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... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

Chamber Proves Its Worth

The Chamber of Commerce is one of the most potent public groups in a town and locally Georgetown is no exception.

Leadership of the Chamber and before that the Board of Trade, has the primary practical effects on the town and the standard of which is an important factor. It was a group of these leaders, several years back who first started thinking of a town organization, and whose explanatory efforts led to the present organization and to the success which will see this organization flourish in town facilities next year.

Town business people are always marks to waste containers placed at their own locations.

The Industrial Council is a cooperative effort of Chamber and business

dedicated to helping the town's industrial story to the world.

Highway signs, shopping guide, Christmas lighted map, and some of the other things which would be most useful to the Chamber is mentioned.

The Chamber has organized a 10-day promotion by Radio and signs on park sign areas. An important activity last year, which is now being continued with an extensive and successful effort to attract more tourists to the town.

The fact of public services is a very important and there will always be ways in which a Chamber of Commerce can help a community. Every resident in the town should be made aware of the many services which are available to him and his family as a member.

Merchant Support Lacking

Speaking of Chamber work, one large handicap locally is an apparent attitude among many merchants.

It is difficult to understand why some who cheerfully donate every time an organization approaches for a service or a program, donating a prize, but not a fifty draw ticket, will not at least give their support to the Chamber of Commerce by taking a yearly membership.

Merchants are busy men, we admit, and all cannot be expected to devote their energy into active membership. But the least that should be expected is that each merchant be a member, on a yearly basis.

Advantages of a University

Indication that York University is looking for a site outside the Metro area, has sparked the town council into a campaign to have it locate in or near town.

And we certainly have advantages to offer!

Georgetown is ideally located for a university.

An hour's drive from the city, we can offer an established, gas-rich community with all the advantages of city life and none of its drawbacks. Robert C. ...

to merchants and available in order to serve the town's interest are to be made.

We have heard a few comments, such as "What has the Chamber done for me?"

We should hear more from you. What have you done for the Chamber?

If you do suggest that every year to give a fifty draw ticket to the Chamber, we will be glad to do so. It is a small thing, but it will help to keep the Chamber's activities going. It will be the best investment you can make, paying directly to your community.

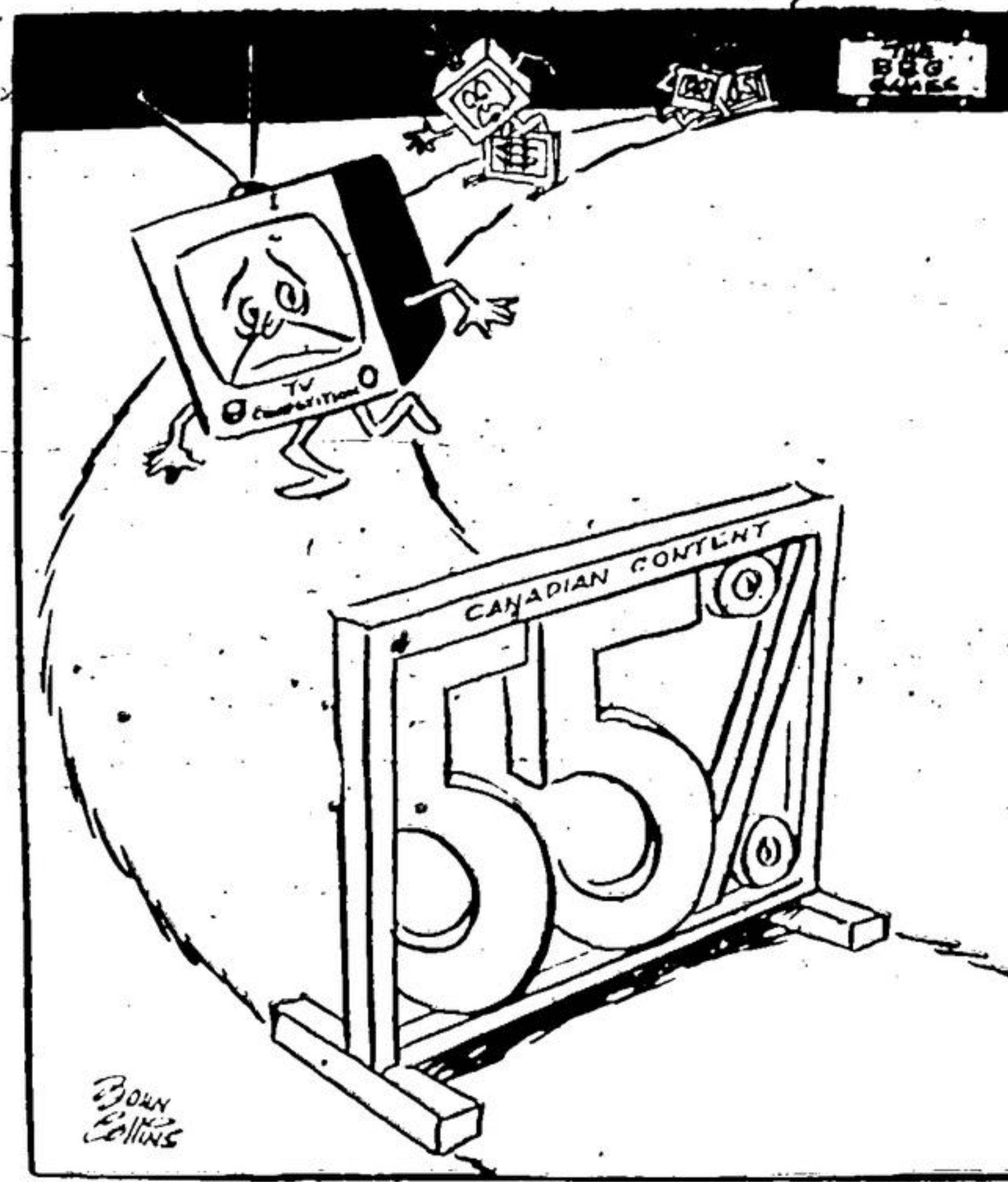
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THE HURDLE RACE

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In Kild's view, a recent survey shows that most libraries are busy at the moment, in January, February, March and November. These periods were most often mentioned by many librarians last April and October periods of great activity.

Libraries also reported a large number of books in book sections. These are now about 100 libraries with books in languages other than French and English, including German, Italian, Spanish, Russian, Dutch, Hungarian, Norwegian and Polish. Toronto public libraries report as many as 23 languages on their shelves.

"Librarians also reported a variety of frequent requests, but on which little or nothing has been published. These include five pin bowling, hockey, curling, care of tropical fish, hypnosis, Latin skating, Canadian folklore and stories of heroes for younger readers, and books by Canadian authors of 10 or 20 years ago.

"Some librarians have found a lack of good books on the Canadian political and economic scene, which they say are often requested by new Canadians. Most subjects, however, are well represented," Dr. Kidd said.

Throughout the next few weeks, libraries participating in the Canadian Library Week program will hold a variety of special events, including open houses, discussion groups, contests and book displays. Local publicity is also planned to focus attention on the aims of Library Week.

In addition, a large number of bookstores are taking part in the six week program. Canadian Library Week is sponsored by the Canadian Library Week Council, the Canadian Library Association, together with a number of librarians and publishers. Theme this year is "Read for Pleasure, Read for Profit, Read for Progress."

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In front of a train or over a cliff, being lapped.

Of course, under a wide open capital punishment system, with some life to it, we'd need more candidates. These could be acquired by returning to the more virile fashions of former times. For example, blasphemers would be stoned to death, the there'd soon be a shortage of stones. Heretics would be burned at the stake, preferably at Hallowe'en. Rapists would be tossed into a pit of rattlesnakes. Traitors would have their entrails removed and burned before their eyes.

Now that we're getting into the swing of things, I must admit I'm growing enthusiastic. While we're at it, we could tighten up our entire code of punishment. No more of these 10-year sentences for bank robbers. Cut off their gun hands at the wrist. It would be a real shot in the arm for the artificial limbs industry.

People taking trout and deer out of season, would be transported, with their families, to Canada's arctic wastes. We'd soon have some thriving settlements in the tundra. People trying to beat the income tax would not be fined, but given hard labour on bread and water.

Shrewish women would have a half inch snipped off the end of their tongues. Wife beaters would get a going over from a professional purist. Business men caught padding their expense account would get the lash. Known alcoholics would be put on a ducking stool and held under water for three minutes, every time they got into the stuff.

Maybe that's what's wrong with society today — our penal code has become soft and sleazy, like everything else. People tell me capital punishment is a deterrent. It would be murder-ous. Perhaps juvenile delinquents would be deterred from beating people up if they knew the punishment was to have one foot lopped off.

Let's give it a try, anyway. We could start by branding "THIEF" on the forehead of children caught stealing apples.

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"My family gets tired of fish every day!"

ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald, April 3rd, 1935

- At the annual meeting of the Georgetown Post of the Canadian Legion held last Thursday night the following officers were elected: President, G. O. Brown; vice-presidents, Dr. C. V. Williams and Dr. R. Leach; month secretary, A. B. Parr; treasurer, Wallace Thompson; Committee: G. Cousins, John D. Kelly, J. Smith and S. Groat.
- On Friday evening relatives and friends from Georgetown, Norval and Burlington paid a surprise visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Farrell on the occasion of their 25th anniversary.
- Georgetown amours has undergone extensive alterations during the past few weeks. A new roof has been put on, the outer walls sided, and two new rooms for the officers have been added.
- A Knight of the King's Highway called one morning last week at a Georgetown home, and inquiring when dinner would be served was told 12:30. Promptly at 12:30 he and a companion called for dinner.
- Owing to the unsafe condition of the belfry tower on the town hall the ringing of the town bell will be discontinued until necessary repairs are made.
- Any man who looks up his family tree is apt to get on a limb.
- Love is an ocean of emotion surrounded by expenses.

Sugar and Spice

Dispensed by MRS. SMILEY of the Winton Echo

Man, we're a bloodthirsty lot, we Canadians. Here I've been going around for years, thinking we were a mild, gentle, civilized people, the milk of human kindness fairly dribbling out the corners of our mouths.

We're not like that at all. We are a real Old Testament, fang and claw, eye for an eye, blood and guts gang. Behind those good, gray exteriors lurk red-eyed avengers who would make Attila the Hun look like a divinity student.

I didn't realize what a snarling tiger by within the bosoms of my fellow Canadians until I mentioned casually, in an editorial a couple of weeks ago, that I didn't believe in capital punishment, and asked for the opinion of readers.

What a Pandora's box that opened! I received only one reasonable response — that is, one opinion that agreed with mine. The rest of them howled for blood. They ranged from curt suggestions that 'ropes, rifle, or gas will do', to interminable epistles that dragged in everybody from Moses to my small daughter.

I was belaboured by Scripture, torn from context. I was buried under piles of newspaper clippings about the latest murder cases. Many assured me that all murderers serving prison terms were just hustling to get out so they could go and knock off somebody else. Others tried to sell me on capital punishment because 'it's cheaper than feeding a murderer.'

Now the fact is that I never mentioned murder in the first

CHILDREN GOOD CUSTOMERS

CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS good customers of a public library and Georgetown is no exception. A typical Saturday sees this scene duplicated dozens of times as youngsters choose their week's reading. Frances Bauer is looking after the young reader.

— Photo by Jay's Studio, Georgetown.



MEET THE STAFF

GEORGETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY has grown tremendously in use these past few years, and now employs, besides a librarian and assistant, four high school girls as part-time employees. Posing for a picture to mark Canadian Library Week are, left to right, Frances Bauer, Mrs. John Gibson, Sylvia Ellis, librarian, Rosamary Jordan, Margaret Eason and Elizabeth Sloan.

— Photo by Jay's Studio, Georgetown.



AND TEENAGERS TOO! HIGH SCHOOLER Trudy Bellegem follows the sign's advice as she receives a group of books from Margaret Eason in a Saturday visit to the public library. This fine service is constantly being improved by an active library board and trained staff in what was Congregational Church.

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