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Keeping Up with the Times

Recent action by council in imposing charges for hooking up to the water and sewerage system has caused comment both pro and con, and the \$40 sewerage charge was itself opposed by three council members.

It would seem only sensible that the town should not be held responsible for heavy charges for individual services if these can be fairly avoided, and in both these cases it is felt that the individual home owner will not suffer too severely, while the general tax structure can be materially aided.

Perhaps the question would never have come to public attention had not a series of subdivisions been in the air. Adding a few

new services each year which might total a couple of hundred dollars is a much different question than supplying services to groups of a hundred or more houses. One hundred houses, for instance, which would cost \$80 per house to service makes a cost of \$8,000 — no small item in the town's yearly budget.

It therefore seems a sensible development in a growing community to impose charges and, as at least one councillor has expressed, we do not think it will incur any major handicap on a man planning his own home for an extra \$80 is comparatively minor when compared with the thousands of dollars necessary for the building.

Death of a Salesman

Some time ago a reader presented us with an article appearing in The Builder, house-magazine of the Empire Life Insurance Co., which, while designed to be read by insurance salesmen, has something of interest for all Canadians. Here is what the writer says:

If there is a weakness in our democracy (and who surveying today's scene doubts there are weaknesses?) it lies in the extreme hit-or-miss conception most people have about electing those who are to "serve" them in public life. There are three possible ways of deciding where to put the "X" on a ballot: Vote according to the way your family have "always voted;" vote in such a way as to remove people now in the government from office; or to vote for "the best man." Very few vote for a party because it basically represents the voter's own considered philosophy, but men do vote for a party. Only a mere handful of men select the candidates from whom the selection may be made... and that's where our theory stubs its toes. There was a day when serious men sought out and begged men of merit to take this or that office. Today machines select the candidates not on merit but on ability to win the rat race we call an election. Today we

have at least three governments in Canada (representing all three major parties) so firmly entrenched in power that they are often arrogant, contemptuous and in general indifferent to anything but their own wishes. A cabinet controlling a lopsided House of Commons is in essence and fact a dictatorship, whether it be in Ottawa, Toronto or Saskatchewan; whether it be Liberal, Conservative or Socialist. We in this business, reputed to be salesmen, should ponder seriously how little effect we have when it comes to electing our "servants." If we really are salesmen, how come the politicians are steadily selling the "welfare state" to people (in return for the people's own money) and we are not doing a very good job of selling free enterprise? The next few years of history might well earn the title "Death of a Salesman." It will do so if we insurance salesmen don't get out and do a lot more selling of our way of life and at the same time take a lot more interest in selecting the men who are to represent us in government other than to mark an "X" against our choice of two, or three, or four machine-made candidates in each riding.

What is Political Utopia?

We'd not endorse all that was said above, because we do believe that the majority of our politicians, federally and provincially, are honest, capable men and women who devote more time and energy to the job than they can ever hope to be paid in dollars.

There is a danger in a top-heavy party system, as the writer says. But there is equal danger in too many political parties, with none holding the balance of power, as can be

seen in such countries as France.

Perhaps the best form of national government would be the type we have municipally, devoid of any party politics with each member a free agent to vote as he desires. Georgetown's municipal councils have made a pretty good fist of conducting town affairs over the years. It might work on a national scale too.

Pot Pourri

Mrs. Harry Devereaux, Parkview Drive, has a tomato plant in bloom, to get the gardening season off to a real early start... Replacing Harold Wilson at Thompson's Hardware is Bob Ballagh, who comes to Georgetown from Hamilton. He is boarding at the John Murdock home. Mr. Wilson and his family have moved to Fespeler and their house on Edith Street has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. J.A. McKane, Sr. who have moved into town from their farm at Union... Occupying the Market Street house where Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roney lived for several years are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Purkins and her brother George McDonald. The Purkins moved back to Georgetown from Sudbury last year, and had been living in Acton for the past several months. The Roneys are now living on Normandy Blvd... One of the town's priest men for his age is Joe Martin, who is receiving congratulations on his 88th birthday which he celebrated the first day of the month... Henry Helfant is back on the job again at his Main Street store

after being laid up for some time with a sore back. He underwent a disc operation and was in hospital in the city for several weeks... A district resident Bob Souther has been having good results with a revolutionary pipe-laying machine, the Iron Mole, which is being used to advantage by the Geat Co. in cable laying for the Bell Telephone Company. The machine has the double advantage of time saving and less surface disruption for certain types of pipe and cable laying... A comma, or lack of it, can be a very important matter and we apologize to Mayor Armstrong for a somewhat misleading item in last week's council news. Reporting the mayor as much opposed to a new levy for sewer hook-ups, omission of a comma left his position somewhat ambiguous when he said: A recorded vote showed Crs. McGilvray and Gray opposing the motion with the mayor and the six other council members voting in favour. A comma, meant to be placed after the word mayor, makes the meaning clear.

Norval Soldier Now Serving in Korea

A Norval soldier, Rtd. Arnold... of Mr. and Mrs. Victor... serving in Korea... Own Rifles... army in November... training at Upper...

SILVER TEA SERVICE FOR 25th ANNIVERSARY

A pleasant family-gathering Saturday at the home of Mrs. R. C. Given honoured her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ostrander who were celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. Guests included Mr. Ostrander's mother, Mrs. William Ostrander of town. A wedding cake, baked by the bride's sister, Miss Kathleen Given

Witches Will Ride Imported Brooms; U. S. Supply Down

The wives and witches of America will be buying and flying more brooms from overseas this year than ever before.

The ladies aren't calculated to like them very much, however. Sweepers made from imported broomcorn are more brittle, less durable than those fashioned from stocks of U.S. corn-straw. Nevertheless, the price of both foreign and domestic brooms is likely to be about the same—highest in history. Ever since World War II, production of American broomcorn has slowly but steadily declined. Increased importation of foreign broomcorn became necessary after the smallest crop on record was brought in last year. Bad weather joined with a cut in acreage to trim the harvest to a meager 25,900 tons, slightly over half that of 1949's crop.

Even with favorable weather conditions the future of the home-grown broom brush appears uncertain. After the war American housewives jumped at the chance to buy mechanical sweepers. Brushes and brooms made of plastic and nylon also flooded the market to win a measure of popularity. Broomcorn farmers noted uneasily the consumer trend and many decided to take action.

By 1947 farmers across the broomcorn country—Oklahoma, Colorado, Texas, New Mexico, Kansas and Illinois—had switched in considerable numbers to wheat and other crops which, unlike broomcorn, benefited from the government price support program. Also, unlike broomcorn, wheat is reared mechanically and poses few labor problems.

Side View-Mirrors on Specs is Latest of Inventions

Rear-vision mirrors are standard equipment on motor cars, but side-view mirrors on spectacles are a brand-new idea. One such device is about a quarter of an inch wide and three-quarters of an inch long, and is attached behind the right lens of the glasses, next to the nose.

It was prescribed by an eyeglass specialist to correct a rare visual difficulty known as hemianopia which means inability to see over certain segments of the visual field. Hemianopia is caused by a disorder of some of the optic nerve fibers connecting the eye and the brain. One or both eyes may be affected.

The side-view mirror was designed to pick up objects in the patient's blind side and reflect them to that part of the retina still able to see. In this way the visual image is detoured over the remaining good nerves from the eye to the brain, avoiding the fibers which have gone out of operation.

Dog Distemper

Distemper is one of the most common diseases among dogs. Most dogs are constantly exposed to the virus that causes distemper, and few escape having the disease to some degree. Distemper is highly contagious and often fatal. However, dogs can be protected against it by vaccination, and now an entirely new type of canine distemper vaccine is available to veterinarians. This product, a modified live virus vaccine which gives lasting immunity, is produced by Lederle Laboratories Division, American Cyanamid Company. The result of many years of intensive research, this new vaccine insures against distemper with only one injection. Previously, dog owners had to visit the veterinarian a number of times for a series of injections to acquire any kind of immunity against canine distemper. This new vaccine is a chick embryo-adapted strain of distemper virus passed through embryonated eggs. Because the virus is so weak in the modified form, the vaccine is entirely safe in that it will not produce distemper. At the same time it eliminates post-vaccinal accidents which often occur with the old-fashioned, virulent virus vaccines.

New 'Copter Invented

A spidery helicopter with 12 "legs" to "walk" through the sky has been invented by John Sidney Neale, Hendon, London, England. He has obtained U.S. patent No. 2,540,404 for his helicopter with four three-bladed rotors. A sketch in the February 5, Official Gazette, shows a passenger-carrying fuselage similar to the conventional transport plane. One rotor is fore and one aft on this fuselage. By an outrigger arrangement, there is attached a nacelle of similar but narrower design. The other two rotors are fore and aft on the nacelle. Manufacturing rights have been assigned to the Pennine Aircraft Limited.

Special Finish For Corn

The canned fruits and vegetables you eat today would not keep their right-from-the-garden appearance if it weren't for the interior can finish especially designed for the purpose. The canning of corn presented an exceedingly tough problem to solve. Black spots developed which canners called "corn black." Actually, it was sweet, delicious corn-picked and canned at the right time—but it didn't look right and people wouldn't buy it. So the canners developed a durable finish

and presentation of a silver tea service to the couple marked the celebration.

Lions Present Blankets For Fire Truck Supplies

Officers of Georgetown Fire Department were guests of the Lions Club at their meeting last week when the club presented three wool blankets for use on the auxiliary truck.

A sound movie which showed fishing scenes along the Alaskan Highway and explanations of different fishing equipment was shown at the meeting by Harold Hutchinson. Plans for peanut day in May were explained, and club members have already started selling tins of cocktail peanuts which precedes the

arrival of the peanut float in town and the peanut tag day which has proved a popular event for the last three years.

Members of the five brigades who were guests at the meeting included Chief William Hyde, Deputy Chief Jack Harlow, Clarence Spence, Don Barrager, Wm. Green, Jim Valantins, Jack Davidson and David Williams.

BACK IN CANADA

Peter Sweetman, who left town last fall to spend some time with his family in England, has returned to Georgetown.

Proclamation!

Daylight Saving Time

IN GEORGETOWN

Whereas the Council of the Town of Georgetown has passed a resolution establishing Daylight Saving Time in the Town of Georgetown, commencing

Sunday, April 25th

at 2.00 a.m.

Therefore all citizens are requested to comply with this resolution and adopt this time during the period specified.

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