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HELPING HAND

We Don't Want To Bite It

The province of Ontario is making available quite large sums of money to the region of Halton, but it hasn't been getting the credit which it might be led to expect is due.

In fact, not all regional leaders might be fully aware of just what sums the province is making available. Jim Snow, Halton East's own provincial member, and minister of government services, has provided an outline of just what assistance is available. His outline is contained in a letter, carried elsewhere on this page, from A. Rendall Dick, deputy minister of the ministry of treasury, economics and intergovernmental affairs to regional chairman Allan M. Masson.

It is quite true, of course, that the province is spending a lot of money to assist the regional operation. This is not only a nice gesture but also a required one, because it was the province that ruled, arbitrarily, that regional government was required.

The province, Mr. Snow points out, has made a startup grant to Halton in the amount of \$1,000,000, or \$4.83 per capita. This compares, favorably, with startup grants of \$4.44 per capita for the Region of Durham and \$3.22 per capita for the Region of Hamilton-Wentworth.

Farm Labor Shortages

Today's large farms frequently require workers experienced in specialized farm operations. Finding suitable fulltime help for these farms remains an important problem in Ontario, as reflected in the "Help Wanted" section of nearly every Ontario newspaper.

The agricultural manpower services of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food is involved in an intensive search, both local and abroad, to meet the demands for qualified, fulltime farm workers. Operating under an agreement between the Canada Department of Manpower and Immigration and OMAF, the service focussed its

Mr. Snow is correct when he says it may not be clear that increases financial assistance has been made available to the new region and the member municipalities through increases in unconditional provincial transfer payments. Such increases are not as readily in view to public and leaders alike because they are not above and beyond specific monies set aside for startup costs. In other words, it's easier to recognize a \$100 bill for what it's worth than a pile of \$1 bills. But the benefit can be the same.

The province, of course, already provides monies for such regular programs in municipalities as roads, libraries, conservation authorities and education. Regional government has not been cheap, although a remarkable level of restraint seems to have been practised in Halton by the municipal leaders. Enlarged areas of administration, while they may be deemed to be advisable, are costly, and the province knows this from past experiences.

If we don't give the province full credit for its assistance, it's not because we are ungrateful, or totally ignorant: it's because we can experience first hand the costs and problems involved and we expect as gratuitous assistance as possible for something not entirely of our own making.

attention until recently on the needs of Ontario's dairy farms, with some requests being filled for beef, swine, poultry and sheep workers.

The present supply situation for experienced, qualified and willing livestock herdsman, nursery- and orchardmen is extremely tight. The scarcity of dairy herdsman in Ontario, as well as the need for other livestock herdsman, is aggravating the situation.

If recruitment cannot fill the ranks, then perhaps the time has come in Ontario to consider courses of training for farm workers.

What Does Summer Mean?

Summer is a special time for all of us. For the city dweller, it's hot pavement, cool drinks and vacation time. For the farmer, it is a time of work, of hoping for rain - or hoping the rain will stop. For children it is the very essence of childhood.

For one group of Canadians it is a time of crisis. Every summer the Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service runs short of blood. The normal needs go on and there is usually an increase in the accident rate; this demand for blood and blood products increases. For the volunteers of Red Cross who recruit donors, summer is a time of bruised telephone-dialing fingers

as they step up their efforts.

Summer is a time when a great many people leave home; they move to cottages, they go on camping trips, motor trips, boat trips and airplane trips. Sometimes they simply go to a neighbor's backyard pool. There is no one home to answer the telephone when the blood donor recruitment volunteer calls.

Please share the joys of summer. Before you leave home, drop in at your local blood clinic and make a donation. It will take only a half an hour of your time. This small effort on your part can help as many as five people back to health. Blood donors love life.

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

10 YEARS AGO
Grade 13 graduate May Evans helped stamp new textbooks for Grades 9 and 10 at Georgetown High School. The books were to be provided free, under new regulations of the provincial department of education.

Tim Charlton, accountant at the downtown Georgetown branch of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce was transferred to Ayr. He had served in Georgetown for a year.

Partners George Balasko and Bud Curtis of Part-Ners Milk Saloon introduced the three-quart jug of milk to Georgetown. Three-quart jugs of homogenized milk sold for 60 cents, while two per cent milk went for 55 cents per jug.

Robert Urry breezed through Class Two races in perfect fashion at the North Halton Kart Club meeting at Limehouse in the feature race, he beat out mid-season champ Mrs. Charlene MacCormack.

Yellow Jackets Motorcycle Club sponsored their annual hill climbing competition, but only one club member, John Milchem, finished in first place. He captured the 500 cc class, in 4:45, Cyclate from as far as Hamilton and St. Catharines completed.

A home and home match between Georgetown and North Halton golf clubs and judged on a stroke basis ended in a win for North Halton. Jim Linton of North Halton led the field with a 71 low gross.

20 YEARS AGO
Georgetown council decided against plans to widen Highway 7 through the town because of the heavy cost involved. Council was staggered by a Hydro suggestion that it would cost \$6,000 to relocate poles.

Series of office promotions at Georgetown Provincial Paper Ltd., saw Ray Pomeroy named office manager and Trevor Williams named senior stores clerk.

Another provincial police officer would be added to the Georgetown detachment, council was told, but the annual cost was about to increase from \$9,000 to \$14,000. Mayor Jack Armstrong said the matter was one of adequate police protection for the community, and he said he did not think costs were excessive.

Esqueuing Women's Institute meeting was held at the home of Mrs. H. Reid and Mrs. Craig Reid showed movies of a trip to Mexico. Theme of the meeting was home economics.

Jack Thompson, son of Archdeacon and Mrs. W.G. O. Thompson of Georgetown, was named manager of an Ottawa radio station.

20 YEARS AGO
What might have turned out to be a serious fire was averted at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Corey Herrington when the family departed for the Lions Club Street Carnival. Corey Junior returned to the house for something and discovered a fire on an electric stove burner. Damage was limited to a basket of clothing.

Cartoons by Joe Stamp, on display in The Herald window, drew much local interest. Joe was a native of Georgetown, and was recently returned from front-line action with the Canadian forces in Italy.

Council in Acton decided to proceed with purchase of a new pump for the water system after listened to by superintendent Charles Wilson of the public utilities commission. He advised installation of a new pump.

A Tragedy Waiting To Happen!



Sirs: Re the proposed development of the "Unlicensed motor vehicle" playground at the rear of the Georgetown Market place. This weed covered filthy dump is "A Tragedy waiting

to happen." Anyone who has crossed the area after plaza closing, after dark, knows that action is needed, not next month or next year, but now!

Coun. Mike Armstrong

"does not want to see any change in the area. It's a waste of council's time". What price is progress? And when's the next election?

Yours sincerely
David Vance

BILL SMILEY

Supermarket Shopping Is Ghastly Experience

Once upon a time, I really enjoyed shopping in supermarkets.

My wife hates shopping of any kind. Most women, I believe, rather enjoy it, especially for clothes. She detests it.

Therefore, she'd hand me a list as long as a foot, and off I'd go to the supermarket. Walking into that air-conditioned air on a sweltering summer day was like going for a cool swim off a red-hot beach.

Picking up your empty grocery cart was like getting into a boat to go fishing, or finding an empty cornucopia to fill.

STROLL
Then there was the pleasant, leisurely stroll through the vast maze of goodies. Past the vegetable counter, where the contents were sprayed with water to make them look "garden-fresh". Poking through the meat counter, with the red light overhead to make the meat look fresher.

Along the frozen-food section, where I always did some wild impulse buying, like fiddleheads or fresh shrimp in a gourmet sauce.

Into the fruit section, where I'd snatch up a basket of apples that looked as though they came from the Garden of Eden and tasted like wet tissue. Or grab a bag of oranges that looked as though they'd just been plucked off a tree and had about as much juice in them (and a lot more seeds) as a wizened little old lady of 94.

Pondering over the cheese counter and selecting a ripe Camembert, forgetting the cheese slices which were on the list.

ENCOUNTERS
Then there were the delightful personal encounters. The bowing and

stepping back and smiling when you almost ran into a little old lady with her cart. The making friends with sticky babies riding in the baskets. The brief interchange with a friend and the inevitable, "We must get together one of these days." The polite and friendly clerks who would gallop a quarter-mile up and down the aisles to find you one small item you couldn't locate.

And finally, a pleasant chit-chat with the cashier, and the cheery willingness of the packers, the boys who put your stuff in bags and then carried it to your car, even in a blizzard, refusing a tip, once then taking it with thanks.

Those were the days. But they're gone. Oh, the same cruddy mood music comes over the speakers. The signs and banners are there, more misleading than ever. But by gosh, the price is NOT right, the service is lousy, and the old courtesy and friendliness is a thing of the past.

HOSED DOWN
The vegetables are still hosed down, but now the customer is being hosed as well. Fifty cents for a head of lettuce?

We now walk past the meat counter with eyes averted, until we come to the hamburger section and surreptitiously snatch up half a pound.

The frozen food department is enough to freeze the blood. In fruit, raspberries at \$1.00 a pint, bananas that look beautiful at ten cents each, and rot overnight. And on and on. Cheese must be made of angels' milk.

Service? You might as well be in the Sahara looking for an oasis as in a supermarket looking for a clerk. There seems to be a big

cut-back on staff. Hit for the door with a full shopping cart on a busy Friday or Saturday afternoon and two of the five or six check-out counters will be closed. You can stand in line for half an hour. The cheery boys who used to do the packing are almost non-existent, and you're lucky if they put the groceries in your cart, let alone take it to your car. The cashiers are as friendly as computers.

SUPER SPECIAL
Inside the store, don't turn your back on that sweet little old lady who once exchanged smiles and apologies with. She'll run you down from behind with sixty pounds of groceries, trying to beat you to that "super-special" on aged turkeys.

Don't try to make friends with that cute kid riding in the basket. He'll probably throw a half-empty pop can at you, or sling a half-eaten chocolate bar onto your clean shirt.

Oh, dear reader, we are being manipulated by the supermarkets. Who do you think is paying for that "free" parking, those full-page or double-page advertisements, all that fancy packaging? It is you and it is I, fellow-sucker.

I always knew I was being taken in a supermarket. But it used to be sort of fun. Now it's a nightmare.

Bible Thought

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life." John 5:24
In a moment of time, man is given the privilege of deciding where he is going to live forever. Now is the time. "Today is the day of Salvation."

VIEWPOINT

CNE Is Still Considered Greatest Show On Earth

BY G. LANDBOROUGH
Terra Cotta

Here's a great big boo to all the spillovers who pick on the negative aspects of the CNE.

Being a native-born Torontonian, I naturally take to The Ex like a duck takes to water. The nostalgia alone is enough to draw one back year after year. Though the days of coming home loaded with bag upon bag of all sorts of goodies, are long gone and sure to remain ever in the past, I still enjoy every bit of "the really big show."

Where else could you pay the small sum of a \$1.50 and watch a panorama of the world go by. At the Ex you can sit on a bench anywhere and watch a continuous show of people dressed in everything imaginable under the sun, in a constant array of changing color and costume.

Jimmy Conklin, son of the late Paddy Conklin who ran the midway since the Ex opened in 1922, has banned the sideshow freaks this year. My most vivid memory of the sideshow is that of a child, I sneaked in and saw a colored lady who had half of an undeveloped twin protruding from her abdomen. I forget what she was billed as, but I remember checking each night for months to come to make sure the same terrible twist of fate didn't happen to me.

That's one of the possible effects the freak shows can have on small children. Glad to see they go.

This year, the Ex is the 90th annual exhibition, and they must be doing something right because the annual draw is more than three million visitors a year. One of the most common criticisms of the CNE is that it's too commercial.

In the words of alderman John Sewell, it's "plasticity." Well, even I can't argue with that, but perhaps part of the attraction is the artificial effect, the knowledge that it's all "artificial" a big sham.

In today's world we are harassed into believing the untruths of the ad men. My youngest child seven years of age is constantly asking if this or that on TV is real. Sometimes even for adults it's pretty hard to tell the real from the make-believe, the movieland monsters for the evening news mass murders, the obvious lies on TV. To Tell the Truth, from the real ones on political broadcasts. Perhaps that's what makes the Ex "great," you know when it lights up at night the effect is very make-believe, and temporary, like the gypsy she is it will all be gone in a couple of weeks.

The food has never been particularly great, we usually go home with queasy stomachs, probably the result of greasy French fries, onion rings and pizza, that refuses to lie at rest. Even

though I know from past experience the food is over-priced and under par I still can't resist the dozens of different wonderful smells that come at you from everywhere.

LONG TRUDGES
We trudge through all the buildings, and though it's true you see a lot of the same things over and over, each year there is always something different to catch the eye. Last year my family was delighted with "the dancing waters" in the horticulture building.

Here, water fountains of many different colors danced in rhythm to soft and gentle music. Speaking of music, the Bandshell is a great place to rest the feet and all and listen - we do each year out of necessity. We can never tell which will give us first our money or our feet. Either way we usually put in an hour or two at the Bandshell.

Where else but at the Ex, with today's prices, could you see the variety of attractions available for the dollar and a half admission price. For my money it's the people that go, the lights at night, the smells and sounds, and the constant changing scene as you sit and watch the world parade before you that makes it "great."

READER'S FORUM

Region Has Assistance From Provincial Money

Following is a copy of a letter sent by A. Rendall Dick, deputy minister, Ontario Ministry of Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs, to Halton regional chairman Allan Masson. It outlines the scope of provincial assistance to the region.

Dear Mr. Masson: The treasurer has asked me to reply to your request for special assistance with the start-up costs of the region of Halton. He was impressed with the restraint the regional council has shown in containing the impact of its spending this year and he asked me to convey his congratulations on this to you.

In your brief, you outlined the matters of most concern to the regional council and the area municipalities, and these have been borne very much in mind in arriving at the total amount of the provincial contribution. The government will be asked to make \$1,000,000 available to the regional municipality of Halton this year to help with the start-up costs of the new structure. This will be in addition to the increase in unconditional grants this year of \$2.4 million and the estimated \$350,000 which will be available to the area municipalities in 1974 to help phase-in changes in the incidence of taxation. Over a period of five years, this latter grant will provide \$1.05 million, and the enrichment of the per capita grant is a permanent feature of the transfer payments to restructured local government.

It is not the intention of the ministry to interfere in the internal affairs of the region or the area municipalities by prescribing a specific utilization of the special assistance monies. This is something that we would normally consider the Regional Council better qualified to do, with their more intimate knowledge of the region and its problems. Your wish was for at least a partial allocation of the provincial contribution, and we suggest the following for your consideration:

AREA MUNICIPALITIES:
(1) Contribution toward short-term interest costs caused by unavoidable delays in tax-billing: (to be allocated to the area municipalities on the basis of their share of the general regional levy) \$ 300,000

(2) Contribution toward start-up costs in the Town of Milton (\$150,000) and the Town of Halton Hills (\$150,000).

REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY:
Contribution towards the development of regional services and the associated 1974 costs. \$ 270,000

In addition, the Province will contribute one-third of the increased capital cost caused by delays on the Bronte Creek and Milton sewer projects, at an estimated cost to the province of: \$ 130,000

Total Provincial Contribution \$1,000,000

A series of meetings will now be arranged between staff of the Ministry and each area municipality to discuss the transitional grants, the transitional mill rate adjustments, and the ad-

justments to protect the surpluses and deficits of the former municipalities, as required by the legislation, for the taxpayers who gave rise to them. These meetings will be held as soon as possible in order that the tax billing process is not delayed any longer than necessary.

In summary, the total increase in provincial grants in the Region of Halton this year over comparable grants in 1973 is \$3.72 million, made up as follows:

Increased per capita and general support grants to the regional municipality	\$2,370,000
Estimated transitional grants to area municipalities	\$ 350,000
Special assistance to the regional and area municipalities for development of regional services and start-up costs	\$1,000,000
Total 1974 Increase	\$3,720,000

There are further financial benefits at the area municipal level through the adoption of 1974 as the base year for grants under the property tax stabilization act, and the use of a seven per cent rate for the general support grant calculation.

Until area budgets are established, the value of this cannot be determined, but it should help with the unusual problems of this first year of restructuring. It is my hope that the area councils will show the same restraint in their spending as has been displayed by the regional council.

I hope the steps the government has taken will enable you to meet the demands of this vital region without imposing any hardship on the taxpayers of the Region. I wish you every success in your endeavors.

A. Rendall Dick
deputy minister

Store Ad, T-Shirts Are Found Offensive

Sir: I've enclosed a copy of an advertisement found in your newspaper of Aug. 14. I can't help but wonder if anyone truly looked at the ad before it went to press, for surely if he had, he would have felt some doubts about its worthiness to be printed. If not downright indignation.

In a day and age when parents are trying to instill a semblance of morals in their children in a basically sex-laden world, it's a shame that an ad such as this (from A.J. Place) has to appear for our young people to leer over.

I would also like to state that I have frequented this store but once, and once was enough. In an effort to buy two T-shirts for my boys, I went through as much pornography on the front of shirts as one could ever hope to find on a newstand. Isn't it unfortunate that our young people, who have enough problems by themselves, have to be inflicted with such

nonsense by adults who should know better and who, by all rights of common decency, should be setting an example of that same decency rather than degradation.

I must admit that a former favorable opinion of The Herald right now has been rather tainted in my mind. Surely you must agree with me that any store having to use advertisements of this kind has very little going for it, if this is the only way it can attract business.

Hopefully you will print this letter as one not received from a person who files off the handle on so-called crusades, but rather as one received from a person who is desperately concerned for the future of her five youngsters and on behalf of concerned parents in Georgetown and Acton who truly feels that something must be said.

Mrs. Marilyn Hutchison,
RR 3, Acton

Problems Of The Young Are Not From T-Shirts

Sir: I was very pleased to receive a copy of Mrs. Marilyn Hutchison's letter which is to appear in The Herald. I would like to thank her, though, for selecting our store above all others in the area between Guelph and Toronto.

There are many, many stores that carry the same T-shirts but we need the free publicity and income. If she did not like our advertisement in last week's paper, she has every right to voice a complaint. But when she attacks our morals over some funny cartoons, then that is a very different story.

We do not make the T-shirts, we only stock items that many persons complain that they have to drive out of town to purchase.

We have counted all the shirts we have. There are about 20 designs of funny cartoons, which she calls pornography. If she hadn't

been reading them, she would have noticed that we have a long rack with about 200 T-shirts with Walt Disney characters and other designs.

I would like to say that if all pornography on the newstands is like the T-shirts, then magazines must be pretty dull. I guess she didn't have time to look at our patches, they're much more interesting.

As far as adults setting examples are concerned, I like to wear skirts and blouses, but I'm just a square and people will still ask for jeans and T-shirts. I agree that young people have enough problems but their problems did not start with T-shirts, nor with their problems end by removing T-shirts.

We have been advertising in town for almost eight

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QUEEN'S PARK



Robert Macaulay Is Guiding Board

BY DONO'HEARN
Queen's Park Bureau
Of The Herald

TORONTO Lord but its good to see him back. Bob Macaulay was almost without question the most brilliant cabinet minister we have had in a couple of decades and probably in the whole 30 years of Conservative rule.

He hasn't figured much on the provincial scene since retiring in 1964. Just the occasional appearance before a government board or house committee. Most of his time has been spent on his very flourishing, and lucrative, law practice.

But for the past seven months he has been in the public eye again.

He has been counsel to the Ontario Energy Board and has been guiding the Board through hearings into first Ontario Hydro's expansion plans and latterly on its application for rate increases.

And in the process he has subjected Hydro to the most cutting examination it has ever undergone (and that includes last year's Moog hearings). He has, in effect, charged the operation of the utility has been old-fashioned, ultra-conservative, closed shop and inefficient.

Macaulay was uniquely able to do this because when a member he spent a term as second vice-chairman of the Hydro Commission.

And he did boot-rocking in those days also. He was infuriated with the amnesia and general disregard of politicians and the public he found at the Commission and made his opinions felt as only he can.

NEEDS SCRUTINY
In fact he began to inject some public consciousness into the Commission.

But when he left this began to fade away and the people's public utility again started to become a tight empire.

It therefore is doubly reassuring to see Macaulay not only back in the public eye and doing public service but also prodding this public body which more than any other sector of our public administration probably needs prodding.

Hydro is a huge corporation, one of the biggest in the country. As a public corporation, using public money and very much integrated into the economic health of the province, it needs constant and close public scrutiny. It hasn't been getting such examination.

But with Macaulay leading the way we can be sure it will get it.

Let us only hope that he continues as counsel.