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**EDITORIAL COMMENT ...**

*Full Circle Completed*

Dissolution of North Halton High School District the end of this year, and replacement by three school districts in Georgetown, Acton and Milton, completes a full circle and writes finis to a dream of a decade ago to have one central high school for this district.

A majority of Georgetown opinion never did favour the government's plan to build a central school at Speyside. Residents of the three towns can thank Georgetown, in fact, that it never became a reality. Had Georgetown not fought valiantly against the district, entering it a year after its formation only because of an oppressive financial load incurred by carrying on alone, the Speyside school might well have been built.

Transportation costs would have been staggering, for Georgetown particularly is growing rapidly and it is uneconomic to consider transporting a large bulk of students six or eight miles from town.

When the Dept. of Education did an about-face a few years later, and decided that central schools must be erected in towns rather than the country, the death knell was sounded for the school district. Its death throes were prolonged, however, by an increasingly complicated financial structure as one school after another made additions which eventually led to construction of entirely new buildings in all three towns. Meanwhile, board members multiplied until the school board became a complicated mixture of appointees from municipalities, school boards and county council.

It was Georgetown again which took the problem in hand and persuaded other municipalities to see the advantages of separation into three districts which will be geographically sensible and easier to operate.

We are in complete accord with the decision which will work out best for all five municipalities concerned.

*Tennis Interest Reviving*

A revival of interest in tennis is evident in town this year.

The court at St. George's Church is being used more fully than it has in years, and the Community Centre Association has ambitious plans for establishing three more courts in town to take care of growing demand.

It is to be hoped that this fine summer sport will regain its onetime prominence, for there is no better way for young people to spend some of their leisure time and work off some of youth's excess energy. Tennis is a game which can be enjoyed in itself and which also lends itself to social times and inter-club competition. It has

been a victim of the times - television, drive-in movies, faster cars.

Unfortunately, proper tennis courts cost a lot of money. According to Cr. Fred Harrison, who mentioned the subject at this week's council meeting, three courts would cost close to \$4,000 unlighted. It is money which cannot come from the town treasury, and must be sought privately, from individuals or organizations.

Let us hope that the Community Centre group will be able to carry out their plans, if not in full, at least partially. Tennis is too good a sport to become extinct and is worth promoting.

*Many Commercial Improvements*

Georgetown's population growth is reflected in a growth of commercial establishments and expansion of some of the town's older businesses.

A new photography store has been opened recently on Main Street. Since its purchase by Fred Steen, the former Maple Leaf Dairy has had a building renovation and introduced a dairy bar. Across the road, Canadian Tire is planning to move into the old glove factory, last occupied by the Woolhead and Cook furniture store. In the past year on Main Street, a variety store, ladies' clothing, and office supply firm have offered increased facilities, as well as two new bake shops, a clothing store and another barber. A garden centre has been added at the Georgeview Plaza as well.

This month Delrex Market Centre will officially open, with a major food chain, a drug store, truck shop, appliance store, barber and beauty shop, interior furnishings, jewellery store and bank branch among the tenants.

Creation of a third shopping area within town limits should be a good thing for the business fraternity. There will be competition, true, but it will tend to keep business at home and, in fact, encourage business from a larger area of the surrounding countryside. Downtown, Georgeview and Delrex should all get their fair share of trade, and fewer residents will be heading outside Georgetown to do their comparative shopping.

**HORNBY**

**CHICKEN BARBECUE FOR ASPARAGUS WORKERS**

The Campbell Soup asparagus workers and their husbands enjoyed the chicken barbecue at the Hornby community park last Tuesday evening. A sing song was enjoyed by all after the supper.

Congratulations to all the pupils at Hornby public school for passing their exams and so into a higher grade.

Birthday greetings to Mrs. Arthur Plant on July 1, to Mr. Gordon Brigidon on July 1st, Mr. Floyd Brigidon on July 4th, Mrs. Gordon Loy on July 5th and to Mrs. Jim Ingram on July 5th.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reid on the birth of their daughter on Monday, June 22nd and to Mr. and Mrs. George Pollock on the birth of their twin boys on June 22nd.

The Hornby girls' ball club played two games last week. They played Monday night and won over Palermo and then lost to Omagh on Thursday night.

John Cunningham was taken to a Guelph hospital after being injured when his car went out of control on No. 15 St. last week. He was able to return to his home on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Downs, Mrs. George Galbraith, Miss Margaret Galbraith and Miss Lorraine Goddard enjoyed a bus tour to Rochester over the week-end.

It was sponsored by the Milton district horticulture society.

Miss Vivian Fish of Orangeville visited with Miss Shirley Downs

**DRIVER DOZES, LATE MODEL CAR WRECKED**

A late model Pontiac, driven by James Howe of R.R. 2, Minden, was completely demolished early last Wednesday morning when the driver fell asleep at the wheel while passing through town.

Mr. Howe suffered only face and arm cuts and was taken to Dr. O. M. Brewster's office by Ronald Ovenden of 20 Hewson Crescent for treatment.

He was eastbound on Guelph Street approaching Norval when the accident occurred at approximately 3:15 a.m. He told police he suddenly felt very tired and the next thing he remembered was hitting a tree. The car rolled over several times and came to rest on its right side across the highway.

Police said the car travelled almost 200 feet through a ditch before striking the tree. "Cst. Ron Rankine, who investigated the smash placed the total damage at an estimated \$4500.

**Mann-Sunnucks Pledge Vows in St. John's**

In St. John's United Church on Saturday, June 13th, Rev. Morgan McFarlane officiated at the marriage of Marilyn-Sunnucks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sunnucks, 10 River Drive, and George Mann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mann, 12 College Street.

The bride wore a blue ballerina gown, and her attendant Mrs. Ted Hewitt was in pink. Both carried nosegays of rosebuds. Mr. Hewitt was groomsmen.

A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents. It was a double celebration, being also Mrs. Mann's birthday. The newlyweds will be making their home in town.

**URNS TABLES, TAKES TOW TRUCK IN TOW**

Jack Edward Davey of Alton escaped uninjured when the tow truck he was driving for Alex Contracting was flipped on its side by a heavy road pounding machine which he was taking in tow down Ewing Street Friday morning.

Davey was taking the big machine along Elizabeth Street in the Swanek subdivision but ran into trouble when he started to make a left turn to proceed down the steep incline of Ewing. The machine rolled past the truck on its right side pulling it off its wheels.

Chief Roy Haley who made the investigation estimated the damage at about \$100.

**Controversial Corner**

by Ian Cass

**DO WE NEED THE CBC?**

Once again the critics and opponents of the CBC are in full voice. The present campaign, initiated by Mr. Frost during the provincial election and accelerated with the Joyce Davidson controversy, is now enthusiastically led by the Globe & Mail. In a somewhat hysterical editorial last Friday the Globe said that the capitulation of the CBC directors to the demands of a handful of producers was "the most disgraceful thing this country has known in many a day." The capitulation referred to was, of course, the reinstatement of the program, Preview Commentary, following mass resignations of CBC producers. The producers' complaint was that the program had been originally cancelled as a result of political pressure on CBC directors. The editorial goes on to condemn the producers for what it calls their "wildcat strike" and says that the public cannot tolerate arrogant intimidation from employees of a public service.

In its eagerness to condemn the CBC, the Globe & Mail appears to have missed, completely, the important question of principle involved. The cancelled program consisted of a few minutes of opinion on Parliamentary events given by various Ottawa newspapermen—a very minor radio item indeed. Its cancellation was ordered at a time when the CBC management was already under fire regarding provincial election coverage. The program was removed without previous discussion or consultation with department heads or producers — this in itself was an unusual procedure. The producers claim — rightly or wrongly—that the cancellation was a direct result of political pressure. From the statements issued by Mr. E. L. Bushnell, CBC's acting president, it appears that this claim was not without foundation. It seems to me, that the action of the producers in resigning as a protest against political influence was entirely ethical; retention of the CBC as an organization shackled by political expediency would indeed be a waste of public money.

The producers were apparently fighting to preserve the status quo of the CBC and to resist influential pressure on CBC policy. The question now being asked by many people is, do we need to preserve the status quo of the CBC? If the CBC were to be scrapped, all radio and TV facilities would be put in the hands of commercial operators, and the programs would be those that sponsors would finance. This is horrible to contemplate. For those who merely wish to pass the hours away in physical and mental sloth, commercial radio and TV no doubt do an admirable job. One can doze off during the sales pitch and follow most of the programs without really waking up. However, most people who prefer the sugary pills of sponsored radio and TV are already well-catered for by Canadian radio and U.S. television. The CBC was set up to do a little more than this; to cater for people who were inter-

ested in Canadian affairs, who wanted to hear comments of informed observers, whose musical tastes occasionally transcended the "pop" albums and who didn't shy away from a little mental stimulation now and again. To this end, the CBC has been reasonably successful. To suggest, as the Globe & Mail does, that the CBC should not provide any programs of opinions regarding the country's government is ludicrous and frightening. The CBC is the only completely independent source of news and views in this country. How is the well-informed Canadian to be well-informed — by the selected items in politically biased newspapers or through the courtesy of detergent and cereal manufacturer's sponsored programs?

I believe that any attempt to change the basic structure of the CBC, or to stifle the views and opinions of its commentators would be a grave mistake. The CBC is an essential element in our Canadian democracy, and coupled to a free press, is a strong weapon against government abuse and corruption. If the government feels that the CBC is unduly biasing its comments, there is a Parliamentary Committee set up to deal with any complaints.

The main problem with the CBC is its indecisive, cap-in-hand management. If the CBC had a strong competent executive, it would heed neither the unofficial complaints of individual politicians nor threatening actions by employees. It would also have the good sense not to arbitrarily remove one of its few opinion broadcasts at a time when such action would obviously be suspect.

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