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RUN ROUGHSHOD

Big Not Always Better

The trend today is for everything to get bigger. It happens in government, housing, industry and education.

Halton Hills is replacing the smaller municipalities of the past. The looming apartment blocks (which now house more than half of Toronto's population) are much more lucrative for developers than single dwellings. Suppliers of scarce products (such as the raw materials for plastics, now that we have an energy crisis) do not want to bother dealing with small manufacturers. And little schools (like Norval) keep getting closed while large ones are being built.

Some people would insist that the trend is good, that bigger is naturally better. Others are seeing some of the dangers of a society where not just our goods and our foods are mass produced, but also our homes and our children's education. We are becoming what a distinguished sociologist called "faces in the lonely crowd," losing

our identities and our values. The trend is made worse in that people have so little choice in the matter. We elected regional councillors and named our new municipality without ever voting on the larger question as to whether we wanted regional government.

Two years ago Norval people opposed the decision to close their school, and won a stay of execution. But the county board, after paring away the earliest and latest grades, has again announced that the school has too few pupils to carry on. The attrition tactics of modern bigness make it difficult to oppose.

A few individuals have the gumption to resist being swallowed up, like Hamilton's Mayor Vic Copps, who shouted his objections to regional government to a surprised legislature. Bigger may sometimes be better, but it should not be imposed roughshod on people who don't want it.

Blunt Words Hurt

Canadian writer June Callwood told the Ladies Day luncheon at London's annual Western Fair -"we're all little better than prostitutes".

"What the husband is getting," the 49 year-old author of eight books and innumerable magazine articles said, "is exclusive use of sexual apparatus with which the bride comes stocked..."

Ms. Callwood pointed to Canada's "incredible" Marriage Act which puts women in a position of abject inequality. When a London wife moves to Grand Bend for a better job - it is considered desertion. "Because you know what she's taking with her." But if the husband moves to Grand Bend leaving his protesting wife in London -- the wife again would be considered the deserter.

Crux of the issue is the con-

sortium clause. Should a wife be sexually incapacitated in a car accident, Mrs. Callwood explained tshe wrote Canadian Women and the Law 1971), the husband can sue the driver of the other car for "loss of consortium." But if the situation were reversed and the wife lost 'consortium through her husband's injury -- she cannot suc.

Ms. Callwood also struck out at low salaries for women and man's superior position in both society and sex; at welfare children kept to the malnutrition level by tightfisted handouts: at television commercials stereotyping children as headache-causing nuisances -and advised women to cuddle their sons as much as their daughters to make them into "more sensitive, intuitive adults."

June Callwood's blunt words hurt - almost as much as the truth of her allegations.

A Spiritual Famine

Famine and famine relief have been very much on our minds during 1973. The stark tragedy of slow starvation has become an awful reality in parts of Africa, the Indian sub-continent, and other parts of the world.

News of that famine has been" countered to a degree by giant airlifts of food and supplies from the affluent, industrialized nations of the West. The problem is expected to persist, and one can only hope that relief and other long range solutions may be forthcoming and intensified.

Pictures and documentaries have brought before us the reality of that famine and its terrible consequences. Children and old people with bloated stomachs.

protruding ribs, and hollow eyes have pleaded with us by their very appearance on the television screen and the newspaper page.

Another famine is also a reality, but we are apt to overlook it because its effects do not seem so physically observable. In the words of the Bible, it's "not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of

That real famine, with its accompanying spiritual vacuum, is reflected, however, in very real and burning ways. Hatred, racial strife, suppression, and greed affect millions today.

Those ugly things are symptoms of a deep-seated gnawing spiritual famine.

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

10 YEARS AGO.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue, better known as the Fatima Statue, arrived in Georgetown for a second visit. It was escorted from Actor by a cavalcade from the community to meet members of Holy Cross Parish at Silvercreek from whence it was escorted into Georgetown. Taking part were Rev. Victor Morgan of Acton and Rev. Otger DeVent and Rev. Zeno Deroo of Holy Cross.

Tributes to the memory of the slain United States president, John F. Kennedy were paid in Georgetown. At Maple Avenue Baptist Church, a scheduled evangelistic service was cancelled and instead visiting minister Rev. Donald Holliday conducted a special memorial

Complete Esquesing Township Council was re-elected by acclamation. Serving again were Reeve George Leslie, deputy reeve Wilfred Leslle, and councillors George Currie, Walter Linham and Robert Lawson.

Gale winds of great force ripped across the Georgetown area. Wind tore the steel roof off a barn belonging to Roy Break, Ninth Line, and dumped it in the yard, narrowly missing some livestock.

20 YEARS AGO -

Sale of prize show horses, Whitegate Princess and Whitegate Smile, a hackney team, was announced by Ken McMillan. The pair was purchased during the Royal Winter Fair by a Chicago man, who planned to take the horses to Libertyville,

Salary increases were approved by North Halton High School Board for teachers at Georgetown, Acton and Milton. And the board decided to have three insurance agents provide coverage for the new Acton school.

Judy Richardson of Georgetown scored the highest mark at the Guelph Music

Festival and won a \$10 scholarship for girls, nine and under, in a vocal class. Two others, Lynn McKerr and Janice Chaplin, placed second and third respectively.

Nine cases of tuberculosis were discovered during a mobile clinic conducted throughout North Halton. One of the cases was in Acton and the others were in Burlington and Oakville

A series of Saturday evening eachie parties sponsored by St. Alban's Guild in Glen Williams enjoyed large turnouts. Mrs. Robert English and Jack Hooper were the most recent winners with Thomas Warnes getting a prize for lone

30 YEARS AGO.

Medical officer of health for Georgetown, C.V. Williams, appealed to residents to report cases of scarlet fever. Every case of sore throat should be checked for a red rash, chiefly noticeable on the chest and abdomen, he said.

School nursing program was outlined to a meeting of the Local Council of Women by nurse Miss W. Walker.

Night constable C.J. Fordyce and town council came face to face over allegations about the constable's "offensive" conduct. Despite heated debate, council and constable smoothed over matters and council moved on to more important matters, according to a newspaper report.

A tractor-trailer truck from Waterloo was struck by a CNR train at the Mill Street crossing in Acton, but the two occupants of the truck escaped with only

F. C. Thompson of Georgetown sold his farm on the 10th Line, formerly known as the Smith homestead, for \$4,000. . Purchasers were two Toronto women who contemplated a sheep farm operation.



OLD MacDONALD HAD A FARM

Driver Education Needed To Help Improve Standard

In this country of ours we have a motor vehicle transportation system composed of 9,000,000 drivers and similar number of vehicles. This system is lavishly supplied with all sorts of essential ingredients except one and that is driver education. For some reason we seem to think that Canadians must be born with the inherent ability to drive a

The system which has done such a splendid job building cars, roads, gas stations, repair shops, insurance companies and hospital facilities, has done a very poor job of providing the one essential ingredient for safe and efficient vehicle transportation---adequate training for those who use the

In addition the number of vehicles and drivers coming on to our roads increases at close to a four per cent an-

mual rate. The capacity of our roads does not increase at anything like a compensating rate because of the huge capital expenditures involved. The Canada Safety

Council's Defensive Driving Course provides this missing

ingredient on a mass scale. Since the program started in Canada early in 1968 close to 450,000 Canadian drivers have taken the course. This averages approximately 75,000 per year. We should be

Bible Verse

"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully", 2 Corinthians 9:6

Today do a little more, give a little more and be a little more for the glory of God in Jesus' name. Only what you plant can be put into production. Sow big and you can expect a bountiful return. You will never relive today, make it a good one with Gad's help,

"And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Elljah." 1 Kings

Keep giving of yourself and your means to God and His work. You will like His method of multiplication. "Give and it shall be given unto you...running over."

ONE LOST

by G. Lundsborough

Innocent of face fair of complexion cheeks kissed by soft pink Debbie

Hair soft as silk tumbling in bountiful blackness to her shoulders Tiny taunt blue sweater showing the full promise of her wemanhood

Debbie Faded blue juans where lovin hands stitched the flowers made of

Crumpled like a broken doll she lay in his arms Her fathers face wet with falling tears and filled with sorrow Nurses rushing calling for the doctors

A child of peace and love so soon to be a woman

Pale friends with knowing faces holding the terror of what had The rose kissed complexion now the color of gray ash And oh so still

A summers afternoon now filled with nameless horror

All for a dare not caring what might happen Whose mon and dad had cared so very much

Whose now still hand once held the pretty colored capsules

Debbie Having everything yet having nothing Who was lost before the door of life had opened

Whose life just slipped away from those who tried to save her A hundred Debbies a thousand ten thousand Debbies Why Debbie Why

Thomas Mack Tribute

When we look back to yesteryear We think of one we held so dear, "Twas "Father".

When storms came up and winds assail Who should meet that briny gale? -Dear "Father"

With shovel in hand, and heart so warm, Who should dare to face that storm? Who, but "Father"

· When summer's sunshine and gentle rain. Brought forth a bountiful crop of grain, Who was there in the fields? but Father?

Out there with fork and glove in hand, Setting each sheaf to his command, our "Father". On into the moonlight night he'd work.

Without a doubt, or even a shirk, 'Twas "Father . And later in life, with these things gone, He had other things to pender on,

Did "Father".

With Mary, a dear wife, sick. He bore up bravely, with never a kick Here up bravely without a doub!. And that's what LOVE is all about. Daughter Elizabeth Rogers, author and contributor

training at least 250,000 drivers each year if we are to make a significant impression upo traffic accident statistics as we know them.

Find Jobs For Young

Beginning in September. special school -board placement committees will be empowered to place 14 vear and 15-year-old students, who are not benefiting from existing school programs, into an out of school program or activity.

Education minister Thomas Wells made the announcement in presenting the ministry's spending estimates to the legislature. Mr. Wells said the new program does not reduce the age at which a student may feave school, which is now 18 Students placed in other programs, which could include employment, or a combination of school and employment will remain on the rolls of their school until they are 16.

Mr. Wells said that the new program is being introduced because of the ministry's concern for a small, highly select group of 15 and 15year-olds who do not seem to benefit from existing The new programs. program, he said, is not an 'escape valve" for a particular group of students but rather reflects a recognition and acceptance of the fact that legitimate learning experiences can occur both in and out of school.

"There is no reason why students could not earn credits where part of the credit is earned in school and the other portion earned on the job in actual work related experience."

Students will only be placed in the new program after full consideration of their individual case by the local school board placement committee, Mr. Wells said.

Plea Made For Stamps

Sir: Please tell your readers of my plea for used postage stamps. Dear Friends,

Especially at Christmas time. I think of all the used postage stamps that are needlessly discarded. These seemingly worthless articles, from any country, are sold in bulk by the Scarboro Fathers, to stamp dealers, to help finance mission projects throughout the world.

In 10 months I have received over 100 lbs. of cancelled postage stamps, in small quantities, in very large quantities, from schools, service clubs, companies, individuals etc. They add up quickly if everyone collects them for

It hardly takes a second to rip the used postage stamps off of an envelope leaving a bit of paper around it. This can be your way of helping the world's poor

230 Jarvis Street

surrounded by white chrysanthemums. If you without costing you a lot of purchase a mixed pan, be time or money. sure to find out what color Please send (by third class combinations you'll get when mail) or bring all your the blooms appear and the cancelled postage stamps, temperature and watering anytime of the year to: required for the plants in the Mrs. R.M. Chmay collection.

Fort Erie, Ontario Mrs. J. C. Lawrence 6782 Dorchester Road Ningara Falls, Ontario

BILL SMILEY

Think You're Sick? Here's A Few Cures

First, we'll do a book review this week. A fascinating volume has come into my hands. It is called "Drink Your Troubles

Away." The title alone would sell a lot of copies. I can just hear the boozers say, "Hey. ... That's for me. It's time somebody wrote a sensible

And then there's the name of the author. It is John Lust. What an intriguing combination. Drink and Lust. All for 95c.

It's not quite as exciting inside as it is on the cover, because it's a natural foods tract. Unless you can get excited over the thought of a brimming glass of carrot juice, or start to drool at the image of a cabbage pie, it may not be your meat, if the author will pardon the expression.

but I read on with growing interest, and by the time I had gone through a few chapters, I was engrossed. I'm a meat and taties man, myself. You know what that will get me? I quote: "Wrong diet brings with it constipated bowels, hemmorhoids, anemia, defective secretions, acidity, ulcers,

bloating, arthritis, headache,

Whether you call it

wiretapping or bugging or

the more sophisticated term

"ejectronic surveillance",

the reference is to the odlous

invasion of privacy now

familiar to everyone as

The Bill before the House

of Commons to outlaw the

possession and use of

wiretapping devices will

result, incredibly, in the first

law of its kind in Canada. At

present it is perfectly legal

for you to carry on electronic

surveillance of your neigh-

bor, your business com-

The evidence heard by the

Justice and Legal Affairs

Committee over the past six

months showed that the

practice is widespread,

especially among business

competitors, investigative

agencies gathering in-

formation on insurance and

ob applicants and among

The Bill before the House

recognizes the fundamental

human right, even necessity,

to privacy at the option of the

It will prohibit, with a five

year fail term for violation,

the use of electronic and

mechanical devices, tape

recorders, hidden

microphones, long range or

"boom" microphones,

telephone line interceptors,

etc. to listen to and-or record

the private conversations of

As can be expected, all

members and parties

heartily endorse this basic

principle. However, there is

some disagreement on the

exceptions to the rule and the

controls to be placed on the

exceptions. The Bill will

exempt police forces from

the general prohibition

provided they first establish

to a judge that they must

wiretap to prevent or solve a

It also presently allows the

police to use a wiretap

without prior judicial ap-

proval in an emergency, that

is, where there is no time or

opportunity to obtain the

Mixed

Pans For

Gardener

If you've got a gardener in

the family-or just someone

who likes houseplants-you

don't have to choose only one

plant per pot. "Mixed pans"

as they're called, are

becoming popular because

they offer a variety of plants

"Often a mixed pan will

include a pepper plant, some

asparagus fern, a geranium,

a begonia, and perhaps

coleus or dusty miller," says

Dave Sangster, a hor-

ticultural specialist with the

Agriculture and Food.

Ministry

For Christmas, a typical

After blooming, many

mixed pan plants can either

be reported as single

houseplants or planted

outdoors next spring.

mixed pan might include a

single red poinsettia

in a single container.

Ontario :

particular serious crime.

BASIC PRINCIPLE

police forces.

individual.

others.

petitior or anyone else.

result of Watergate.

I was a bit cynical at first,

nervousness, liver and kidney ailments, heart disease, feeble-mindedness and a thousand other

ailments... Well, I think that's a pretty sweeping statement. I have never been constipated in my life. Lots of the people I know who follow the same

diet as I are constipated. I do have hemmorholds and arthritis occasionally, and I am definitely becoming feeble-minded, but I've had none of those other things, though I try not to think of my liver. Defective secretions indeed. What kind are you supposed to have?

Effective secretions? Don't think I'm knocking this book. I think John Lust is on the right track, even though it has many turnings. I haven't seen any signs of feeble-mindedness among natural food flends. Let us say, charitably, that there is a certain feebleness of will.

HELPS EAT My son comes home with his little bag of unpolished rice. He cooks some for breakfast, laken at 12 noon. He gives us a lecture on what harm we are doing our bodies, putting poisons in

During the afternoon, he smokes eight of my cigarettes, though,

necessary approval. The

penalty for misuse of these

powers by the police is a fine.

The evidence they gather as

a result of the wiretap, such

as the finding of a gun, a

body, or the stolen money,

may still be presented in

court against the accused.

approach. The police will

present only the evidence

(the gun, body, money, etc.)

at the trial. They will not

reveal the illegal wiretap

(why should they subject

themselves to a fine?) and

thus easily circumvent the

purpose of the Bill, that is to

allow wiretaps only under

judicial supervision. The

way to insure this control is

to make any evidence ob-

tained by an improper

wiretap inadmissable at the

This rule would include the

tape itself and the evidence it

may lead to (the gun, body,

etc.) Such an amendment

was made by the justice

committee with members

It insures that the police

follow the accepted

procedure when they wish to

invade our privacy. If they

don't, nothing they learn can

The minister of justice is

waging a battle in the House

to re-establish the original

rule. I feel he is wrong and

that such a move would open

the door to calculated abuse

of this long overdue and wise

prohibition against elec-

If you have a problem,

idea, comment, criticism or

if you simply wish to get in

touch with me, please stop by

my riding office at 326

Lakeshore Rd. E., Oakville,

or telephone Fran Baines at

tronic surveillance.

be used in court.

from all parties agreeing.

trial.

There is a basic flaw in this

O'CONNOR'S

OTTAWA

by TERRY O'CONNOR,

MP for Halton

theoretically, he doesn't smoke. That evening, at dinner, he decides, just to keep peace in the family, to break his nabit for once, and eat meat. He eats about a pound and a quarter of the roast beef we can afford only because my wife rushed out and put a second mortgage

on the car. How would you like to have to kill a fatted calf? That story would never have made the Bible at today's meat

My daughter, who is also a natural foods freak; has even less will power. After a few weeks on rice and beans and macaroni, she comes home with her husband, a sensible young chap who would eat stewed rats if he were

hungry enough. She goes straight to the refrigerator, whips open the frozen meat department, and starts muttering, "Meat! Glorious meat!", the saliva running down her chin.

DRINK AWAY

But this is a good book, no doubt. The title refers to the fact that we can drink all our health problems away with vegetable juice. What a way

It is based on vitamins. Take iron, for example. If you are short of Iron in your blood, you can have one of 40 different symptoms of debility. Space forbids the listing of them, but a few are : "face alternately flushed and pale; murky, yellowish gray face; crying involuntarily; fearful of losing reason; tense genital organs; swollen ankles; bed wetting; film before eyes; desire to carry arms over head; partial deafness..."

How would you like to crawl into bed with somebody who had no iron at all? Apparently the best cure for this is wild blackberries. So, remember. If you are

suffering from an iron deficiency, and at the same time want a fulfilled sex life, keep a bushel of wild blackberries handy by the bed. Lay in a good store. They're a little scarce in February

If you're short on calcium, it's just as bad. Here are a few of the 48 symptoms: "laborious thinking; looking into distance; incoherent speech; afternoon headache; dizziness in open air; staggering upon arising; early sleepiness.."

FONDNESSES Does that sound more like

Uncle George, who has developed a fundness for the grape, than someone suffering a lack of calcium? It does to me. Anyway, the best cure is turnip leaves. Moral: carry around some turnip leaves and lay off the hooch.

you what ghastly things can happen to you if you are short of the other vitamins. I'll give one example of each, with its cure.

I wish I had space to tell

Potassium: feeling of sand in eyes - dandelion leaves. Magnesium; cholera -

Silicon: fingertips burn -Calimyrna figs. Chlorine - purple extremities - asparagus. That's just a sample. If I

meet someone with cholera, burning fingertips, sand in his eyes, and purple extremities, I imagine l'il give him a wide berth. But don't say I didn't warn you. You're going to look pretty

funny, though, going around with a pocketful of dandellon leaves and another of asparagus.

QUEEN'S PARK

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Energy Crisis And Prospects

By DON O'HEARN QueenS Park Bureau Of The Herald TORONTO-Premier Bill

wouldn't answer. The question, by NDP leader Stephen Lewis, was what the economic prospects of the province appeared to be in view of the energy

Davis was asked a question

crisis. The premier said he wouldn't even publicly discuss this until he had facts. There was a government study underway which would provide these facts. Anything he said in the meantime would be hypothetical and in view of the situation would be irresponsible.

Mr. Lewis and his party benches derided him for lack of planning but he was adamant. He wouldn't speak until he was sure of what he was talking about. The premier, of course,

was right. Any statement on energy today can be dynamite. One only has to watch the tribulations of the stock exchanges to appreciate this. And any statement that isn't well founded on fact and clear certainly

irresponsible and dangerous. With the energy situation changing almost daily cool heads are to be called for and to be admired.

But at the same time the premier's statement hopefully will not be too long in coming, for the energy situation has bred many economic uncertainties.

in the house which he U.S. KEY Internally it would appear that it perhaps will not have too much impact on industry and business.

Supplies of electricity are good and with coal, oil, gasoline and natural gas it would appear they probably will be adequate, though more costly.

The home economy in Ontario seems to be in not bad shape. But with the crisis situation in the U.S. our

external economy is another matter It has already become apparent that U.S. energy shortages could affect production in many fields in that country. There has been talk of reductions in everything from panty hose

And if production were to go into a serious decline across the border it could hit

our exports.

The U.S. is by far our biggest customer. And exports are a main artery in our economic health. So that while we may not

be in an energy crisis we could, through association, land in something of an economic crisis.