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### In the Mail Bag

November 6, 1949

Denr Mr. Editor: May I, through you, offer sincerest congratulations to Magistrate Kenneth Langdon for his sound judgment in dismissing the charges againt Mr. Rachlin of Acton, and apologizing for the inexcusable abuse he was subjected to at the hands of a member of the Georgetown Police detachment. I can speak with a little authority about the practice of some members that detachment in bulldozing citizens of the province they halt on your streets in an over-zealous council-supported campaign to raise funds for the town at the expense

through the years: other side of the story, the story

made certain I stayed below the 30 much smaller in size. would possibly "throw the book" another citizen who DARED say anything on his own behalf. I was told I was going 55 miles an hour which was ridiculous.

About three days after my being seat. stopped by the officer I received a. summons for speeding but it gave the license number 63D99 and the car I was driving bore the license 63B99. I immediately wrote the magistrate stating I had never

owned nor driven a car bearing that number. In due course I received another summons still with summons about the wrong numberderstood from Brampton the wrong said he had just checked with the ence 63D09. He began to ask me

ance that every person he hauls court then and hung up the receiver. into police court should be con- Realizing, the futility of dealing victed. On the evening of July 17 with men so inefficient they of this year I was entering Geor- couldn't even correctly read the getown from the westerly side large sized type on a license plate when I met a police cruiser trav- ( which me checked at the time) elling in the opposite direction, nor would correct when I gave Looking back in the rear view mir- them two chances by sending my ror of my car I noticed him pass license eard, I gave up in disgust me about a block, turn around and and paid the fine. If a policeman return in my direction. Naturally, cannot read a license plate correct-I looked at my speedometer to see ly how can he say whether a per-I was well within the speed limit. son is going 5 or 50 miles an hour

and then and anything I might say a much greater type of democracy In my own defence I could see, was than the dictatorial attitude of going to make him worse, and he at least one Georgetown member' of the provincial police force.

Yours very truly,

A. S. MENDELL,

the wrong number so I again wrote the magistrate about the error in license number and sent my ownership card to prove my statement but low and behold in about a month's time along came a third summons and yes, still the wrong number on it. I told the Brampton police officer who delivered the and he got in touch with the Georgetown ofice and within an hour or so' I received a lng distance call from one provincial police officer who said he headed the Georgetown detachment. He said he unnumber was on the summons and of the good name Georgetown has parliament buildings and found I enjoyed for hospitality down was not the owner of the car lic-To state my authority for such the make and model of my car and statements' about the police will I told him. He then asked me the require a little space but it might color and I told him I did not see give some of the more biased mem- why I should give him all this inbers of your council a little of the formation because if the officer had been on his proper efficiency which shows a policeman, even the day I was stopped, he would al-Provincial Constable Ray Schisler, ready have this information. When can make a mistake and therefore I refused further information he should not be given blanket assur- said I would have to appear in

My wife also checked it and I when the speedometer reading is mile an hour: limit through the It is ridiculous to think a countown, travelling along No. 7 High- cil, without any law experience, is way. At the top of the hill near joing to uphold any poilceman as the new subdivision of wartime their idol and say a magistrate is houses he pulled ahead of me and wrong because he disagrees with told me to stop. He also hailed an- the officer's evidence. What chance other motorist and told him to stop, has the public got? If the police-He was very abusive in his argu- man is always right, why have any ment and had me convicted there magistrates at all? They represent

at me and lock me up as he did . Thank you, Mr. Editor, for this opportunity to give another motorist's view of the police situation in Georgetown from a ring side

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