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Industrial Progress Noted

Plant expansion at two local industries is an encouraging sign of Georgetown's industrial progress.

An addition to the less-than-a-year-old Varian Associates firm is noted in detail in this issue. Work has also started on a substantial addition to the Smith and Stone plastics plant, which was built a few years ago as an adjunct to the main factory.

Two factory buildings are being erected by Delrex Developments in the newer part of town, and although no announcement has yet been made about their occupancy, there is no doubt that they will be the home of new industries in months to come, and forerunners of an industrial expansion unprecedented in the town's history.

As industry increases, one can foresee a

greater proportion of the town's population being locally employed.

At present, a large percentage of the newer residents, particularly in the Sunbeam, Cloverdale, Valley Hill and Delrex subdivisions are commuters to Malton, Toronto and Oakville.

When more factories are here, there will be more jobs available, and it is reasonable to expect that many commuters will decide to work closer to home and seek positions in the new plants.

It will be good both for the town and the residents, for it is difficult for a commuter to integrate himself into a community as quickly or thoroughly as it would be were he locally employed.

You Can't Stand Still

While we don't always agree one hundred per cent with those who say a town can't stand still, and must go behind or ahead, it would certainly seem to be true industrially.

Fifteen years have made a great difference in the industrial picture in Georgetown. While the three major industries, the paper mills and Smith and Stone have expanded steadily, many smaller ones have faded from the picture. And it is a sobering thing to realize how many have disappeared completely.

The century-old Dayfoot Shoe Co. is gone forever. So is Harley-Kay-Marsland, a fixture for many years which changed location to Waterloo. An apartment building has replaced the old Brill Hosiery Mills. Georgetown Clay Products has closed down, as has the Dolphin-Craft boat works on King Street.

Georgetown ceased to be a paper producing centre when the old lower paper mill was closed down. And two companies which have occupied part of the building since, a chemical firm and a furniture factory, had only brief existences in town. A machinery firm started during the war by Victor Diggins later moved to another location.

And in Glen Williams, a large knitting mill closed down and the building, while occupied by a feather converting firm, was destroyed by fire.

A new hosiery mill, and a children's furniture plant would hardly replace this industrial decrease, and Georgetown is fortunate that expansion of the three large industries has more than offset it.

It is imperative for a town to keep a keen eye for industrial possibilities, if not for expansion, at least to hold its own.

Zoning By-Law Draws Interest

No by-law in Georgetown's history will draw more interest than the proposed zoning plan which has been under consideration for several months by council and planning board.

The lengthy document is a comprehensive survey of the future, and attempts to foresee what will happen in various areas by setting up rules and regulations about what can be constructed.

For instance, if an area seems headed to be commercial, it rules out any large scale home building. It stops people from building homes in what is destined to be a location for new factories. It attempts to provide parking space in new commercial areas, realizing that in future such a district cannot prosper without ample parking space for shoppers.

The by-law is not perfect.

It is bound to be subject to changes, some immediate, others in future when conditions vary from those anticipated now.

It is not going to be passed by the council in a hurry. Beginning the week after next, the complete by-law will be published in the Herald, in three or four instalments, concluding with a proposed zoning map. It is then council's intention to call a public meeting at which any resident may comment on the by-law. It will then be further studied by the planning board and Council in turn, and revisions made if these are deemed wise.

The zoning by-law will not meet with one hundred per cent approval.

Already three property owners are at odds with the by-law and have been denied building permits for the present because their plans conflict with the proposed by-law.

There will be others, and it will tax the abilities of council and planning board to the limit to be Solomons and decide the wisest course and solution fairest to the individual and to the community as a whole.

Sang in Baptist Church Choir Here

Interment of William Hortop, 80, was made in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown, on August 2nd. He died, after a few months illness in Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Toronto, on July 30th.

Mr. Hortop was born in Stewartown, later living in Glen Williams and after his marriage, in Georgetown. For the last 35 years he had resided in Toronto.

He attended First Baptist Church in Georgetown, and Walmer Road Baptist Church after moving to the city, and sang in both choirs. He was a member of Credit Masonic Lodge.

The lodge held their service at the Earle Elliott Funeral Home in Toronto on Wednesday evening. The memorial service the next day was conducted by a cousin, Rev. Fletcher Tink of the Nazarene Church, Hamilton, and at the graveside by Rev. Alfred J. Barker of Georgetown.

Last member of his family, Mr. Hortop is survived by several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother James and two sisters, Mrs. Robert McMaster and Miss Catharine Hortop, who died in February this year.

Flies to England for Funeral of Father

Informed of the sudden death of her father at Dartford, Kent, Mrs. William B. Hamilton, 66 Prince Charles Drive, was able to make arrangements to travel to England by air and arrived in time to attend the funeral service the following Friday.

Harry Green, 76 was well-known in southern England as a football referee. A stationary engineer, he was employed with the London metropolitan water board for over 40 years, retiring after the war.

He leaves his wife and three daughters, Elsie, Mrs. Wm. B. Hamilton, of Georgetown; Mrs. Bernard Culver of Dartford; and Mrs. George Wayne of Manchester. Mrs. Wayne will be remembered by local servicemen who visited Manchester while they were overseas, as leader of a ladies band at the Piccadilly Hotel in Manchester.

Mrs. Hamilton is remaining in Britain for a few weeks, and is at present visiting in Scotland with her husband's people.

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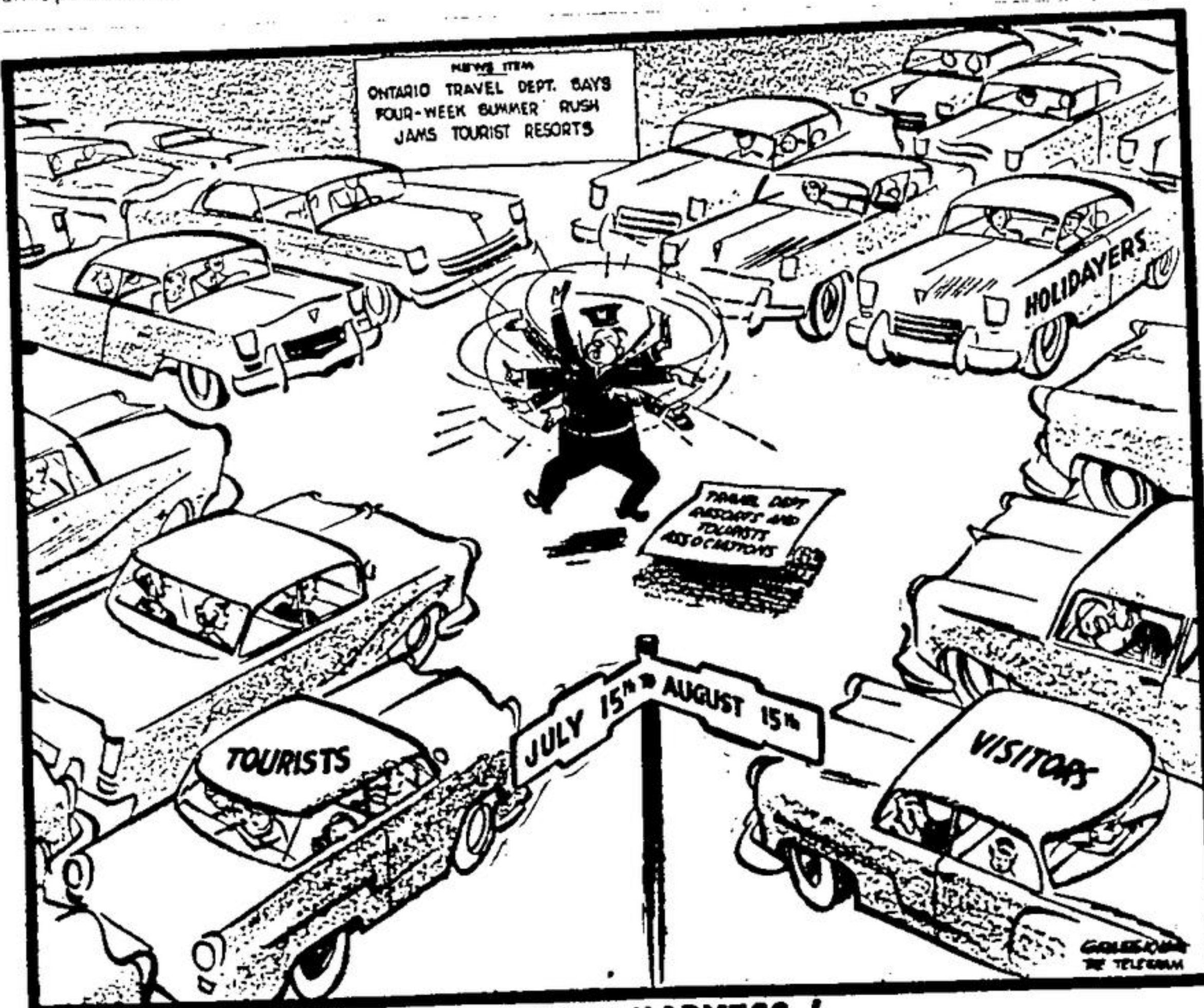
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