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## Population Density a Question

Controversy over erection of large numbers of semi-detached houses in the newer section of Georgetown opens a large subject for discussion with many pros and cons which could be debated. The question is closely allied to zoning, and is dealt with to some extent in a proposed zoning by-law which has been under discussion by council and planning board for well over a year and has come to resemble a water-logged piece of driftwood in a lake — constantly bobbing to the surface for a second or two, then inundated by another wave.

The fact is that population density is not a question which applies only to new construction. Important as it may seem to regulate the number of families which can occupy a new building, it can be equally important to regulate subdivisions of older dwellings. And older parts of Georgetown have certainly become heavier populated in the past two decades. In one block on our own street, to take one example, 28 families now live where 18 did originally.

The situation is a sign of the changing times.

## Poll Tax Could Help Finances

A town council, faced with constant upwards pressure on the tax rate, might do well to examine a poll tax as an aid to keeping taxes on an even keel.

In Georgetown, there is a good percentage of our population in the over-21 single bracket — young men and women who board with their parents or in private homes. These residents contribute nothing directly to the town treasury, nor have they a vote. And yet they are using public services and, in many cases, have as

## Come to the Fair

If the beautiful weather we have been enjoying the early part of this week remains for Saturday, Georgetown Fair should see the largest crowd in history. And rain or shine, it is Georgetown's big day of the year and people flock to the park for the annual get-together.

A fair, of course is primarily meant for people to show their prize livestock, their baking and handicraft skills, vegetables, flowers and hobbies. But while these are the focal points of any fair, there are equally important elements which go to make up the day. The harness races are planned to add colour and excitement to those who sit in the grandstand. The midway attracts the youngsters. The hot dogs and candy

## Firemen Deserve a Tribute

Fire prevention week always gives us an opportunity to say thanks publicly to those sterling citizens, the members of Georgetown Fire Department, one of the most efficient and certainly one of the most necessary public groups in town and district.

Their work has been doubly valuable these past few years since a township fire area was formed, and these volunteers, who serve without pay, now stand ready to protect life and property over a wide area.

We cannot all be members of a fire department, but in our own small way each Georgetown can be a fireman, by paying attention to sensible fire prevention measures, and giving

There was a day when larger houses were more in style. So were larger families, however, and the increase in number of families living in any given area does not necessarily reflect a similar increase in population number. Boarding and rooming houses also enter a density argument. If the number of families is to be limited in an area, the number of boarders becomes of some importance too.

A chief argument by those who favour single family dwellings is the school cost burden imposed by an influx of children. In the case of rooming houses, this does not apply, but other public services like sewers, and water are certainly affected.

On the other hand, one could become embroiled in statistics which would show that a 2-family dwelling where both owners are middle aged without young families is economically more sound than one home which has several school-age children.

It is a problem worthy of a Solomon, and one on which we would publicly venture no definite opinion.

much interest in Georgetown's municipal affairs as others who receive the vote because they are property owners.

Imposition of a poll tax, say \$10 a year, could serve to provide perhaps a mill of the tax rate. It would be little hardship on the individual who, in effect, would be paying a share of fire and police protection, road and sidewalk upkeep, sewers and water system, in exchange for the privilege of voting for municipal election candidates.

floss, coffee and potato chips are all integral parts of the fair, for eating is still one of man's main preoccupations. Displays by farm implement dealers, garages and various tradesmen all attract their share of attention. And there is the thrill, which is part of human nature, of just being with a crowd, saying hello to those we know in town, renewing acquaintances with former residents to whom the fair becomes a reunion day.

Saturday's show will provide all these things. Those who have attended in the past will be back, of course. Newer residents are urged to make it a point to attend and savour the atmosphere of a real country fair.

our department less work. And believe us, the firemen would be just as happy if their only work was to attend the regular practices and never had to appear at an actual fire.

With fire prevention week to remind us, this is a good week-end to fall-clean the cellar and attic, the back porch and any other place where odds and ends collect. Merchants might cepacles where trash gathers. A home owner take a look at the depressed cellar window might make a point of getting defective wiring fixed. Mothers, a resolution to keep matches well out of way of the youngsters. And never, never leave young children alone in the house, particularly when stoves are in use.

## Chatting

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broke then, and I opened my eyes fully for the first time to find we were three quarters of the way down and just opposite the ski jump where ant-like men with their toy tractors were busily working. Remember that Memorial Cabin mentioned in the pamphlet? Nobody ever said what it is a memorial to, but after looking at that ski jump to end all ski jumps, I have a pretty good idea.

By that time, home-base was within hailing distance. Secure in the thought that if I fell off I would only break an arm, leg or neck, I rather enjoyed the last four or five minutes of the ride. Or was it only the tremendous feeling of relief that made me think I was getting off that chair and onto terra firma, even tho' I practically had to call for a crow bar to unclench my hands from around that shaft.

● **THERE WAS ONE** nice thing about it... if you like to look at it that way. I made all the others who took the ride feel mighty self-satisfied. Well if we're being completely honest, I mustn't say "all." Quite a few suffered from my sensations in varying degrees. Fear of height is fairly common, and I learned afterward that at the chair lift they average at least one customer a day who finds he or she cannot endure the thought of the downward journey, and refuses to mount the chair lift. In such cases, there is a hotel attendant supplied by the Mt. Norquay Lodge to accompany the stricken one down the mountainside where a path with a hand-rail has been cleared for such emergencies. Oh, if only I had known!

But I made it, safe and sound, and to those who said "But aren't you glad you tried it?" I replied and quite sincerely, that the only good thing about it as far as I was concerned was that it has given me something to talk — and write — about. And it certainly gave me all too much to think about that night I couldn't get to sleep in the hotel at Banff.

● **THE SPECTACULAR** events of the afternoon, not to mention the spectacular scenery, pointed up all the more vividly the quiet beauty of the little town of Banff as we returned from Mount Norquay. Instead of being slightly past their prime, the flower beds throughout the town were at their vivid best, and the colourful Icelandic poppies grew in wild profusion everywhere. No wonder Banff is an art mecca, and the centre of a thriving "crafts" colony every year. Inspiration abounds wherever your eyes alight.

● **NOT THAT YOU** have to go so far afield for inspiration in the field of arts and crafts. Right here at home, the many courses being offered in our night school classes offer opportunities to everyone interested in learning something new in the way of arts and crafts, or to better themselves in a field in which they are already somewhat skilled. Chatting with some of the organizers of the night school, they tell me how fortunate they feel in

## Lions Club to Assist Pipe Band Reorganize

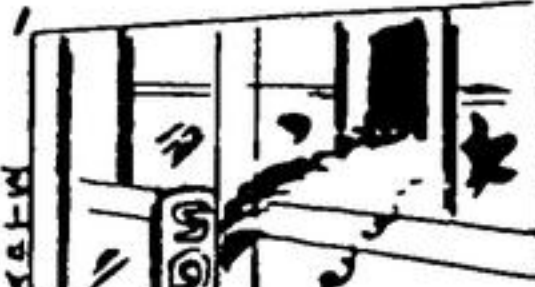
The Georgetown Lions have taken steps to strengthen one of Georgetown's most famous organizations which until the move was rapidly approaching disbandment. The Georgetown girls pipe band, known on both sides of the border, has taken a second breath after a poor season and with three members of the Lions will form a committee in an attempt to bounce back on the local music scene stronger than ever.

having the outstanding artist, Mrs. Elizabeth Wilkes Hoey, to teach the class in silk screen printing. Mrs. Hoey, a great-granddaughter of the woman who designed Canterbury Cathedral windows, is the daughter of a Toronto engineer, and so has inherited artistic ability and appreciation of mechanical precision. Eight years ago she opened her first studio in Oakville, and since that time she has silk screened draperies and upholstering with her own industrial designs for such firms, as Canadian Westinghouse Co. Ltd., the Bell Telephone and Imperial Oil Co. Mrs. Hoey has just moved to Eden Mills, about eight miles from Acton, where they have bought a 100-acre farm with an old stone farmhouse in which she will have a studio. Mrs. Hoey is also a talented artist in the field of water colour painting, having studied in France for some time.

I understand there is still accommodation for more students in the silk-screening classes. It's a wonderful opportunity to learn a fascinating hobby from one of Canada's top artists in this craft.

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The idea of backing the band is by no means new with the Lions who donated sums of money annually to the organization. The Lions delegation on the committee comprising Jim Jones, Dr. Alistair Macintosh and chairman George Hewson will give regular reports at the Lions directors' meetings. The aim of the club is to advise, help, direct, and aid in an organization of the band.

## NEVILLE WALTON SCOUTS PLAN SERVICE HERE

Boy Scouts from various North Halton troops will come to Georgetown this Sunday, for an outdoor church service in the park. The public is invited to attend the service at which Rev. Alfred Spaulter will be speaker. Other local clergy will also take part.

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