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Beating Around The Bush

Question of disposing of a town-owned property on Maple Avenue has become so confused in technicality that the subject seems to have been dropped by council for the time being.

The matter arose some time ago when an offer was received by a ratepayer to purchase the land for a commercial building. Council favoured its sale, but decided it should be advertised to give any prospective buyer a chance.

Investigation showed that, in a zoning plan, just adopted by council, this land is designated as residential. While a majority of council believes the land should be commercial — and in fact, several councillors have said they would not agree to houses being built there — Georgetown Planning Board has declined to rezone the land, in view of legislation recently passed. A minority of council would advertise the land for sale and allow the buyer 90 days to prevail on the planning board for a change of heart. Others would ask a prospective buyer to detail what he

intends to build. Others would sell it outright and let the buyer worry about what he could do.

The question seems to revolve in a circle.

The Planning Board, formed to oversee the future growth of Georgetown, cannot condone an immediate change in a zoning plan, particularly when it comes as a request from council which has accepted the plan.

Council cannot advertise residential land for sale, with the thought in the back of their minds that they would refuse a buyer permission to erect a house. Nor can council advertise the land as commercial when it is residentially zoned.

The paradox remains, therefore that the town has land which it wishes to sell and convert to revenue property — and at least one buyer is in the market who has offered a substantial figure.

Perhaps some wise Solomon will come forth with the answer.

Railway Warns Danger

Canadian National Railways are becoming increasingly concerned about damage to switch lights and other company property, according to employees at the local station.

More serious than usual was a recent episode when juveniles got into two engines, in the yards for repairs, and besides smashing steam gauges, broke open a crate of railway bombs. The bombs were dangerous and might easily have led to serious injury to one of the culprits.

A railway spokesman says that damage of over \$50 a week is not uncommon. Besides being

a costly bill of expense to the company, there is always danger when signal lights are tampered with, for these perform an important function on the railway and must be perfect at all times.

Railway police have made several visits to town and one group of lads were apprehended near Norval. Arrests and convictions will follow any further damage, it is warned, and parents, particularly those whose children might have access to air rifles, are cautioned to do some investigating on their own before young people become involved with the law.

We Can't Agree

Sundays' Mike Wallace TV interview with Harry Bridges, a noted American labour leader, was an interesting revelation into the mind of a man who controls a considerable segment of American life through his leadership of long-shoremen on the west coast.

A controversial figure, the American-born Bridges has been subject to deportation attempts by the American government, his union has been branded as Communist-dominated and ousted from the C.I.O. His television appearance showed that he has brains and personality. He parried questions, most of them impossible to answer with a yes or no, with urbanity and showed the qualities which have placed him in the forefront of labour ranks.

With one statement we can argue, and despite Mr. Bridges' obvious leadership qualities, we would say it brands him as unfit for the pos-

ition he holds.

He strongly criticized the present C.I.O. leader for stating that labour and management have common aims. According to Mr. Bridges, the two go in opposite directions — management trying to profit at the expense of labour, and labour trying for a bigger share of business profits. Thinking of this kind is doubly dangerous. It places labour in the position of never trusting management, of always feeling workers are being exploited. And too constant pressure of this sort of management tends to make employers hardboiled and convert them into the kind of people they should not be.

We can be glad that Mr. Bridges is not too powerful and that the C.I.O. has men at its head who realize that business cannot succeed unless there is a close affinity between all men in the organization.

FENELON FALLS BECOMING GEORGETOWN'S SUMMER HOME

Fenelon Falls is a village of about 1000 permanent residents and is situated approximately 115 miles north-east of Georgetown, but during the summer months of

July and August its population soars to nearly 4000 people. Hailed as the "friendliest resort town in Ontario", Fenelon Falls is noted for its ability to put you at ease with the warm welcome given by the townsfolk.

Fenelon, as it is known by most people, is an ideal spot for a summer vacation. It is situated between Cameron Lake and Sturgeon Lake. Both of these lakes are teeming with fish, especially pickere and bass. The lakes are connected by two of the larger docks in the Trent canal system.

The business section presents a fine variety of stores stocking everything for the cottagers and every year more and more residents of Georgetown are finding their way to Fenelon Falls. Among the recent visitors have been Mr. and Mrs. F. Vannatter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Reeve and Karen, Miss Helen Ritchie, Mrs. Elizabeth Buck, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Buck, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Norton, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Tost, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Harlow Jr. and Mrs. B. Tost, Mr. A. Tost, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilson, Carman Malby, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Eason, Margaret and Jeff, Miss Sandra Sproule, Mr. and Mrs. Val Stein, Mr. and Mrs. T. Niven, Lois, David and Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. E. Forgrave, Tom and Pete, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wheeler, Bill and Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Merv Kirby, Mr. and Mrs. Bill James, Brian and Barry, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Fiddler, Joan, Ann and Jim, and Mr. Dale Tost.

WHAT COUNCIL DID

Council Deadlock Breaks: Advertise For Office Help

Breaking a stalemate which has existed for several weeks regarding hiring of extra help in the town municipal office, council on Monday decided to advertise for a lady to share typing, bookkeeping and general office duties.

The motion came after Clerk Clarence Benham explained that Mrs. Thomas Eason will be taking over bookkeeping in the office and supervising water billing.

Making the motion to advertise for help, Cr. Ern Hyde criticized the council's administrative committee for not making the motion. Stronger criticism was expressed by Cr. Sykes, who said the committee had let council down by dragging the matter out for several weeks. The committee had recommended that additional help be hired, but declined to specify what type.

Mayor Armstrong, who heads the committee concerned, said he did not feel time had been wasted in arriving at the best solution.

"Lots of time has been spent on matters less important in the past," he said, "and if the delay has led to what will be the best step, then we have proceeded properly."

Cr. Fred Harrison voted against hiring a lady in the office. When Mr. Benham moved up to the clerk's position after former clerk John D. Keve had been hired as an assistant, he said. He also objected to the motion not coming from the administrative committee.

Cr. Garfield McGillivray expressed his thought that the \$40 salary offered is too high in comparison with other salaries paid in the town offices.

In settlement of an easement granted the town by Dominion Seed House for a waterline which was laid through their property, the town will erect a fence along the Durham Street boundary line.

Georgetown will have the town solicitor act for them in a county court dispute in which Oakville is appealing the 1957 equalized assessment.

Reeve Stan Allen observed that he thinks Oakville is sorry they started the controversy and that he regards it purely as a localized argument between Oakville and Trafalgar Township.

Dominican Persecution Protested by Witnesses

Ten American missionaries were deported to Puerto Rico from the Dominican Republic August 3, Mr. Dojzman, presiding minister of the Georgetown congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, announced yesterday. Fare was paid by the Dominican government and the missionaries were escorted under arrest to the plane.

Action came on the heels of "a wave of persecution equalled only in Communist countries" climaxed by a total ban proscribing the work of bible education conducted by the Witnesses in the Dominican Republic since 1945.

An ultimatum to the Christian missionaries to renounce all association with the organization and cease communication with their Brooklyn, N.Y., office or leave the country was made last month by Major General Arturo Espallat, Minister of Security, whom the U.S. government has sought to question in the disappearance of Dr. Jesus de Galindez. Some of the missionaries have been in the country for 11 years.

According to official news sources of the Dominican Republic, proscription of the Christian activity of Jehovah's Witnesses was legalized by President Hector Trujillo on July 25 and the law carries penalties of from one to three months' imprisonment with fines of from thirty to one hundred dollars. It was announced that over \$1 million had been appropriated by the Dominican government to enforce the ban.

Mr. Dojzman said a full-scale campaign to restrict the religious freedom of the Witnesses has been underway since July 1st. Kingdom Hall meeting places had been ordered closed and about 250 of Jehovah's Witnesses were brought in for questioning. The Witnesses have been subjected to beatings and violence by police and prison guards in an effort to make them renounce all association with the movement, Mr. Dojzman stated. About 20 are now in prison, some with sentences of two years.

GLEN WILLIAMS VACATION VISITING NEWS AT THE GLEN

Miss Phyllis Steele of Willowdale visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Burt Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Lorrinman and family were holidaying at Brock's Beach last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Curly Wheeler visited in Ridgeway with the Russell Wheelers.

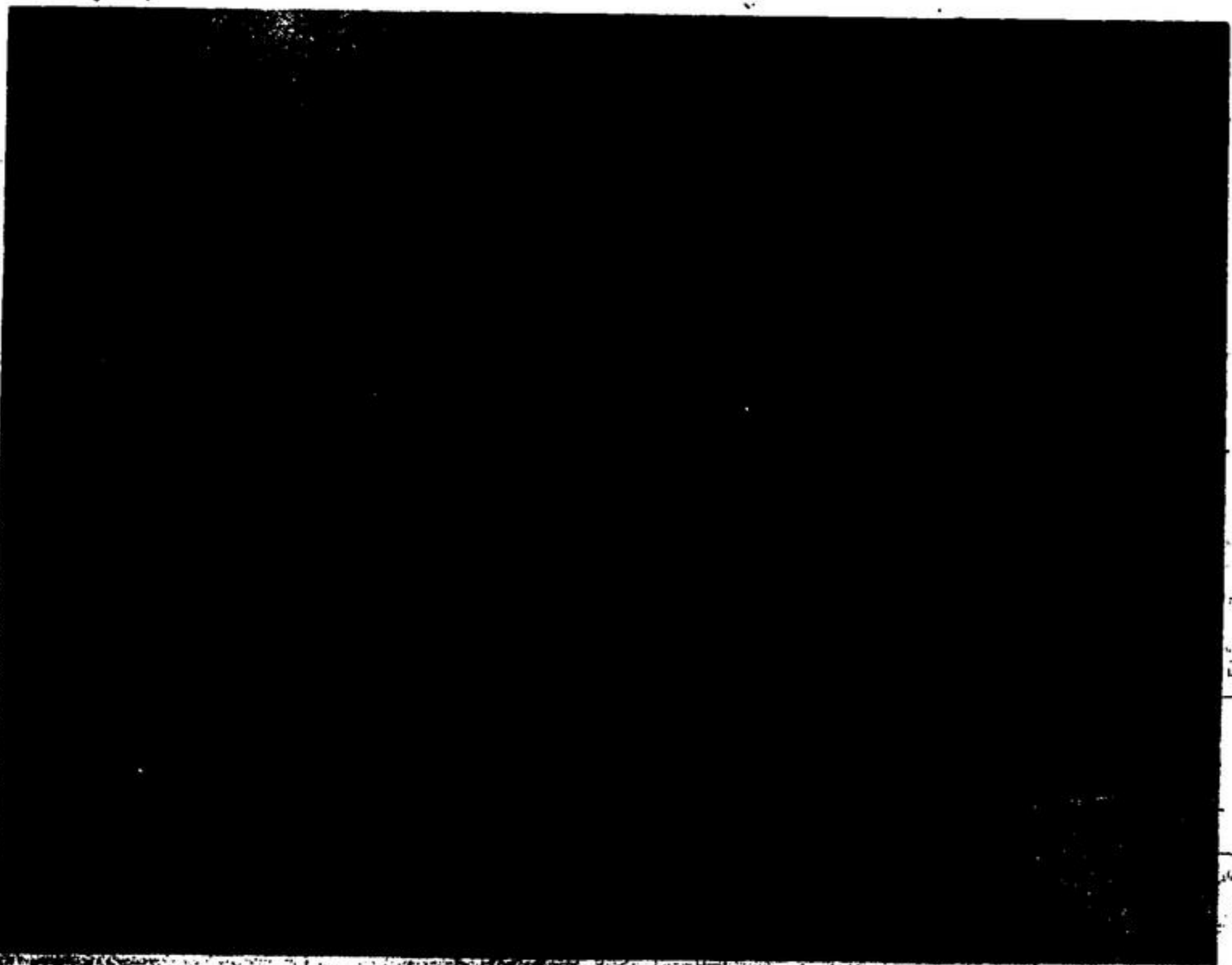
Mr. and Mrs. David Barclay Sr. spent their holidays at a cottage in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hills and family spent the first week of their holidays at Lake of Two Rivers in Algonquin Park, their second week at a cottage in Midland.

Barbara Hills, Linda Puckering and Karen Korzack are back at Camp Artisan at Ancaster for two weeks for their second year of camping there.

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TOWN SISTERS were featured in this picture which appeared in a recent issue of the Herald published in Midland. Dorothy Lorrinman and Marion Majury pose at the entrance to the Meadville Community Park on the south shore of Orr Lake. The Majury family is away for their vacation this year.

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