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## It's Fair Time Again...

Heigh, oh, come to the Fair. Yes, folks it's fall fair time again. The seasons come and go so quickly that it seems only yesterday that we permed such an editorial heading twelve months ago.

Fair time is one of the highlights of the social season in Georgetown. In fact, this year's show will be the 114th consecutive event. Any organization that can exist so long in these changing times must have

## Too Statistical....

We often hear of photo finishes in horse races. In fact the practice is fairly common. Now we may have it in baseball to end the arguments and fights which sometimes occur between players and umpires with the last pitch.

Here is what the Christian Science Monitor has to say about the latest case:

"Notwithstanding the time honored cry of 'Kill the umpire' actors of records on the arbiters of baseball probably are no more unfavorable than on most other occupations. An engineer for a New York State corporation, however, he even that some of the uncertainties which beset an umpire's career could be cleared up if the man in the blue suit were given the last word not only vocally but electronically.

## What Coffee Breaks Can Do....

Coffee breaks, an institution once confined to executives only, but now enjoyed by the union proletariat, has been played in many ways by people who prefer to relax on the boss's time when they could be working.

Laying down tools for 10 or 15 minutes during working hours morning and afternoon is supposed to provide an opportunity to rest tired muscles and ease hard-working brains. When staffs are refreshed from their coffee they are, theoretically, so revived they do 40 minutes' work and make the 15 minute rest a dividend-paying investment.

Whether it works out that way, is problematical. At the end of the day, the concern with two coffee breaks does not appear to have accomplished any more than their fellow workers in less-fortunate circumstances who must drink their coffee during the lunch period.

Of course, as the Parkinson law contends, the man deprived of his coffee-breaks may not have accomplished any more than others refreshed by rest and rejuvenated by caffeine.

From New York comes what is presumed to be further proof that coffee breaks should be encouraged. Paul Vance and Lee Pickris, two songwriters are cited as

something to offer the public both by way of entertainment and of an educational nature. While technically an agricultural fair, it has interests for all, from school children to those interested in banking and fancy work, to the breeder and exhibitor of pure bred stock.

It is also a place to meet old friends and make new ones. So we hope our new residents will join with old friends and spend the day at the fair.

"The inventor proposes a battery of tests on cameras above the plate and on either side for right or left-handed batsmen to determine whether the pitcher's throw passes through the strike zone on its way to the catcher's mitt. Another battery of cameras would focus on the various bases to help establish whether the ball arrived before or behind the runner or whether a tag was made or missed.

"Some such innovations have been proposed before. Perhaps they are on the way. Some of the game's most colorful arguments may be missed if the computer merely is to be an aide to the umpire at a playback of the tape. But if baseball is to be as the announcers say 'a game of inches' it may not necessarily go on and be a game of microseconds.

examples of what a coffee break can do to lift the culture of a nation.

In the midst of a morning coffee break Vance, who is married, told Pickris, who is not, that Mrs. Vance, who had been talking with the idea of buying a book, had just picked up the paper because she had to go to appear in public. Vance is a songwriter by trade.

Bachelor Pickris is reported to have sympathized with the lady, he went to the piano and began pecking out a single for his fellow buyers. Vance entered into the spirit of things and supplied a lyric. The coffee grew cold as they worked on the sympathetic song dedicated to the most of Mrs. Vance.

In 25 minutes the coffee drinkers had the words and music for a classic called 'My Blue Jean Was a Yellow Polka Dot Bikini'. Within a week everybody around the place was whistling and singing the song of the little girl who was too timid to come out of the locker because there was so much of her and so little of her yellow polka dot bikini.

If coffee breaks can be held responsibly for things like this it should be encouraged. It's easy to launch and promote a crusade to do away with them.

Mealord Express



TRYING TO DISOWN HIS OWN OFFSPRING

### Some Embossed

Some of the paper is embossed with a pattern to look like linen or other woven material. Paper place mats are finished in this way.

Now the paper is coated. It goes into the cutting machine to be cut into sheets. The new cutting machine doesn't cut the paper just to cutting by any means. It is a baffling electronic marvel, that inspects for flaws, makes its own decisions, remembers where the flaws were on one sheet, and imperfect ones on another. It's all done by mirrors, you've no doubt heard and it's involving ones so they could not. However, I was amazed after the explanation as to be four.

After Electronic Ella rejects the papers, the human fingers take over the inspecting and coating. The girls seem to count the sheets as fast as you'd flip the pages in a book. Finally the coated paper is ready to go all over the world, to turn up as such familiar items as labels on canned goods, beer bottles, and all packaged goods. Some of the glossier magazines used this fine coated paper all throughout, but the experts use it just on the covers.

### Some Text Paper

IX commercial papers are not heavy, testing, eagerly, detergents or fluorescent. Some of them are testing the gloss, weight, and adhesive qualities of paper coating. On a miniature printing press in a room with constant temperature and constant humidity, the paper coating is tested as it would be in actual use. Then the sheets are clipped up on a rack to dry. I wouldn't have been at all surprised to see a hand busy testing the sheets and say triumphantly "This one was washed in New Blue Cheer."

So any time you see a label, or a colour ad in a magazine, which is practically unobtainable, think with pride, the chances are two in four that paper was coated in Georgetown.

### TOUGH PLANET

The largest of the planets, Jupiter, weighs more than all of the other planets together. According to the Book of Knowledge, it is probable that more than one-third of Jupiter is made up of ice. Below this tremendous layer is a metallic rocky core.

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## Sugar and Spice

Dispersed by BILL KNEELEY

Boy, my only regret is that I don't have to get up until this teaching game starts. I had the exact same idea had since I worked in the salt mines of Poland as a prisoner of war. About the same hours, too.

The amazing thing about it is not that it's so easy, it's that you actually get paid for it. I doubt whether squirrels running on a treadmill receive a nickel for their efforts. And as far as I know, the prisoners in those labour camps in Siberia don't draw a salary. Teaching is just as easy as either of these occupations.

It's not really so bad though. You don't have to get up until about 7:15 in the morning and some nights you have your lesson preparations completed by 2 a.m. I seem to be thriving on it. I've only had 2 periods have lasted two weeks and have not even been 'wrest' yet.

It has a lot of good points, too. It cuts down on the smoking when you have to teach six periods before lunch, without time for a single drag, from 9 to 1. That first cigarette, when you finally get out to the classroom, is better than a stick of marijuana. It's like being kicked on the head by an angel. The room spins slowly around you and you drift happily about a foot off the floor.

Then there's the happy Bohemian camaraderie of the teacher's room. Six men teachers, slumped heavily in chairs, staring at their boots and sucking deep on the weed. A few women teachers, exchanging sprightly remarks about how their feet hurt. It's all sort of gay and warm and charming.

And another aspect of the job has cheered me immensely. Before I began teaching, I agreed with most people that teenagers were monsters from outer space or somewhere. I've changed my mind completely. I have five classes of them, and there isn't a single one from outer space, as far as I can learn.

Seriously, I've never met more interesting people than the 180 odd kids I face each day. They range from bright little cuckoos of boys, thirst for knowledge, to great hulking brutes of 17, whose leering presence makes your hackles rise; from dumpy little dolls who will get a crush on me, to elegant, sophisticated young women who will scarcely deign to sweep me with one of those insistent glances with which elegant, sophisticated young women dismiss old men of 40.

Oh, it's exhausting, but scarcely dull. The modern high school is a far cry from the leisurely attend of learning you and I attended. Dad, the books are pouring into them from that space and time are the essentials in coping with them. As a result, the thundering hard must be kept on the run and under the thumb, to avoid chaos.

With a broader curriculum, and his outside activities tripled he quadrupled, the youth

## Controversial Corner

By Ian Cass

### The School Summer Vacation is Too Long

A few days ago I watched my daughter doing her first homework after the September return to school. I was horrified. Here was a Grade 8 student doing Grade 2 math. She told me that the first few weeks were spent going through the basic stuff as a memory refresher. I suppose after an absence of ten to eleven weeks some of the children need a refresher course but it seems a pity to have to go back instead of forward.

This is just one reason why I feel that the summer holiday is too long and wonder if its length is determined by what is best for the children or what is most convenient for the adults. It is obvious that during a holiday of ten weeks or more children are going to lose their grasp on much of their new found knowledge.

### Shorter Holiday

It would appear to me that a much better system would be to have a shorter summer holiday and a longer one at Christmas and Easter. There would be two real advantages from this. First the holidays would not be long enough to make re-starting difficult, secondly, it would give the children a real break from school jousting in the worst weather.

In fact, I think a week or two more school time and less holidaying during the year as a whole would be a good thing. The European educational system takes a child up to matriculation at the average age of sixteen, the Canadian system requires two years more. This is a reflection on the system not on the children. I feel sure that two thirds of our children have the ability to reach Grade 13 standards in 11 years if the system and their parents would let them. Is your child proud of his school?

### Miserable Showing

A great many Canadians are disappointed over the rather miserable showing made in the 1960 Olympic Games in Italy. For a nation with so much of the 'great outdoors' for a nation whose people enjoy a high standard of living and ample time for recreation, it was rather a miserable show. One of the reasons for this lack of leading athletes is not hard to find — we are bringing up a generation of spectators with flat feet and TV legs and, once again, it is to the schools we must look for a solution.

Every school, public or high, should engage in competition with other schools. These competitions should be academic and athletic and range from dramatics and debating to track events and soccer. Where schools are large enough several teams of varying standards and ages should be formed so that joining in is not limited to the expert few. Every school of any size should have one member of the staff who is responsible for physical training and sports. All the pupils should have at least a short period of physical training each day plus some form of organized sport at least once a week.

### Represent School

The result of this would mean that a great many children would be able to represent their school in one form of activity or another. The main factor is that they would be able to compete and in doing well could earn the admiration of their schoolmates — something which is very dear to most school children. Having represented the school in some form of competition, having made some effort of his own, having contributed to the overall school effort, this would give the school a new value, a new atmosphere. It would become 'my school' or 'our school' instead of 'the school'. The creation of this kind of pride in one's school and of one's real contributions to its success is a major step towards reducing the number of problem children and improving the general attitude to school.

### Identification

Another aspect which I feel important is that of identification. If you can encourage the child to have some real regard and feeling for his school, then he should be able to wear some item which will identify him with the school. School blazers, hats, caps and crests should be available and should be encouraged. At the moment, most schools that I know are merely places where children go for so many hours a week. I don't read in the paper that Harrison beat Wringleworth 64-58 at basketball, nor do I read that Chapel St. tied a close game of soccer against Park, or that our High School won a debating contest against Milton and Acton, or that the Georgetown Trophy for track and field events was

### 10 and 25 YEARS AGO

## ECHOES

From the Pages of the Herald, Sept. 30, 1950, and Sept. 25, 1955

### 10 Years Ago

An estimated crowd of 5,000 people jammed the park on Saturday for the annual fall fair. It was one of the most successful events ever staged by the Esquimaux Agricultural Society and the weather was perfect.

### 25 Years Ago

Mr. Harry Chu has purchased the interests of his partners in the Golden Gate Cafe and is now owner of this popular Georgetown restaurant.

### Acton

Acton council last week paved the way for an estimated \$143,200 million-gallon reservoir and water-main extension.

### Brampton

Plans for a gigantic new westside Brampton community have been presented to the Brampton planning board for approval. The plans embrace about 400 acres with a population potential of 7,000.

### Oakville

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## DISTRICT NEWS

### at a Glance

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GREY YOUR COPY Parents of young children are recommended by the Ontario Safety League to ask Allstate Insurance for a copy of their free booklet "Your Child's in Danger". It is an excellent collection of Do's and Don'ts for small children in cars. Included are many points that may not have occurred to parents. Sample: Say 'no' to lollipops and ice-cream-on-sticks while riding. A bump or swerve may turn the treat into a threat to your child's eyes and mouth.