

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### The Top Ten

Following a procedure common in newspapers, we have scanned the 1959 news pages to come up with what we consider the Top Ten stories of Georgetown's year.

The visit of Governor General Massey, an honour seldom conferred on a town this size, made local history, perpetuated by a \$100 bursary established at the high school to mark his day in town.

Inauguration of letter carrier service was an important milestone in Georgetown's history, and was a contributing factor in a forward step by the Herald in establishing a carrier boy service replacing the former town mail subscriptions.

Cancellation of the Arrow contract and dismissal of over 400 local residents employed at Malton had major effects on town economy. As a result there was a plentiful of homes for sale as many secured new positions in the States and other parts of Canada, and a few returned to their British homeland.

The Malton situation, however, also made happier headlines when a group of aircraft engineers, close Georgetown as their base of operations in designing a gyroplane, which they hope to market at the plane of the future and which is in final stages before a planned test flight.

Another provincial champion hockey team, Hunter's Realtors, added to Georgetown's sports laurels when they capped an intermediate title for sports headlines.

Prominent too in sporting headlines was a new golf club, located on the Bingham farm, while the North Halton club expanded with building of a new clubhouse and curling rink.

Opening of Delrex Market Centre marked the largest commercial expansion since the town's earlier days, and added a dozen new stores to serve shoppers.

The industrial scene brightened when Standard Products located in a new highway factory, coming here from Windsor, to be near the Ford plant for which it supplies auto accessories.

Dissolution of North Halton high school district, to be replaced with three separate districts, one of them centering around Georgetown High School was news making, marking an about shift in Dept. of Education thinking which at one stage almost created one central high school at Speyside.

And on the political scene, a turned down Delrex request for release of 1163 building lots... the 60-40 question... forthcoming auditor's report on subdivisions... and the December municipal elections kept readers interested more than usual in local affairs.

That's our choice for the Top Ten. But it only skims the surface of the hundreds of news stories which the Herald has printed. And, unlike a daily, whose existence depends on headlines, a weekly paper's forte are the smaller stories which depict community life... the personals and birthday parties, church and service club meetings, weddings and obituaries.

And as 1960 begins, we start again compiling a weekly account of the joys and sorrows of Georgetown life, making headlines large and small in this segment of the world which is the Herald's field of endeavor.

### Hydro, Phone Calamities

How much we depend on hydro and telephone service in our daily living was amply demonstrated in this district last week when a savage ice storm did more damage than memory records in past years.

While Georgetown proper suffered only mild effects it was a different story a few miles away. Thanks to local hydro crews, augmented by reinforcements rushed in to cope with the disaster, power was restored to most homes and farms within a day or two. But meanwhile, farmers particularly, were hard pressed to cope with such modern inventions as milking machines and pressure water pumps. There

are stories of cows which virtually refused to be milked by hand, of farmers who spent hours carrying pails of water by hand for their thirsty stock, and of all manner of heating equipment pressed into service, and auxiliary power supplied by tractor.

At time of writing telephone lines have still not been restored to full use in some rural areas, and residents are hoping that there will be no further ice storms to handicap repair crews still working on past damage.

Meanwhile we can be thankful that nature cooperated in one way and no fires occurred during the phone and power blackouts.

### Police Had Happy Holiday

Georgetown policemen had one of their happiest holiday periods on record, with a dearth of major accidents, and only the usual run of minor lawbreaking.

They were particularly happy to have no local homes saddened by motor accidents which all too frequently mar holiday times. The "if you drink, don't drive"

campaign certainly seemed to be headed by Georgetowners, according to statistics, and the "one for the road" must have been coffee for most local people.

Which is as it should be. Taxis are much cheaper than accidents, and the only place for alcohol in a motor vehicle is in the engine.

### Believe Royal Grave Over 1400 Years Old

Discovery of what is believed to be a royal grave over 1400 years old has crowned an exciting season of archeological excavations which have been under way this summer at Sewer by near Bridlington, in Yorkshire, England. The ancient grave is believed by archeologists to be that of a queen or a princess, who accompanied the King of the Angles, King Ida, on his invasion of Britain in A.D. 547 to found his kingdom of Bernicia.

The discovery of this grave, made by Philip Rahit on behalf of the Ministry of Works, is regarded as a find of the utmost importance. It was made on a flat low ridge within two miles of the sea in Bridlington Bay four miles from Scarborough Head. It is light in with ancient history because of the fact that Bede the historian left on record that King Ida and his forces landed at that point.

Excavations were undertaken after seven skeletons, obviously of ancient vintage were found last year at this site during the building of a farmhouse. The

police were informed. As a result, the Ministry of Works this year authorized the making of excavations. These disclosed an old Anglo cemetery, the full extent of which has not yet been ascertained.

In all, 48 more graves have been uncovered. The skeletons were of both sexes, which indicates that this was the cemetery of some as yet undiscovered settlement, and was not a graveyard from a battle.

The skeletons which have been unearthed were those of a rather diminutive people, very few of whom approached the stature of the modern Englishman. Of the earlier skeletons only one exceeded five feet, six inches in height. Round the neck was a wealth of grave goods.

Outstanding among them was the 'royal' grave, marked by a cairn of chalk blocks. It contained an adult, probably a female, who was buried in a bronze-lined wooden coffin. Traces of the coffin were found. The wealth of jewelry and other articles buried with the grave's occupant indicates that this was no ordinary person. Round the neck was a necklace of 303 beads.

With the bones were a large square-headed gilded brooch, two smaller squared gilded brooches, a pair of gilded wrist clasps, a pair of girdle hangers,



UNO KNOW WHO REVIEWS THE YEAR.

### Sugar and Spice

Staged by BILL SMILEY of the Waterloo Echo

There's something completely satisfying about getting the old nose back to the familiar grindstone, after the scramble of Christmas and the follies of New Year's Eve have faded. It's a good feeling to have a brand new year stretching ahead, as clean and fresh as a field of new snow, even though we know it won't look like much after we've bogged around in it for a while.

Looking back over last year is rather depressing. I can't seem to see anything of progress, morally, physically, or financially, in my own twelve month stint, I did get to church more often, but that was offset by an increase in smoking, and some pretty violent swearing. I didn't have any major operations, but made the acquaintance of a nasty customer called Art. And I ended 1959 as I had begun this year before, deep in debt.

Happily, the rest of the family did show some progress. The kids did well with music and school, grew a foot each, and improved their swimming, skating and sundry other accomplishments. The wife, on the other hand, increased in temper, and they learned a number of new ways of irritating their parents to the verge of breakdown.

My wife had a good year too. She seemed to get a lot smarter, and began helping me. I didn't move any faster, but we were both more comfortable. She also showed definite signs of maturing, and laid hands on me violently only twice that I can remember.

We had a tragedy before Christmas, when our spaniel pup was killed by a car. There were some heart-broken days around our house. I can tell you. Our 12-year-old, a tough young nut who wouldn't cry if you pummed him with a two-by-four, wept openly and bitterly. His mother, who called that dog every kind of no-good you could imagine, still weeps whenever she thinks of Play-boy, the pup.

Isn't it amazing how little we can remember of what happened in the world at large during the past year? I vaguely recall that the Queen was here last summer, that Mr. Kruschke visited the West during the year, that there were various "incidents" in various parts of the globe, all of them scary. But most vivid in my memory are things like: catching 14 nice speckled trout one hot day in June; the day Kim's ponytail was cut off; the day Hugh won a scholarship at the music festival.

Like most Canadians, I am inclined to be more interested in what's going on in my own backyard than what's happening to the world. It's nothing to brag about, of course. As a nation, we are prone to interest ourselves more in a local doughnut than in the starving millions of Asia, more in our new outboard motor than in intercontinental missiles.

This doesn't apply only to Canadians, of course. It is world-wide. But it seems to be emphasized in our country because we are so well off, compared to great sections of the world's population. As a nation, we are generous enough with gifts and loans to less fortunate countries, though we don't strain ourselves. But as individuals, we are content to make our piddling contribution to missions and world welfare organizations, then dismiss them from our minds.

Perhaps we could set as one of our goals for 1960 an examination of what's wrong with the world, and a determination to do something, however small it may be, about it. This is my one resolution, and I'm going to do my miniature best to spread light and cheer, to be more Christian in thought, word and deed. And if you don't think that's a tall order for a hardened sinner, a solid sceptic, you are wrong, Mabel.

Besides, it's much simpler to make one grand, sweeping resolution like that, than a lot of trifling ones. It means you can devote yourself to studying

world affairs and making ambitious plans to do good, and still go on smoking, swearing, beating, hating your wife, kicking dogs, or whatever your forte is.

These cut-and-dried resolutions are all right, but give me a big, fat, sloppy, confusing one that your wife can't put her finger on and say "fish!"

—Now that 1960 is here, resolve to reinvigorate your printing needs immediately. For fast, accurate service phone the Herald, Triangle 7-2201.

### ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald Jan. 3rd, 1955

The year 1954 witnessed the completion in its closing days of a project long held dear to the hearts of the members of the Georgetown Women's Institute. The final payment to the Cemetery Board on the gates to the Cemetery. The gates were placed at the entrance and formally dedicated in 1931 but the obligation undertaken by the Institute was not fully written off until the last few weeks.

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The local office will be open during the rush season on Saturdays.

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For the great majority of car owners there will be no change in the fee, except in the case of the small car owner and the small station wagon. Fees for these vehicles are being brought more into line with other cars.

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pool, Richardson, defense and Anthony, Centre, Higgins, Tisd and Ward, Walsh, Wilkinson, Cripps, E. K. Burns.

The annual meeting of the Sons of St. George held in the club room Wednesday evening. The president for the year was J. H. Thorne, W. G. O. Thorne, president J. H. Thorne, vice president J. H. Thorne, secretary G. Sargent, treasurer Dewhurst, librarian H. DeLisle, auditors N. DeLisle, Y. Herbert, W. Gumm, H. Hurley, N. DeLisle, George Perry.

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