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**EDITORIAL COMMENT**

**Need For Traffic Light**

Approval is being sought from the Department of Highways for installation of a traffic light at the busy Highway - John Street corner. A similar request a few years ago was turned down by the department on the grounds that a traffic count did not show enough need for such installation. The count must have been taken on a Sunday morning between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. — and even at that hour we wager there is a fair flow of traffic on both these busy streets. We believe at that time, too, there was some comment on not a high enough accident rate to justify the

lights. At any rate, traffic has increased to the point where at any hour of the day a pedestrian takes his life in his hands to dart across the highway. And drivers have cooperated, also, to boost the accident toll for there have been several smash-ups (luckily all minor) at the corner in the past few years. The need is certainly apparent to anyone who lives in town. Statistics are all right in their place, but whatever a new traffic count shows, we won't be happy until we see the light.

**Renaming Streets**

There is some possibility that when mail delivery comes, it may be necessary to rename a few local streets with similar names. Victoria St. and Victoria Ave. have been mentioned, as well as the two Chapel Streets, east and west. Should it happen that the postal authorities demand the change, we can think of no better name for the present Victoria avenue and crescent than Dayfoot Drive. The crescent was originally part of the Dayfoot property which was subdivided several years ago. The family roots go back to Georgetown's early history and, with closing of the old shoe factory and death of brothers Harry and Charles, it would be nice to have

them remembered in this way. The Dayfoot brothers contributed their share to community betterment during their stay in town. Harry Dayfoot was a member of the hydro commission for years. His brother served on the high school board. Their shoe business in its day was one of the town's stable industries and their product was widely known. Another old Georgetown name which has escaped recognition is Barber, and we would suggest this as eminently fitting also, should other street renaming be necessary. As founders of a business which still makes Georgetown known as "the paper town" the Barber name should have a niche in history too.

**ASHGROVE**  
**EX-PUPILS REMINISCE AT PUBLIC SCHOOL REUNION**  
 On Tuesday evening, June 30th, the W.A. held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Willford Bird. President Mrs. Vern Pickett opened with a short Devotional and a hymn and prayer. Mrs. Thos. Giffen and Mrs. Arthur Riddell read thank you notes from sick members who had been remembered through the year. Mrs. Len Cox gave the treasurer's report. After some it

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ems of business were discussed, meeting closed and a social hour followed. The public school reunion held at the school grounds on Saturday, July 4th was a splendid success. The weather was ideal and over one hundred and seventy five who attended said it was the best one yet. Pupils and teachers of past days reminisced and looked at pictures of themselves when they attended that little red schoolhouse. Lunch at noon under the trees never tasted so good and sure disappeared in short order. The committee are to be congratulated on such a wonderful reunion. Virginia and Robert Anderson of Montreal are visiting their grand parents Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Riddell and Howson. Mr. Stuart Bridgen of Harriston made a surprise visit to his brother Bruce last week who is not enjoying good health. Mrs. Horace Barnes and Nora spent last week at their uncle's cottage at Bala, Muskoka. Our minister, Rev. John Hill and his family are away on holidays. Next Sunday the service will be taken by Dr. George Clark of Burlington at 11.30. On Sunday, July 19th it will be in charge of the young people, and Rev. Adams of Stouffville will speak. Service will commence at eleven o'clock. Miss Sandra Tindale attended a shower at Arthur for her friend Miss Rae Morrison, last Friday night. Sandra will also be a guest at the wedding on Saturday, July 25th.

**Was Former School Principal in Glen**  
 A Halton school teacher for 37 years until her retirement in 1935, Miss Margaret E. Currie died in Milton Private Hospital, June 29th. Beginning her career in Bronte in the primary room in 1895, she later served in Dufferin School in the Scotch Block, in Palermo and Zimmerman. Going to Glen Williams as principal in 1913, she returned to Bronte as principal in 1923. In 1931 she went to Ball School, Nelson where she served until superannuation. Born in Erin township, Miss Currie was a daughter of James and Mary Ann Campbell Currie. She attended public school in Greenoch and Erin township, high school in Georgetown, Milton Model School and Toronto Normal. She also held certificates in household science and agriculture. Surviving are her brother Archie of Acton and sister Louise of Toronto. The funeral service on June 30th at the McKersie Funeral Home, Milton was conducted by Rev. J. Graham of St. Paul's United Church, of which Miss Currie was an adherent. Cremation took place in Toronto and her ashes

**THE MAIL BAG**  
**CRANK CALLS HAZARDOUS TO AMBULANCE, POLICE AND FIRE PERSONNEL**  
 Georgetown, Ontario  
 June 28th, 1959

Dear Mr. Editor: Georgetown and county provincial police officers have gone on record that the person or persons who have put in false alarm calls for ambulance and police will be severely dealt with if apprehended. Last Tuesday, June 23rd, a call was received for ambulance service to Norval, which turned out to be a false alarm. On the Saturday night following, a call was received by Georgetown police that several persons were in possession of revolvers in the Norval hotel. Georgetown cruiser and three provincial cruisers responded and this again, was a fictitious call. In the case of the volunteer ambulance drivers and assistants, every trip, whether genuine or not, entails great risk for them as they are not covered by insurance such as is in effect for firemen while in the performance of their duties. Coupled with this is the fact that any ambulance, police or fire call represents an emergency and no time is lost getting to where the service is required. It would be well for those who subscribe to such tricks to think (if that is possible for them) that they may be responsible for a fatal accident involving an officer or officers in the various services if they persist in this highly dangerous practice, and if caught would be likely subject to a heavy penalty.  
 Yours truly,  
 — ED A. PETERS

**Co-Op Buys Erin Mill Third in the Chain**

Halton Co-Operative Supplies, took a major step in its expansion on Monday when it assumed control of the former Erin Grist Mill. The business was purchased by the Co-Op branched from its original Milton location to establish a second branch in Georgetown, presently managed by Bill Somerville. The Erin branch will have Bob Carr as manager, who was formerly with Orangeville Co-Op. Charles Harris, Georgetown is general manager for the three divisions. will be interred in the family plot in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

**Controversial Corner**

by Ian Cass  
**DRINKING AND THE LAW**


If the liquor laws of Ontario achieved anything they might be worth while. If the many rules and regulations governing the consumption of alcoholic beverages were successful in reducing the number of drunks and alcoholics, or the number of impaired drivers; if these laws helped us to prevent the abuse of alcohol, we could congratulate ourselves on our wise legislators. Unfortunately, this is not the case. When Prince Phillip asked Harry Allen (MPP) what was going to be done about changing these obsolete and old-fashioned liquor laws, he posed a good question. The present regulations are of no benefit whatever to the average mumbo-jumbo governing the drinkers of Ontario ensures a continuation of the monopolistic control of the liquor industry, and makes certain that the vast incomes from the industry continue to go into the same pockets — but I doubt very much if the laws achieve the one thing they were set up to achieve — prevention of alcoholic abuses. The evil paradox of our present laws is that they hit the moderate drinker and not the alcoholic. People who drink to excess, people who drink to escape the confines of their own petty intelligence, they have no difficulty whatever in obtaining the necessary alcoholic beverages to do this. The absurd restrictions applied by the LCBO are no deterrent to the habitual drunk, neither is he depressed by similar rules and regulations existing in hotels and taverns. The LCBO, the hotel and tavern operators, and habitual drunks and alcoholics have a common bond. The LCBO and the hotel operators have one main interest; to sell as much of the stuff as possible. The drunks and alcoholics have one main interest, to drink as much of the stuff as possible. There is nothing in our liquor laws to discourage them from doing this. In view of the complete failure of liquor regulations to prevent excessive drinking, it is difficult to understand the violent opposition of temperance organizations towards any attempt to change them. Because the majority of Ontarians are not teetotal and do not want to be, it is clear that any campaign for complete prohibition and abstinence is doomed to failure. What we need is a campaign for moderation plus liquor laws aimed directly at those who abuse alcohol — at the moment we have neither of these. We have plenty of campaigns for abstinence, all sorts of regulations and directives which inconvenience and penalize the average law-abiding respectable citizen, and a multitude of hotels and taverns whose only interest is pushing the stuff down the customer's neck as fast as possible. Not that there is too much that an enlightened tavern owner can do to improve his facilities. The regulations tell him when he can sell, how he can sell and what he can sell; they also tell him a million other things such as, the customer must be sitting down, must finish a drink before ordering another, must only talk, drink, smoke and go to the toilet. All this balderdash is fine and dandy for the drunks who only go there to drink anyway. The sad part is that in this atmosphere people are encouraged to drink more than they would in more social surroundings. The average tavern is a pretty

should be made to make drinking establishments the sort of place where this riff-raff will feel less at home. Taverns and hotels should be places where a respectable man can take his wife and not worry about the neighbors talking. There should be more of them, so that the good ones will survive and the poor ones go down the drain. The emphasis should be on sociability not on consumption. There should be means of entertainment other than guzzling and arguing, such as darts, cribbage, amateur performers, billiards, singing, piano playing and any other sociable pastime which the landlord sees fit to provide. Those who drink too much and become a nuisance should be rapidly evicted and, if necessary barred from entering at all. It should be the landlord's responsibility to see that drunks are not catered for under pain of losing his licence. It should be a police responsibility to deal with habitual drunks by keeping them out of taverns altogether. If a man could stand at the bar and discuss the weather with the landlord, if he could have a game of darts and listen to the local piano player, he would probably spend less time "bending his elbow." Like it or not, people are going to drink — why not give them an atmosphere where drinking is a background to some other activity instead of being the only pastime? Our present legislation does nothing whatever to alleviate the evils of drinking. What we have is a multitude of petty restrictions which may inconvenience the average moderate drinker but which have no effect at all on the excessive drinker. If we can produce laws which will provide moderate drinkers with civilized meeting places, and at the same time deal with drunks and alcoholics by putting them either in jail or in hospital, then perhaps we can make some progress. — The next public holiday will be Civic Holiday which comes the first Monday in August.

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