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ELECTION TIME

Let's Pull For Majority

The race is on.

Canadians go to the polls in July to elect a new federal government, hopefully a complete one, with a majority to govern.

The minority government fell last week, over, of all things, a budget, the first such toppling to occur in the nation's 107-year history. Governments have lost confidence votes before, but never about a budget:

During the next two months, Canadians will have plenty of opportunity to reflect on the track record of the Liberal minority machine. It was in office for 18 months, and survived 18 of 19 nonconfidence motions.

Opposition parties will wage a campaign tied in mainly to the economy and inflation; it's the one subject most on everyman's mind.

The Liberals probably were not as successful as everyone might have liked them to be in fighting economic problems and they will have to campaign on the issue of credibility.

For a few prognostications, consider these:

David Lewis will continue to work in attacks on corporate ripoffs, Robert Stanfield will continue to press for economic controls, as applied to prices and wages, and the Liberals probably will be returned to office, in a power role.

No matter who gets into office, though, a majority government would be nice. It could rule for at least four years, because just like the rising cost of food, election costs escalate also. Canada doesn't need federal votes every year and

The NRI is being opposed by

smaller shops, which say the costs

of staying open more hours would

cause their demise. Many food

stores were also fatally harmed by

the discount pricing of the

independents with sales of \$500,000

or more per year now account for

close to 80 per cent of retail food

spending. Although the rent in

shopping plazas is often a barrier

to entry, for an independent

retailer, shopping centre

developers are eager to include the

cream of the local retailers

because they are known in the local

community and provide local color

greater sales revenue per square

foot than national chains. There

are, however, a number of hitches

for independents who want to go

into plazaa. First, there is the rent -

usually 6 per cent - 7 per cent of

willingness of developers to accept

a newcomer; instead, they want a

person who has at least one suc-

cessful local store. Then there is

the problem of finding experienced

staff since the cornerstone of an

There is the natural un-

Often local independents have

Chain food stores and large

supermarkets.

and flavor.

sales.

Fighting For Survival

Independent retailers and wholesalers are having to change their habits to stay in business. Retail chains, catalogue, discount and warehousing stores now present a considerable threat to traditional businesses. Wholesalers who have managed to avoid being bowled over by mass merchandising have hung on either by buying out weaker competitors, widening their assortment of merchandise, or selling directly to the public.

Because retailers frown upon this direct competition from wholesalers, the wholesalers rearely advertise directly to the public. Retailers have been fighting their battles by teaming up in, for example, cost-saving collective purchasing. The problems retailers face are high cost of shopping centre rents, reluctance of shopping centre developers to accept an independent with no track record. high equipment costs and lack of support when their own children can find more rewarding employment elsewhere. The independent retailer is being forced to lose his identity by using a group name, in many cases. They are faced, in addition, with a push by the National Retailers' Institute, for stores being opened weeknights Monday to Saturday, instead of just Thursday and Friday.

Death Wish Is Strong

Since mandatory seat belt legislation was suggested as a possible consideration in the current session of the Ontario Legislature, newspapers across the province have been receiving letters voicing opposition, not only to legislation, but also to seat belts themselves.

"The majority of the objections indicate to me an unreasonable, irresponsible attitude on the part of uninformed writers," says Terry Thompson, Public Information Manager for the Ontario Safety League.

He has been collecting newspaper clippings for his files since the Throne Speech mentioned possible legislation.

"Whether or not you agree with mandatory seat belt legislation is beside the point at the moment," he suggested. "The

10 YEARS AGO

Dennis Stief received major awards during

annual inspection at Georgetown armory. Another cadet, RSM Mike Pratt, was made

Orr protested construction of a town storage

garage of former sewage disposal property

on Main Street south. The couple planned to

appeal a decision of the committee of ad-

justment granting the town permission to

build the garage, contrary to provisions of the

An Acton man, Alfred Long, who had

taken two trips to Africa, to Kenya and

Tanganyika, showed films of an African

safari during a visit to the Brotherhood of

Anglican Churchmen at their spring dinner.

A young man who had instructed YMCA

classes in judo was the newest member of the

Georgetown police force. Harry Liberty, 40

Hale Dr., started as a probationary con-

20 YEARS AGO

board of Esquesing School Area, presented

Robert Cunningham, member of the

cadet captain.

zoning bylaw.

Cadet Maj. Larry Stief and Cadet Cpl.

Neighboring residents Mr. and Mrs. Syd

independent's success is personal, knowledgeable service. Finally, an independent retailer may have difficulty setting up a store in a completely new site.

involved in collisions that year was

killed. One out of every 447 un-

mathematician to see that wearing

seat belts can decrease your

chance of dying in a highway

collision by some 50 per cent. And

these figures are not from

Australia, Sweden or France...they

A Georgetown man, Bill Campbell. stationed at Yellowknife, Northwest

Territories, was promoted to corporal with

the RCMP. He is the son of John Campbell.

Leanne Darou, was named intermediate

champion at Play Day at Guelph OAC. One of

a group of local athletes, she placed first in

three events, standing broad jump, running

30 YEARS AGO

son banquet. Arrangements for the banquet

were in charge of the club president, Rev.

Leonard J. Self, of Norval Presbyterian

Church. Rev. S.R. Colebrook of St. Paul's

Georgetown was represented at a

Council decided to purchase \$17,500 in

bonds during the Sixth Victory Loan Drive.

Joint chairman of the local drive, W.F.

Bradley and L.E. Fleck, appeared before

council to speak in support of the loan.

meeting of the Aeronautical Society; meeting

in Toronto, by S.W. Orr, for the town, and

A.R. Speight of the board of trade.

Anglican Church acted as toastmaster.

Norval Boy's Club held its first father and

broad jump and the 75-yard dash.

A Georgetown High School student,

You don't have to be a

belted drivers was killed."

are from Ontario.

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

was smeared with nail polish, garbage was strewn point is, seat belts work and we've about and even the pet hampster was drowned. The got the figures to prove it. They've sad part was the vandals been published time and time were three little boys, each again, yet people seem to dismiss five years old. them so easily."

Apartment owners have "A report released last year by been hard hit with this the ministry of transportation and particular form of vandalism. Many are now using communications stated that out of 24-hour security guards the 827 drivers killed in Ontario in whose maintenance costs are 1972, only 40 were known to be passed on to the tenant in using seat belts. A further look at rent increases. the Ministry's figures shows that one out of every 895 belted drivers

Violence is the direct result of misplaced aggression. Society has to open its eyes and take its head from the sand.

VIEWPOINT

BY G. LANDSBOROUGH

Terra Cotta

There appears to be a

strange coincidence between

the relationship to the

various types of protection

We have products that

protect us from un-slightly

dandruff, bad breath, body

odor, and heaven forbid that

we should show any gray

hair. The ideal of every man.

woman, and child according

to the ad men is to become

"one of the beautiful

people." Who would show

even slight surprise to find on

the market shelf, a small

brush and foam lather, for

those who want to keep their

navels cleaner than clean.

While we continue to spend

millions and millions of

dollars annually to achieve"

the goal of being surface"

beautiful and protected from

every possible natural odor.

we are loosing the protection

of being able to walk down

our streets safely. The more

protected our bodies become

from natural causes (odor

and age) the more un-

protected we become to

A recent news story told of

an apartment in Mississauga

that had been vandalized.

The television set, stereo and

some other furniture, had

been smashed. Furniture

physical violence.

available to us today.

IMPERSONALITY Michael Jacobs is the director of the Crisis intervention Unit of Toronto East General Hospital. In an open letter to the Star, he tells us that suicide among young people is reaching epidemic proportions. The relation between the two is that young people are faced with a society that has

on the street can develop. Insensitivity to others impersonalization, frustration and lack of self

worth are the main factors for what we are witnessing. The Vietnamese war was the first war to be brought live and in living color into our living rooms. In the beginning, experts told us that the outrage of the viewers would quickly put a stop to these

IT ONLY HURTS WHEN I LAUGH

become impersonal and

places value on the amount

of personal wealth collected.

It stands to reason that as

inflation increases, the

ability of the young person to

become what society

presents as the ideal in-

dividual a "beautiful per-

son" becomes more and

more of an impossibility. The

aggression we are seeing in

our young people today is the

direct result of the

unrealistic goals we have

Detroit, which has the

infamous reputation of being

the "murder capital of the

world" has had since

January, 237 murders to

date. Gun registrations in-

dicate that one out of every

10 persons is licensed to

carry a pistol. Guns have but

one purpose - to kill. The

person who purchases a gun

makes a commitment to the

fact that he or she at some

point may kill. Yet, when we

read of instances of grave

bodily harm such as the

Toronto woman who was

kicked to the ground last

week, we can understand the

fear that the individual alone

Being Surface Beautiful

Leads To Insensitivity

presented.

atrocities. They were very much mistaken. Instead, we became accustomed to the violence and either continued to watch or turned to a John Wayne war and never really saw a difference between the

SPORTS VIOLENCE Violence in our sports such as hockey is another example of what we all tolerate. Clarence Campbell of the NHL has maintained that fighting in hockey acts as "an escape valve." We would question the type of thinking that says mans

aggression must be taken out on his fellow man. Human aggression is a learned, not an innate. behavior pattern. We cannot stop the violence in our society without being aware of why we have allowed ourselves to desensitized.

What we are witnessing now is but the forerunner of thing to come. Arnold Toynbee, the distinguished Brilish historian, sees violence as a necessary and inevitable part of our future. "A society that is declining

materially may be ascending spiritually. In some respects what we see may be a blessing in disguise if we can only rise to this grave oc-Therein lies the rub. Can

we rise to the occasion. Do we care enough to speak out now, or will we become merely apathetic and passive until we regress back to the Stone Age?

Overhead Lines, Wires Are Boating Hazards

With the advent of the boating season. Ontario Hydro has issued its annual warning to inland sallers.

"Around marinas, cottages and docking facilities generally, there are overhead electric wires which present hazards when taking boats in or out of the water," said Dr. Don Grant, director of Hydro's Health and Safety division.

"Too often boaters don' take the time to look up and look out for electric wires. These lines provide the necessary electricity to shore line facilities, but if a

mast comes in contact with them serious accidents or a fatality can happen." Dr. Grant said even

wooden masts, with metal guy wires and metal stays can cause trouble. Fluctuating water levels provide another possible hazard. A rise of a foot can put a mast dangerously close to a line.

"Ontario was fortunate the last two years. No accidents or fatalities to boaters were recorded because of overhead lines. However, three fatalities and six accidents were traced to this cause in 1970 and 1971."

READER'S FORUM

Education Philosophy Is Campbell's Concern

Sir: I gather from your editorial Bucking the System (May 1, 1974) that there is an apparent misunderstanding of the circumstances associated with my initial protest concerning what I consider alarming trends in public education.

I do not blame the board of education for a failure to provide a hearing for my initial complaint. I withheld my property taxes as a conscientious response to a public educational system dominated by a secular totalitarianism which I could not support voluntarily. As you can gather from the enclosed copies of my original letter of protest to Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur, and my personal letter to M. M. Robinson high school principal, K. N. Craig, I "went public" because I was protesting trends in the basic philosophy of public education which can only be corrected through an arousing of the public. As I said to Mayor MacArthur,

"this disease demands surgery, not a bandaide." The "disease" which I specified was "totalitarian secularism" with overtones of "sexual fascism." I made it clear from the start that the offensive literature and gay lib visit were in my opinion only symptoms of the disease. If I were dealing with the symptoms only, could have found an adequate hearing from responsible educators along normal channels. But since it was the trends in the philosophy underlying the entire system which I was protesting, the only way I could do so conscientiously was by the withholding of the educational portion of my property taxes. That made news and focussed the attention of the public on the

problem. REAL PROBLEM As I listened to the com-

plaints of many other parents who contacted me over the two weeks subsequent to my public protest, it became clear to me that the real problem is the lack of responsiveness of the system to the parents and tax-payers.

Hence the essence of the Renaissance crusade is the determination of parents and tax-payers to regain decisive control of the public educational system in Halton region. That is as it ought to be and we are convinced that what ought to be, can be! Since our cause is essentially a civil rights issue for which every responsible and fair-minded citizen ought to be concerned, we are confident that we will be able to articulate proposals for the consideration of the board of trustees which will have the support of the great silent majority.

Ceilings Up On Spending For Schools

In a move aimed at helping school boards cope with inflation, education minister Thomas Wells announced a 2.6 per cent increase in the 1974 expenditure cellings.

The revised 1974 ceilings are \$704 per elementary school students, representing an increase of 11.75 per cent over last year, and \$1,231 per secondary school student, an increase of 8.94 per cent over

Mr. Wells said that since the original 1974 ceilings were announced last August it had become quite evident that inflation was having a significant impact on school board spending. He said that the Ministry was concerned that boards might be forced to make budget decisions that could have detrimental effect educational programs.

Mr. Wells said that the adjustment of the cellings does not constitute a change in government policy,

The need for such an ind-pendent advisory body of concerned parents and taxpayers was recommended by the consultive committee at the time the regional educational structures were established. With the drift toward the domination of education by a well-paid and often insensitive bureaucracy, becoming more and more apparent, the need for such a

parent-taxpayer advisory

body as the Halton

Renalssance Committee, is becoming more and more evident to thoughtful

So we will "keep punching" and are most op-timistic of the inevitable impact of the Halton Renaissance Committee for the improvement of the public educational system. Thank you for your encouragement.

Ken Campbell, Chairman The Halton Renaissance

Insulation Plea Made By Energy Industries

Organizations representing the energy industry in Canada have joined forces in a conservation bid aimed at upgrading insulation standards for residential construction.

The oil, gas and electric industries are seeking changes in the National Building Code which could result in energy savings of about 37 per cent in new homes. They want the changes incorporated in a revised national code due to be published in 1975. A decision on the request is

expected from the Associate Committee of the National Building Code in July of this

The appeal was made in a brief submitted to the committee by a joint energy industry task force headed by C.E. Rickards, of the Canadian Gas Association. The other organizations involved are the Canadian Electrical Association, the Ontario Petroleum Association, the Quebec Petroleum Association and the Oil Heating Association of British Columbia.

"All segments of the energy industry feel so strongly about conservation that this united front was established." Mr. Rickards

APPEALS Appeals have also gone out

to the 10 provincial governments, the Prime Minister and other political figures for

"Because of the increasing

need for efficient utilization of Canada's non-renewable energy resources and the escalating cost of all forms of energy, the oil, gas and electrical industries believe that it is essential, and in the national interest, to conserve energy used in the heating of residences," the brief states. "Energy consumed in buildings classified for residential occupancy presently accounts for a significant portion of all energy consumption in Canada. Energy reduction from residences could be redirected to industrial

the economic well-being of the country." At present, the National Building Code states only that homes should have sufficient thermal insulation to prevent moisture condensation on walls, ceilings and floors during winter.

applications to strengthen

Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation has its own suggested minimum requirements for insulation. Mr. Rickards says the joint industry task force wants insulation standards to be more than doubled overall from the existing CMHC minimums, and wants them to be mandatory.

While the brief specifies insulation, it also suggests that aspects such as window sizes and glazing, heatrecovery systems from waste water and exhaust air. solar screening to reduce cooling load and controlled ventilation methods should eventually be considered.

QUEEN'S PARK

Speculation Tax Brings Indecision

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

TORONTO-The real estate industry, and any sections of the public with a direct interest are in a state of perplexity over the government's land speculation tax. So also, one suspects, is the

government. Apparently the decision to impose the tax, and then the subsequent legislation, were rushed through in such a hurry that there is quite a

shambles. The situation is not as bad as it was with last year's energy tax, which eventually had to be withdrawn.

But even the government admits that the speculation tax needs a lot of repair work before it can possibly func-

And the NDP, at least, doubts that even with repairs it will do what it is intended

to do. In the second reading debate on principle opposition party critics, and even a few from the government side uncovered numerous weaknesses in the

As just one example the legislation would provide for a 50 per cent tax on speculative profits.

On top of this there would be the regular income taxes which would bring the total to more than 80 per cent. But it could rise even

higher. This would happen if the federal government didn't allow the original 50 per cent as a deductible business expense. If it didn't the take could mount to 110 per cent. And at the time of the introduction of the legislation nobody had discussed this with Ottawa. DEFEATS ITSELF?

Most pertinent of all, however, is that the tax could be self-defeating. The purpose of introducing it was to try and force more

serviced home building lots on the market. There are three broad segments in the housing industry; speculators, developers and builders.

The key is the development segment. Developers buy big parcels of land from speculators, or sometimes on their own, put in the sewers, roads and

other services, and then sell off serviced lots to builders. while also usually doing some building themselves. The forecast by the critics, and they appear to be right is that if the developers have to pay the speculation tax on

sales to builders, they will just sit on their land (except for lots they build on themselves). The result would be an even greater shortage of serviced lots, catastrophe for

the many small builders in the province and an even stronger upward pressure on housing prices.

BILL SMILEY

Once Is Enough For Teacher's Movie Career

Several items this week. none of them large enough to write a column about, but each of them of such vital importance to the state of the world that they must not be

Germany; a couple of leftovers. Prostitution is legal there. In Koiserslautern, there's a rather bleak four-storey building. Probably financed by American aid. It is a (uh. shall we say?) house of ill

In their rude and licentious way, the soldiery call it, "Four floors of whores" which has a nice echoic ring to it. But what caught my eye, at 11 a.m., was the huge neon sign on top of the building. It read, "SEX MIT heart." The word heart was not spelled out, but represented by a huge, red, Valentine-type heart, in neon. A nice touch.

GOOD GIMMICK Another place in the same

city was "Harry's". He has a good gimmick, which I'd like to see Eaton's and Simpsons adopt. It is a clip joint for suspecting North Americans. There are no Germans in the place. But you can buyanything from a Hummel figurine to a vast, lousy painting. However, his gimmick getsem. When you walk in the door, you are offered a coke, a coffee, or a beer. And when you leave, you are offered a free gift; comb, nail-file, plastic carkey-holder, something. It's chicken stuff, but it's smart, in a lot of Canadian stores, all you are offered is a slice of cold shoulder.

Trees. The Germans treat their trees as we would roses They are carefully husbanded - and even wifed and produce the expectant harvest. They are then cut up as carefully as bread. We whack ours down and burn

Not that I'd want to live in Germany. Who wants to live in a country where the trains run on time, and highway signs say something as vulgar as Ausfarten?

MOVIES Recently I was involved in the making of a movie. I am here to declare, by the grace of God, that I do not now, or ever, want to be a movie star, a supporting actor, or an extra.

You guessed it. I was an extra. Unpaid. I spent a beautiful spring afternoon running up and down hills. shouting, "Get him! Kill him! Hung him!", in a soldier's uniform, and brandishing a stout club.

Why I, as a solider, was carrying a club, instead of a musket, I don't know, but extras don't question DeMille, do they? Trouble was with the

movie, that we extras didn't.

know what the hell was going on. We puffed up and down the hills, got slapped in the eye by willow switches, and jumped over logs, waving our clubs menacingly. It was pretty exciting. The first Then we did it over and

over again, because someone had forgotten to take off the sun-glasses, or the watch. It was a period piece, and the beer cans and coke bottles didn't fit into the 19th century

MANY SHOTS Must admire cameraman, though. climbed about forty feet into a tree, to take "down" shots of us idiots running through the woods, yelling, "Kill him! Get Him!", and such. Then he lay under a log shooting up, getting crotch shots and feet shots as we did the same thing. Then he waded into a river (in April)

and did the same thing.

Finally he ran backwards with a hand camera while we raced (or stumbled) toward him, shouting the same stuff. He tripped a couple of times over trees cut down with a 1974 chain saw.

Biggest problem was not to laugh during shooting (as we There is something

eminently hilarious about a collection of middle-aged people, some of them with hernias and heart attacks, walking back up a hill, for the lifth time, in order to come running down it again, because some silly ass had cried, in the excitement, "Go get him, Mike!, instead of "Kill! Kill!" and the sound man had picked up the modern expression.

DEPRESSION Not the psychiatric kind, the economic kind. I feel it in my bones. There's a big depression coming. Jolly good, is what I say. We

haven't had a decent depression in this country for years.

There's almost a desire for one. The kids, of course. don't even know what one is. Heard a girl say today to another, "Vu gotny money?" The other replied, "Yabudy, Yabudy goddagetsum

cigrets." Priorities. But the old folks now. In fact, they almost have a nostalgia for it. They brag about it. Lumpy porridge instead of Krinkly Krunchies. Hamburger, two pounds for two-bits. Mailmen working and danged glad to have a job. Railwaymen ditto.

There are books, "Ten Lost Years," and plays dramatizing the Depression. And it was dramatic. I was there. For the ten Lost Years. And I didn't feel they were lost. Ask anyone. If you can find him. Or her?

the Burlington Cup to Sylvia Lambert for Georgetown High School, winning entry in the choir group at Halton's Music Festival.

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