

McKEOUGH LIKES EDITORIALS ON R.G.

Dear Mr. Dills,

Thank you so much for sending me the reprint of your three editorials - January 29, February 5 and February 12. I thoroughly enjoyed all of them and I think you have summed up the various points very well indeed.

I do thank you for presenting our proposals to your readers in such a straightforward way. With kindest regards,

> Sincerely, W. Darcy McKeough Minister of Municipal Affairs

CONGRATULATIONS ON NEWPAPER HONORS

Dear Jim: Congratulations are indeed in order to you as Managing Editor, and to your staff, for carrying off the laurels at the annual convention of the Ontario Weekly Newspapers Association held recently in Ottawa.

You must be very pleased with the honor of being chosen best in both the classified advertising section and in the picture story category and to have been judged second in the category for best use of pictures.

These honors are richly deserved and I congratulate you and your staff on the high calibre of your newspaper as judged by the experts.

With every good wish for continued success, I remain,

> Yours sincerely, Rud L. Whiting, M.P.,

## RETARDED NEED MORE MEMBERS

Wanted: New members for the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded.

This organization needs new members, people who are willing to work at helping someone less fortunate than themselves. Those in this association do not look for praise – just hard work. They reap their reward knowing the mentally retarded benefit from whatever they have done.

The North Halton Association is just a small part in the overall retarded organization. It belongs to Region Four and local representatives are Mrs. Olive Nye, Milton and Ralph Barton, the board of the Ontario Association and they in turn Association for Retarded Children. These members are not necessarily parents of retardates, but are people who have the interest of the retarded at heart-and more of these people are needed to help.

Join now and learn how top professional men in this field are working for the advancement of the retarded. Membership Chairman is J. C. Langedyk, Milton, who can be contacted at 878-6846. Join and help in your community.

F. V. Cannon, Publicity.

### RATEPAYER PROTESTS GOV'T BY IMPOSITION

Dear Sir:

"Taxation without Representation", that was the cry of the early American Colonists before they seceeded and it can well be echoed soon by the citizens of Nassagaweya, if they allow the vivisection of their township by Queen's Park. Robarts and his Robots regard pigs to be cut up, used, and abused for their legislative experiments. We are considered as existing only for the economic benefit of the Provincial government, who see themselves as a closed corporation of privileged beings. It would be well for them to remember that they derive their powers from the consent of the governed, and that they possess no right to impose unwelcome legislation upon us without that

consent. When the Plunkett Report was finished, its recommendations were published so that all interested people could read and criticize its ideas. Our actions defeated Plunkett, and virtually Spooner. Queen's Park isn't making the same mistake this

Little dribbles of information are being grudgingly doled out,

vague promises are being made, halftruths clothed in sanctimonious hyprocricy are being mouthed, all to cloud the real issue at stake here-the fight for power between the Provincial government and the

big metropolitan areas who are more and more going straight to Ottawa for decisions. In the course of this fight, we in the rural areas are going to have government by imposition, not by legislation, expressing not the will of the people but the self

will of professional, power

hungry politicians. don't realize is that what holds good for their so-called "local government reforms" is equally pertinent when applied to the present structure of federal-provincial government as it now exists in Canada. Carried to its ultimate conclusion, we can ask, "if the bigger the Region, the better the government; what need have we for Provincial boundaries? What purpose does the duplication of the same government agencies at both the Federal and Provincial levels serve? Why do we need the expense of 10 Premiers as well as a Prime Minister? Are we not all

We are the most overtaxed, overgoverned country in the world today. Our finances are depleted, our economic programs paralyzed because of the duplication of government departments and procedures. If this country is every going to become one national instead of an unwieldly conglomerate of 10 parochial provincial principalities, it is time we spoke with one voice-not 11.

Canadians?'

There is need for only two levels of government, the county and the federal. One would solve problems at the local level, the other would deal with issues of national importance.

How would Queen's Park react to these suggestions? Need we ask? Just think of all the little empires that would topple-and the emperors along with them.

But they have the impertinence to tell us that we are to have just such legislation imposed on us, and I quote from McKeough: "No municipality will have the right of veto over the implementation of Regional Government in its area." What price freedom? Can you not feel the hot breath of dictatorship on your neck?

No one notices today that the laws which put our land, our money and our very lives at the Georgetown. These disposal of politicians are representatives meet with written by politicians. On the members from Oakville, contrary, we are extremely Burlington and Hamilton proud of the fact that if we get district. Two members from the tired of one gang, we can elect Regional Council are elected to another gang of exactly the same breed to take their place.

And this is Democracy? For have representatives on the me the word has lost its board of the Canadian meaning. It has been used until it is soiled and tarnished. It has been mouthed by do-nothing do-gooders, men who won't rock boats, who sit on fences, whose whole motivation is "what's in in for me?", whose bellies and bank accounts are all too full.

Where are our leaders today, men with guts who will stand up and be counted? They used to come mainly from the rural areas, the very areas that Robarts would like to see nullified. Are they all dead? Or just sleeping? Or are there no thinking people to lead, just

It is now a month since the implications of McKeough's plans were outlined to our Reeve and Council. Has a township meeting been called? Have the citizens of Nassagaweya been informed what Regional Government will mean to each and every one of us? Have we been told our council's plans to fight it? Are we being organized into a strong, loyal, unified,

informed township? However good the idea might be, how can we write letters, all rural municipalities as guinea when nine-tenths of us don't know what we are objecting to or writing about? Are we seeking the support and help of other similarly affected rural areas within our so-called "Region"? When are we going to stop talking and do something?

Or are we perhaps sitting this one out too, as we sat out the "Education Dance"-saying "Regional government is inevitable."

It is NOT inevitable. Only we by our destructive inactivity and ignorant apathy will make it so.

-Schools held open houses to

mark education week this week.

Elva Newton, Campbellville.

O.S.D. open house is tonight (Wednesday) from 7 to 9. -Champion classifieds-. . where buyer and seller meet.

# Grace Church confirms 31

Thirty-one candidates were confirmed and welcomed into the full fellowship of Grace Anglican Church on Sunday morning. Rt. Rev. C. R. H. Wilkinson, assistant bishop of the Diocese of Niagara, officiated at the service assisted by Rev. R. W. Foster, rector of Grace church.

Next Sunday morning a first communion will be held for the newly confirmed candidates, to followed by a family breakfast in the parish hall. Those confirmed Sunday were:

David Pearce, Brent Wilson, Steven Smith, Murray Wallace, Colin Duffy, Robert Langridge, John Kelman, James Kosulick, John Hasselfeldt, Robert Miller, What McKeough and Robarts David Rupert, Brenda Schultz, Lynn Coulson, Jane Langridge, Ruth Wilson, Heather Argall, Joan Griswold, Susan Pearce, Jennifer Stewart-Smith, Marilyn Waters, Anna-Elizabeth Bluhm, Vicky Clubine, Merna Wilson, Nancy Noble, Colleen Clement, Carolyn Frame, Wendy Kenrick, Shelly Beeton, Vicky Scliszzi, Steven Barr and Sharon Barr.

## Visit Poland at travelog

Poland was the most recent port-of-call on the armchair tours sponsored by Milton Rotary Club in their travelogue presentation in the Ontario School for the Deaf auditorium Tuesday evening of last week.

With accompanying lecture by Mr. and Mrs. Paulauskas, the film showed the natural beauty and contrasting modes of life in the 1,000-year-old country.

## DRAFT DODGERS HERE MORE HARM THAN GOOD

Dear Sir;

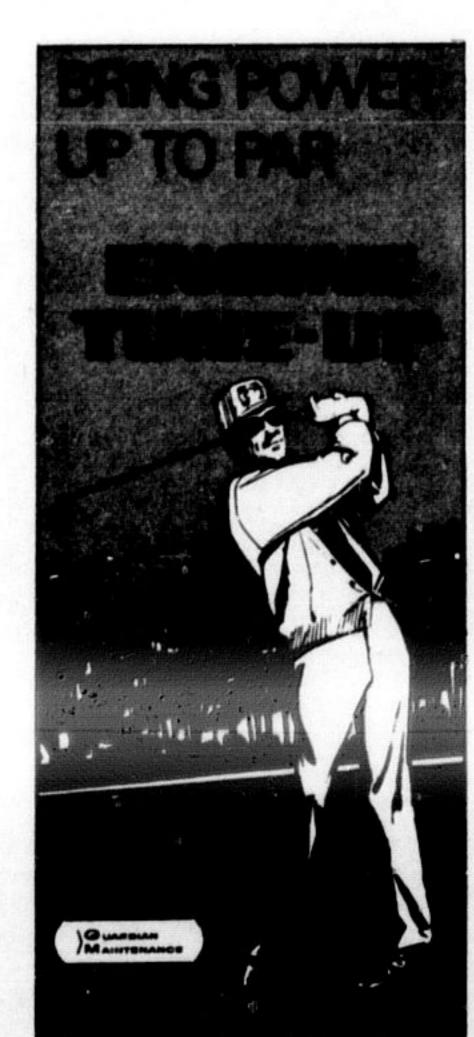
On reading the article by Mr. Downs on the subject of draft dodgers in The Champion of Feb. 19, I was quite astounded with the attitude he took and it seemed to me that he was not well acquainted with the circumstances involved.

It is quite true that many draft dodgers from the States are well educated and intellectually minded. However it should be noted what kind of education these people have had. An extremely large number have taken liberal arts or non-professional courses at a university or college and have little to offer Canada in the way of technological knowledge as Mr. Downs implied when he spoke of the "Brain Drain" and "Better Jobs" which usually apply to professional people.

Once in Canada these people will work in a field such as education or politics where, I think, their ideas will be of more harm than use to Canada since they can be impressed on a great number of people from such vantage points. Their loyalty to a country that needs them and their respect for the law of that county has been amply proven. Would it not seem likely that a person who would betray the country in which he was born and educated and has lived all his life will not even more easily

desert a foreign country? Do you really want to place the welfare of your country in the hands of such people? If Canada ever got into trouble you'd find them all in Sweden. Any person who is willing to help undermine his own country is welcome in any country but mine, and I'm Canadian.

John Traas



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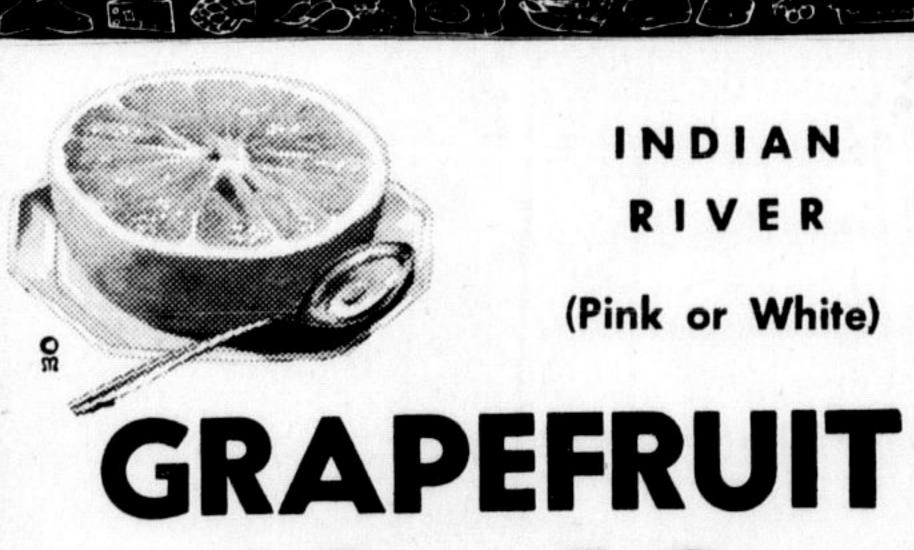
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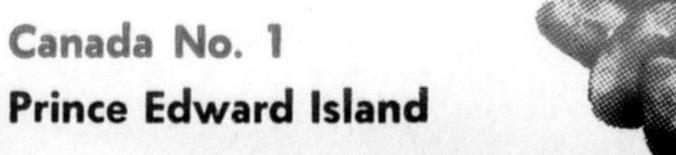
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