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**The Editor's Corner**

**THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS**

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Great men of history who have left us the legacy of democratic governments all seem to have been of one mind, that the preservation of freedom depended to a large degree on the preservation of the freedom of the press. This is why in all truly democratic states a free press is more than just a tradition — it is an essential principle of democracy.

One of the prerequisites of an autocracy is the abrogation of the freedom of the press, because this freedom has essentially, through the centuries, shown itself to be the one great force which has seen to it that the freedom of the individual has been preserved. When freedom of the press is abolished, other freedoms go with it. There is little need at this time to stress that point. There are so many poignant and tragic examples in the world today of a subservient press, that it must be obvious to any intelligent person that the freedom of the press is synonymous with the freedom which is democracy.

There have always been those, who, often for reasons of personal aggrandisement or lust for power, would rob the press of this precious jewel in the crown of liberty. There have been others who cry out for personal freedom of expression, but who would deny this right to the press. It has been claimed that this freedom can become license, but this is one of those half-truths which unthinking people are likely to accept at its face value.

Actually the press enjoys a freedom which gives it no privilege above the individual. It must conform to the laws of the state. Its freedom is bound by the laws of libel and slander. It certainly offers no greater opportunity for defaming any person or institution, than does the inherent right to free speech which every citizen is endowed as a birthright. Abraham Lincoln, in a debate on the constitution once said, "The liberty of the press is the tyrant's scourge; it is the true friend and the surest supporter of civil liberty." The principle of freedom of the press, as it exists today, is the result of a long and bitter struggle between those who believed in civil rights and constituted authority, and those who feared the exercise of these rights.

It is significant that the first amendment to the Bill of Rights of the American Constitution, adopted in 1791, is one that relates to the freedom of the press. It reads: "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or the prohibition of the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances." The very wording of this amendment places freedom of the press on the same level, and of equal import with freedom of religion, of speech and of assembly.

A Rhode Island State provision sums up the question of a free press in a few words when it says: "The liberty of the press being essential to the security and freedom of the state, any person may publish his sentiments on any subject, being responsible for the abuse of that liberty; and in all trials for libel, both civil and criminal, the truth, unless published from malicious motives, shall be sufficient defense to the person charged." Many other democratic countries have passed similar legislation, because from a wide study of the dangers of a subservient press, they have learned that a free press is the best assurance of a free country.

To be fully comprehended, the freedom of the press must be accepted by democratic peoples as a typical example of the privileges they enjoy as individuals in a democratic state. To abolish the freedom of the press, is to invite the abolition of all freedom for the individual.

**WHY EDITORS GO GREY**

From time to time, mistakes will slip into a newspaper. Now and then we point out some of our own, which no matter how diligent the proof-reading, manage to pop up and embarrass us. Last week, for instance we reported that "extensive damage was done by a fire at the home of Mr. Wesley Hill, which of course should have read "at the home of Mr. Chester Hill."

Reading last week's copy of the Acton Free Press we were amazed at the generosity of three Halton municipalities. Quoting Mr. Finney, in a discussion of the equalization problem which had once more bobbed up, the Free Press said:

Mr. Finney: "Our council have been very patient but they have felt for years that something should be done to give us some relief. I am wondering if any municipality who feels they are not sufficiently assessed would give a \$100,000 to straighten things out and save the council the expense of a commission."

The representatives from Burlington and Oakville fell in with this idea and were willing to take that suggestion to their council. The Warden also said that he felt sure Nelson would also be prepared to help. "Must be a lot of money in Burlington, Oakville and Nelson that they don't know what to do with," we said to ourselves, "but why the exceeding generosity?"

Then we remembered that the Free Press reporter also acted for the Burlington Gazette and checking the copy in that paper we found that the correct report stated "I am wondering if any municipality who feels they are not sufficiently assessed would give a \$100,000 reduction to Nassagaweya to straighten things out." Just three little words, but they make a whole of a difference to the meaning conveyed.

**SWING YOUR PARTNER**

An article in Time Magazine draws attention to a growing trend to country-dancing in the United States. In New England, skiers from the city discover that dancing, while in many other localities, square dances spread from town halls and country fairs into the larger centres. It is refreshing to see the old time square dancing revived. With so much stress on modern jazz and the "jumpin' live" type of dance, we are prone to forget that square dancing can also be a lot of fun.

"As anyone knows who has ever tried it without prior training," says Time, "a set of three different uninterrupted squares, can be a confusing experience."

**ORIGIN OF THE SQUARE**

Strictly speaking, a square dance is a quadrille, descended by way of England from the early French court ballet. The quadrille, with its basic pattern of four couples forming a hollow square, was brought to Canada by the early settlers. Many variations in technique have taken place, but everywhere the dance has a caller, or floor manager — an inventive, leather-jumped master-of-ceremonies, who calls out the figures. Most of the terms are relics of the original French: do-se-do being a contraction of the French dos-a-dos (back-to-back); allemande, promenade, chazez (sashay), etc.

The term "country dance" itself, has an interesting derivation, according to Time's article. Coming from contra dance (a line of men offsetting a line of women) it was slurred to "contry", hence to country dance.

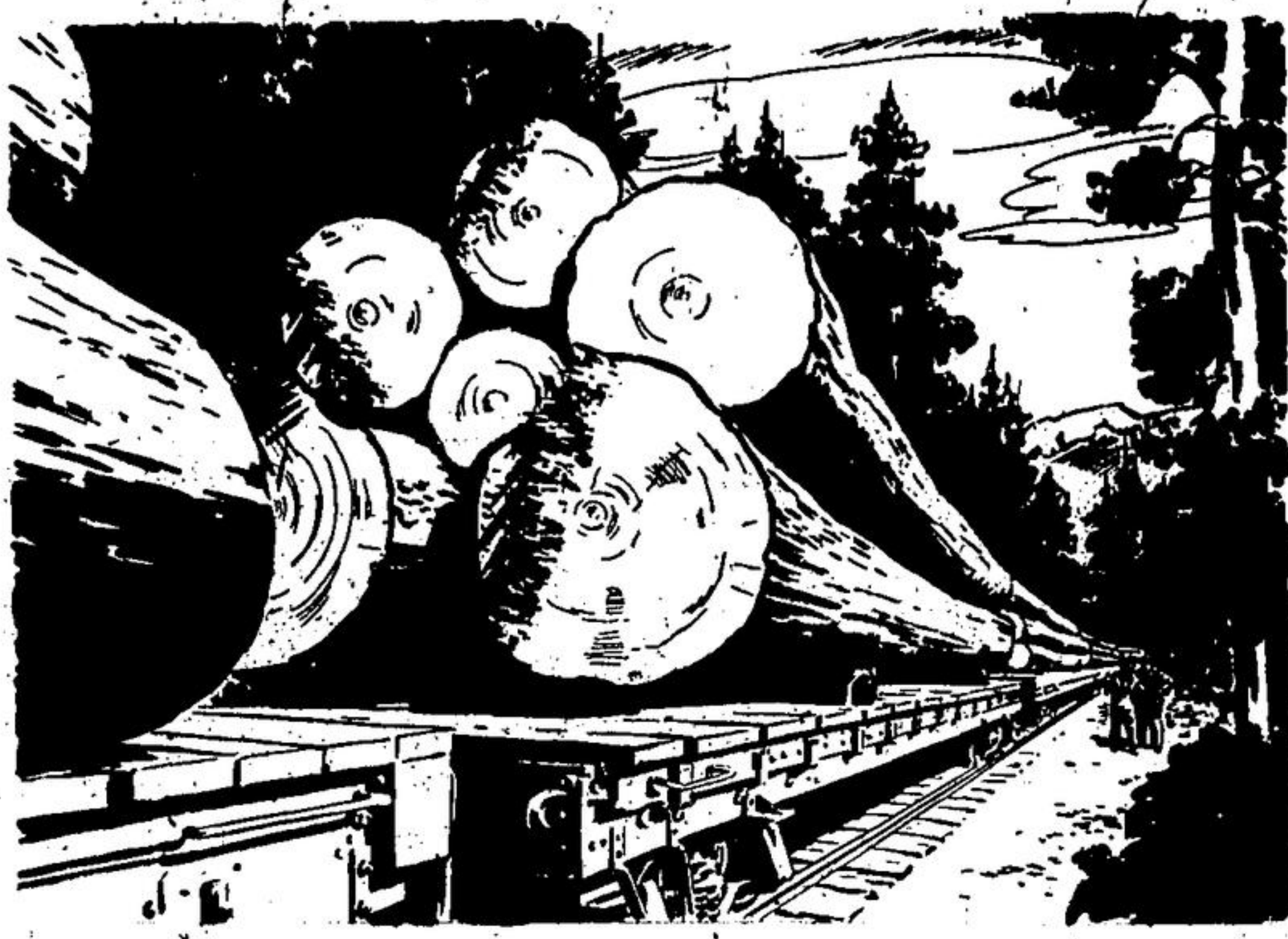
**Greek War Relief Tag Day This Saturday**

The Greek War Relief committee for the Greek War Relief Fund have secured permission from town officials to hold a tag day in Georgetown this Saturday, April 27th. Mr. Clark and Mr. Paul Vorva, proprietor of the Peacock Restaurant, were in town last Monday making the necessary arrangements, and expressed their appreciation of the operation of the tag day.

Miss J. I. Lambert, of the Georgetown High School, assured the committee — that a number of high school girls would act as taggers.

The Greek War Relief Fund operates under the War Charities Act, and the worthiness of the cause need scarcely be pointed out. Our Greek allies have been fighting a heroic battle against the overwhelming might of the totalitarian powers, and deserve every support that can possibly be given.

Wife—My husband has no bad habits whatsoever.  
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 o 2:23 p.m.  
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**THEN AND NOW**

**TURNING THE PAGES OF THE GEORGETOWN HERALD, APRIL 20th, 1921**

Mr. Morley Pettit writes an interesting letter to the editor from Nassau, Bahamas, describing his winter in the Southern United States.

Miss Florelle Ward, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ward, passed away at the age of 21 after a short illness.

The town council, meeting in the Reeve's office passed grants of \$150 to the Horticultural Society, \$50 to be spent on the new park between Guelph and John St's, recently acquired from the Lawson Estate; \$100 to Knox Church to help finance the repairing of the church shed which is kept open to the public.

Miss Marlon Agnes Moore, of Brampton, was married on April 15th, to George Leslie, and after a honeymoon trip they took up residence in Georgetown.

Meeting in the Limehouse Community Hall, the Ace-Hi Trail Rangers Club elected as officers: William Gowdy, honorary president; Douglas Gowdy, president; Arthur Lane, manager; Arthur Benton, captain, and Sam Gisby, tally.

Ontario voted yesterday to ban the sale of intoxicating liquor as a beverage, by a majority of 150,000 to 200,000. Halton County registered a majority "dry" vote on the question of 3175. Weather probabilities in the "Local News" column read—"Dry, very dry."

Among our advertisers: Erwin & Goldham, meats; Madge's Candy Shop; Georgetown Creamery, M. Saxe, manager; A. Hirschorn, clothing; A. Livingstone & Son, bakery; W. T. Evans, real estate and insurance; Georgetown Flour and Field (W. O. Bessey); E. A. Benham, real estate; H. J. Fox, shoe store; the Merchants Bank, H. R. Mimmis, manager.

**NOTICE**

Trespassers in or about the premises of the late John R. Barber, on Main St. South, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

**ITEMS FROM GLEN WILLIAMS:**

Someone stole a shot gun from Mr. Robert Reid's recently. Mr. Reid would like the guilty party to return the gun or else come back and get the ammunition.

Mr. Ed. Hill has opened an auto tire hospital in the Glen.

The High School and Bankers opened the baseball season at the H.S. grounds, and in spite of rainy weather gave the crowd a snappy exhibition.

A memorial service was held in St. George's Church for the late Dr. A. W. Nixon. Rev. Percival Mayes preached the sermon, in which he paid tribute to Dr. Nixon's work in public life and in the practice of his profession of medicine.

**NOW**  
 Mr. Pettit divides his time between Georgetown and Tifton, Georgia, where he spends the winter months — the new park on Guelph St. can scarcely be dignified by that name, being a marshy desolate-looking piece of waste-land — the Knox Church shed was purchased last year by Mr. T. Sykes, and this week is being torn down — Sam Gisby, now Sapper Sam Gisby, is overseas with the R. C. E. — A lot of liquor has gone under the bridge since 1921, and temperance days have been for the past few years a thing of the past — Erwin and Goldham, M. Saxe and W. T. Evans are still following their business careers

Frank Petch is now carrying on the insurance business of the late E. A. Benham, which was run until last year by his son, Clarence Benham — The Merchants Bank was merged with the present Bank of Montreal, now managed by A. C. Welk — the late Mr. Mimmis' wife is living in Toronto — Calvin Clark is proprietor of the Georgetown Flour and Feed, purchased from the late W. C. Bessey Estate — the John R. Barber home, tumble-down and weed-surrounded is a sombre reminder of long-ago days

Mrs. A. W. Nixon still lives in their lovely home on the Glen Williams road — Rev. Percival Mayes is now rector at All Saints' Church of England, Niagara Falls. — Mr. Fox is employed in a downtown Toronto department store.

**"IN OUR MAIL BAG"**

March 10th, 1941.  
 The Georgetown Herald

Dear Sir,  
 I now take great pleasure in thanking you for sending me the Herald. It sure is good to get the news from home. I have not had much chance to see many of the boys from home but hope to do soon.  
 Bill Davidson is in the same camp as myself. He is in the South Saskatchewan Regiment. I have not been with my regiment since last June but hope to get back soon.  
 I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my friends for sending me cigarettes and parcels. You don't know how much I have enjoyed them. Thanking you once again for the paper.

Yours Sincerely,  
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