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A WISE DECISION

Decision of Council last week to equalize insurance placed on town property among various local agents on a straight premium basis without taking into account either the local agents' share of commission or the taxes paid by them, seemed to us the only sensible way the question could be solved. It is not the people's right to know how much commission an insurance man receives, any more than to know how much an oil company pays a garage for selling gas or how much mark-up a hardware store makes. This, as several councillors pointed out, is entirely private business. It is also not feasible to allot business on the basis of an individual firm's tax payments, for as Reeve MacLaren summed it up, the taxpayer is reimbursed for this payment in public services such as education, sanitation, water and government, and the more he pays, the more benefit he derives from these services.

It is Council's duty, as was finally decided, to make sure that adequate insurance with the proper coverage, is carried and as far as the public is concerned, it doesn't matter a whit what agent writes the policy. It is only fair play, however, for all agents to share in the business, for public business is conducted on this basis. And there is some justification for doing a bit more business with the heavier taxpayer, when we take into account the large share of taxes which goes to education, which is not completely a direct benefit to the individual but is dependent on the number of children in his family who can attend school.

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Hockey fever still has the town in its grip. If the Raiders keep up the pace, perhaps we have seen the last game here this season, for a win tomorrow night in Oshawa will mean final victory. Bruce County can't be beaten for county patriotism. A week's reunion is being planned in July, with a special day in each Bruce town and reservations are already pouring into county hotels, while local committees are arranging accommodation for visitors in private homes. A special train, starting at Vancouver, will bring Bruce emigres home from the western provinces.

New cars are in for radical changes if we can believe advance reports. The new Hudson (which we will only see being driven by American tourists while the embargo lasts) is set so low that you step down into the car from the curb. The new Fords are designed something like the Studebaker, the most radical of the post-war designs. The Lions Club rendered a real service to the town last year by compiling an accurate census of Georgetown. We'd like to see this carried further this year, by bringing the Georgetown census up to date again and extending it to include Glen Williams, Norval and Stewarttown to get a census figure for "Greater Georgetown". This is the time of the year when thoughts turn to cleaning up and everyone is busy with preparations for spring cleaning. We have one of the finest Main Streets of any Ontario town and this year it would be nice to see every merchant dig in and put a new coat of paint on the store front. Don't forget in the midst of all the big-time hockey there's a juvenile GRC fixture next Tuesday which is worth seeing when Brill's and Simmons battle it out for the Bell Trophy.

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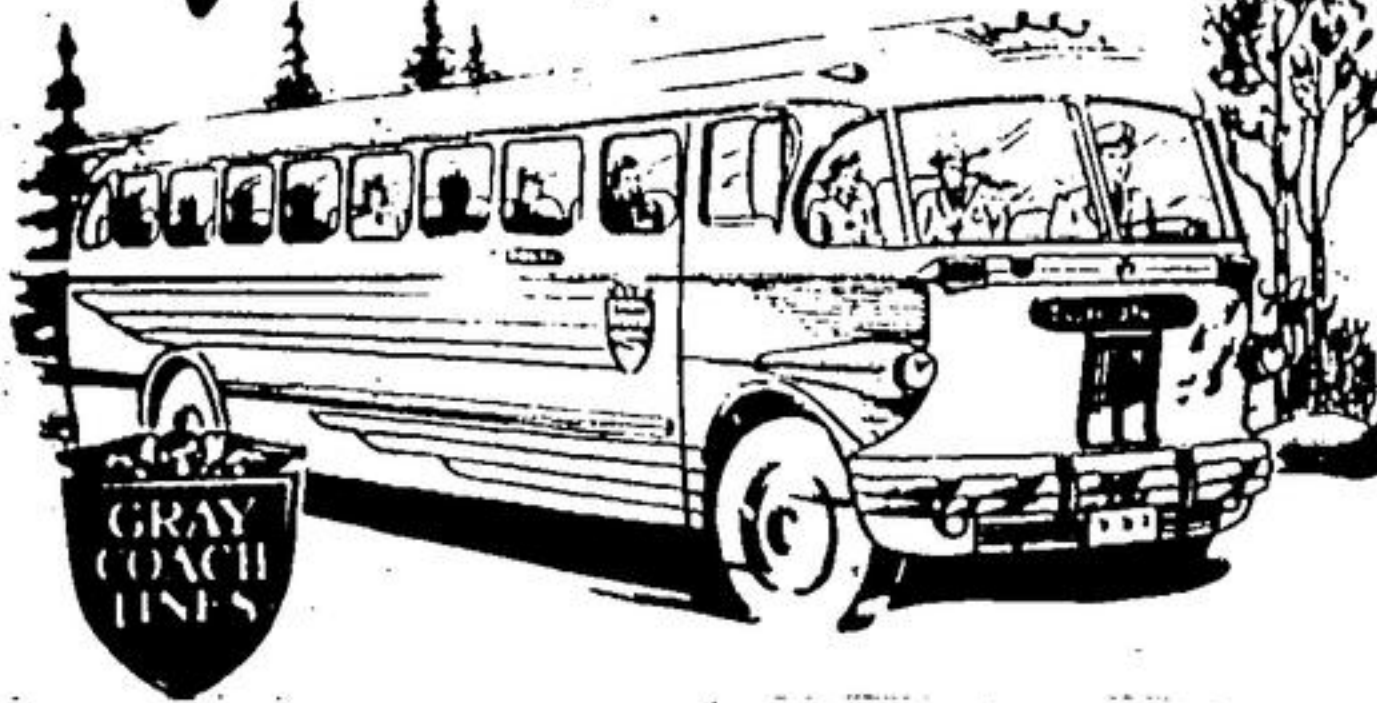
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