the gods. I'm beginning to agree with her.

Getting ready is kind of a pain in the arm, especially if you must have a vaccination. Obtaining a passport sounds easy. Heck, it's more trouble than getting married or dying.

All you have to do is fill in a form. The form is slightly more complicated than your income tax form.

Then, you must find someone who will swear that you are who you say you are. This person is called a guarantor, and can be practically anyone except your neighbor.

Then you must obtain a birth certificate. This is fairly simple if you know where you were born. If you don't, or you happened to be born in Zlich, Yugoslavia, it can be complex.

You must have passport photos taken. You can't just use an old snapshot in which you look your best. Passport photos are an old joke. They usually make you look like a zombie. Strangely, ours turned out well. We didn't pose for them, because we knew they'd be gruesome, so they came out relaxed.

Besides passports and birth certificates, there is a myriad of other paper to look after, and you could use a full-time clerk for a week or two. Air tickets, money arrangements, hotel reservations, and who's going to feed the cat.

A travel agent is almost a must in these days, when half the world seems to be on the move. He or she can smooth a lot of wrinkles and give valuable tips on how to win at least the occasional round in the game.

Many people go to big agencies in the city. My travel agent, a personable

young local chap, couldn't have been more helpful and efficient. (Aside to Bill Mandly: everything, by golly, had better be right, after that.)

He told me something about air fares that is almost unbelievable. A return ticket to the U.K. can run all the way from a Christmas charter at \$187 to a regular flight at \$626 (under two weeks). I shudder to think what a first-class ticket would cost in the latter category.

Of course, a business man can write off the \$626 as expenses, and to the little old lady going back for a visit after fifty years, that \$187 special might represent months of scrimping. Even so, something smells, in the discrepancy.

Travelling is not cheap, unless you want to swim across, which I've contemplated a couple of times as the bills mount. Only

reason I haven't developed the idea is that my wife is a good swimmer, but only for about thirty yards. I'd hate to see her go down thirty yards off the Halifax docks, and have to do all the rest on my own, with nobody to tell me I was steering the wrong course.

Not cheap! Good gravy. Just looked over the items before we even left the house. Air ticket—\$332; passport—\$10; birth certificate—\$2; British pass—\$70. Those are just the basics. Multiply by two if you're a couple.

Then there are the ever-present extras: new clothes, expenses to get to city to get passports, and the inevitable sundries, too numerous to

mention, as the auction sale adds up.

That's before you get on the plane. You still have to eat and sleep for three weeks after you get there. However, I've cut the whole thing down a bit by cancelling our two daily paper deliveries for three weeks. Saved about \$4.50 right there.

Our British pass allows us to go anywhere in the UK. It may come in handy. We may be riding trains all night, every night, to save hotel bills. And we're taking along an eight-pound salami and six loaves of bread, so we might come through.

I have a vague idea that this column will not go down as one of the greatest pieces

of exotic travel literature ever written.

But it is a little hectic around here. Six hours, takeoff, my wife is just starting to pack, I have to go down and sell my soul to the bank manager, get up to the school and look after some items for September, see young Wilson next door about feeding the cat, call the boy about mowing the lawn, pick up the dry-cleaning, get the books back to the library, and, somehow in there, try to have a shower and shave. We might make it, but I wouldn't bet higher than even money.

I'll try to do better next week, when you'll have a despatch from The Nag's Head, Middle Wallop, England.

Ontario Scene

Feasibility Study Begun Into Watts From Garbage

Environment minister James Auld this week released the interim report of his study team on the utilization of specially prepared refuse as a fuel in power generating stations. The team on Watts from Waste was headed by Tony O'Donohue, who is currently serving in a consulting capacity to the ministry of the environment.

The study team consisted of representatives from Metropolitan Toronto's works department, the air and waste management branches of the ministry, Mississauga's engineering department and Ontario Hydro.

One of the key recommendations in the report was that a feasibility study should be initiated. Mr. Auld announced the appointment of the consulting engineering firm of Horner and Shiffin Inc., of St. Louis, Mo., to conduct the study along with Canadian associates. "They will work closely with the ministry's study team and will submit the report by Oct. 31," Mr. Auld said.

The program will be under the direction of the ministry, in co-operation with the other members of the team. Funding for the construction and operation of this enterprise will be worked out at the same time as the feasibility study is being prepared.

Mr. Auld said the feasibility study to cost no more than \$24,500 would be the first step, and could lead to detailed design plans by June 30, 1974, and construction completion by the end of 1975.

The final size and actual location of such a plant would have to be decided upon after receipt of the feasibility study report. It is generally agreed by the members of the study team that the capacity of the plant would be in the neighborhood of 1,000 metric tons per day, and the location would be in the

west end of Metropolitan Toronto.

Mr. Auld stated that not only will the project cover the utilization of specially prepared waste as a fuel but it will also deal to a large degree with the recovery of paper, metals and glass. In this respect, he said, should be noted that the proposed plant would be the largest recycling system undertaken anywhere to date.

Mr. Auld referred to his speech in March of this year, where he announced that the utilization of waste as an energy source was one of the prime objectives of his ministry.

"I believe this feasibility study is the first step in achieving this objective and I am pleased with the comprehensive report presented by the study team," he said.

READERS' FORUM

Thief Got Tree Bargain In Downtown Mall

Sir: This is an open letter to a tree thief.

We, the downtown merchants of Georgetown, when planning our sidewalk sale, decided it would be very nice and decorative if we put evergreen trees on Main Street.

In fact, we obtained 20 of them.

You, Mr. Tree Thief, apparently thought 20 were too many, so you stole two of them. Perhaps you call it borrowing, permanent borrowing.

After all, a tree is a thing of beauty, and can be enjoyed by all, even though it may be someone else's property.

Therefore, Mr. Thief, it is

consoling to think that our trees, the ones you stole, will be enjoyed by others, besides yourself. Your honest neighbors, for instance, who, seeing them fresh in your garden at this time of year, not a normal time for planting will ask: "Did you get a good buy?"

So Mr. Thief, have the courage of your convictions and tell them where you got them, and admit that the trees now in your garden are the cheapest you can get anywhere. You CAN get bargains in downtown Georgetown.

Charles Crimes,
Chairman,
Sidewalk sale committee

Flyers Placed on Cars Said Pollution Source

Sir: One afternoon recently, I was doing some shopping at the Georgetown Market Centre when I noticed sheets of yellow paper on the windshields of cars in the parking lot.

I saw several people remove the papers, read them, and throw them to the ground. Littering is one of the worst forms of pollution and the shopping centre often has litter in abundance, without adding more.

The flyer, put out by the Georgetown Chrysler dealership on Mountainview Road, was advertising a special deal, inviting potential customers to call.

Call in I did, but not as a customer.

After spending several minutes talking to the salesman involved, nothing

was resolved. He said he felt he was not responsible for the people who were littering with his advertising. He said that if the flyers were delivered door to door, he wouldn't be reaching the car owners—only the home owners.

Does that reasoning seem valid to you? It certainly doesn't to me. I realize they have a product to sell and they have every right to advertise it. I only question the means.

And the people who throw the flyers on the ground shouldn't go uncashed. Henceforth, you litterbugs out there, the best pollution control device is the garbage can. Why not use it the next time?

Honey Cornfoot,
Pollution Probe Member
Georgetown



THE SHRINKING HAMMOCK

QUEEN'S PARK

Find Foreign Ownership Is Often Not All Bad

by DON O'HARE
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In these times when we hear so much about U.S. ownership of our industry and of the many evils this infers, and when "foreign" ownership ranks as one of the country's (Central Canada sector, at least) main

bugaboes it is refreshing to hear of a reverse story.

A story which illustrates that all foreign ownership is not all bad, just because it comes from outside the country.

And that foreign owned or controlled companies can be good corporate citizens.

The Ontario Paper Company is owned in the U.S., by the Tribune Company of Chicago, and supplies newspaper to the Chicago Tribune, New York News and the Fort Lauderdale Sentinel Star and other Florida newspapers.

You wouldn't have noticed a little news item a few days ago reporting that a three-year \$9.2 million pollution abatement in the company's plant at Thorold was completed with the opening of a \$7.5 million chemical recovery plant.

The \$9.5 million is a graphic illustration of the extent of the money that is being poured into pollution control today by industry.

And in mind here is not the money being spent after government directives but the spending being undertaken voluntarily. It is a massive amount.

However, that isn't the story.

ABANDON MILL? The story is that when the board of directors of Ontario Paper had to consider this expenditure they had to

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ECHOES FROM THE PAST

10 YEARS AGO

Days of musical glory returned to Georgetown, when the citizens' band placed second in class three competitions at the Canadian National Exhibition. It was the first time in many years that Georgetown was represented in the competitions. A band from Delhi placed first. The Georgetown second-place finish was worth \$200 to the band. Georgetown bandmaster Art Hilliard credited a high school music course with providing the incentive for many young persons to take a more serious interest in band music. Band president was Clyde Stewart.

Ray Pomeroy of Norval turned his hobby into a profit when he opened the Credit River Boat Co. His son Bill turned his attention to boats fulltime, and the company began producing approximately 18 craft, from 11 to 21 feet in length, each year.

Merchants in the Delrex Market Centre agitated for Thursday night business hours. Al Wilson, Beamlash store manager, who presented a petition to council, said surveys had shown that Georgetown was losing business because residents were going elsewhere to shop. His group asked for a closing bylaw amendment that would permit business hours to 9 p.m., Thursday, in ward three. Mayor Ern Hyde promised action on the petition.

20 YEARS AGO

A graduate of Georgetown High School, where his brother, J. L. Lambert was serving as principal, was appointed state veterinarian of Virginia. Dr. George Lambert spent a year on the staff of Ontario Veterinary College after receiving his DVM degree. He had his own practice in Lake Mills, Wis., until joining the Virginia state veterinary staff at Warrenton. His new position took him to Richmond.

Manager Bill Leslie of the Roxy Theatre donated the theatre for a special presentation, The Georgetown Stars Are Singing, to launch a campaign to collect public subscriptions for a municipal swimming pool. Kenneth Harrison was named musical director for the program. Mayor Jack Armstrong was chosen to be master of ceremonies.

Bill Hardman of Normandy Boulevard received the shield awarded to the best cadet in D Company during summer camp at Upperwash. He narrowly missed that

receiving the governor-general's medal which is awarded to the best cadet in camp. A second Hardman son, Bud, stationed with the Lord Strathcona Horse Regiment at Colgray, was injured, when an army truck overturned.

A classified advertisement in the Herald offered 136 acres of land, 22 acres sown in alfalfa; a well; large barn, and a nine-room, two-story house, all for \$17,000.

30 YEARS AGO

In the midst of the second World War, Georgetown Fair Board completed plans for the 97th annual event. Despite limitations prompted by a nation geared to a war footing, the fair organizers promised to make it one of the best in the history of its sponsor, Esquesing Agricultural Society. Board president this year was Craig Reid, with first vice-president W.J. Alexander, second vice-president D. Charlew, treasurer P.W. Cleave and secretary Garfield McGilvray.

A frequent visitor at the home of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Joliffe, Glen Williams, while his father was minister at the United Church in that village, was Edward B. Joliffe, leader of the Ontario CCF party. Known to many local residents. At the time his father was in Glen Williams, the future politicians was practicing law in Toronto. A brother and sister, Paul and Frances, attended high school in Georgetown from 1937 to 1939.

British War Victims' Fund was enriched by more than \$300 when the postponed Community Garden Party was held at Honeyby. The party was held at the home of J.L. Neelands. Local talent, with some assistance from Milton, provided the entertainment.

As the fighting in Sicily drew to a close, Georgetown area residents were relieved that only one casualty among the Allied forces struck close to home. Maj. Gordon Sutherland, of Limehouse, was wounded by shrapnel while leading a charge, and he was evacuated to a hospital ship from the battle zone. Two other Georgetown men serving in the same war zone were Earl Wilcox and Ed Shortill.



THE SETTLERS' BEST FRIEND

wright, led by Jack Cowan, livestock man at Black Creek Pioneer Village. These beasts of burden are real attention-getters with sight-

seers to the living outdoor museum complex, Black Creek, administered by the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation

Authority, is located by Jane Street and Steeles Avenue in northwest Metro Toronto and can conveniently be reached by the Jane Street subway