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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Accept Progress Fast

They say we live in a fast world, and there is no better indication of it than the speed with which people accept scientific progress as commonplace.

Take breaking the sound barrier as an example. On August 23rd, Georgetown had its first experience when an Avro Arrow streaked across the sky, rattled windows and brought people into the street to see what was happening. And it was only a few years ago that first breaking of the barrier was so spectacular that a movie was made to capitalize on it.

Now every day, we hear two or three cracks, the doors and windows shake a little, and we go on about our daily jobs with nary a glance at the sky.

Sputnik is the same. When Russia first challenged outer space, everyone had their eye cocked on the heavens for a glimpse. Now every day or two, a sputnik or its American version passes across the sky, seldom to be noticed by people who have already become used to such phenomena.

Watching a new movie the other night fil-

med in black and white, there was a momentary annoyance as we realized it was not in technicolor. And we thought back to that wonderful time many years ago when we had our very first glimpse of technicolor in the Lon Chaney movie "Phantom of the Opera" and realized how we have come to expect coloured movies as the rule.

Only a few years back, installation of a television aerial in town was newsworthy enough to rate mention in the Herald. Now, if one notices at all, it is the house without its TV mast which looks odd.

Several months ago we were awakened around midnight as a diesel engine made its first run from the city, and shunted in the freight yard with a great commotion. It wasn't many nights until we slept soundly, unaware of this new noise in the Queen Street scene.

And so it goes. One item of progress is replaced so rapidly by another these days that even the first trip to the moon will be headlines for only a few weeks, we wager.

### Milestone in School History

School opening yesterday set several new records in Georgetown.

Enrolment at the high school set a new high in numbers when over 400 students registered.

A fourth public school came into existence, in spirit if not in body, as students who will attend the new Park School registered in the afternoon at Chapel St. School where their school will meet until the building is ready later this year.

And for the first time, a Roman Catholic separate school was added to Georgetown's educational facilities when a proportion of children of this faith enrolled at the new Holy Cross school.

### Familiar Face Gone

Just as a teacher carves a niche in the memories of students, so do others whose work puts them in close touch with school affairs.

Particularly so was the case with Jack Evans, who during 28 years of service as caretaker at the high school was as much a part of the staff as the teachers. Many are the anecdotes which recall his affection for the generation of students who passed through the portals of higher learning. He belonged to the old days when a hand bell signified the opening of school, and he always had a soft spot for tardy ones and gave an extra couple of rings until they reached the safety of their classrooms. He provided a

kind of middle ground between teachers and pupils being 'in' on many of the pranks which plague a teacher's life, and using his own good judgment whether the culprits were caught or whether their exploits would become part of the unsolved mysteries which add to a school's tradition.

Mr. Evans retained his interest in the school and when he was able he would stop in to reminisce about old times. His death last week followed closely that of former principal Ralph Ross, whose tenure of office covered many of the same years.

### Local Girl is Camp Champion at Artaban

A Georgetown girl, Roberta Hawes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hawes, 2 College Street, came home from Camp Artaban last week with the coveted cup awarded to the all-round junior girl champion.

Roberta was one of five local girls attending a two week camp at this Anglican resort at Anasiter. As champion, she keeps the cup for a year and has her name added on a plaque as a permanent reminder of the honour. She was one of 78 girls competing. Other girls from town who attended camp were Jane Bradley, 17 Elgin St.; Lynne Ritchie,

15 Union St.; Ann Lorraine Noble, 118 Guelph St.; and Karen Korzack of Glen Williams.

Community Centre Field Day Saturday will be a big day in town when the Community Centre Association holds a gala field day. Sports, beauty contest, and dance are among the feature attractions.

## Sugar and Spice

Dispensed by BILL SMILEY of the Warton Bako

Next week we take our holidays. Big deal. A whole week. Personally, my idea of a real holiday would be to come down and hang around the office all week, hugging the beautiful inner knowledge that there was no paper to publish on Thursday.

But my solicitous family will have no part of anything as simple as that. The best is none too good for dear old Dad. My wife is determined that I'm going to get away from it all and get rid of all my tension and junk like that. I'm going to have a real holiday.

"You've been working hard in that heat all summer," she says. "Now don't worry about the kids and me. We've been on holidays since school stopped. You never get a break. This year, you plan to do just whatever you want to."

"Yes, poor old daddy," says Kim. "We go swimming nearly every day, and he has to work." And Hugh chimes in with his sympathetic: "Yeah, Dad, you sure work a lot, don't you? You hardly ever have time for any fun. Why don't you have a really good holiday?"

This used to touch me deeply. "How thoughtful they are," I would think. "how sweet." The tears would well up in my eyes and I'd get a big lump in my throat as I realized how lucky I was to have this unselfish, loving trio for a family.

That was the first couple of times they went into this song-and-dance. Now I just emit a loud, resonant snort and snarl, "Sure! Sure! Poor old dad. I hope you've all got your lists drawn up of all the places you want me to take you on MY holidays."

I burn with shame when I recollect what a wide-eyed innocent I was the first time my wife pulled that "you do whatever you want, after all it's YOUR holiday" routine. (I took her literally. I made plans to fish, golf, lie around and read a little, and do a lot of eating and drinking. I normally haven't time to enjoy.

"Well, she began with ominous calm, as I revealed these crazy ideas. "If you want to be an absolute selfish pig and run around enjoying yourself and leave me stuck here with the kids who haven't given me a minute's peace all summer go right ahead."

That year, I recall, I had a dandy holiday, taking the kids on jolly outings getting meals and looking all over town for them to get them to bed, while their mother spent a few days in the city, roughing it at the Royal York.

Next year, when I got the "poor old Dad working so hard" waltz, before holidays, I was a little ce-gier. I asked the Old Girl where she wanted to go this year. "Nowhere at all," she said. "All I want is for you to have a good rest and enjoy yourself." So I planned a week's fishing trip, with some friends, about 180 miles from home and loved ones.

The day before I was to go, both brats developed runny noses, and slight fevers. That was in the days before Salk vaccine, and it was made quite clear to me that if I went, I wouldn't even be home for the funeral, when they both died of polio.

So the trip was cancelled. The little devils were in bed for one day and up the next, fully recovered. To make up for the hardships they'd been through, Dad was delegated to take them to the Ex. Macs you ever spent your holidays trudging around the CNE grounds in the heat, being pulled simultaneously in opposite directions by a kid on each arm?

Where was Mom? Well, it just happened that an old friend of hers was spending that week at a swanky resort, and wanted company, so Mom was sitting around in a brand new \$18 bathing suit beside the pool at a posh summer hotel, thinking how nice it was for Dad to have a chance to really "get to know the children" on his holidays.

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Question: What is "Assigned Risk" in auto insurance?

Answer: When a person is unable to obtain Bodily Injury and Property Damage insurance through regular channels, his application can be submitted to the "Assigned Risk Plan" by an agent.

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### Early Rug Designs Live On



A century later, the rug designs made popular by an itinerant New England peddler are still available to those who want to hook their own rugs. The designs were once sold by Edward S. Frost, a mid-nineteenth century machinist forced outdoors by health, who manufactured the first commercial hooked rug patterns. Making copper and zinc stencils of the more attractive patterns he ran across in his travels, he printed them on burlap, sold them to housewives and soon had a flourishing trade. He made 750 stencils in all from which 180 patterns were possible. Thirty-one years ago, Mrs. Charlotte K. Stratton of Montpelier, Vt., and Greenfield, Mass., found the 3 1/2 tons of stencils stored in a basement and revived the business. The Greenfield Village craft shops in Dearborn, Mich., now own the Frost stencils and will continue to make the original patterns available to hooked rug enthusiasts. Above, Mrs. Stratton assists craftsman Tom Hire in setting up the new shop. This is the tenth early American craft to go into full production at Greenfield Village, the 200-acre outdoor museum of Americana founded 29 years ago by the late automotive pioneer Henry Ford.

### Dr. Marjorie Potter, 87 Native of Scotch Block

A Scotch Block native, Dr. Marjorie J. Potter, 87, died at San Diego, California, on August 16. She was born on the present Hector Bird farm, the youngest of a family of six children of James McPherson and Jane Frazer, four of whom pursued medical careers. Other members of the family were Dr. John McPherson, Akron, Ohio, Dr. James McPherson, Tonawanda, N.Y.; Dr. William McPherson, Buffalo, N.Y.; Mrs. May McCall, Tonawanda, N.Y. and Elizabeth, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

She went to Buffalo to study medicine and took her degree there. It was there that she met and married Dr. William Potter. They both practiced medicine in Niagara Falls, and later in San Diego until retirement when they went to live at Le Mesa, California. Dr. Potter died a few years ago.

Mrs. Potter was a cousin of Walter T. Evans, 21 Mountainview Road.

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