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... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

Gradual Assimilation

Are you one of the newer residents of Georgetown who hasn't met many people... who thinks the town an unfriendly place where it is hard to get to know the older residents?

If so, take heart. For Georgetown is not unique. It is one of many metropolitan-fringe towns, not small enough to absorb newcomers rapidly, not large enough to have the complete impersonality one expects in a city.

The first few months in an "in-between" town can be lonesome, we'll agree. And there's a reason. People in a town like to size up a newcomer before extending the hand of friendship too far. Here's how it works. A man may meet a newcomer, take a liking to him, and invite the new couple over for an evening, only to find the foursome doesn't jell. In a real small town this wouldn't happen because all four people would have plenty of opportunity to size each other up beforehand. In a city, it wouldn't matter because the couples would go their separate ways and become lost in the crowd of humanity.

Not so in a town like Georgetown. Here the town is sufficiently large that everyone doesn't know everybody... yet not large enough that one doesn't bump into other people frequently.

If the above situation occurred here, the entertained couple would feel duty bound to repay hospitality and endure another miserable evening, and the sad affair might trail through

several exchange visits before it ended. So with most people, such meetings don't occur until people have met as couples in public places, have had this initial introduction without any social obligations, and are reasonably sure of compatibility.

Add to this the rapidity with which large numbers of people have moved to town, a concentration in one or two wholly new areas rather than scattering in settled sections, and a large percentage of newcomers employed in other towns, and you have auxiliary problems of assimilation.

What's the answer? Time... plus an assist from the lonely people themselves, by joining.

The ambulance brigade, brass band, Red Cross, Chamber of Commerce can use more members. There are service clubs for those who like this form of public activity. Golf, bowling and curling clubs welcome newcomers. There are lodges you can join. Georgetown has such varied recreation organizations as the hunters and anglers, revolver club, horticultural society, fall fair board, Arts & Crafts. Scouts and guides need men and women to serve on group committees. And each church has groups where you can serve.

By joining, you'll meet people, and gradually the "looking over" process will be replaced by friendships which will be the more secure because they haven't been rushed.

Auction Sale Fairest Way

Impending action of the town council in offering two large tracts of municipality-owned land for sale, could best be handled by an auction with reserve bid, we suggest, rather than by tenders.

Tender purchase of property puts all would-be buyers in a quandry, with no particular yardstick to judge. While a buyer, in this position, tends to add a few more dollars to the price he deems fair, it is quite a guessing game. Nor does the town end with any particular extra profit.

"No Action" Best Here

It isn't often that one can commend a municipal council for doing nothing, but in the case of the Bell Telephone request for a rate increase, this holds true.

Worried by a general protest from many municipal councils last fall which had the cumulative effect of leading the federal cabinet to over-rule the decision of one of its own boards to grant an increase, the Bell firm this time had its district manager appear before councils to explain the company's position.

Lloyd Denby spent half an hour last week on this mission, and after some questions and

An auction has a double advantage to both buyer and seller. Here, the buyer is competing in the open market with others interested, can bid as high as he wishes and is not confined to guessing what his competitors might decide. From the town's standpoint, protected by a sensible reserve bid, the property realizes to the last penny what the buyer is willing to pay, and in fact, might even get a few dollars extra from a buyer who gets imbued with the spirit of an auction and lets his enthusiasm get the better of his judgment.

answers, he left the meeting and the subject was pursued no further by council. It was not the case in other towns. Brampton, for one, proceeded with a vote, and decided 6-1 not to protest.

As has been said in this column before, the Board of Transport Commissioners has jurisdiction over the question of telephone rates and should be well qualified to decide what is best for the company and for its subscribers. Georgetown council apparently shares this view and we commend them for it.

Facts About Eye Banks

Today most large centres in the world have eye surgeons who make a study of corneal transplantation according to an article by Dr. Hugh Ormsby in the current issue of Magazine Health, official publication of the Health League of Canada. A major problem is the scarcity of donor eyes suitable for corneal grafting.

It is generally accepted by surgeons that the eyes must be healthy and must be used soon after death of the donor. They must be examined for disease and transported to waiting surgeons without delay. An extensive research program on eye bank storage and corneal grafting has been underway for four years at the University of Toronto. In 70 grafts per-

formed at Toronto General Hospital during this time, not a single eye has been lost by infection. Since institution of the Ontario Eye Bank in 1956, 188 eyes have been received and 100 eyes have been provided for corneal grafting in the province.

The eye bank has heavy backing from the Canadian Legion, and the local Legion branch has co-operated in circulating literature to members and encouraging them to consider donating their eyes after death by signing a card which is registered by the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. Some 2000 provincial residents to date have offered this wonderful gift.

Former Glen Lady Dies Before 90th Birthday

Mrs. Annie Barrett, a resident of Glen Williams a number of years ago, died in the White Nursing Home, Richmond Hill on Monday, July 21st in her ninetieth year. Mrs. Barrett was a very no-

tive woman for her age but broke her hip about a month ago and has been in the nursing home since that time. She was the wife of the late Harry Barrett who predeceased her several years ago.

While living in Glen Williams, a neighbour of Mrs. Percy Wagstaffe who was her close friend, she was the wife of the late James Alexander, some years later

marrying Harry Barrett. After Mr. Barrett's death she moved to Thornhill where she made her home with her friend Mrs. J. Elliott with whom she lived until she entered the nursing home.

Funeral service was conducted from the Kane Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, July 23rd at eleven o'clock. Interment was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Thompson - Stewart Vows In St. Alban's Anglican

Rev. John Rathbone officiated at the marriage of Marjorie Stewart daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart, Glen Williams, when she became the bride of Andrew Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Thompson, 80 John St. The ceremony took place in St. Alban's Anglican Church on Saturday, July 26th at two o'clock. The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother James, chose a white nylon ballerina-length gown, fashioned with pleated bodice and of princess style, her accessories were white. She carried a cascade of white roses surrounded by white baby mums.

Mrs. Jack Leslie attended her sister in a white and blue nylon gown and she carried a cascade of pink feathered carnations. Mr. Jack Leslie, brother-in-law of the bride acted as groomsmen. The attendants were from Glen Williams.

Following the ceremony the bride's mother received for her at her home in Glen Williams wearing green nylon with white accessories. She was assisted by

the groom's mother in dusty rose lace with white accessories. Both of the ladies wore corsages of white roses. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson left on a honeymoon trip to Lion's Head on Georgian Bay, the bride travelling in a pale blue printed nylon gown embroidered with sequins and beads and white accessories. They will make their home in Glen Williams. The bride is an employee of the Cottage Inn Restaurant and the groom is employed at Smith & Stone Limited. Guests attended from Hamilton, Oakville, Brampton, Glen Williams, New Toronto, Georgetown and Limehouse.

Several Local People at Oxford Picture Show

The Oxford Picture Frame Co., a family business in which Mr. and Mrs. Percy Saxe, Main St. S., are associated, received some interesting publicity in a recent edition of the Toronto Telegram. The article was a preview of the picture show which the company held last week for the trade, and which several local friends of the Saxes attended.

Mrs. Dorothy Kaplan, referred to in the article, is a sister of Mrs. Saxe.

Here is what the Telegram says: "Want your house to look as pretty as a picture? Well, make it that way, with pictures."

That will be the theme of the picture show being put on by the Oxford Picture Frame Co., July 7-12, at the Royal York Hotel.

The company held its first show last year, explains office manager, Mrs. Dorothy Kaplan, and though it was just for buyers so many of the public wanted to see it that this year the show will be twice as big with a special day for public viewing on July 12th.

"Decorating with pictures is definitely the trend," says Mrs. Kaplan, "but the tendency has been to look to the United States for good modern works and reproductions, and we want to show that we can turn out just as beautiful pictures in Canada."

Furniture styles influence picture styles, Mrs. Kaplan notes.

"Scandinavian furniture has been very big for some time, she says, "and very modern pictures are wanted to go with it. Slim frames are combined with fabrics like linen and burlap and picture colors range through the browns, greens, yellows, vermillions, to blend with the warm brown tones of the furniture."

The long, narrow, mural-like pictures, have been popular the last couple of years and now taste is enlarging to favour whole walls of pictures with variegated shapes combined to form interesting groupings.

Viewing the picture from another angle Mrs. Kaplan reports "a great artistic awakening."

"Reproductions of the masters like Picasso, Dufy, Renoir, Degas, are enjoying a great popularity," she says.

"And something else that is enjoying a considerable vogue," she goes on, "are wood appliques, pictures of dancers, sunsets, and so on, formed of different bits of wood. Of course, they are in those popular brown tones again"

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