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End controls

A report from Quebec indicates that the Canadian Labor Congress has been assured that wage and price controls will be lifted shortly.

What the definition of shortly is anyone's guess, but it is apparent that despite the federal budget incentives to business for a slow recovery over the next year, more consumer demand is required in the market place to stimulate the economy.

Election fever

We don't profess to be mind readers but it appears that it is an opportune time politically for the Davis government to seek a new mandate given the latest polls which indicate the Conservatives have increased their standing among the electorate.

A spring election would also remove the apprehension each of the local provincial candidates have about when the election will be called. They have been waiting in the wings since the last election in 1975 and its fair to say they have been actively campaigning since the last votes were tabulated.

Minority government has been working, and could continue to work in Ontario, but political power will call the tune. The only salvation electors will have in any election called this spring is satisfaction in removing those from the legislature who have not, in their estimation, been working toward good government.

What is also needed are jobs for the nearly one million unemployed in Canada. Halton Hills is now experiencing a slump in employment that will affect its local economy.

George Gray, president of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce commented recently that business is functioning at about 85 per cent of capacity. That means that a lot of slack will have to be taken up before the private sector begins providing new jobs and the economy starts to pick up again.

Anti-inflation controls have succeeded in breaking the inflation psychology, but if they continue through 1977 the average worker will fall behind the cost of living and demands for inflationary contract settlements will likely again become the order of the day.

While voluntary restraint was unsuccessful three years ago, its fair to assume that business and labor have learned a valuable lesson from the experience of controls. It may be overly optimistic to believe, but both sectors will likely now attempt, voluntarily, to keep the economy in line through responsible wage demands and settlements, but only if controls end soon.

We have learned, if nothing else, that you can't expect to receive more than what is really available in the marketplace. The sooner controls are lifted, the sooner the economy will rebound and unemployed Canadians, including those in Halton Hills, can return to work.

Sad day for Horner

By STEWART MacLEOD
Ottawa Bureau
Of The Herald

Jack Horner said he had just come through the saddest day of his life, but he did a magnificent job of hiding his sorrow as he held a press conference to announce his conversion to Liberalism.

The 49-year-old Crowfoot MP, a 19-year fighting fixture within the Conservative party, gave every indication he was having a ball as he fielded questions about the exciting new challenges ahead. There was even a hint he had some rehearsals before-hand because he managed to smile warmly as he uttered the words "Prime Minister Trudeau".

Things change rapidly in politics. Some of the questions weren't easy for the well-built rancher. He was reminded, for instance, that he had earlier referred to Trudeau as a "dictator" and the country should know how he feels about his new leader.

"Well," said the former Tory transport critic, "no one is perfect, not even Trudeau. But you have to assess who is in the best position to solve the problems facing Canada and Western Canada."

"Mr. Trudeau is still a very powerful person," he remarked. And that got him off the hook as far as the "dictator" remark is concerned.

Mr. Horner's recurring theme was that he made the painful decision to join the Liberals after Mr. Trudeau and other Liberals "suggested I could make a greater contribution to Canada and to Western Canada if I were to assist them, the Liberals."

"I have today decided to accept that challenge."

NO CHANGE

And within minutes of this announcement the no-holds-barred MP was demonstrating that he would be as outspoken as a Liberal as he has been during his long career as a Conservative. In fact, he appeared to be almost contradicting Mr. Trudeau who had earlier implied he had not discussed specifics such as a possible cabinet appointment with the wavering MP.

The new Liberal made it clear that the subject was indeed high on the agenda that Trudeau had discussed portfolios, and that it was agreed Horner couldn't really be effective on the backbenches. Furthermore, he added, if there wasn't a cabinet appointment forthcoming "my stay in the Liberal party might be shorter than it was in the Conservative."

Nice try!

Despite the sad result of the Eastern Canadian Final Hardy Cup Championship in which the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders lost to a strong Campbellton team, it still remains a victory.

It is the first time that a local team, composed solely of local talent, has ventured as far in championship play in the Intermediate A league. That alone makes the effort of each individual worthwhile and establishes that the Raiders played to the best of their ability and won recognition for their effort.

Congratulations to the Raiders on having made Halton Hills proud of you. May next year bring as much success.



Looking through our files

30 YEARS AGO
Three badly-scared boys, Billy Gibbs, Buddy Gibbs, and Bobbie Allen were saved from tragedy when a Toronto truck driver plunged into the Credit River near the Provincial lower dam. The boys had been fishing when their boat was drawn by the current over the 25 foot dam and lodged on some rocks in the river.

A unique feature of a long distance race planned by members of the Gladstone Athletic Club Saturday will be an exchange of greetings from Mayor Robert Saunders to Georgetown Mayor Joseph Gibbons. The message will be delivered in weather-proof tubing to the mayor at the Water Works Building.

Committees in Georgetown and Esquesing announced May 30 the start of flood relief campaign working together with the Ontario campaign for British Flood Relief. Residents from Georgetown were asked to donate food, clothing and money collected by ladies auxiliaries and Reeve George Cleave directed packaging. Esquesing residents were asked for clothes. There was a particular need in Britain for bedding, also.

20 YEARS AGO
Council accepted a \$2,172 tender for constructing a chlorinator building and retention tank at the sewage disposal plant. Awarding of the tender, lowest of three received, was disputed by Coun. Fred Harrison, who said quite a proportion of the town's business has gone to Alex Heslop Homes Ltd. tendering firm. He argued that the size of the Heslop firm could underbid on small jobs but his objections found no support among other councillors.

Ten more businesses will follow the lead of grocers and meat stores in closing Mondays and opening all day Thursday. Council met on April 22 and ordered by-laws governing barber shops and beauty parlors. Six of seven barbers and three beauty shops petitioned for the change.

Georgetown is odds-on favorite to win an Ontario championship this year. Leading Tilsonburg Pan-Drieds two games to one in their intermediate A playdown series, little trouble is anticipated in taking the remaining two games necessary to cop the championship.

10 YEARS AGO
Bus tours are filled to capacity for schools in Georgetown and Esquesing for a trip to Expo. Students pay \$45 for three nights at Les Residences Campanin de Montreal, which includes transportation fees to Montreal and a passport to Expo. Students aren't the only ones making the trip. Sunline Tours is booked solid, and 40 members of Hillsburgh Women's Institute are making the trip.

Coun. Jim Young announced that the controversial fire agreement issue between Georgetown and Esquesing had finally been settled. Esquesing had agreed to pay 45 per cent of the town's \$23,975 budget for the fire department, making Esquesing share \$13,145. The agreement dates back to Oct. 11.

The CNR will contribute 10 per cent more toward the connection of the Mountainview Bridge than was originally estimated. The engineering firms hope to advertise for bids in mid May and start construction in June.

A sign at the Cedar Spring Motel, Silvercreek, broken by juveniles and a bad cheque pressed at Norval were local incidents in a list of 44 general occurrences investigated by the North Halton detachment of the OPP.

Keynesian economy fails

By DON O'HEARN
Queen's Park Bureau

In his budget speech Darcy McKeough gave a key quote:

"We used to think that you could spend your way out of a recession and increase employment by cutting taxes and boosting government spending. I tell you, in all candor, that that option no longer exists, and that insofar as that ever did exist, it worked only by injecting bigger doses of inflation into the economy followed by higher levels of unemployment as the next step. That is the history of the last twenty years."

This quote was from James Callaghan of Britain, at the moment the world's most eminent socialist.

TWO SIDES
And it expresses succinctly the basic philosophic difference between our two sides in Ontario politics today.

There are four key economic problems facing the government (the world?) today. These are unemployment, inflation, productivity and a somewhat lagging economy.

(Actually the economy isn't lagging as much as is the general impression. The GPP grew by 4.7 per cent last year in constant dollars, which was down only .2 per cent from the last fiscal year.)

To meet these problems the NDP, and to some extent the Liberals, would lower consumer taxes and increase government spending.

While the government takes the position of restraint, contending that the spending method would be only patch-work which in the long term would only aggravate all four of the basic problems.

Actually the NDP is wedded towards a form of the old Keynesian economic which really doesn't apply in the present situation. Keynes held that in times of depression you should spend and in times of prosperity you should lighten up.

Aside from whether this would ever apply to any degree any more in our complex society the fact is that today we are not in a depression.

We are in economic trouble. But it is not a depression.

PUBLIC AWARE?
A big problem facing the government is whether it can make the public aware of this. The opposition position is very seductive. Cut taxes, increase spending, more money and more jobs. Eureka.

Ions? Positive or negative?

By GERRY LANDSBOROUGH

Feeling tired, listless, rundown, do you have that ache all over feeling? You may not have caught anything - how you are feeling could be the result of an overdose of positive ions.

The air we breathe is made up of trillions and trillions of electrically charged molecules of positive and negative ions.

Too many positive ions causes a variety of complaints ranging all the way from feeling just a little out of sorts to bronchial asthma, hayfever, migraine headaches, or burns or surgery that just won't heal fast enough.

In the past in Germany when the foehn (a seasonal wind) blew doctors closed the operating theatres. The wind similar to the

chlook here in Canada or the sharav in Israel produces positive ions as it blows.

Doctors in Germany found that when the foehn blew patients are more depressed, surgery doesn't heal as well, and the doctors themselves are prone to making unnecessary mistakes; this happened to the point that only emergency operations are performed. Now German hospitals are equipped with negative ion generators to counteract the effect of the foehn.

Taken one step further some scientists such as Dr. Wolfgang Spann of Munich feels that these winds producing positive ions have a definite relation to homicides and rape and crimes of violence. The sharav that blows in Israel may play an important role in the continual wars besieging that country.

Nature produces naturally both positive

and negative ions. Running water - from Niagara Falls to the shower in your bathroom produces negative ions. Singing in the shower according to Dr. Edward Napke who works for the federal government in Ottawa, may be the direct result of feeling "high" due to the negative ions being produced.

Countries such as Russia, Hungary, Switzerland, Germany, England and Scandinavia already have negative ion generators in hospitals, schools and commercial office buildings.

In England, Dr. Fox a well-known physician discovered remarkable results in curing Hortons' migraines through the use of negative ions. The British police forces uses negative ion generators.

According to scientists the air we breathe due to pollution, and artificial cooling systems can become saturated with too many positive ions. When this happens we become prone to a number of ills.

We spoke with Jim Hotchkiss of Biotron International, an Ontario company that manufactures negative ion generators.

"Some people are more effected by too many positive ions than others," he said. "An ion generator with 110 volts AC multiplies the voltage then switches to DC and produces 3,000 to 6,000 volts per second. This electrical charge then splits the molecules of air producing negative ions that are pushed away from the generator in a steady stream."

Mr. Hotchkiss expressed doubt as to the effect of the so-called spray cans of negative ions. These sprays are supposed to spray out negative ions and charge the air for those who want a bit more zip out of life.

"I suppose if one had a spray can 20 feet high with 10 feet of water and 10 feet of pressure and could keep the stream flowing constantly it might be possible to produce enough negative ions to make an appreciable difference, but such a spray can might be a little awkward," he said.

No one is claiming that negative ions are a cure-all for whatever ails you. But the results shown in medical papers such as the collective report Aero-Ton Therapy by the Carlo Erba Foundation or the newly-released Ion Effect by Fred Soyka point out with fairly substantial proof that too many positive ions have a definite effect on the way we act feel and recuperate.

When the air is filled with negative ions we feel exhilarated soothed and rejuvenated while too many positive ions in the air has the opposite effect.

So next time you are feeling down in the dumps, consider your ions. Turn on your negative ion generator or take shower whichever suits your pocket book.

No wonder Niagara Falls is the honeymoon capital of the world! Imagine what all those trillions upon trillions of negative ions being produced are in turn producing.

To all things a season especially for gardeners

By SUSAN DE FACENDIS

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.

Many things are indeed guided by our changing seasons and our lives are still governed accordingly. Possibly, with the easy availability of store produce, seasonal timing is not so much a factor today as in the past but, for the city-bound do-it-yourselfer it is still something to be reckoned with in certain areas.

For the home gardener, fall is the time to reap the benefits of spring planting. Late September, when the grapes are ripened and ready to burst with their store of sweet juice, it is wine-making time.

As more and more people are re-discovering, there is a tremendous, age-old satisfaction in growing produce. Tomatoes never tasted better; lettuce were never so crisp and the delight of filling one's freezer with homegrown beans, peas and carrots must stem from the early settler days when an unfilled storehouse, devoid of preserves, meant fasting hunger through the long, cold winter.

Then of course, there is the smelt fishing season. After a week or two of April warmth; a confirming phone call to the provincial fisheries department; and the cry echoes from house to house: "The smelt are running."

Now, smelt only run during the night hours and a heavy run constitutes, so I am told, a sight that has to be seen to be believed.

I have never yet been on one of these expeditions, Teresa still being too young to accompany us, however my husband and the two older children take to the midnight highways leading to Parry Sound one Saturday night a year, armed with the inevitable sandwiches, fishing nets, rubber boots, bushel baskets, flashlights and any other conceivable gadget they can fit in the car. I wave them goodbye feeling much like a stone-age wife seeing off a hunting expedition and all that is needed to complete the scene, is a medicine man bedecked in feathers and tiger-tooth necklace to chant a few benedictions.

Louisa usually manages to fall into the water; her clothing smells for weeks; and everything acquires a coating of dried fish eggs.

Their arrival home at sunrise, signals my entry into the picture and, as they crawl into their respective beds, I start cleaning, washing and bagging their catch.

Now despite having heard a summer student employed by a fish processing firm, claim on a radio interview that she found the job "a sensuous experience" I still claim that fish cleaning is simply messy, or, to translate it into the young people's vernacular, "Gungey."

However, I derive great satisfaction from knowing that, should the cows all go on strike, we at least have a good supply of fish on hand. Sensuous they ain't but, appetite appeasing they are.

Clear—as mud!

The following is a letter from Milton Mayor Don Gordon commenting on the working of various committees. It speaks for itself.—Editor
Chairman R. B. Morrow
Regional Municipality of Halton.
Dear Ric:

It is appropriate at this time, to review the work that has been carried out by the four Committees of Regional Council. After sorting through hundreds of pages containing thousands of words and literally being swamped with reports from Sub Committees, I would like to give you a brief summary of my feelings as to what has really happened.

The Administration Committee hit the nail on the head when the Treasurer reported with some justification that sales and income figures show an easing up of the rate at which business is easing off, which is taken as proof that there is a slow but noticeable slowing up of the slowdown.

The Public Works Committee, which is continually having to deal with Engineers and Consultants, are quite correct in order to try and clarify the cautious terminology of the experts, in saying, it should be noted that a slowing up of the slowdown is not as good as an upturn in the down curve, but it is a good deal better than either a speed-up of the slowdown or a deepening of the down curve, and it does suggest that the climate is about right for an adjustment to the readjustment.

The Community Services Committee has certainly covered all aspects of their responsibilities especially in turning to unemployment when they find a definite decrease in the rate of increase, which clearly shows that there is a letting up of the slowdown. Of course, if the slowdown should speed up, the decrease in the rate of increase of unemployment would turn into an increase in the rate of decrease of unemployment. In other words, the deceleration would be accelerated.

The Planning and Development Committee has always been very basic and down to earth in all the reports and consequently, are true to form when they point out that the indicators suggest rather a levelling off, referred to on Wall Street as bumping along on rock bottom. This will be followed by a gentle pick-up, than a faster pick-up, a slowdown of the pick-up and finally, a levelling off again.

If I may summarize my conclusions by reporting that it is hard to tell, before the slowdown is completed, whether a particular pick-up is going to be fast, at any rate, the climate is right for a pick-up this season, especially if you are about 25, unmarried and driving a red convertible.

Yours truly,
Donald F. Gordon,
Mayor.
P.S. "Meaningless Statistics were up one-point-five per cent this month over last month."

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