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Dispensed by BILL SMILEY of the Warton Edge

Every so often, my wife gets a bee in her belly about moving to the city to live. It's merely a passing whim, but she has a whim like Alexander the Great, so while it lasts, I humour her.

She gets this notion that living in a small town means getting into a rut. Same old round; kids back to school, with the resulting chaos; fall fair; annual drama presentation; rat race of banquets, meetings, fowl suppers; Christmas looming; long winter months filled with bulling through snow; piano practising; and head colds; spring, and the nightmare of the Music Festival; summer and the hordes of visitors; September, the kids are back to school, and away we go again.

In my opinion, this is more like a merry-go-round than a rut, and I enjoy merry go rounds. I never can figure out why she likes the city anyway, unless it's because she met me there and she wants to return to the scene of the crime.

In the city, of course, people don't live in a rut, like us. They live in an apartment. They are all gay, witty, rich and good-looking. They don't have any children. They all work at fascinating, creative jobs. They never have beans on toast on the kitchen table, but eat in quaint little places where the headwaiter is a character and garlic is used instead of salt. After dinner, they go to the theatre. Or they go to somebody's flat, sit around on the floor and talk about Life, Art and Sex.

The Old Girl is a bit vague about where all the money is going to come from, for this bohemian life, but I don't squelch her. "You are right, kiddo," I encourage. "Why should we be wasting our lives in comparative obscurity like this, when we could be scintillating in the saloons of Tronka?"

We agree that I could get a job, teaching school, maybe. All that money. All those holidays. Go to Europe every summer. Then I explain that to be a teacher, I'd have to go to teachers college for a year. She and the kids could stay here until I graduate, of course, and she could probably get enough piano pupils to support me in Toronto for a year.

She doesn't exactly dig this. "Why couldn't we sell the house, and your share of the business, and with all that money, we could buy a house in the city and live for a year without any income?" she enquires.

Then I get down to brass facts. I show her, with figures, that if we sold the house and paid off the mortgage, we'd have enough left to pay for getting our furniture to Toronto. If we sold my equity in the business, we'd have enough to tip the transport driver and his assistant.

But I still don't try to discourage her. "Of course," I pursue. "I wouldn't get home for lunch in the city. Nor would the kids. But you'd soon get used to that. You hate getting lunch anyway. Just think, you'd have a whole day, all to yourself, every day. This shakes her, if she had to go a whole day without running our lives for us, she'd wind up needing shock treatment.

"I guess," I go on relentlessly, "you and the kids would have to give up the piano. There wouldn't be room for one in the little apartment we'd have for the first few years." At this, her eyes begin to roll around our kitchen, where these discussions always take place, and which is about the size of a city apartment itself.

"And," I continue mercilessly, "you wouldn't be able to use the car, as I'd need it to get to my school. But there's no problem there, with all those buses and

streetcars. You'd soon get used to climbing on and off a bus with two big bags of groceries. They don't deliver in the city, do they?" She begins to look a bit thoughtful there.

"I think I'd like it fine," I salt

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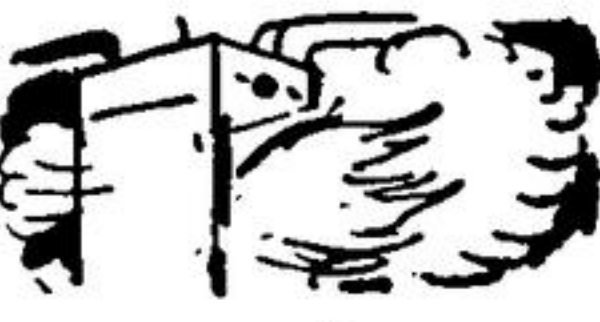


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the wound. "I guess a ridgepole in a swamp is just as happy as a frog of respectable dimension in a puddle. And it would be great for the kids. That Toronto traffic would certainly smarten them up. They're too casual about life."

About this time, she decides to wash her hair. Next day, at lunch I tell the kids we're going to move to the city. Before they can even groan with dismay, she snaps — "Don't be such a dam' smart Alec."

"Profanity," I quote, "is the attempt of a lazy and feeble mind to express itself forcefully." In the ensuing fracas, all thoughts of moving to the city are shelved for

WORKING TOGETHER IS NORVAL WMS THEME

Only by working in complete unity and harmony can the church witness to the world today. This was the point stressed by Mrs. W. J. Reed in talk and discussions at the September Presbyterian WMS meeting at Norval.

The devotions were taken by Mrs. Clure Archdekin and Mrs. J. McClure.

The thankoffering will be held on Oct. 28th with Miss Jane Scott as guest speaker.

Mrs. J. Eccles and Mrs. H. McClure assisted the hostess, Mrs. Craig McClure, in serving lunch another year, at least.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Georgetown's Own CNE

Saturday is the day when the annual Georgetown fall fair will draw hundreds of people to the park. And weather cooperating, the turnstiles should set a new record in admissions in our town which has expanded so greatly in the past year.

The one-day show is, in its own way, equal to the CNE.

The hall exhibits are always on a par with those at the large city show. School work, knitting, handicraft, homemaker displays are there in profusion, and the baking section is filled with mouth-watering goodies, many of which are later offered for sale by the exhibitors.

While those who sit in the grandstand watch the harness races, livestock judging takes place inside the track. New cars, farm machinery and other products are prominently displayed. The livestock exhibits are worthwhile, and the calf classes are always particularly pleasing to view as young farmers of the future parade their care-

fully-groomed animals before the judges. This year, a larger midway will make its appearance, and dad's pocketbook will take a beating as the ferris wheel climbs and the merry-go-round whirls. Pony rides, games of skill, blend in with the tempting odours of hot dogs, french fries and pop.

And, more than anything else the old slogan "Meet Your Friends at Georgetown Fair" holds true. Not only do you have a chance to talk with former resident you haven't seen for a time, sometimes it's your next-door neighbor whom you chatted with only yesterday, a relative from the other side of town, or a complete stranger you happen to be standing beside. Everyone catches the infection of being in a large mass of humanity, and feels the gayer for it.

If you're an older Georgetown resident you wouldn't miss the fair for the world. If you're a newer one, take a tip from us and be there. You won't be disappointed.

Gym a Welcome Addition

News that Georgetown High School will have a gymnasium next September will be welcomed not only by the student body but by the town at large. For not only will it provide the necessary indoor athletic facilities for the student body, but it can be assumed that it will be available after hours for basketball and gymnastics at certain times.

Of equal importance is the fact that the gym will have a professionally equipped stage, of larger dimensions than any in present town auditoriums, and a large seating capacity for stage performances.

Completion of the new high school will put Georgetown on a par with most other Ontario communities which have long had superior accommodation for their high schools. The old

building, a fine edifice in its day, but long outdated, is to be completely demolished. The two recent additions are to be blended together, with addition of a second storey on the front part, and the structure rounded off with a 2-storey replacement for the original building. When completed, the school will have 24 classrooms on two floors plus gymnasium.

Later it is hoped that the gym can be doubled, that Georgetown will eventually have its own machine shop, rather than the present system of shuttling pupils to Acton for this course, and a much-needed cafeteria. But for the present, we can rejoice in the news of what we are going to have, and thank the school board for a good job of carrying through plans which will benefit future generations of young Georgetowners.

Cryptic... But Clear

Content of Prime Minister Diefenbaker's speech, reproduced in its entirety in this issue, was not as optimistic for present production at Malton as advance guessing last week would indicate.

It sounds the death knell of the CF-105, and no matter what one would like to read into the words, the only conclusion is that the Avro Arrow is to be not much more than a museum piece a few years from now. The government has softened the blow as much as possible.

"The government has decided that the development program should continue until next March" says the prime minister in one place. "It is questionable whether their margin of superiority is worth the high cost of producing, by reason of the relatively small numbers likely to be required," he says soon after. And again: "In view of the introduction of missiles, the government has decided it would not be advisable at this time to put the CF-105 into production."

The speech was not a happy one for Georgetown, where so many men and women gain their livelihood at Malton. And yet it was one which had to be made, for nation-wide, it would be foolhardy to keep on producing something which will have little value, merely to keep several thousand people employed. The government has wisely not dropped a bombshell by announcing immediate cessation of the Arrow

project, though it has not hesitated to call it quits for the Astra flight control system and the Sparrow air-to-air missile, where unemployment will be dissipated among a number of industrial firms, and not so noticeably affect a concentrated area of population. Even here, Georgetown has had some bad news, for the local Varian plant is one mentioned as losing a contract.

The picture need not be so dark as it might first appear, however.

The Avro and Orenda management must concentrate immediately on swinging to a type of production which will be sensible in the changing picture of air defence. Any large-scale layoffs at Malton would have disastrous effects on the economy of Halton and Peel counties particularly, and would not be a pleasant thing for Georgetown where so many new residents have purchased homes. The sooner some long-range action is announced, the happier will be the lives of the Malton people who should not be kept too long in doubts about how long their jobs will last.

VISIT THE FALL FAIR

EUCHRE, CANASTA, CRIBBAGE AT TRUE BLUE PARTY

Seventeen tables were in play at the Oddfellows Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd where the Loyal True Blues sponsored a card party of euchre, canasta, and cribbage. A committee of Mrs. Clare Little, Mrs. Bert Marchmont and Mrs. Fred McCartney was in charge of the arrangements.

Euchre winners were Mrs. D. Lameront, first; Mrs. Frank Robinson, second; Mrs. Fred Peebles, third; and Mrs. Katherine King. Mrs. James Gambell was first in Canasta with Mrs. Myrtle Ever. Mrs. Elsie Whit was second and Mrs. Elsie Whit was third. Bill Montgomery was first and Mrs. Ivan Leslie second in cribbage.

Special preview of hall exhibits Friday evening at the park. If you want to see the fall fair exhibits at their freshest, this is the time to do so. You'll want to go to the fair Saturday, too, when the midway is in full swing, and the grounds crowded with people for harness races, livestock judging, pony rides, and all the excitement of Georgetown's fall fairs.

Miss Ethel Browbridge was the winner of a cushion in a door prize draw made by Fred McNally and a smoker set was won by Mrs. Bill Montgomery. In the lucky draw made by Frank Robinson, After cards, tea and sandwiches, were served downstairs by the members.

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