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# ... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

## *Park Land is Important*

Possibility of selling town-owned lots in Sorbeam Heights for house building is linked with the need for additional open spaces and playgrounds for future parkland. And this matter would must be carefully dealt with by council.

The lots in question are those deeded to the town by [illegible] demanded by the provincial [illegible] ding plan.

Whether the present lots strike any useful purpose for recreation [illegible] which council must decide. [illegible] council majority [illegible] to sell them to [illegible] funds derived [illegible] the money should be [illegible] same area.

In this case, [illegible]

for use might be made of the park across town. The lots are small, do not lend themselves to any large scale recreation activity, and tend to be [illegible] for up-ghs [illegible]

At the same time as Prince So[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] parks and recreation. In other words, the lots [illegible] the money should be [illegible] same area.

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## *Tree Planting Needed*

"Only God can make a tree" [illegible] familiar song, but the [illegible] from us humans if trees are to be [illegible] ment nature intended.

Over half a [illegible] of farsighted citizens performed [illegible] service for our town, planting tree-lined streets in the older sections. As a [illegible] resident, we often say a silent "thank you" as we walk to work, admiring [illegible] as the buds [illegible] the [illegible] comes into its full glory, we think back to those pioneer residents whose good work lives on for [illegible] living an old-fashioned [illegible] of these hardy trees to settle [illegible] was interred by the [illegible] in this avenue of beauty.

Trees, like people, have [illegible] span, and this is only the forerunner of barer landscapes.

It is important that as each tree [illegible] it be replaced. [illegible] our newer subdivisions [illegible]

zed program of tree planting. Attempts [illegible] here and there by home owners, individually or in groups, to plant trees [illegible] there seems to be no over-all [illegible] to keep such a program going.

We suggest that the Horticultural Society give the lead with a live tree planting campaign in which a service club, the [illegible] or any public service group could be invited to share.

We owe it to those earlier residents to pass on their legacy to future residents. It reminds an old poem which we learned in Grade [illegible] its essential philosophy, always holds true:

> Plant you had a kindness yesterday,
> Pass it on!
> 'Twas not meant for you to keep alone,
> Pass it on!
> Let it travel down the years,
> Let it wipe another's tears,
> Till in heaven the deed appears,
> Pass it on!

## *Don't Be Hasty*

It is to be hoped that [illegible] of Oakville Humane Society not see [illegible] getown for dog control and other [illegible] needs this year may be solved by [illegible] before it is too late.

The decision seems to hinge on finances.

The Society says it cannot carry on without a sum of $2790 this year. Council feels it cannot afford more than $1500 for the service which, while largely confined to dog control, also makes facilities available for any animal problem which could occur in the town limits.

Perhaps, if council is adamant in its decision not to exceed the $1500, one of the town's service clubs might come to the rescue and adopt this as a project.

Certainly, Georgetown has been for [illegible] the past few years in having a reasonably priced service available, and no similar system could be conducted for this year's $2790 budget.

It would be a backward step to return to a system of dogs running at large, and one which should be avoided if at all possible.

## *Residential Canvass Reports $5500 to Date*

Georgetown residential canvass for the new hospital is going in high gear. At the first report meeting Monday night $5,500. was donated or pledged.

Canvassers will continue their efforts this week to strengthen this division's total and bring he project closer to victory. Next report meeting will be held Monday night, 8:30 p.m. at the Rose Room in the Arena.

Among those canvassing for the building fund are:

Jack Armstrong, Garry Alton, M. Armstrong, Mrs. Bernard Armstrong, Jack Bonsell, Bill Brown, Mrs. O. M. Brewster, W. M. Barrett, Mrs. Jean Brown, Mrs. J. Brick, William Bingham, Mrs. Kelvin Brown, Mrs. Benedict, Thomas Beckett, Sr., Mr. Bevan, Reg Broomhead, T. D. Burch, Mrs. Roy Bradley, Mrs. Joyce Barton, Mrs. Walter Biehn, Mrs. Helen Bilton, Mrs. Bridgen, Bob Bradley, Jim Bennett, J. Critchlow, Harold Coleman, Bob Chisholman, Bert Curchin, Pete Cook, Mrs. T. Cuzak, James A. Costigan, Dennis Cartwright, Mrs. D. Carter, Ivan Crabtree, R. Crawford, Mrs. Lorne Cox, Mrs. Wm. Carr, Mrs. Ian Cass, Mrs. Costly, J. Durno, Miss Isabel Dobson, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Joseph Emmerson, Mrs. T. Grieve.

Mrs. F. Flack, Mrs. North, Fallingham, J. E. Fenning, E. Forgrave, Mrs. Fantuz, Mrs. Harold Fobert, Bill Fox, Mrs. L. Fallow, Mrs. W. B. Ford, Mrs. Graham Farrell, Mrs. V. R. Gonzeon, Mrs. Freda Grittoni, Mrs. Marjorie Glover, George Glassford, Mrs. Dave Godden, H. Gilmer, Ernie Gibbs, Mr. Haarmeyer, E. Have, Frank Howard, Harry Howard, Stan Hegstrom, John Henley, R. Hall, Mrs. R. Hunt, Mrs. Harley, Roy Henderson, H. Hutchinson, Roy Hansen, Mrs. H. Hunter, William Hunter, Mrs. M. Ingram, H. D. Ingram, Mrs. Fred Johnson, Mrs. Helen Kirk, William Kinrade, Mrs. Janet Kitchen, Mrs. Gord King, Shirley Livingstone, Mrs. Horace Lamble, Mrs. D. Latimer, Harry Levy, Mrs. Phyllis Lloyd, Mrs. K. M. Langdon, Mrs. Tom Ledwidge, Mrs. C. Martin, Gordon Milward, Sam Meltzer, Mrs. Lily Maybanks, Don Laird, Mrs. Mundy, Mrs. Michasiw, Mrs. Macdonald, Logan Macdonald, Mrs. Charlene MacCormack, Mrs. Walter Mogdy, Mrs. J. Mackenzie, Mrs. D. R. Mills, Mrs. S. Mackenzie, Keith Macdonald, Miss Margery Mackenzie, Mrs. Arlene Mulholland, Ernie Mackenzie, Wally Mulholland, Dan McNeil, Mrs. J. McQuarrie, Bruce McCartney, Mrs. G. McGillvray, A. McBride, Janet McDougall, Mrs. L. G. McClintock, Gerald A. McCrea, Mrs. J. McKenzie, J. McIlryde, Burton Macdonald, Glen McKnight, G. McGillvray.

Mrs. Edith Nouton, Miss Karen Norton, Norton Nelson, B. Ogilvy, Mrs. Hilda Olsen, J. A. Pickup, D. Patterson, Mr. Peters, Mrs. D. Powers, Pearce Potter, Jack Puckering, Mrs. Palichuk, Mr. Peebles, Mrs. Frank Petch, Miss Richmond, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. M. Richardson, Ron Sims, Mrs. Sillen, Mrs. St. Cyr, Ross Stevens, Gordon Spence, Sr., Mrs. R. B. Street, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Jean Smith, Mrs. E. J. Smith, Barry Stein, Mrs. R. B. Stevens, Ross Thompson, J. Smith, Mrs. V. Stein, Ed Stoltz, Mrs. Al Turner, Mrs. Anne Turkington, Mrs. E. S. Thompson, Ross Thompson, Bob Turkington, Mrs. Ralph Urael, George Ventry, Mrs. Stan Walsh, Mrs. Warnock, Miss Lillian Wolfe, Frank Wallace, Mrs. Peggy Wylie, Bruce Williamson, Mrs. Stan Wade, Doug Ward, Roger Wade, Peter Wright, Denny Wright, J. Zorge, John Zorge, Mrs. J. Zorge, Mrs. N. J. Timpson, M. Todd, Al Turner, Jim York, Mrs. K. H. York, Mrs. A. Yeadon, Mrs. Dorothy Young.

## ERROR IN HISTORY

Reporting the birthday celebration of Lt.-Col. Alex Noble recently, the Herald erred in saying he lives in the house built by his father.

The Noble residence was actually built by Alex McNabb in 1856. A wing was added by Major Mitchell in the early sixties, and it was in 1868 that Colonel Noble's father became owner of the house.

SEVEN YEAR PLAN

## Controversial Corner

by Ian Cass

### Doesn't Like Russian Politics But Education System Better

Having been confined to bed for two or three days with a complaint which our expert medical advisor diagnosed in highly professional terms as the Georgetown bug, I was forced to spend a very dreary long week. At least it would have been relaxing had I been the only victim, waited on hand and foot by anxious females. Unfortunately, the other members of the household were similarly stricken and it was a case of every man (or woman) for himself. However, the couchs and the settees (waffles and wheezes are slowly drying away the moment), the humidifier, the lozenges and extra blankets have been put away. All that remains are a few doctor's bills and some penicillin tablets.

I discovered during the period of enforced idleness that the radio still provides some very worthwhile programs, by radio I mean stations like CBL and CBC, not the commercial stations most of which merely provide background noise designed, not to promote thought, but to forbid it. I often wonder how the latter stations ever manage to survive when they use most of their air time in a monotonous repetition of tasteless dirges which didn't merit recording in the first place. The people who run these stations and the sponsors who buy time in them must think that the spending power of the nation is in the hands of a bunch of retarded adolescents. Little wonder that the big disclosure of 'payola' to disc jockeys didn't cause much surprise — obviously they weren't playing all that trade for nothing.

CBL provided an opportunity to hear, first hand, a talk on Russia by one of the very few Canadians qualified to speak on this important subject — an old TV friend to many of us — Mr. Larry Henderson. He spoke of the improved standard of living there which, although much lower than ours, represents real progress to a people who started with nothing. He also spoke of a new personal freedom in the USSR; a new willingness to talk on political matters; a readiness to speak critically of various government actions. This represents an encouraging trend although real freedom is still a long way off. He spoke at some length on the Russian system of education and why this system has given them such a lead in space research and missile development. Their system ensures that virtually all the mentally bright youngsters receive a good and extended education, whereas in this country half the best young brains never go beyond High School while the universities are full of the mentally indifferent. Leaders in the arts and the sciences, in Russia, are looked up to, they are well paid whether they be ballet dancers, writers, musicians, physicists, teachers or engineers; in our society this is not the case. In Russia the educational system is set up to educate; it may not be a very catholic education but there are few frills, few unessentials and lots of hard work. There can be little doubt that the best young brains in Russia are being fully utilized while many of our most promising young students end up in mental occupations doing a job far beneath their potential.

These comments should not be interpreted as a support for the Russian political system. Any totalitarian government is evil, it doesn't matter whether totalitarianism flourishes under the guise of communism, socialism, capitalism or any other "-ism" so long as it exists it means that people are not free and it means that free people are in danger. I think that some aspects of the Russian approach to education must be embodied in our own system if we are to keep pace with their scientific progress. The changes in our system must come democratically from the pressure exerted by an informed public. Any change in our educational system which gave dictatorial power to any political body would in itself be a battle lost to communism.

In fact, the ever present battle between East and West, the war of nerves and propaganda the cold war, may yet be finally decided without guns and tanks without atom bombs and guided missiles — the West may lose without firing a shot. Mr. Khushchev may even now be sitting back in his chair in the Kremlin, content with the knowledge that the West will eventually destroy itself. Mr. Khushchev can read history, he knows that every civilization which has existed on this earth has crumbled for the same reason — a loosening of moral fibre, a lack of spiritual fortitude and an abandoning of ideological belief. Indications are on every hand that the West is already moving along the same road of self destruction; nowhere is this more true than in North America. If we become more interested in material assets than in moral values of getting on in the world is to be more important than truth, if we are only going to value those aspects of democratic ideals which enable us to satisfy our greed and avarice, if we continue to be content to exploit rather than build up our moral and material wealth then Mr. Khushchev has every reason to feel that we shall destroy ourselves.

The only answer to the communist ideology in the East is moral rearmament of the free man's ideology in the West. The sincere communist believes that his system will win because it is right; a good many opponents of communism merely hope that their system will win because of the material comfort they derive from it. This sort of indecent approach is the strongest weapon in the communist arsenal at the moment. I sincerely hope that the little booklet issued by Moral Re-Armament, entitled Ideology and Coexistence and now being distributed throughout Canada, will be widely read.

TWENTY - FIVE YEARS AGO

## ECHOES

from the pages of the Herald, March 20th, 1935

- An exchange of ministers between the United Church, Georgetown, and the Laidlaw Memorial Church, Hamilton, by which Rev. R. W. Rumley, BD, will go to Hamilton and Rev. F. C. Overend, BA, will come to Georgetown has been announced.

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- The annual St Patrick's tea of the Local Council of Women was held in the Public Library on Saturday afternoon. Mrs. J. B. Mackenzie the president received the guests and Mrs. Vannatter poured tea. Mrs. I. W. Dann arranged the program.

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- A packed house greeted Georgetown Community Choral Society in the United Church Tuesday evening when a chorus of 65 voices presented one of the finest programs ever given in town. Mr. W. E. Capps was the conductor. Mrs. Florence Pye was the accompanist. Miss Roberta Dinsmore gave readings, Mr. William Young soloed on the violin accompanied by Mr. Joseph Young.

MERRY MENAGERIE — By Walt Disney

"Poor Cedric's got indigestion again!"

## Sugar and Spice

Dispensed by BILL SMILEY of the Whatever Editor

Every St. Patrick's Day, I try to write a column about the Irish. And every year, I give it up as a bad job. What can you say about the Irish, good or bad, that they have not already said about themselves, being the greatest talkers and writers on the face of the earth?

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About ninety-four per cent of this talking and writing is pure Irish blather, but the remainder is as fine and true as anything that has come from tongue or pen.

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I'm no authority on the Irish, and I promise that anyone who finds a single 'begorrah' in this column may clobber me with a leprechaun. But it behooves me, as a student of the highways and byways, the odds and sods, to peer through the fog, and squelch through the bog, in an honest effort to find the real essence of the Irish.

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Fortunately for the cause of pure research, there are hordes of genuine authorities on Ireland and the Irish. They are all Irishmen, of course. No nation on earth has found itself so fascinating as the Irish. No people has ever examined itself with such untiring delight, such hopeless disgust.

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Most of the confusion about the Irish must rest with their writers. The brooding, turbulent, hilarious, soaring language of their poets, story tellers and dramatists has tumbled into our ken an Irishman who is half man, half myth, half clown, half hero.

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If we listed all the fine things the Irish have to say about themselves, we'd have them down as: loyal to the death; witty as all hell; fun-loving; handsome; deeply religious, sensitive; and with a fine disdain for the material things of life to mention only a few self bestowed virtues.

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And if we listed all the sorry things Irishmen call themselves, we'd put down: cowardly; treacherous, simple-minded, morose, ugly as sin; deeply profane, coarse as crows; and with a shrewd eye for a shilling, to name but a few self bestowed vices.

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This is to say that the Irish are just like everybody else. Which, of course is ridiculous, and any Irishman worth his weight in boiled potatoes will attack this slander at the drop of a crock.

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There's one thing about the Irish, for example, that stands out like the head on a draught of Guinness. Aside, of course, from the fact that they're bad-tempered, garrulous, inconsistent, self-pitying, lyrical, humorous, warm hearted and entirely charming.

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And that one thing is the memory of them. They have a memory that would make a self respecting elephant wind his trunk around his left ear in an ecstasy of embarrassment. The Irish have never forgotten anything, which is at once their curse and their glory.

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An Irishman just one generation out of the bog will remind you with some disdain that the emerald isle was a centre of learning, a cultured, Christian country when the British were still clambering out of their coracles.


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MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT

## Some Further Intelligence

by Tom Ferguson

Citizens continue to ask questions about our new hospital. At the expense of repetition we would like to state:

**Q. What is the general plan for the new Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital?**

A. In the interests of approximately 16,000 people in the Georgetown district, this new hospital in the community is needed to look after the birth of its citizens, the terminal illnesses of its aged, to provide emergency treatment, to make early diagnoses, to treat cases within its scope, to provide convalescent care and rehabilitation service as required.

**Q. How many Georgetown people now have to go to hospitals elsewhere?**

A. Every year well over one thousand people from Georgetown are cared for in Brampton and Guelph Hospitals alone. Other people travel to more distant points. But hospitals in the region are already greatly overburdened. In the Guelph General, for instance, the Georgetown patients — 35 or more at one time — frequently outnumber those from any other community outside of Guelph itself.

**Q. Why should giving to the Building Fund concern everybody throughout Georgetown, Acton, and the northern two-thirds of Esquesing Township?**

A. This is the district to be served. One in every seven people here will need the help of a hospital in the course of one year. Right now, no hospital is located here. But the health of these people is important to every business and resident. No one — certainly not the one in seven — would want to be denied the opportunity to help remedy the lack of immediate hospital protection.

**Q. Will the new hospital duplicate the highly specialized services afforded by large city hospitals?**

A. No. In Georgetown, as in other communities, 90 per cent of illness does not require the highly specialized services afforded by a large city hospital. The Georgetown Plan is economical because it does not call for highly technical equipment and highly specialist personnel. The relatively small percentage of difficult cases will be referred to other institutions for special care and treatment.

**Q. Is the Georgetown district populous enough to require its own hospital?**

A. Yes. Here's a partial list of Ontario municipalities comparable that are safeguarded by public general hospitals.

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| AJAX (Pickering) | MIDLAND |
| ARNPRIOR | NEWMARKET |
| BOWMANVILLE | ORANGEVILLE |
| COBOURG | PARRY SOUND |
| COLLINGWOOD | PENETANGUISHENE |
| FORT ERIE | PERTH |
| FORT FRANCES | PORT HOPE |
| GATINEAU | RENFREW |
| GODERICH | SIMCOE |
| HAWKESBURY | SMITHS FALLS |
| INGERSOLL | UXBRIDGE |
| KEMPTVILLE | WALLACEBURG |
| LEAMINGTON | |
| LINDSAY | |

**Q. Can this smaller-sized hospital be run economically?**

A. Yes. It is anticipated that revenues from the care of patients and other income will be sufficient to balance foreseen operating costs. Hospitals are not business enterprises, but Georgetown's hospital will be run on a businesslike basis, as efficiently and economically as possible.

**Q. What steps are being taken to reduce maintenance costs?**

A. In the floor plan, the surgical, out-patient and central supply departments are closely integrated so as to reduce staffing needs. The admitting office is strategically located so that one person on night duty can watch over both main entrance and ambulance entrance. Certain services, such as pathology and radiology, will be shared with another hospital at a saving to both. And part-time help will be used where possible.

**Q. How will the new hospital be staffed?**

A. Negotiations are now going forward to arrange for a staff comprising 50 to 55 full-time employees and 10 to 15 part-time employees. Residents of the district who have previous hospital or nursing training or experience are being considered as employees.

**Q. May I visit relatives and friends when they are patients in the new hospital?**

A. Yes. Hospital visiting hours will be scheduled for convenient times. You will find that visiting is more easily arranged at a hospital close at hand. Patients, too, will welcome this advantage.

**Q. When will the new hospital be opened to patients?**

A. As soon as the required funds are raised, the construction completed and the staff assembled. All going well, at the earliest possible date in 1961.