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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### 401 Access Important to Town....

Importance of a better access to 401 Highway is of hyper-importance to industries which might locate in Georgetown, according to a discussion which took place last week at an Industrial Commission meeting.

And the Commission is going to do its utmost to convince authorities that an outlet from town, preferably along the 9th line, is a necessity, not only for future industrial prospects but for existing industries as well.

At present, trucking routes from the new highway must take a longer route through Brampton, or pass through town to the 7th line, thence to Hornby and (og east.

The 9th line would give direct access into Georgetown's large industrial area in the east part of town, and keep trucking routes away from residential districts. And it would bring Georgetown that much closer to the major metropolitan markets where industrial products are shipped.

There is no more important way for local interests to be served than by boosting a better 401 access wherever possible. Council, Chamber of Commerce and every civic group should get behind the Commission in its quest.

### Hockey Coming Up....

Another Raider hockey team will be in action within a few weeks, and the quest for an Ontario title will begin again.

Champions several times in the past, the local team bowed out to Niagara in last season's Ontario finals. This year they will be trying that much harder to bring the coveted honour to town.

Georgetown is grouped this year in a 6-team league. Barrie, Milton and Dundas will vie with them for "A" honours; Port Credit and Bradford will round out the

league during the season, but will contest the "B" title in the playoffs.

The team has the backing of a strong executive and is hoping that last year's upswing in spectator interest will continue. It is almost without understanding that a rink which was jam-packed in the days when the town population was 2,000, can have empty seats in a town five times as big.

There's no better value in entertainment these days than to follow the Raiders during the hockey season.

### Mail Bag Letters Welcome....

Three recent editions of the Herald have carried well-written letters to the Mail Bag. Each expressed opinion about the town council, one complimentary, one of the opposite opinion, and one which took a mid-road course.

We are not suggesting that all citizens should start writing letters about what they think of council. But we are gratified to see men taking enough interest in civic affairs to voice their opinions publicly.

Mail bag letters are an important part of a weekly newspaper and, providing they

are free of libel and that writers confine themselves within the boundary of good taste, we shall print all that are received.

Political matters are not the only things on which readers can have opinions. Perhaps a reader might have a suggestion for an improvement to schooling, for activities of a service club, for something which the town lacks. And on occasions, if one is particularly pleased with some local activity, a nice way to acknowledge this is a Mail Bag letter.

Keep them coming!

### Salute Business Women During Special Week

#### Local Members Plan Special Ceremonies

This is Business Women's Week, October 16th to October 22nd, and the following is from the Provincial President, Mrs. Helene Gibson, Provincial President.

"It has been suggested through comment in editorials recently that the practice of organizations proclaiming that a certain week in the year is their week is being overdone. That may be true to a certain extent, but when an organization as dedicated as Business and Professional Women's Clubs declares that the week of October 16th to 22nd is Business Women's Week, we are simply pointing up that the work being done by us should be brought to the attention of Canadian citizens.

To safeguard them by ensuring fair and equal pay with men for their qualifications and training so signify they should receive it.

We are not service clubs in the ordinary sense of the word, but feel that by making and giving opportunities to young girls and older women to obtain or further their education is a service—a service worthwhile to women and to their communities. Our theme this year "Widening Horizons for the Business Woman" bears this message.

We have a great many hopes, aims and objectives and we will continue to work to open as many gates of opportunity to women as it is in our power to do."

Members of the Georgetown Club are observing this important week in their organization in conjunction with the Brampton and Newmarket Clubs first by some members attending the Emblem Breakfast on Sunday

morning October 23rd in Newmarket and by others joining with the Brampton Club at a Church Service on Sunday evening and a Coffee Party following.

On Monday, the 24th the members will observe their private celebration of this week at a short business meeting and time of fun for themselves and prospective members.

#### THEN THE FUN STARTED

"I don't want to see any callers this afternoon," said an executive to his secretary. "If they say their business is important, just tell them that's what they all say."

During the afternoon a woman called and insisted on seeing him.

"I am his wife," she explained.

And the secretary replied, "That's what they all say."

#### NOT SATISFIED

Parents spend the first part of a child's life getting him to walk and talk, and the rest of his childhood getting him to sit down and keep quiet.



WHO THREW THE OVERALLS?

## Controversial Corner

by Ian Cass

### Anyone Want a Gas Station?

It is noticeable that the countryside is now sprinkled with a fair number of empty gas stations, not brand new ones awaiting tenants but stations that have already been opened and have closed down through lack of business. This is a poor situation for us all, and the oil companies are open to severe criticism for their irresponsible, wasteful over construction during the past five years.

#### Large Sums

The large sums of money spent on unnecessary gas station construction comes, presumably, from the consumer who pays inflated prices for gasoline. If the oil companies have so much money to spare on such dubious enterprises there are at least two very worthwhile courses of action which could be taken: one is to reduce the price of gasoline. The other, and more important, is to pour a few extra millions into the design and production of an auto exhaust gas purifier.

Internal combustion and diesel engines are polluting the atmosphere of N. America at an alarming rate with their lethal exhaust gases of carbon monoxide and other killers. Los Angeles already has passed legislation which makes an exhaust purifier mandatory as soon as such a device is perfected. The oil companies have an excellent chance to show their interest in national welfare by providing monetary support for this essential venture.

#### Unhappy Aspect

A further unhappy aspect of the uncontrolled gas station building is a human one. When a new station is built, the oil company looks around for somebody to lease it. Attract-

ive advertisements appear in the daily press pointing out the advantages of "running your own business." So an ambitious hopeful licensee is obtained, who is prepared to invest four or five thousand dollars, and work hard. It seems to me that working hard is no guarantee of success in this business. Many of the gas stations now standing empty must have once been the symbol of success for hard working operators who failed only because their wasn't enough business to go around. There can be no doubt that the oil companies have an accurate idea how much gas is being sold in a given area or overall. They have a pretty fair idea how much chance of success a new service station will have at any one time. I wonder if this information is passed on to the potential lessee before he loses his shirt. To an oil company, the failure of one operator is of little importance. To the individual concerned, it is often a major tragedy.

#### Delroy Savage Dogs

In Hamilton last Sunday, a 2-year-old girl was savaged so badly by a Doberman Pinscher that she was in critical condition in hospital on Sunday night. She suffered a fractured skull and 125 stitches were needed to close the wounds all over her head and arms. Apparently, the affectionate child was reacting to one of the 40 or so spitzer aunts had made of the animal, jealousy, it was reported.

#### Emotional

This was a most unhappy situation and no doubt a very emotional one—as are most similar cases involving dogs. On this occasion the owner of the dog was the victim's aunt, which must have increased the emotional content. Emotion aside however, the fact remains that the dog very nearly killed a child in an unprovoked attack and one can only assume that it could do so again. It is therefore, very difficult to understand the action of the local police who have placed the dog under a three-month quarantine. I would have assumed that the police would have insisted on and the owner, regretfully, agreed to the destruction of this animal. If the animal had made such an attack on sheep, it would have been shot with out question.

Mr. Nixon and the Islands. In his recent TV debate, candidate Richard Nixon stated categorically that the two small islands of Quemoy and Matsu should be held and defended by force of U.S. arms if necessary. Candidate John Kennedy disagreed with this stand. I would be very interested to hear why U.S. forces or any other western forces should attempt to defend two small pieces of rock five miles from the Chinese mainland. Mr. Nixon says they must be held because giving them up would be inviting further aggression from Red China. I think they are being held because giving them up would be admitting that their occupation was a mistake in the first place—which it obviously was. I think they are being held because of pressure from Chiang Kai-Shek's government on Formosa. Most of all, I think they are being held to save face for the Dulles-Dream and the Republican policy of "any move is a bad move." It seems to me that the collapse of the last

## Sugar and Spice

Disseminated by BILL SMILEY

Well, the school board hasn't had me on the carpet yet for that last column, which urged the abolition of Religious instruction from the curriculum. Maybe it's just because they haven't had a meeting in the meantime. Before they do, I might as well unload all the other beefs I have about the educational system.

Its major flaw is that it costs money. Municipal councils will with increasing regularity that the economy of Endeavour is being wrecked by these madmen on the school board. Educators observe with equal monotony that we spend more on snakes, or liquor than we do on schooling.

Most of us who have children don't kick too much. After all, you have garbage, you expect the cost of its pickup to be added to your taxes. But when a farmer retires and moves to town, it hurts when he finds that half his tax bill is made up of education costs. He forgets, of course, that his grandchildren who live in the city are being educated at tremendous cost and half the tab is picked up by some poor, old trout who is trying to hang onto her house on the old age pension and the income from her husband's \$4,000 insurance policy.

Another thing wrong is the tremendous waste. Every day, skilled teachers are found climbing the walls after trying to insert in some head-teacher's brain the rudiments of learning. Apparently there are to be no havers of wood or drawers of water in this brave, new Canada. In this democracy of ours, it seems that you can't scrub a floor or fill a gas tank unless you are able to identify an intensive verb. You are not able to carry a plank from here to there unless you are 16 and have learned more mathematics than I knew when I was flying a \$50,000 aircraft in the service of his late Majesty, George VI. You can't even have a baby unless you've made a word collection or taken some optics.

Another sore point with me is the course of training given to teachers. They are not brutalized enough. They are taught neither judo nor unarmed combat. They are given no idea of how to deal with teenager tears. What pray are they supposed to do when a six-footer, weighing about 180, says: "So I ain't got my homework done. So what?" Or a 16-year-old slyph look up, bats her eyes, admits she doesn't have her homework done, and starts to howl?

Then there's this business, for the teacher, of being "on stage" all the time. Every classroom should have a little alcove to which a teacher could retreat, at least once a period, and make sure his eye is buttoned, or her slip isn't showing.

It's 35 to 1, and I have a lot more sympathy now for some of those dull sergeants I hated so intensely in the air force. The other day, for example, the kids were killing themselves laughing at me, and I didn't even know what was going on.

I'd asked them to build a portrait of Brutus, from the play "Julius Caesar," by giving me, imaginary details of his appearance. I asked a boy first and after shuffling for four minutes, he blurted: "Well, his medium height and medium weight." A dazzling thrust of the imagination, as you can see. I asked a girl to add to the picture. She suggested he had dark brown hair. Immediately, there was a class snicker and several kids yelled: "Nah! He has grayish hair, sorta curly." So I wrote that down, scowling at them about the snicker. Next kid said Brutus had a sort of red face. It didn't sound much like a Roman senator to me, but I put it on the blackboard, in the midst of another wave of giggling. Another volunteered that Brutus had a big nose, and the entire class dissolved into hilarity. I got pretty sore, and told them they'd probably fall in their examination, and such like. It wasn't until they'd left still chortling, that I looked at the portrait they'd drawn in words, and realized that they were describing, with the utmost glee, their gray-haired, red-faced, big-nosed teacher.

Another thing wrong with the educational system is that there are too many common people getting into the teaching profession. When I was a kid, teachers knew their place. When the last lot was released from the last detention, about a quarter to six, the teacher hurried nervously home, eyes fixed carefully on the ground. You know what some of them have the nerve to do nowadays? They hunt, fish, play golf, have a smash, drive a nice car. They act just as though they were like other people, and I think it's time somebody put a stop to it.

The only other major complaint I have concerns the treasury of the students. I spend hours telling my wife what a delightful, intelligent, well-mannered young girl is Susan, and what an utterly treacherous, spite, intolent young monster is Sam. The latter, supercilious. The "monster" is working there after school. He smiles broadly, carols "Hello, Sir" and bustles around giving me the super service. My wife says: "That's one of the nicest boys I've ever met." We go home out of the store. And flying past on the rear of a motor-cycle thumping her nose at me, is a delightful, intelligent, well-mannered Susan.

## ECHOES

From the Pages of the Herald, October 19, 1950, and October 23, 1955

### 10 YEARS AGO

Premier Leslie Frost congratulated Hugh Leslie of Georgetown after he won the tractor plowing competition at Alliston. He will receive an all-expense trip to the British Isles sponsored by Imperial Oil Limited.

Opposition to the building of one central high school to serve the five communities in North Halton was forcibly expressed by Milton council. Members passed a motion which favoured operating two schools, one at Milton and a second in the Northern part of the county.

William Ritchie was installed as Noble Grand of Osan Lodge at an impressive ceremony Monday at the Oddfellows Hall.

### 25 YEARS AGO

The Gregory Theatre was packed to the doors last Thursday evening when the Georgetown Girls Pipe Band presented their first amateur competition. Thirty contestants entered and the winners were, John Emmerson, cowboy singer, Fietz Culbert, electrician, and The Rhythm Boys, old time music.

Milton Agricultural Park was the scene of military manoeuvres Saturday when over 200 Lorne Rifles, Scottish, assembled for the annual inspection by Brig. Ekkins, assisted by Col. Frank Chappel. C. Company was under B. H. Miller and D. Company under Capt. J. R. Barber.

At the Gregory. The Lives of a Bonal Lancer starring Richard Cunnwell, Gary Cooper and Francis Ford, starring Pauline Lord, M. Fields, and Zasu Pitts. Love Me Forever starring Grace Moore.

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