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SPORTS

Where Help Is Needed

Guided by health minister Marc Lalonde, the federal government is jumping into sports. Specifically, it is seeking to limit American involvement in Canadian professional football, ostensibly protecting Canadian interests, and the game, as well. There's plenty of argument on

that score, both for and against. But there is one area where government could get into sports in a big way, and with very few-critics. This is in the realm of amateur sports, and the need it always faces for money to develop Canadian athletes.

The football hassle, of course, doesn't involve federal funds. The government would only legislate action; it doesn't plan to buy its

way into any form of control. With amateur sport crying for development, Ottawa should carry its sporting interest much deeper and help Canadian athletes where it counts, at the junior level. If we're going to encourage more Canadians athletes, we've got to do more than close doors.

We have to provide money for training, for competitions, for professional development. Everything from skiing to swimming (which happen to be two sports in which Canadians are good in international competition) could benefit.

Canada could produce a lot of fine athletes, more than it does, if it did a little more to encourage

Cleaning Up An Image

Dump trucks, more than any other class of commercial vehicle, have to improve their public image on public highways.

Much of the criticism the trucking industry receives occurs because dump trucks are ugly to the eye, they're noisy and they haul dirty loads. When a car driver sees debris on the road, he assumes, and often rightly so, that it fell off a dump truck.

There are plenty of examples right here in Halton Hills. While truckers can't do too

much about vehicle design (what else could a dump truck look like?) they can do much to reduce the public's negative attitude by keeping loads, especially sand and gravel, covered, by avoiding overloading and by being more conscious of driving behavior.

Probably a few thoughtless operators are giving the entire trucking industry a bad name, but it is a problem that can be resolved if all truckers would show more courtesy and if they would share more of the road with other users.

Property Tax Reform

If you're feeling the pinch of. inflation, then the recent provincial budget won't do all that much to ease things.

If you're a resident of Halton Hills and waiting for the municipal budget, you won't feel much joy at

There has always been talk in the province about the need for tax changes that would ease the burden on property owners. That's about as far as things have gone! except for Ontarios's tax credit system, which makes something of a small dent in the cost.

What is needed is complete property tax reform, so that a homeowner is taxed according to ability to pay, not according to how amny rooms are in his house.

As this implies, tax rates would have to be related to income, so that the man who owns his own home, but who has limited income, pays the least possible tax. As incomes grow, so would tax levies.

There would be a lot of difficulties faced in introducing such a scheme, as there always are when any tax change is begun, but surely the task is not impossible. It's a radical departure from our present state of things, which dates back to feudal times, and perhaps our legislators have some fear of sharp change which probably appears to be too socialistic.

But change will have to come. Property taxes could get so burdensome that home ownership would be unwarranted, hen it would be up to government to

And that could turn out to be more costly than finding a good way to revise taxes.

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

10 YEARS AGO An impressive total value of \$325,900 was issued in building permits during March. However, \$325,000 of it was for the new Holy Cross Church.

Congratulations to Norval Junior Farmers in winning the W.I. Dick trophy for the best play presented at the recent Junior Farmer Drama Night with their play "The White Phantom." Ruth Mason was judged best actress and Bruce Van Vliet the best actor for their parts in the play.

An unscheduled hit on the skating show program was four year old Kris Barber; the smallest member of the cast. As a toy soldier in the Babes in Toyland segment, Kris brought up the tail end during a parade sequence and kept the crowd on the edge of their seats staying upright - but the little guy retained his dignity even on those tough tight

20 YEARS AGO Rev. A. R. Muir, pastor of Erln and Hillsburgh United Churches, assumed a new charge, ministering to congregations in Norval and Glen Williams. He elected to reside in Norval.

Contract for a two-room addition to Glen Williams school was awarded to McNally Construction of Georgetown. Total bid, including painting, was \$24,904.

H. Moyer, attendance officer for public and high schools in Georgetown, attended a convention of the Association for Attendance Counselling Services in Toronto.

Six Georgetown Oddfellows were among more than 100 who took degrees when Mount Forest Eodge was host to 64 lodges during a Good-Friday meeting. They were Elmer Walker, Victor McNiven, Frank Robinson Wilfred Burt, Donald Robinson and Leonard

Member of a family associated with Georgetown industry for more than a century, Harry Dayfoot died at the age of 75 in Toronto General Hospital. He was a partner

with his brother in operating the Dayfoot Shoe Company at the time of its sale in 1945.

A new grocery store was nearing completion in Georgetown. The store, a supermarket under the IGA label, was to be owned and operated by Bob Caldwell of Georgetown and Bruce Williamson of Burlington.

A W.F. Hunter real estate advertisement offered for sale a two-storey house situated on one acre of land, about four miles from Georgetown, for \$6,500. A two-storey, sixroom house in Georgetown was going for

30 YEARS AGO Norman Brown of Georgetown sold his Main Street bakery business to Fred Baird of Palmerston. Mr. Baird was a nephew of Miss Jessie Baird of Georgetown,

At the 99th annual convocation of Knox College held in the college chapel, the degree of bachelor of divinity was conferred upon Rev. Forbes Thomson, minister of Knox church, Acton.

Cpl. Steve Emmerson of the 8th Army serving in Italy was promoted to sergeant, his parents in Georgetown were informed. Another son, Sgt. James Emmerson, sent word that he had arrived safely overseas.

Fifth anniversary of the founding of the Countess of Strathmore Chapter, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, was celebrated at a dinner held at the Legion Hall. Speaker was Mrs. L. L. Skuce of Milton. provincial IODE secretary for Halton. A solo was performed by Mrs. H. Wrigglesworth,

Georgetown Curling Club members were entertained in Toronto by the Britannia Bowlers. James Richardson's boys were high scorers and brought home the cup.

Seaman Arthur Frederick Millier, serving with the British Navy and stationed at a United States port, spent a week's furlough at the home of his aunt and uncle. Mr. and Mrs. A. Hancock Jr., of Georgetown,

Young People Sought For Trip to France

Ontario Ministry Education is seeking 24 young people to take part in a three week visit to France in

The ministry's educational exchange and special projects branch will pay the. group's air fare from Montreal to Paris. While in France members will be guests of the French

government and will be billeted in grivate homes and youth hostels. Visiting across the country they will observe first-hand the cultural, economic, and political

aspects of France. Applicants must be between 18 and 25 years of age and have a good command of spoken French. They also must have been active in

community affairs. The applicants will be selected from across Ontario and will represent the academic. business, technical, and agricultural interests.

Application forms are available from Cultural Exchange Programs, Ministry of Education, 15th floor, Mowat Block, Toronto M7A 1L5. The forms must be completed and returned by May 3.

In August a group of 24 French visitors will arrive in Ontario to complete the exchange program.



BILL SMILEY

Got VIP Treatment During German Stop

throughout.

uniform now, a reasonably

attractive dark green. There

are no more Group Captains

or Lleutenant Commanders,

Army titles are used

At any rate, these were the

people I got langled with for

I talked with all ranks from

corporal to Brigadier

General. I couldn't find a

private, and still wonder if

there are any left in the

service. Generally, I found

them friendly, courteous,

reasonably happy in the

forces, and keen on their

jobs. It was quite a change

from the "rude and licen-

tlous soldiery" of wartime

with its constant grousing

I began my pilgrimage as a

VUP (Very Unimportant

Person), just my usual self.

Up at 7.30 and a long cold

boring bus ride to Trenton.

Hours to wait for my flight.

Nothing to do. Tired already

Blizzard outside. Everything

fairly typical, in other words.

In despair, I asked a couple

of ladies at an information

deak if there were anywhere

One of them, she must have

been my fairy godmother.

I went into it, expecting to

be thrown out, and a hand-

some young pilot in there

looked a bit surprised, but

pleasantly asked if I'd like

some coffee. We exchanged

a few remarks. I told him

who I was and where I was

going. And suddenly to my

discovered that I was a VIP

This Captain Hanberg, who

surned out to be the Duty

Officer for the day, looked at

my letter of confirmation for

the flight and went into high

utter incredulity,

said there was a VIP lounge.

I could lie down for a while.

and grumbling.

LONG WAIT

a few days which

thoroughly enjoyed.

Have you ever been VIP? As a matter of democratic principle. I'm solidly against special treatment for anybody. But when it came to practice. I found it delightful, and wondered what the poor people were doing tonight. It has never happened to

never will again, so I want to get the experience down here for posterity and my grandchildren. It happened during my recent trip to Germany, courtesy of the Department of National Defence: Hold it,

me before, and probably

you taxpayers. It didn't cost you a nickel. The plane was going anyway, and I was told I'd have to pay my own expenses overseas. Fair enough. The invitation was very

casual, and there were no strings attached, though the department knew I write a syndicated column. But I could have gone to Germany. spent three days in a beerhall, written nothing and no questions asked. chose to do otherwise.

ENLIGHTENED Thus, I had a quick, but enlightening look at that comparatively recent hybrid, the Canadlan Armed Forces, the rather pallid name chosen by Paul Hellyer, when, as minister of defence, he integrated the Royal Canadian Navy, the Canadian Army and the

Royal Canadian Air Force. That was a bitter time for those in the service, as each branch had its special pri .e and traditions, and foresaw these being swept away in the integration process. Many of them were, and the bitterness has not completely dissolved.

But it probably made sense. There is only one

Superroads Can Cause Accidents

New superhighways are so super that a driver's misunderstanding or indecision could result in a terrible accident, two transportation experts told the annual safety conference of the Industrial Accident Prevention Association, in Toronto. Harry I. Melnyk and Bruce

Henderson of the Tran-

sportation Safety Association warned their audience that elimination of traffic accidents requires removal of decision-making from the individual driver. It means a change from automated highways to fully automated systems with programmed destinations and travel patterns.

gear. Carried my bag, took me to the officers' mess was got me a room for a hedown, showed me where the bar lined up for dinner drove me back to the terminal checked my bag and ushered me through the blizzard right unto the plane and to my

This went on for the next four days, and I'll never be the same again.

Crossing was pleasant enough, though exhausting. The Forces use large Boeing 707s (I believe they have five of them) to shuttle personnel baggage, mall and whatever to Germany, Cyprus, Egypt, and back across Canada. They're fast and comfortable. No drinks and no movies, but excellent service from two young ladles, with

food and coffee and snacks. Can't sleep on planes, so spent the time exchanging horror stories with two veterans of Dieppe who were going to a Dieppe reunion

REACHES LAHR Tottered off the plane at Lahr, the Canadian base in Germany, in the Black Forest region. Walked into the terminal and an officer walked up: "Are you Bill Smiley?" I admitted as how was. He was Lieutenant Colonel Hopkins, the chief padre. His wife was with him. They both went to the same high school I did, years ago. My kid brother had asked them to meet the plane, "Hoppie" calls

himself The Vicar of Lahr. They offered all liospitality. With them was a captain who took charge of me, showed me around the town, got my brother on the phone, look me to a bank to change dollars for marks, and took me to a hotel room he had organized. I met this same unfalling courtesy in all Forces people I encountered both Canadian and American.

Staggered into bed at 4 p.m. German time, just 27 hours and no sleep after I'd started out. Left a message to be called at 6.30 the next morning. With typical German efficiency, the maid called me at 6.20 the same evening. Horrors. Back to bed and died until 5 a.m. More next week from Gullible's Travels,

Across Whole Of Canada federal, provincial, municipal, are aware of many of the problems of

senior citizens, and have been moving to help in many directions - special low cost housing, increased pensions, medicare, and the like, says R G. D. Anderson, president, Pensioners Concerned Canada, Inc. But the approach has been fragmented between the

CONCERNED SENIORS

different levels of government, and solutions to problems differ from province to province, though the needs are largely the same across the whole country. In British Columbia and

Canadian governments

Manitoba, incomes for seniors are approaching the level for some where they can get by reasonably well.
At least those receiving part
or all of the guaranteed income supplement are to receive a total of \$200 per month. This is \$4800 per year for a couple, and close to the amount of \$5000 (tax free, and kept to constant purchasing power) that Pensioners Concerned Canada has been requesting. If all Canadians had an income of \$3,400 single, \$5,000 married, adjusted quarterly in accordance with variations in the cost-of-living index, and they received free

prescription drugs and major things such as dental care and glasses, it should eliminate the need for a lot of the subsidized housing that gives definite edge to some senfors, but it is almost impossible to produce for all

PRESSING NEEDS

The most pressing needs are probably provision for the married couple where one partner is 65 or more, and the other is younger than 65, and for the widow, or widower who is under 65. (This could vary in different provinces.)

The other major need is to provide more for those who have retired prior to 1966,

As of July 31, 1973, there were more than 1,826,000 people in Canada 65 years of age or older - about 815 per cent of the total population, and perhaps 15 per cent of the voting population. If they all spoke through one organization that was armed with careful statistical research, they could exercise a powerful influence.

"As of now, there are many senior voices, the National Pensioners Federation of Canda, Pensioners Concerned Canada the Second Mile Clubs, and many others operating in various provinces. If they could all join into a Canadian Council of Senlors, with a membership fee of \$1.00 per year, they would have sufficient funds to operate in every province and to hire younger minds and stronger legs to do much of the work preparing a case, that is absolutely necessary if any organization is to make an impression on those in government," Mr. Anderson

RIGHTS EARNED

"I believe that Canadians who have been here at least 25 years have earned the right to a modest income that will keep them in dignity and reasonable comfort in their later years. These people made contribution to the allied effort to keep Canada free in the Second World War, either through service in the Armed Forces, or working on frozen incomes. Most Canadians who were born in this country, or who came here before 1948. received much less education than their sons and daughters.

"They brought up their familes and educated them without the help of medicare or student loans, student housing, student daycare centres, bussing, and the many other prerequisites that the present students enjoy. They worked their way through the great depression of the thirties, and many of them served in the First World War.

"They are now treated the same as those who have come to Canada very recently. Is this right? All Senior Citizens should voice

Needs Largely The Same

their opinion. "Currently we have a patchwork of aid programs for seniors through various of federal, branches provincial and municipal governments. Many people do not know what they are entitled to, or where, and how to apply for these benefits.

There should at the very least, be one department in the three levels of government, and in my opinion, only two - federal and provincial - to handle problems of those 65 and over. "If all seniors showed the same kind of intelligence. by having one organization of their own to deal with these matters, it would increase our influence, and at the same time make it easier and more effective for

Inflation Raises Cost Facing Hydro

Cost estimates of Ontario Hydro's proposed system expansion program have risen about a billion dollars, the Ontario Energy Board was told in Toronto. The proposed expansion of the provincial utility's power system originally evaluated at over \$15 billion is designed to increase capacity by 92 per cent between 1974 and 1982 in order to meet an-

ticipated power demands. Rapid increases in rates of escalation and interest rates for borrowed capital are the reasons for the new estimate. Hydro explained to the Board.

The second phase of public hearings before the Ontario Energy Board began last week. In this phase, the board is reviewing Hydro's financial policies and objectives.

PROGRAMS Explaining its financial

programs, Hydro told the board that the cost of providing future generating and transmission facilities should be borne by the customers who will use them. Hydro says that this suggests that it borrow the entire amount of money required to expand its system. The board was told. however that Hydro does not consider it practicable to rely on the ability of financial markels to satisfy its capital needs and believes that its financial plans must provide for raising part of the needed capital from current elec-

tricity rates. Milan Nastich, Hydro's assistant general manager finance said that Hydro believes that its financial objectives deal fairly with the successive generations of

power consumers which it will serve. "Today's customers," explained Mr. "receive the Nastich. benefits of equity con-

tributions of past customers -

future customers will receive

the benefits of equity con-

tributions of present

customers. "Ontario Hydro's customers neither subsidize nor are subsidized by government," said Mr. Nastich in his evidence "Customers do not pay in their electric rates for government services which are unrelated to their consumption of electricity. Nor do taxpayers pay part of the costs of Ontario Hydro in their tax assessments," he

EVIDENCE

During the first four days of hearings, the board has heard evidence from Hydro witnesses on the financial policies of the provincial utility pertaining to classification penditures, depreciation, appropriation for debt retirement, equity capital availability, financial integrity and the liquidity policy.

The board also heard evidence from representalives of a Canadian and a U. S. bond company who discussed Hydro's ability to borrow funds in the capital markets of both countries. When Hydro completes the

submission of its evidence. cross-examination of the witnesses by the Energy Board's legal counsel will begin. This examination should take about three

QUEEN'S PARK

Widget Makers Ruin Government

BY DON O'HEARN Queens Park Bureau

Of The Herald TORONTO John Clement, the very able Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations, gave businessmen hell recently in a speech to the Toronto Board of Trade

Essentially the minister in very blunt words said that business was too self-centred and that it was inviting government intervention and on the way to destroying itself by not paying attention to problems beyond its own little world. In one sample paragraph

he said: "The magnetic centre

around which most of our problems revolve is that we allow ourselves to be sominated by aggregate behaviour. We allow some industries to turn clear water into effluent and we allow government to take an even larger chunk of our lives because, as individuals we fail to act except as part of the herd."

PUBLIC OUT: But then there was a section of his speech which had an odd twist.

As business became more and more specialized, he said, individuals felt themselves to be less ans less responsible for the behaviour of the corporate monster

they are feeding.

· The employee believes he is working for the company, not the consumer. Managers work for the boss, who, in turn, works for the shareholder. The system's natural tendency is to become sealed off from the society and individual consumers. The emphasis is on aggregate behavior - the company, the industry, the union or the market. People start to get left out. The end product of the

process is what I like to call 'industrial obsession'. At the universities and in business, we have very few universal men. The man who manufactures widgets is completely committed to his product. He never lets it go and rarely appreciates the fact that other people will never be as interested in widgets as he is.

GOVERNMENT WIDGETS: The switch is that in this indictment the minister was also describing government. Government today is getting to be a giant mess of widget makers.

There are empires and empires, and empires within empires.

The empire and its particular widget is the thing. And there is less and less consciousness of the corporate monster - the public that government and its civil servants should be feeding.

Alcohol Most Common Drug Figuring In Abuse

by G. Landsborough What may come as a surprise to many of us, when we speak of drug abuse in our schools, is that often we are speaking of substances that the average parent does not associate with the word

VIEWPOINT

drugs. Addiction Research Foundation of Ontario, has found alcohol by far to be the most common and widespread drug in use in our high schools. According to recent statistics, alcohol, followed closely by tobacco. marijauna, thashish and sub-products are included under marljaunal barbiturates, and tranquilizers, are those in most common use, presented in the order of

preference. The difficulty with giving any hard and fast statement about drug abuse, is that it varies so much according to who is using it, the type of

drug being used, the mood of the user, the amount, how often, and why it is used. "We have social drinkersand alcoholics; smokers . and chain smokers; and we

have the same marked differences with the other drugs and the other drug users." The speaker is Mariane Farkas a bright and vivacious woman, with a masters degree psychology. She works as a community consultant with the Addiction Research Foundation of Ontario. "We are a drug-using society,' stated Miss Farkas, "and unfortunately drug abuse is not a problem of youth

UNWINDING Father arrives home from a hard day's work, and needs a drink or two to unwind. Mother gets a pounding headache and immediately

alone."

heads for the aspirin. Together they both take a "little something" the family doctor prescribed to help get to sleep a little easier. It is unfortunate that these are very often the parents who are most shocked and hurt when they discover that their youngster is on drugs. One of the saddest incidents that Miss Farkas could recall was that of a youngster who thought he was buying a certain type of drug and was sold Draino in its place. The results were obvious.

Statistics seem to bear out that by lowering the drinking age to 18 (which some feel was done in order to provide an alternative to illegal drugs) has brought about a definite backlash. As one Ottawa physician so aptly put it: "We literally told them to drink and get off the pot." Now we have to con-

cern ourselves with the marked increase in the quantity being consumed. ARF has found a direct relation between drug abuse and those with serious emotional and mental probelms. Heavy users are generally users of a variety of drugs. Their drug abuse is usually a clearn symptom of their emotional problems. M.J. Furlong, principal of

Georgetown District High School, was concerned about an unfair blas against his school regarding drug abuse. He pointed out that "quoted statistics often distort the true picture." Speaking of a recent interview with a parent and son, the lad felt that 90 per cent of the student body was on drugs. Another student quoted 40 per cent, While yet another parent and teen, recently arrived from Metro Toronto said they felt there were drugs at GDHS

but it was a Sunday school compared with the schools in

DRUG TAKING

A student in a drug takinggroup could say, quite honestly, that 90 per cent of the kids he knew were on drugs. The result was that Mr. Furlong stated quite confidently "that drug abuse at GDHS was certainly not more acute, than at any other high school and probably much less than some." "We have nine doors at our school and I feel that most of the "pushing" is being done by non-students. We are taking every possible measure to combat this type

of problem." The greatest deterrent we can give our children is a deep belief in their own personal worth. The student who places a high value on his own worth and his body

does not become a habitual drug user. It is not so much a case of what to do when you find your child using drugs but what not to do. Don't jump in with both barrels blazing until you have the necessary information. What drug, in what amount, how often, and why?

ARF publishes a variety of pamphiets, and a world-wide newspaper published monthly on drugs and their present use. These are available free from your tocal ARF branch upon request. Mrs. Peggy Palmer of the Halton branch of ARF has graciously offered to act as one of our experts in answering any question on druga or drug abuse you may have.

If you have any questions or a viewpoint you would like to discuss, drop us a line in care of this newspaper.