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## Georgetown's "Top Ten"

With daily newspapers, radio and magazines choosing the top ten news stories of 1953, we too flicked back the pages of last year's papers to see what made the biggest news in Georgetown.

In our opinion, purchase by K. M. Langdon of the Willoughby Golf Course for formation of a private club, TRIangle 7 and the conversion to dial telephones, and election of a Georgetown lady, Sybil Bennett, Q.C., as a member of the federal parliament were the three news stories which made the biggest impact on the reading public.

Many of the big stories were, and ones . . .

## This Was News, Too

In Esqueusing and Halton, there were ten big stories too.

Sybil Bennett's election made county news when the Liberals went down to defeat by a Conservative candidate. Three barn fires in a week's time destroyed barns owned by A. J. Ruddell, Murray Laird and Bill Hyatt. Two robberies at Beaumont Knitting Mills in Glen Williams are still news as the new year starts.

Georgetown N&C's, with mainly Glen Williams and Norval players captured an Ontario lacrosse championship in their first year of competition. Jim Eccles of Peel Coun-

## A Fine Citizen

Death of James Stringer, recorded in last week's Herald, brought a personal note of sadness to the editor. Until the past few years, he had been a faithful reporter of Terra Cotta news for the Herald, and in fact could boast that he had been serving his home community in this capacity for over half a century.

Many still remember the news columns which used to be featured in the Herald each week. "Jimmy" as he was best known, was a one-man board of trade for Terra Cotta. And his catchy phrases are still remembered

## Pot Pourri

Renewing his subscription to the Herald last week, Wilf Hillis tells us they are proud parents of a new daughter, Laurie Irene. Mr. and Mrs. Hillis moved to Port Arthur when he received a promotion with the Prudential Assurance Co. . . . Another former Georgetown, Margaret Campbell, who has been nursing in Tucson, Arizona for several years, has recently moved to California and is living at Culver City. . . . The Frank Parmeters are moving from town soon. Frank, who has been in Special Products Division at Smith & Stone started work for the Champion Spark Plug Co. in Windsor last Monday. . . . Further to a recent note about a letter addressed to the Manager, Bank of Georgetown, Ballinafad, another came last week addressed to the Manager, at Ashgrove. Could it be that someone has sold a phoney mailing list to the Wall Street Journal? . . . A record crowd and rec-

## New Year's Resolutions

There's something to be said for the old custom of New Year's resolutions, though it doesn't seem as popular now as it did a few years ago.

The new year is certainly a time for taking stock of oneself and gives an impetus for change — a starting point for things which might otherwise never be done.

We don't make many resolutions, but often subconsciously, we resolve as an editor to produce better papers by making even greater efforts to cover all the town and district news completely. For instance, this year

death of Mrs. Jack Vandervoort, her baby son Jackie and her parents in the terrible flood in Holland, and subsequent raising of \$2600 for flood relief; death of young Ross Peters when struck by a car; and death of Tom Palmer in a car crash brought sadness into the headlines. Holding of the tax rate to .43 mills, lowest rate in Halton, was another headline story, and the opening of the new fire hall drew a large share of attention.

Completing the list, we would name the Coronation parade and the death of Dominion Seed House owner W. F. Bradley as the other "Big Ten" selections locally.

ty became the first World Plowing champion and another young farmer, Mac Sprowl, won a Nuffield scholarship which will take him to England for six months this year.

Prime Minister St. Laurent's visit to Oakville was the first time a Canadian prime minister had ever officially visited the county. Esqueusing reeve, George Leslie, was chosen county warden and S. G. Bennett, whose farm is close to the town, became president of the Royal Winter Fair. Completing the list, the fire which destroyed Terra Cotta school made news early in the year.

by readers. . . . Watch Terra Cotta grow. . . . Success to you, Jack. . . . a lucrative position. . . . Wedding bells will soon be ringing in our hamlet. . . . on the sick list.

He had a feeling for his birthplace more intense than most of us possess. Terra Cotta's joys were his joys, and its sorrows were his sorrows. He left pleasant memories behind, which, after all, have more lasting value than material things. It will be a long time before he is forgotten in his community.

ord receipts are reported at this year's Firemen's Ball which saw the new year in at the Rose Room. The Legion Hall, too, was jammed for the annual dance there, while private parties and "open house" at many homes made the wee sma' hours gay throughout town. . . . An original idea for Christmas cards was told to us by Miss Dorothy Stone. A Toronto friend made individual cards, each containing a picture of the recipient from a few years back. . . . Along the same line, was Herald staffer Corey Herrington's idea of printing an original verse on each card which he sent to other members of the staff. . . . Mrs. Ern Batkin again incorporated some of her clever weaving into her card. . . . Outside Christmas lighting wasn't confined to town this year. We hear that lighted trees on the lawn at Dr. Clifford Reid's farm above Ballinafad made a striking picture for passing motorists. . . .

we intend to start a column of news of years back, which from time to time we have considered doing but just never got to the point of writing. And we hope also to have more pictures of interest, for this is a fast moving age when pictures are being used more and more to tell the story.

And always, we resolve to turn out a newspaper which will be a "friendly" one, not heartless like the bigger publications, for Georgetown is still a town where everyone knows everyone else and among friends some things are better left unsaid.

## Geography Inspires Swiss to Innovation

Geography is the mother of invention in the land of the edelweiss and alpenstock.

The news that icy Alpine lakes are doing duty as giant "deep freezers" for food storage is but another example of the ingenuity with which the Swiss have made the most of a mountainous land only slightly larger than the combined areas of Vermont, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

By converting geographic liabilities into assets, the people have secured a high level of prosperity, a traditionally democratic government and a well-established neutrality.

The Swiss Alps, for example, seemed to have little to offer, originally, beyond spectacular beauty. Covering two-thirds of the nation's land area, the mountains were poor for minerals, however rich they might be in awesome expanses of barren rock, or fields of ice and snow. Moreover, they served to isolate the inhabitants and posed a major problem in communication and transportation.

The invention of a practical steam locomotive in the early 19th century gave the Alps an economic new look. It brought the lucrative Swiss tourist industry into being and simultaneously paved the way for a more complete integration of the country. Switzerland was among the first ten nations to establish railroads. Today the country claims the densest railway system in the world with more than 3,600 miles of track, reaching into every segment of the diminutive land.

With the railroads came thousands of tourists — sightseers and sportsmen — who found Swiss hospitality an art. By 1943 Switzerland had over 2,000 hotels and an international reputation for the finest housekeeping.

## Antimalarial Drug Said To Possess High Potency

Development of an antimalarial drug so powerful that a single ounce would constitute a five to ten-year supply for the average patient has been announced by the American Chemical Society.

Although the drug is now being tested on malaria victims in Africa, it is still only in the experimental stage, and its true value will not be known until adequate clinical evidence has been completed.

If the drug should prove successful, however, its high potency would make it an unusually valuable weapon in fighting malaria, a disease afflicting an estimated half-billion persons in various parts of the world. The cost of treatment would be very low and so little of the compound would have to be administered that there would be small danger of toxic reactions. The drug, which is synthesized from readily available raw materials, is of the "suppressive" type, which means it would not provide a cure but would be used to control the disease.

## Glacial Periods

The cause of the glacial periods or ice ages has not been determined with certainty, but geologists now seem to give serious consideration to four theories. These are (1) an elevation of the land which might cause large amounts of snow to fall and accumulate in ice sheets; (2) some change in the Sun itself which would reduce the amount of heat received by the Earth; (3) passage of the Solar System through clouds of cosmic dust which would likewise reduce the amount of heat radiation received from the Sun and prevent ice from accumulating in the higher latitudes; and (4) the possibility that the Earth's axis of rotation may have shifted so that regions that are now tropical may once have been near the poles.

## Pleasant Dreams

For centuries one of man's greatest worries has been how to get the most out of his hours in bed. Early in the 20th century people believed that if they stretched out in a restful pose where the mattress could support the weight instead of the rigid frame, they were insuring a good night's sleep. Those who were concerned over getting the most out of their sleep were told to avoid strained positions; not to sleep with knees drawn up to their chins, or with their legs crossed, because it unnecessarily fatigues the muscles. Of late, however, these precautions against restless sleep have been crossed out. Today the experts tell us that we change positions from 20 to 45 times a night, and not to worry about our sleeping positions, because nature takes care of that.

## Facts About Feet

Walking is good for your health and unlike eating spinach, it can be fun too. Nothing contributes more to that feeling of general well-being and to toning up flabby muscles than a brisk walk. With spring about, it's a good time to take your feet out of the moth-baited leather family car in the garage, and see the world about. In this era of television and transportation, many people are forgetting about their most important transportation system—their feet. This, despite the constant warnings by doctors that feet must be exercised if the whole system is to be in good health.

Canadian farmers had a net income in 1953 of \$1,842,000,000.

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