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Here's To The Pubs They're Wonderful

year in S.A. and less in

Sydney); housing costs

everywhere); wives (about

the same everywhere);

rotten kids (ditto); income

Not very enlightening,

you'll say, but comfortable,

easy conversation, with no

strain or stridency. Then our

wives would arrive and the

commonwealth conference

would break up until next

We met dozens of In-

teresting people like this,

easily and amlably. The pub

In Canada, people in a bar sit in their own tight little

groups at a table, a waiter

serves them, and they are

like an island, no contact

with anybody else. Or if they

are alone, they sit at the bar

and glower into the mirror or

In Britain, it's just the

opposite. If you're at a table,

you letch your own drinks.

and anyone is liable to sit

down with you. Very casual.

First thing you know, you're

chatting. Next thing you

know, you're bosom chums.

show, we went into a pub for

a drink and a steak-and-

kidney pie. Three people sat

down at out table, chattering

in what sounded like Ger-

man. It was Dutch. A girl,

newly married and living in

London, and her parents,

first time in England spoke a

little English, mother had a

In five minutes we were

chatting away like old

friends. Father fetched his

wife a gin. Come back

looking ruefully into his

three-quarters of an ounce.

big smile.

OLD FRIENDS

Example. One night after a

into their drink, gloomlly.

is the great leveller. ..

day at noon.

PUB PEOPLE

the

I promised there'd be no more columns about England. This one won't be, but it will be about people we met there.

Half the fun of travelling is 'the people you meet. That's why I wouldn't be too keen on taking one of those tours, where you go everywhere with the same forty or so people, and are stuck with them for three or four weeks, and don't meet anyone fresh.

For example, while we were in London, I found it pleasant to stroll down to the bar for a pre-luncheon pint while my wife was muddling around in the room, worrying about washing her hair or something.

For several days, we formed a congenial group there, A far-flung group. There was old Jack from South Africa, with one aluminum arm and one ditto leg. He'd whack his artificial leg with his can to emphasize a point. There was Ron, an Australian dealer in stamps. There was a Highland Scot. There was an Irish bartender. And there was your blue-eyed boy from Canada. English, Yanks and Canadians were excluded. Other Canadians, that is.

TOLERANCE We got along first-rate, and

there was an easy tolerance that I noticed during the war when there might be bodies of ten diffferent nations on one squadron.

I didn't go after Jack about apartheid or Ron about Australian treatment of aborigines and nobody went after me about our Eskimos. The Irishman and the Scot were a bit hostile, but only about the English. Rather, we talked about

the important things in life: heating bills (about \$50 a

QUEEN'S PARK

Can't See Eddie As Liberal Boss

by DON O'HEARN Queen's Park Bureau Of The Herald

TORONTO-It would be wonderful! Just think of some of the things we might see if Eddie Sargent won the Liberal leadership and then

became premier: Mr. Speaker kicked out of the house regularly. As he has kicked out Eddle regularly over the years,

Some of the most colorful language a parliament, any parliament, has ever seen. (Sample Sargent quote-re Treasurer John White: "He's the only bull I know of who carries his own china shop.") Bigger and better bars.

(The Black Knight lounge in Eddie's Downtowner Motel in Owen Sound is one of the province's biggest, and reportedly one of the most

profitable.) Chicken in every pot every Sunday. Except in home riding of Gray-Bruce, There it would be a roast in every

Ontario being advertised by sky writers over London, New York, Berlin and Muskegee, Wis. With Eddle one of the country's great natural promoters. Ontario would be publicized as no other jurisdiction has ever before been publicized.

School kids in China to save up pictures of Ontario legislators. (The Imperial

Eddle brainwave.) Two votes for everybody and perhaps three for mothers. Votes cost nothing, and motherhood is still a pretty popular political idea.

or less. But still Eddie is welcome

First of all, because he is not a fool, it is just part of his act to come across as one from time to time, And secondly, because

he might be, he is fresh. He is fresher than anyone in any party-he has exceedingly little competition. And being fresh he is going to do his whole party good. For is there is one thing the

and he is a dedicated Liberal.

READERS' FORUM

High-Priced Commission Seen As Costly Unanswer

Sir: On Sept. 19 the press reported the appointment of a chairman for the new provincial Niagara Escarpment Commission, with headquarters to be set up in Georgetown. The Globe and Mail reported that "the 16 other commission members, to be paid \$65 a day plus outof the pocket expenses will be appointed after regional elections Oct. 1.

Half of the members will be named by the counties and regions along the escarpment and the rest by the province."

Let us hope that half of the members are proven to be conservationists, so that some consideration is given to preservation of the

escarpment for the enjoyment and recreation of people now, and in the future. The expenditure of \$65 a day per member seems unreasonable, extravagent and unjustified, to say the least. Does the province not know that there are dedicated conservationists in (and out) of citizens' environmental, sports and naturalists organizations, who would be more than

willing to serve on such a commission, without pay? By paying such high fees as proposed, we are not certain to get sincere people concerned about presermanagement, of the escarpment lands.

Snowmobiler Is Irked By Blind Condemnation

Sir: I am a snowmobiler. In a very few weeks, I expect to be bombarded editorially almost weekly, as if I were public enemy

I challenge those persons who will write in to listen to the unmuffled cars and motorcycles which assault our eardrums, every summer evening (and without a legislated 11 p.m. curfew). I also suggest that perhaps they come to Main Street south, across from Cedarvale Park and watch the early teens and pre-teens driving their minibikes on public roads and in the park (strictly off-limits to

snowmobiles) without the

benefit of licence plates and helmets, and doubtless,

bottom of de glass. In Holland...." and he held up

thumb and forefinger about

four inches apart. We parted in half an hour, but only after

the girl insisted we come and

see her in London, and gave

us address and phone

Our watering establishments

are built for masochists or

people who have good night

vision and can see in the

dark. They're not for com-

panionship and friendliness,

lunch in a pub in North

Wales, at the bar. Four

brawny, dirty Welshmen

came in and started hooting

and hollering at a tremen-

dous volume, teasing the

barmaid, downing pints and

drowning out any attempt at

My old lady, who is not

noted for her prudence

modesty or reserve, turned

around and snapped, "Shut

up!" Their jaws fell. The

barmaid silently applauded.

I thought one of them was

going to wipe her off the stool

with a backhander. He was

only a little guy, about six-

That cost me four fast pints

while I babbled that she was

only kidding and was really a

delightful, charming girl at

Twenty minutes later, they

were complaining that we'd

missed the great Elsteddfod

in Llangollen, an annual

competition of choirs from

all over the world, held right

there. Because the bus

service was slow, one of

them packed us into his van,

and drove us twenty miles to

Wrexham, a forty-mile round

It may sound like a

glorified pub-crawl. It

wasn't. There are 800 pubs in

Greater London, and we-

missed most of them. But if

you want to meet people, no

Fall Driving

Needs Safety

The smell of fall is in the

trip for him.

better way.

two and 220 pounds.

conversation.

BIG GUY

Example. We were having

Perhaps the vironmentalists ecologists have some argument. I, personally, will . gladly listen to one of them who has traded his eightmiles-per-gallon palace on

wheels on a 30-miles-per-

gallon economy car (as I

drive) and has disposed of

without insurance.

his 80 h.p. outboard motor (which I never had). I contend that we snowmobilers do damage than either of the above and I suggest that our near future critics spend some time looking into their mirrors before taking pen in hand and blindly condemning.

L. Broadfield, Georgetown

First Day For School **Prompts Pupil Poetry**

Sir: I am a young girl hoping to be a writer or a poet when I grow up. I like to do both. My friends think I can write but I don't know, I have written a small book (If you want to call it that) and gave it to my teacher. She liked it. I would like your opinion on this poem I have written. Thank you very much. Sincerely Lisa Bannon

96 Raylawn Cres., Georgetown. P.S. I hope you enjoy it as much as I liked writing it.

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

It's the first day of school and you'se as nervous as could be, And you really don't look bad as far as you can see, But your'e mother comes up and with a smile say's to you "I don't think your shirt is straight and there's some dirt on your

And after that's all done and you're mom gives her okay, You grab your lunch and run, trying not to be late on the first day. And the day wears on, from math to history. Until the bell rings, and you're gone by the count of three.

And you slowly walk home at a very lazy pace, With a relieved and contented grin on your hot and sweaty face.

Editor's Note: Very good, Lisa.



The government has recently announced a renewal for 1974 of its sometimes disastrous. always controversial Local Incentives Program or LIP. I have always agreed with the theory that LIP or OFY

type programs should be

carried out by government. In its attempt to create a favorable atmosphere for the operation of a free enterprise system, the government should be concerned about pockets of unemployment and should take steps to alleviate these situations. One way chosen by the present government of providing temporary assistance to high unemployment areas is the short term make-work program such as LIP and OFY. The problems with this approach in the past have been related to the administration of the program, which placed emphasis only on the fact that an applicant was unemployed. Sometimes little or no attention was given to the use to which the funds were to be put, the social value to be derived by the community, or whether the project would be carried out as indicated in the ap-

plication. The translation of a basically sound theory into practice was

abomination. Well, this year, we are told, things are going to be different. The criteria for awarding grants will include the benefit to accrue to the community, as well as the unemployment situation. Further, applicants who wish their projects to carry on after their LIP grant has been spent, must Indicate a definite commitment from some source other than LIP to cover continuing needs. This requirement will avoid a frequent situation in the past where successful and community-acceptable programs were created and then suddenly cut off for lack of continuing funding. The

government had created a

good thing and then failed to

carry it through.

Perhaps the best innovation is the creation of the various federal ridings across the country. The members of the committee are chosen by the local MP and the group's purpose will be to examine applications for grants, create priorities and generally screen the

Living, Oakville: Ken Gelok, president. Oakville and District Labor Council, Oak-

Hopefully, with better citizen input and tighter administration, our tax money will be well spent this

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ESQUESING OUT

The money used to pay

members of the commission

could, and should, be better

used to implement some of

the recommendations of the

Gertler study-to buy or lease

large parts of escarpment

Yours truly, Helen Hansen, Norval

Nancy Smith, Terra Cotta,

Robert Hansen, Norval

Sir: Today I saw one of the most despicable women I

have ever seen. We live in the

country and she drove up in a

big, shiny blue car, opened

the door, and dropped off a big gray cat. Winter is

coming and the animal will

We can't take it in because

We paid the humane

society in Oakville to dispose

of our cats, even though it

almost broke the children's

- I couldn't get the licence

number or I would have

reported her. But 1 would

Please keep telling people

to take their unwanted

animals to the humane

Bernice Whaley,

Norval.

Plea For Life

I look upon a head so fair

With highlights of a halo

and I whisper, Thank you

That mirror color from the

and I whisper, Thank you

I look into a little face So sweet and trusting, full of

and I whisper, Thank you

I take two little hands in

They curl and with my own

and I whisper, Thank you

At last to you this thought I

If Thad taken from this child

The loss would be my own.

Ria Kroezen

Secondary Schools

Back in 1960, when the then

Departments of Education

and Transport began jointly

to promote approved courses

in driver instruction in

secondary schools, there

were only 36 schools in On-

tario offering such a course.

Now there are 546 schools

offering their students a

chance to learn to drive.

Teachers must be specially

trained in a 3-week driver

education teacher

preparation course held

during the summer and

financially sponsored jointly

by the Ontario Motor League

and the Insurance Bureau of

Canada, in conjunction with

the ministry of tran-

sportation and com-

munications who contribute

administrative and teaching

personnel. The course has

just been expanded to three

weeks in length instead of

two. A Canadlan textbook

Power Under Control last

year replaced the American

Sportsmanlike Driving, and

the curriculum guide,

manoeuvre sheets and test

papers the ministry supplies

have all been keyed to the

In the school year 1971-72,

there were 28.320 students

who successfully completed

a high school driver in-

new text.

Drivers Are

Trained In

I look into a pair of eyes

hearts to do lt.

know her again.

· God!

God!

mine

entwine

our daughter is allergic to

cats teven if we could catch

starve or freeze to death.

Pet Dropott

Is Protested

lands.

It's Hill's Halton Hills

Welcome to Hill's Halton Hills: That's the greeting that could be applied to visitors to the new regional municipality of Halton

Monday, Tom Hill, a region native, climbed from his present post as reeve of Esquesing Township to become the first mayor of the enlarged municipality under regional government.

The election did not produce too many surprises. The voters generally went with experience and in all but very few instances, remained with the persons who had served them before.

Georgetown's Mayor Bill Smith, who had campaigned for the post of mayor of Halton Hills, placed a very close setond to mayor-elect Hill. A larger turnout of voters in Georgetown might have swung things the Smith way although the Hill campaign did make substantial inroads into Smith territory.

Now that the election is out of the way, the task of preparing for the official change to regional government begins.

Regionality is due to arrive Jan. 1. It's rolling around as fast as the election did, barely three months distant.

By going with experience, the voters seem to have assured themselves that the transition will be as peaceful and as smooth as possible. Or so they hope.

There will be problems to contend with; the magnitude of the change assures that.

But the men elected to serve should be able to react to meet these problems head on. If regional government is going to be successful, then our elected leaders are going to have to display a unity of wisdom of the likes of Solomon, and occasionally the patience of

The Game of the Name

The name sounds like a cross between a cemetery and a country club, but Monday the voters in Georgetown, Esquesing and Acton decided, in majority, to name their new part of the region Halton Hills.

The selection of a winner was more than 1,000 votes more popular than the runner-up, Esquesing.

Halton hills, while it was the popular choice, is a name that is probably destined to remain in limbo, in a sort of obscurity, born of taste but not of function.

Just as Cambridge has never been fully applied to the area of Galt, Preston and Hespeler, Halton Hills will never be widely accepted by Acton and Esquesing, because its choice was decided by the larger population in Georgetown.

Esquesing would have been a more logical name choice, because it is part of the historical scene.

But all of this is water under the bridge, isn't it?

A name has been picked. Whatever reasons for the selection, a large number of voters in the new municipality has spoken, and Halton Hills is the winner.

Georgetown, Acton, Esquesing, and the host of smaller builtup areas that make up the new municipality will continue to remain. There isn't going to be a great joining of the masses. Postal addresses will continue to incorporate the little names, and the people will never really forget where they live.

Halton Hills is the appelation that will describe the region where we live. Georgetown, Acton, Esquesing, Glen Williams, Stewarttown, Limehouse, etc. are still home.

I would, whisper, Forgive me Regional Police Notes

Halton Regional Police Department is going to require a super chief of sorts.

Policing of the new region, with its four municipalities, is one of the matters that has to be settled as the deadline for inauguration draws near. Regional government becomes effective Jan. 1.

Two special committees are at work preparing for the changes. Already it has been decided that three districts will be established, mainly associated Georgetown, Burlington and Oak-

Headquarters building will be located in Oakville.

Something that is bound to produce a few growing pains is the plan to have all police calls come in to one number, at the headquarters building, and then communicated to the relevant district.

An excited caller who reports a fight in front of a hotel on Main Street, and then hangs up, is going to be a problem. What hotel? What Main Street? What community?

No doubt the committees are looking into communications equipment that includes fast tracing capabilities. It will be required if police under regional government are going to keep tabs on things.

Public education will be equally important.

Just as people have been programmed to give names and addresses when reporting fire calls, so too will that have to remain clam enough to give regional police all the information required to lend them speedy assistance.

This latter course of action will probably be a lot less expensive to maintain that some sophisticated electronic equipment.

Regional administration is not without its hurdles.

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

10 YEARS AGO

Georgetown population increase was almost five per cent in the space of one year. Assessment commissioner C.J. Hibbert reported to council that population of the town was up to 11,195.

George Kerr was new member for Halton in the provincial legislature. Posing happily for a Georgetown Herald photo was Doug Latimer, president of the Georgetown Progressive Conservative Association.

Interior remodelling at the arena was two weeks ahead of time, as workmen raced to complete the task before the hockey season rolled around. Arena manager Don Gosling was unable to say when the ice would go in but Nov. 1 remained the goal he was aiming at.

Bill Carney was elected president and Carroll Farnell vice-president of the Georgetown High School Student Council.

Terry Hay was junior golf champion at the Georgetown Golf and Country Club. He defeated finalist Bob Kemshead two and one to win the crown.

Third anniversary of the opening of the church on Mountainview Road was marked by members of St. Paul's Baptist congregation. Student pastor John Russell was serving the church, while continuing his studies at McMaster University in Hamilton.

20 YEARS AGO Georgetown N and G's became the Intermediate B Ontario lacrosse champions, by defeating Brooklin Dogers 8-7 in an overtime thriller at the Georgetown Arena. The home team blew a three-goal lead, and had to come from behind to win. Len Caruso got the equalizer and Junior Beaumont notched the winning goal in

Coun, Stan Allen took a swipe at insurance companies, when he complained holly to council that a \$10 claim for X-rays

overtime.

for a woman who had falled on Queen Street had been rejected by the town's insuring firm under its liability policy. Coun. Allen suggested the town could use a "sharp lawyer instead of a policy."

Rev. W.A. Young, chaplain of the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, told members of the Terra Cotta Farmers Club about the opportunities that exist at the college.

Some \$260 was raised for the Navy League when members of the Legion auxiliary conducted a Georgetown tag day. Mrs. Alex Taylor, auxiliary president, was in charge of arrangements.

Billy Wilson brought in an oddly shaped hen's egg for display in The Herald window. The egg was perfectly round and

about half the size of a golf ball. 30 YEARS AGO

Esquesing Township council decided to petition the provincial department of game and fisheries for an open season on deer, and asked neighboring Nassagaweya Township to do the same. Coun. William Wilson presented the motion, and found support from Coun. G.E. Cleave.

Bowlers from the Georgetown club, Arn Thompson and W.G. Bell, won first position in a fall bowling tournament held at Milton.

Georgetown was given a target of \$250,000 in the Fifth Victory Loan Drive.

Halton Rural Mail Couriers Association held its annual meeting in the Stewarttown council chambers. Miss Nora Krantz of Georgetown was named to continue as secretary of the group.

Extra warm start to October fooled some trees, and sprigs of new blossoms were put on display in The Herald window.

Norval Juniors planned a busy October meeting, at the home of Marion Hunter.



Oil hockey picture promotion of a few years ago was an

HE'S FRESH:

We won't see it, of course. Eddie Sargent has as much chance of winning the Liberal leadership as this writer has of becoming Robert Stanfield's mistress. He will make a lot of statements, get around the province, spend a good many dollars, which will be multiplied many times into free publicity, and end up with perhaps a hundred votes

In this contest.

whatever less praiseworthy

Liberals need it is to show life, vitality, freshness. And Eddle is the freshest thing that has been around provincial politics for years-

air. Leaves will soon be turning the Ontario countryside into a riot of brilliant color. And cooler evenings make for pleasant driving. The addition of roadside fruit and vegetable stands can make a pleasant country drive a profitable one for the budget-conscious shopper. Fresh cut flowers are still available and soon apples will be in abundance. Frequently, the stands are located close to the paved roadway. Often, they are nothing more than flatbed

upon a roadside stand unexpectedly. By all means, take advantage of the fresh produce offered, but keep in mind highway safety, says the Ontario Safety League. Never brake suddenly in front of an unexpected stand. A short walk back to the

trucks pulled onto the

shoulder of the road, In some

cases, the driver will come

stand is better than becoming a hazard to other drivers. If you are intent on shopping, watch for the farmers signs indicating a roadside stand and slow down before pulling off the highway in front of the produce. Remember, always indicate tentions ... other drivers cannot read your mind. warns the Ontario Safety

League.

citizens' advisory groups in

projects for public acceptability. The Halton advisory group, which I recently chose, includes the following people from around the riding: Ron Woods, administrator, Milton hospital; Peter Marks, councillor, Acton: Harry Barrett. mayor, Oakville, Doug Collison: recreation director, Georgelown; Mrs. Linda Clipsham, swimming and day camp organizer. Georgetown: Mrs. Valerie O'Hara, program treasurer for Halton Helping Hands, Oakville; Mrs. Peggy Palmer, Halton County director for Addiction Research Foundation, Oakville: Miss Bea Clendenning, national director for Experiment in International

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struction course in this province, taught by 1,098 qualified driver instruction teachers. With the completion of this summer's teacher preparation courses held simultaneously in Toronto. Ottawa, Hamilton and London, a total of 120 more teachers became qualified to instruct driver education in

high schools, which should

improve the number of

places opened to eligible

students in driver education

To date, about 25 per cent of eligible students are accepted into courses, as a shortage of qualified teachers has been a major stumbling block to offering the course to every student who wants to take it. in this and every other province in Canada.

Bible Verse

"Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and forget not all his benefits:

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities: Who healeth all thy diseases." Psalms 103:2,3 God is all sufficient and what He has is for all that affects us and for everyone, "God is no respector of persons." Just now let your faith loose in the midst of this good promise and behold the miraculous,