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EDITORIAL COMMENT

A Teacup Storm

Whether she knew it or not, when television's Joyce Davidson made her now-famous comments about the royal visit, on an American network show, she gave the daily papers one of their choicest sources of news in months.

The Toronto papers have had a field day, getting man-on-the-street opinions, interviews, statements from the mayor down, and the letters to the editor are bulging with comment pro andcon. Miss Davidson has been compared to Lord Haw-Haw and Joan of Arc. She is alternately praised for having the courage to speak her mind. condemned as anti-British; upheld as a symbol of free speech; and castigated as a disrespectful

host to our royal visitors. It is laughable for everyone but poor Joyce. The public has entered the fray with gusto. The matter is serious enough to deserve attention . . not serious enough to cause any trouble in our empire relations. The question is not technical, and everyone can have an opinion. A perfect

subject for debate and one which has caught the public eye with a bang. There are elements of truth in most of the

opinions being expressed. Our own is that a person who lives in the public-eye should aware that her comments will be quoted. We chastise Miss Davidson not so much for her first remarks as for her foolishness in not making a graceful retreat when she realized how magnified the subject would become.

have sparked even more interest in the Queen's visit than one might have anticipated, and have certainly done no grave harm to our ties with Britain. We hope that, when the smoke has cleared, the public will as soon forget one mis-step on the part of a TV personality who has done her job so we'll on the Tabloid program and whom we hope to see back in her accustomed chair before too long.

Some Help Needed.

Sharp rise in the swimming instruction rates at the community pool this season may have an adverse effect on registration according to initial reaction from parents.

Last year's \$2.00 fee has been replaced with a \$5.00 charge to cover the thirty-odd lessons available. No one can argue that the charge is excessive, nor can the Community Centre board, which has charge of the pool be blamed for setting a fee to balance the budget. The town appointed board, incidentally, gets no tax grant and figure. must operate solely from instruction and swimming charges and any private donations which that many children will not be served by the might be made.

With the town's tax budget aleady set for this year, we would not suggest that any attempt be made to obtain a town grant at this time. However, we feel that in the interests of having the swimming pool serve its maximum use, some effort should be made to nave lessons subsidized to some extent in private. Perhaps one or more service organizations might volunteer a few dollars for lessons, or hold a tag day or other ev-

Unless the fee can be so reduced, we fear excellent instruction available, which will be a

ent to reduce the instruction charge to its former

Letter Delivery Requirements...

vice in Georgetown is dependent on the action retain a lock box at the post office, one must ment sets as prerequisites,

A circular, issued this week, outlines action which must be taken before the new system comes to Georgetown. A householder must have his house number clearly visible from the street, and must supply a proper receptacle for mail . . . either a slot in the front door, or a suitable receptacle installed.

riers will begin at approximately 8.30 a.m. and the regulations established.

Impending introduction of letter carrier ser- finish at 4.00 p.m. While it is still possible to of at least 90 per cent of residents complying have "special and justifiable" reasons, accordwith regulations which the post office depart- ing to the circular, and cost of such boxes is

sharply increased (in most cases 100%.) Postmaster Harold Marshall is urging residents to take immediate action in installing receptacles in order that no delays may occur when the government is ready to move. Applications for mailmen are already being 'received, and it is probable that the post office department will be ready to start the system in the early fall. When When the system comes this fall, househol- this time comes, it would be too bad if it is ders will receive one daily delivery. Letter car- found that the majority of houses do not fulfil

Horticulture Members Tour Flower Gardens

A tour of local flower gardens sponsored by the Georgetown Horticultural Society last Wednesday evening was enjoyed by a large turnout of members and their

friends. Starting from the Maple Avenue home of Miss A. L. Miller, with its othy Stone. spacious lawns and beautiful perennial borders, the group, travelling in cars, made their way to Scotsdale Farm, passing through the lovely woodland driveway of the secluded and beautifully landscaped home of the Bennetts. From here the tour returned Georgetown passing by the burst of bloom in front of the home of

the Nortons at Silvercreek. In town again, stops were made Legion members? Remember the to view the interesting garden of big picnic this Sunday in Stanley Mrs. W. Wilson on Durham St., Park, Erin. Free transportation.

and the lovely home garden oof the famous Preston lilies. Here things to see that many were reluctant to pull away but, as there

Miss Gladys McGibbon of Mcwas one more garden to see, the Gibbon's Hotel, Main St., was the parade, the revolting gyrations of tour continued onto the Check winner of a freezer full of frozen rock and roll "singers," who pro-Line to admire the flower gardens foods in a draw sponsored by the that bedeck the terraced lawn at the beautiful home of Miss Dor-Before leaving here, lucky win-

ner tickets were drawn for plants ticket for the Lions who closed by so called teenagers. The demlonated by Miss Stone. Winnerswere Mrs. Ashfield, Clare Wilson, Miss Elsie Bird and Miss V. Molesworth. The interesting evening was brought to a very pleasant close with refreshments served by the social committee at the home of Mrs. L. DeVries.

also at the Harrison public school See ad elsewhere in issue.

Miss I. Preston, the originator of Gladys McGibbon Wins there were so many interesting Lions Freezer Draw

local Lions to raise money for all the gimmicks and pressure their public welfare fund. Cpl Jim salesmanship used to foist this Bilsborrow of the Georgetown tripe on immature people, are not Police Dept drew the winning the result of a demand initiated of the ticket selling at 9 o'clock and is stimulated and encouraged Friday night. The draw was made by the big business of commercial at the four corners on Main Street | radio and record production. In Georgetown Hospital Association responsible for deciding what will were also winners in that most of be the 'top twelve' - not the teen the \$671.80 cleared on the draw agers. It is an encouraging sign is earmarked for the hospital that even young people are begin fund. The Loins have pledged \$25, ning to realize that on this hit rec-000 for the fund.

by the Lions to fulfill the pledge.

was the initial project put forth lous promotors and indifferent

Controversial Corner

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

I suppose it is inevitable that any column of opinion and controversy must, at some time oppother, come to grips with the difficult subject of juvenile crime and anti-social behaviour. I am one who believes there is more hooliganism, more disrespect law and order and more cruelty and violence among young people demolition operations. Much valutoday than was the case twenty years ago. No doubt many will oppose this view but few of them will be teachers or policemen or magistrates. Furthermore, the type of delinquency which exists now is frequently of a more vicious, abandoned nature than before. Another disturbing feature is that more than half of our juvenile delinquents come from middle-income homes, so it is obvious that improved living standards are no answer to this prob-

Before attempting to find a their parents. Punishing young cure, can we put a finger on what offenders is not enough - why causes young people to become de not punish their parents? teenaged people should do this olds are allowed to roam by adults that is required.

down of family 'togetherness' and owering of moral standards exemplified by a far too popular. belief that the only crime is "being caught." The present environin ar, which is of cours y encourany the mouth of delaquency, is as all in the fraction quest for in other districts, the earth for parestal consist and an extern a chall le off priental desponsibili-

to work in order to provide food of age. nificant by comparison.

as so it as possible.

There can be no doubt that our time working with them. ducing juvenile delinquency would | services. be to stop juveniles from driving cars. Eighteen or nineteen years CHARGE TEEN-AGERS of age is quite soon enough for the WITH GAS STEALING privilege of holding a driver's lieence. Just imagine what the used

car dealers would have to say about that sort of legislation! The perpetual programs crime and violence on TV are another factor to be reckoned with. Many of our young people spend kine who made the arrests were too much time glued to a TV set getting saturated with false ues and phoney glamour. We can not do very much about the type of program coming over the air. Lanc. George Street. but the set usually has a switch marked 'on - off,' Children have difficulty in turning it to the off position but, with practice,

adults can become very expert. Private radio stations and record companies are also exerting a had influence on young people. The unhappy, untuneful dirges which dominate the so-called hit fuce million-selling records, and The Lions themselves and the other words, adults are completely erd racket, they have been taken The lucky draw for the freezer for a ride by a bunch of unscrupu-

untalented performers. All this is by the way - there no one cause or list of causes for the delinquency problem. We have created a society in which delinquency can flourish and flourishing. The solution can only come from adult action, and the most important aspect of that action rests in the example we set: The problem of juvenile delinquency is indivisable from the problems of adult delinquency, Show me a young delinquent and I immediately look for an adult who failed. I have more sympathy for young people, who are anti-social than I have for

linquents? Many of the reasons | Is there a cure for this problem? are not hard to find and all have Yes, if enough -people sincerely one thing in common. The prob want a cure. This rests entirely in em exists because of a weakness the hands of adult society. As long in our society, and because socie- as there are parents who value a ty is managed by adults, then the new car more than the welfare of complete responsibility for the ex- their children, as long as teen-agers istence of this condition rests with are being exploited for their doldults. It is pointless to say that lar value, as long as fourteen year or should do that, because it is streets at all hours of the night not action by young people which there will be a problem. Every can cure this problem, it is action child must have an anchor and a guide; someone to set an exam-There are two major reasons for ple and teach him right from ! he increase in juvenile violence wrong - and to tan his hide, if and crime; the first is the break- necessary. If his parents can't do this then someone else should take At the same time, perhaps her comments family stability; the second is a over. Do we have to wait until he goes to jail?

Brother Was Teacher City Vocational School

Charles R. Prust, brother of Rihard Prost, 14 James St. at his home, 342 Wolman Avenew, Tor at a on Tues tay, Jone 16th I think that much would be Mr. Prost had been sentering a accomplished if all married woman, heart condition for the past three who have children under nmeteen or four years but was able to conwould stay at home and look after tinue his work until the time of them, unless they are forced to go his death. He was fifty-seven years

clothes or rent. This would im- Born in England, the son of prove family stability, make a Alice Margaret and William Henhappier woman of the mother, ry Prust, he came over thirty give the children more care and years ago to Toronto. He was a affection and improve the employ- member of the Jarvis Street Junment picture considerably. It might for Vocational School staff where mean driving an older car or even he was a woodwork instructor (perish the thought)! going with- for twenty-nine years. Mr. Prust out TV, but surely these are insig- was very interested in the boys of his classes and spent a lot of his

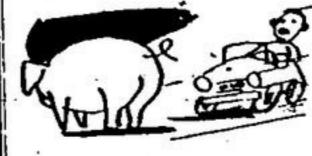
present approach to young people; His wife, the former Doris May and motor cars plays a large part survives him as does their daughn encouraging delinquency. To ted thynn who attends school in permit school children to own Toronto. Also left are his brothand drive cars is absolutely asin; er Richard of Georgetown, two ne. It is difficult to make adults brothers and five sisters in Enguse the road in a responsible man- land. A funeral service was conner, without having 'to contend ducted at the Trull Funeral Home with irresponsible adolescents 2704 Yonge St., on Thursday, June roaring round the countryside in 18th where six fellow school teahighpowered cars of dubious con- chers were the pallbearers. In tition. It has already been estab- trment was in Orono Cemetery aflished that car ownership has a ter a short service in the Laing bad effect on students' school res. Memorial Chapel, Orono. Rev. ults. Another step towards re Marshall conducted the funeral

Four teenagers, two of them Terra Cotta youths, were apprehended by police early Saturday morning for stealing gasoline from a Beaver ReadyMix truck at the company's office on-Main St. S.

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