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## A time for compassion

Norval residents can applaud the continued efforts of its community association for the approval last week of a provincial subsidy for its municipal water project. But the fight has yet to cease.

Round two in the continuing battle to overcome polluted and low level water well supplies starts today in regional council chambers. There is no doubt that some opposition to proceeding with the project prior to receipt of provincial funds next April will surface.

There is still a misunderstanding of the situation in Norval by some elected politicians in the south part of Halton despite the efforts of North Halton representatives to present the Norval case. Residents will have strong support from regional chairman Ric Morrow, but he is only a figurehead of council who does not carry a vote when the question is put.

It is to Mr. Morrow's credit, however, that he is familiar with the Norval situation and prepared to seek council approval to complete the project as soon as possible. With this representation, and that of Halton Hills councillors, and no doubt the presentation to council by Norval association water committee chairman Art Reinhardt, that council members will understand fully the problems faced by villagers.

But we have entered a period of budget restraint. Timing may be in wrong. Efforts are being made by regional council to restrict the increase in budget for 1978, and indeed, several budget deliberations will be considered by council at its

meeting today.

As Coun. Peter Pomeroy commented to The Herald it's possible that Halton region will await receipt of the total provincial subsidy in April before proceeding with the project. Not only would this reduce any financial burden to the municipality in the form of interest costs for the interim measure, but it would also increase the likelihood of the municipality gaining interest on the provincial monies.

But taken in a broader context, the approval of the Norval water project would not be excessive in cost for a short period of time. If approval is gained today for interim financing, tenders would have to be called. This would place the earliest start sometime in mid-November or early December.

The cost of the project for a period of four months is not likely to exceed the 35 per cent cost the region must pay for the project and any cost associated with proceedings could be rationalized on that basis.

Since the region approved receiving the provincial grant in one sum, and the project costs are released as work is completed, there could in effect ultimately be some profit generated from the monies to offset whatever minimal costs required to proceed early with the water program.

Norval residents shouldn't have to wait another four months for a project they have been waiting on for almost six years. They deserve the compassion and understanding inherent in our system of government.

## Fair Board took only option open

This year's Georgetown Fall Fair was to be the biggest and the best ever. But the weather thought otherwise.

Fair Board directors took the only recourse possible Saturday when they cancelled the annual event—believed the first time in its history—to prevent injury to animals and to preserve the grounds for recreation uses.

It is probably this expression of community concern which will gain more respect than had a decision been made to carry on with the event.

For the community at large, however, it was a disappointment. Children who eagerly await fair day, when they can enjoy the rides on the midway and take a chance on one of the games, didn't have the opportunity this year. For the 47 exhibitors it meant a financial loss.

The 131st edition of the fair was to be the "biggest and the best ever." That's a shop-worn phrase, dimmed in by the passages of time, but with more meaning this year than ever before. The fall fair took on a greater meaning for the community this year as more displays; more exhibitors than ever before and greater participation were recorded. This was the year the fair became a community event with many more exhibitors from the urban area than ever before.

It's virtually certain that the 132nd edition of the fair next year will carry on where this fair left off and the hard work of organizers—the groundwork of which was set this year—will reach fruition exemplified by the satisfied grins of delight on young children's faces; the looks of surprise and pride by competition winners, and this roar of the midway.

## Should all laws be moral standards?

Down at your local newsstand, you can buy the October issue of Penthouse magazine. The September issue of this magazine could be and was bought by many people, although a judge last week ruled it obscene.

There were plenty of interesting views expressed during the trial which judged the extent to which this American magazine is suitable reading material for Canadians.

Yet the whole exercise has a fairy-tale atmosphere to it. Did all these highly-qualified and highly-paid legal and professional personnel really spend all that time debating whether or not Penthouse is obscene?

At issue is the standard that would be acceptable to the community.

If Penthouse gets banned, then whatever else remains for sale is implicitly within the accepted community standards.

Magazines like Penthouse have a limited audience, which most people say shouldn't include kids.

It would follow, then, that television, with its wider reach, would be even more in time with the perceived standards of the community.

Sure enough, there's little in the way of racy stuff getting exposure on the tube.

Instead, there is a non-stop parade of violence, beatings, murders, psychological haterings and more.

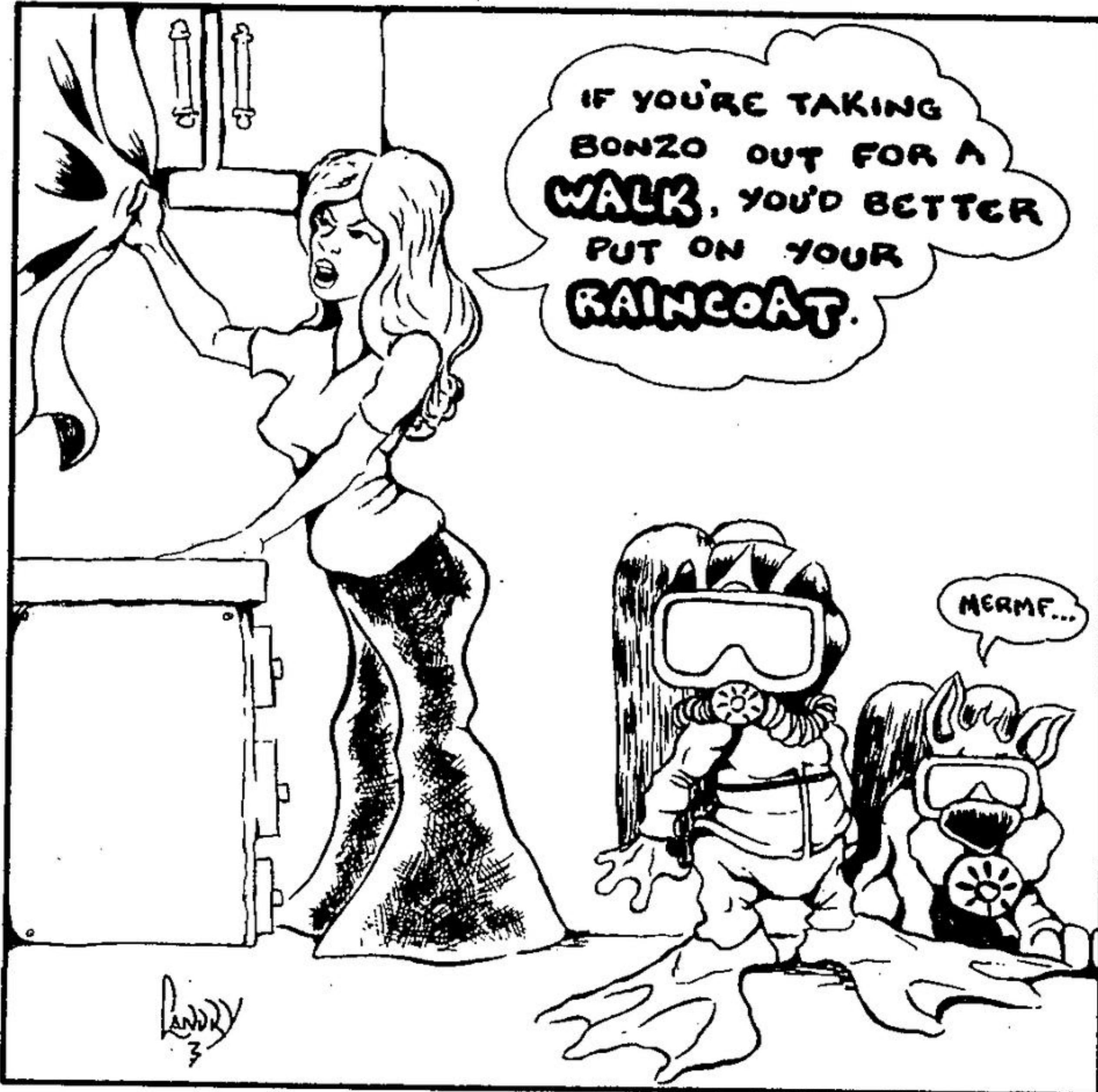
And it's all within the standards of the community.

In other words, it's all right to kill some fellow or to be a moron with bigger fists than brains. But it's not all right to look at pictures of naked people. It's not all right to be indifferent to what adults of the same or different sexes are doing in private quarters.

If media presentation of these things indicates community acceptance, that's what we're saying. However, all our laws should reflect community standards. There should be no charges laid for murders, beatings or other trivialities such as we see each night on television.

But the most severe weight of the law should be brought to bear on anyone suspected of engaging in sexual acts or of looking at pictures of them in magazines.

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## Thanksgiving—Day of blessing

By GERRY LANDSBOROUGH

Thanksgiving - one day in the year set aside to give thanks, to count our blessings to express our gratitude. Today so many people become caught up in the negative aspects of their lives that giving thanks almost becomes "thanks for what."

Everyday problems of living, of financial pressure, sickness, of personal crisis become caught in a whirlpool of frustration until some people lose sight of all the wonderful things that are ours to truly give thanks for.

I have often thought of the story of a woman who had only partial sight in one eye and none in the other. To see anything she would have to hold the object so close that she could only see parts never the whole item. After more than 35 years of blindness an operation she had in her fifties restored more than 70 per cent of her vision.

She wrote: "I could see the soap suds in the sink - I could hold them up to the light and see a rainbow of colors in each bubble - I could pop each bubble with my finger, and then delight in the glistening shine of each plate as I pulled it forth from the bubbling suds."

Imagine having a real ball from something so common place as doing the dishes. The oft heard complaint of: "I sang the blues because I had no shoes until upon the street I met a man who had no feet," may appeal to our intellect but when down and out people become centred on their problem alone and lose track of what could always be a far more critical situation.

One of the many things we have to be thankful for and something that we rarely stop to consider is the array of bounty that is available in every food market.

On your table can sit items from every corner in the world - fresh fruit in the midst of winter snows - caviar from Russia - cornbeef in a tin from South America - dates from Arabia - we have at our finger tips foods that the richest of kings or sultans could never place on their tables at one sitting.

We get so hung up on the cost of things that we forget what a bountiful choice we have spread before us.

Today medical miracles are happening every second. Gadgets to let the deaf hear - to make a weak heart almost normal - to replace a lost limb such wonders that can give a meaningful life where so many before would have been lost or lived as lost. Medical miracles happening every day that we never consider until it happens to us or one of our own.

Each of us here in Canada enjoys a "freedom of thought" that has been fought and died for in other lands. We have freedom to pursue a dream - to build a fortune on ambition and the desire to succeed alone. Freedom to "learn" to go to our nearest library and read almost whatever the heart or mind could desire. Freedom to "listen" to what ever music we choose to hear - to turn on a little box in our livingroom and be entertained with a program of our own choosing.

The wonderful beauty of our land is free for all to enjoy. Yet we become so caught up in the material world that we drive home in rush hour traffic with eyes closed to the regal splendor of reeds and golds of autumn bounty.

Another true story that has always lingered in my mind is about a man who once threw his young bride a handful of peanuts and said "I wish they were emeralds". The years past and the man became extremely wealthy but he also was fortunate to learn one of life's truest wisdoms.

One day he threw his wife a handful of emeralds and said "I wish they were peanuts." He had discovered the secret is not in attaining your goals but in the struggle to attain them. Material success never gives a man "peace of mind."

Helen Keller whose life is an example to all said "Turn your face to the sunshine and you'll never see the shadows". Again something so simple - we enjoy the sunny days but can we imagine a life without sunshine without hope cut off from almost all of our senses - such was the life of Helen Keller yet she found so much to be thankful for.

The true meaning of "thanksgiving" is to be found in all that is simple life. We never seem to appreciate anything that

comes easy and it is here that we miss out on the greatest joys life has to offer.

Each day presents 24 new choices for us to bounce back from whatever personal setback we have experienced. We who do not face a "diagnosed death" with just so many months or days left lose sight of just how precious 24 hours truly is. How precious each day that is ahead of us can become if we only give thanks to have it and live each day to its fullest - each day as though it were our very last.

The greatest gift in life is peace of mind and money can't buy it nor can anyone give it. We find peace of mind when we take the time

to listen to the silence within ourselves. That might sound complicated but as the old adage "sleep on it" says our troubles can only be solved if we step away for a moment and allow a stillness - then we can tackle whatever the crisis is.

To do this we have to "give thanks" for all the positive things we enjoy when we do this the negative can never stand out in front and our troubles are never really as great as we imagined.

Thanksgiving Day - we could never give enough thanks in one day alone to count our many blessings... thanksgiving is something we should have gladly 365 days a year.

## No excitement about Ryan as Federalist Quebec option

By STEWART MacLEOD  
Ottawa Bureau  
Of The Herald

I wish I could share in this ripple of excitement that seems to be running through English Canada at the thought of Claude Ryan leading the pro-federalist Liberals against Rene Levesque's campaign for an independent Quebec.

But I would rather see someone else take on the difficult assignment.

Through the courtesy of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation—the English network, that is - we are so used to hearing Ryan being described as Quebec's most influential spokesman that it's almost sacrilegious to take his name in vain. Similarly, we are constantly being told that his newspaper, Le Devoir, is also the most influential voice within the province.

Wouldn't it be great, we hear, if this powerful personality were to lay aside his typewriter and devote his enormous energies to battling down Rene Levesque and his devious plans to divide our country?

But before we all get carried away, we might remind ourselves that Ryan probably is far more familiar to English-speaking television viewers than he is on the French-language stations and that his influential newspaper, with a relatively small circulation, is virtually unknown in rural Quebec.

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And while he is much in demand as an after-dinner speaker in English Canada, and while the CBC continues to collect his comments on every issue affecting national unity, he does not appear to be bounded like this within his own province.

There is no doubt, of course that his editorial pronouncements have a giant-sized impact on the province's official establishment—particularly the Montreal business community—but this is not where the independence referendum is going to be fought. Rene Levesque is gearing for trench warfare.

The 180,000-member Parti Quebecois has just completed another look-ahead convention with guidelines for an "Action Plan" that is intended to wind the independence referendum "neighbourhood by neighbourhood," street by street, family by family." And, in announcing this "Action Plan" the party

revealed its most devastating weapon of all—Rene Levesque is returning to television for a regular talk show on separatism.

Anyone who has seen Levesque perform on television will realize how effective he can be. As he puffs his cigarette, shrugs his shoulders, flashes that speedy smile and dabbles in the art of understatement, there are few who can match him in sheer salesmanship. After taking a recent public opinion poll on the Quebec situation, sociologist Martin Goldfarb was quoted as saying that "as a personality, Levesque has become almost a kind of religion in Quebec."

By comparison, I wonder whether perhaps Claude Ryan is not more of a non-Quebec religion.

NO SUGGESTIONS

Not being familiar with all the potential candidates for the Liberal leadership in Quebec, I can offer no suggestions on who might be an effective match for Levesque when the battle of television starts in earnest. But whoever it is, he or she had better be well prepared.

Levesque's people are certainly well advanced in preparing material for their leader. And, even without a note, he can rhyme off statistics which, he claims, disprove most of the arguments being advanced by the pro-federalists. And even when he doesn't have the exact figures, he looks convincing.

"The federal government is running a fear campaign," he says. But despite stories of a mass exodus of Anglophones from the province, the economic impact is "marginal." And he has figures to show that capital investment in Quebec is running at a higher rate than in the rest of Canada. In fact, he seems to have figures for everything.

The new Liberal leader will be able to collect some interesting figures to counter the Levesque assault, but this will not win the battle. That leader also has to be able to lead his troops "neighbourhood by neighbourhood street by street, family by family." Ryan, I suspect, was never really a foot soldier.

And when I heard that he has been consulting Prime Minister Trudeau, Gerard Pelletier and Jean Marchand about his possible candidacy, I also wondered whether he just might be developing a generation gap with present-day Quebec.

## Approval over speaker

By DON O'HEARN  
Queen's Park Bureau  
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In my many years here there has been no appointment which has met with such general approval as Premier William Davis's announcement that New Democratic Party member Jack Stokes would be named Speaker of the House at the start of the fall session.

Stephen Lewis, NDP Leader, of course acclaimed it and Opposition Leader Stuart Smith called it "an inspired move."

But beyond this, practically everybody who has had any association with the legislature, even remote, had great praise for it.

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And praiseworthy it was and is. For Mr. Stokes showed in the last House, when he was Deputy Speaker, that he was the best presiding officer the assembly has had in modern times, at least.

He was most fair but he would stand for no nonsense, no nonsense at all, and as a consequence the normally unruly House when he was in the chair had an air of order and decorum.

Most of all the fairness extended to all sides. For as Speaker, Mr. Stokes was just as firm with his NDP colleagues, probably even firmer, than he was with the members of the other two parties.

And he was not at all impressed by stature. He would call the premier or Lewis, his leader, to order just as quickly as the least prominent backbencher.

KEEP ORDER

The appointment will be a good one for the house itself.

It can well stand more decorum. Speaker Russell Rowe has been a fine man. But even before it got to be a minority this legislature was getting to be unruly. The tensions of minority government added to this. Mr. Rowe's nature didn't have the air of tough authority necessary to take control of this.

The consequence was some wild scenes. Mr. Stokes does have this air of authority. And he unquestionably won't permit wild scenes.

There can't be anybody who knows him who would have any doubt that he would close down the House rather than let it get out of hand.

He won't absolutely quench it. He appreciates well that to be good a House must have some life.

But he will draw a firm and hard line to see it doesn't go beyond this.

The Stokes appointment almost certainly will revive the old talk of having a permanent Speaker.

There is one minor reason the government might favor this. It would mean that Mr. Stokes' Lake Nipigon seat would be opened up.

And this would be the only possibility the government would have of winning it. As long as he is in the running it is his. He is unbeatable.

## Looking Through Our Files

THIRTY YEARS AGO

Council moved to install sewerage facilities in Wards Housing Project No. 3 instead of individual septic tanks as originally planned. Dr. Mather, county MOH had objected to septic tanks because of unsuitable soil.

Former Mayor J.B. Mackenzie died in his sleep on Sunday morning Oct. 5, at his home on Hill Street. Head of the contracting firm of J.B. Mackenzie and Son, Mr. Mackenzie leaves many monuments behind in his successful career as a builder. Such structures as the post office, the Romy Theatre building, the Mackenzie building, Richardson's Hardware and Farnell's Store were of his construction.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Georgetown, faced with the most rapid growth in its century of history, will add a fourth public school, which it is hoped will be ready for September 1958. The board of education's plan for a \$180,000 school, consisting of eight rooms and a kindergarten, was okayed by council.

Georgetown police have formed their own police association in affiliation with the Halton county police association. Constable Nels. Trafford is president, Constable Harley Lowe, vice president, Constable Ted Scott, treasurer and Cpl. Jim Bilborough secretary.

TEN YEARS AGO

Assessor Art Benton reported an increase of 458 in population in Esquewong over the last year. This brings the total to 8,037.

At the first meeting of the newly-formed board of commissioners of police Wednesday in the municipal building, John T. Armstrong was chosen to act as chairman of the commission for the remainder of 1957.

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