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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Beautiful New Park

Efforts of the town council and the works staff in creating a new Memorial Park will certainly be appreciated by those interested in making Georgetown a more beautiful town.

The new park will be dedicated a week from Sunday when, for the first time, the remembrance service will be held there.

Decision to move the war memorial was one which occupied many months of discussion and planning. There are some who regret the removal from its more public location on the highway, but it was a move which had to be, for each year more difficulties presented themselves at this busy spot for public gatherings.

The new park has the advantage of being centrally located, yet off a heavy traffic route. And for the first time in many years, the cenotaph is in a fitting spot, with a small stream, other [illegible] shaping and a sense of reverence which [illegible] be realized in its former location.

Good News in Sight

An industry which for many months has been interested in locating here seems to be at the point of decision and those interested in our town's welfare are hopeful that Georgetown will get the nod soon.

Industrial promotion has been a discouraging endeavour for men in public life who have used every means at their disposal to lure industrialists to what those who live here think is the best town in Canada. We have all the necessary facilities and a too high tax rate, location in the middle of a densely populated market served land for sale, a happy, progressive town of go-getting citizens.

Not all efforts have been in vain. Four small industries have located in town in the past few years. The current one, if it materializes will be somewhat larger and may be just the impetus that's needed to start the industrial ball rolling.

Meanwhile, every Georgetowner should continue to be on the look-out and pass on any tips to members of the Industrial Commission.

Pleasant Recreation

Members of the lawn bowling club will be appealing again next spring for new members to join the club.

They feel that many may have the mistaken idea that bowling is for older people. And it's quite the contrary.

To be sure it's a game being played within does not preclude a man of any age from participating and there are many older men who can bowl with the best of them. But to keep a club thriving, new blood must continually be added and these past few years, there has been a scarcity of newcomers.

Bowling is one of the most pleasant summer sports. Besides the comradeship on the local green, there are many tournaments in other towns to which members are invited. Costwise the game is cheap too. Only $10 for a new bowler and $20 for experienced men.

Any man who might be interested should get in touch with one of the club's executive. There is room on the greens for several more this coming summer. And [illegible] be warmly welcomed by those who belong.

Some Safety Tips For Hunting Season

Know and Observe Hunting Regulations

A summary of Ontario Hunting Regulations can be obtained at any office issuing gun and hunting licences or by writing to the Department of Lands and Forests, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, Ontario.

Familiarize yourself with the game laws of the area in which you hunt and observe them — they are your laws.

Equipment

Careless [illegible] for [illegible] — this can be dangerous. Be sure the barrel is clean and free from obstructions. Be sure your ammunition is the right fit and load for your gun.

Always carry [illegible] waterproof [illegible] hunting knife and [illegible] paw and a map of the area you are hunting.

Proper Gun Handling

Handling a gun properly is the key to safe hunting. [illegible] avoiding these [illegible] will eliminate most [illegible] major causes of accidents.

1. **Treat every gun as if it were loaded** until you have personally inspected it to be sure it is not.
2. **Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.** Never point the muzzle at anything you do not intend to shoot.
3. **Be sure of your target.** The mistaken target is the biggest killer. Never shoot at a sound, patch of color or anything until it is positively identified as the game you are hunting.

Watch the Muzzle

When accompanied by other hunters carry your gun so they will not be in your line of fire. Keep the trigger finger out of the trigger guard and be ready for action quickly.

Always [illegible] climbing a fence, jumping a ditch or of boat, stepping over logs or taking a drink. Never fire a shot at a hard surface or the water. This is one of the major causes of accidents.

Clothing

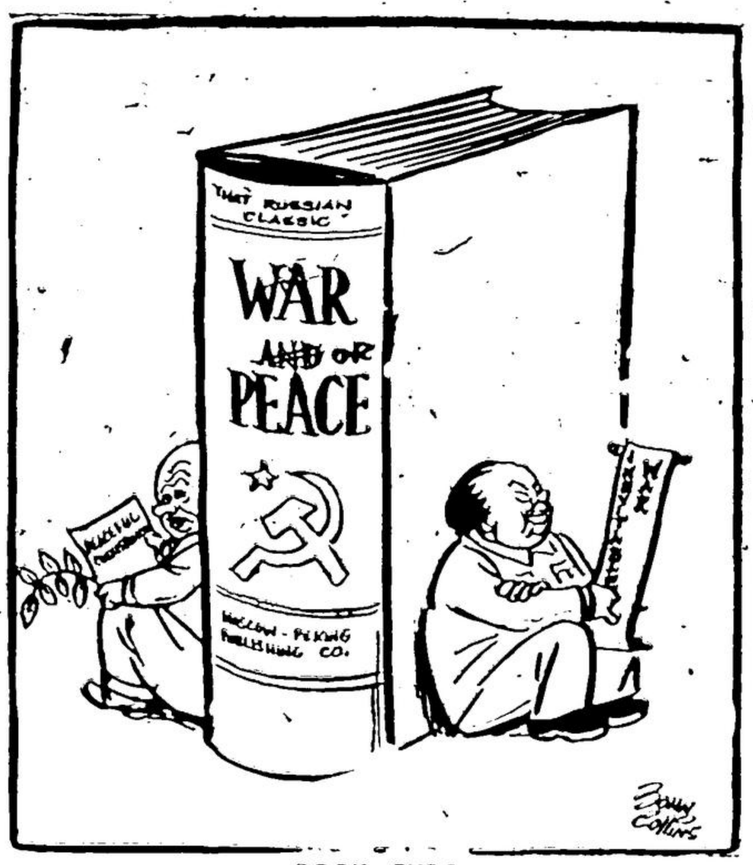
Take care that your clothing makes it extremely difficult for other hunters to mistake you for game. Fluorescent orange or neon red are the safest colors in the bush. A safety vest made of one of these colors is the best protection when worn over a hunting jacket.

Lost

The first rule is — do not panic. Keep a cool head and stay where you are. Fire three shots in quick succession this is the SOS of the hunter. Repeat the signal at half-hour intervals. Anyone hearing this signal should reply with three rapid shots. Build a fire in a safe place, keep warm and dry, and wait for someone to find you.

Gun Safety in the Home

Fatal accidents happen in the home through careless storage. Be sure the magazine and chamber is empty. Put the gun in one place and the ammunition for it in another. This prevents a child or anyone unfamiliar with guns from having easy access to gun and ammunition at the same time.



BOOK ENDS

Controversial Corner

by Ian Cass

A Busy Week in Canada

Montreal

Mr. Jean Drapeau and his Civic Party won a resounding victory in the municipal election on October 25th. Mr. Drapeau received almost two votes to one over his opponent Sarto Fournier in the run for mayor at the same time the Civic Party won 44 of the 46 elected council seats. A further 33 City Councillors appointed by various public bodies have been dispensed with by a referendum held at the same time. The idea of having a hundred councillors is a frightening one and the removal of these additional 33 jobs for the boys was part of Mr. Drapeau's platform.

The resounding victory for the Civic Party appears to indicate a return to more stable government for Montreal. It is also indicative of the general rebellion of voters in the province of Quebec against rampant political corruption, party patronage and general dishonesty in public affairs, which has been so prevalent in the past.

York Township

I wonder whether or not the voters of York township will show the same rebellious attitude at their municipal elections. The present reeve, Chris Topher Tonks has recently announced his determination to stand again for office. Mr. Tonks was condemned by Judge Swift after a judicial enquiry into the township's affairs.

Mr. Tonks and his supporters no longer seem to be denying the fact that the reeve purchased township land through a nominee at a price which was suspicious to put it kindly. The line now appears to be that dear old Chris was only guilty of a few minor technical transgressions and he is being victimized by headline seeking ratepayer - minority groups.

The question obviously arises what sort of men and women can voters expect in political affairs at the lower level, what standards and code of ethics can be expected of spare-time minor politicians. According to Mr. Tonks and his supporters you can expect a pretty low standard. The forthcoming elections in York Township will show who is right.

I don't know what percentage of all politicians are honest men of integrity but it must be a real blow to them to see how frequently the crooks seem to not only unrewarded but unrecognized.

London, England

The end of a great newspaper, the London News Chronicle had little impact here. The bare fact that the News Chronicle and Evening Star had been bought out by Associated Newspapers (Daily Mail, etc., etc.) did not cause much consternation in Canada. Behind this bare fact lies much which is of importance to all thinking Canadians.

The News Chronicle started life as the Daily News under the editorship of Charles Dickens. It is therefore only natural that the paper, from its inception, adopted and supported a policy of Liberalism at a time when Liberalism was revolutionary and desperately important.

Up to the time of its final issue last week the News Chronicle was a non profit newspaper, the bulk of its shares belonging to the Cadbury Trust and used to support Charities and employee welfare. It was in the fullest and most unique manner, the only large circulation (over one million) newspaper in the English language which could truthfully claim to be independent. Like its smaller trustee owned paper, the Manchester Guardian, the News Chronicle could print the news, truthfully and without fear of shareholders, business empires, labour organizations, advertisers, political parties or any other group which seems to prefer a qualified statement to an unequivocal fact.

It finally folded because the rising cost of paper (600 per cent over pre-war) and decreasing revenue from advertising made it impossible to continue.

As a newspaper, its loss may be mourned by the habitants of Fleet St.; as the voice of truth from independent journalists, its loss should be mourned by all of us.

Ottawa

The conference between government leaders and representatives of business, labour and management has just ended. Government action seems to be confined to one major injury and one minor distraction. Increased tax and duty valuations on European car imports may satisfy Canadians who cannot see the wood for the trees — it will certainly cause some happy smiles in Detroit — but it will do nothing for the so called Canadian car industry. Instead it will antagonize and frustrate the best customer we have in the world trading market. The United Kingdom consistently buys more from Canada than we buy from the U.K. Therefore we have, as a trading nation, a cash credit balance. Moreover, the UK buys large quantities of grain, paper and wood products — items which we badly want to sell.

Canada's salvation, and it doesn't matter whether you look at it as an economist, a labour leader or a politician, is to stop importing fantastic quantities of manufactured goods, which we cannot pay for, from the United States — over a billion dollars in deficit trading each year.

The country faces a real problem in unemployment. For the government it is a big challenge. The conference at Ottawa enabled the government to gather together many points of view — most of them designed to foster and protect the interests of the speaker — few of them designed to increase the prosperity of Canada. Within the present economic framework carrying on the same trading practices as in the past. Mr. Diefenbaker will not find a solution to the unemployment problem. This is a big problem, one which demands arbitrary action to support the Conservative claim of a job for every Canadian. The burning question is have we the big people to deal with it? After this week in Ottawa I am tempted to say no!

10 and 25 YEARS AGO

ECHOES

From the Pages of the Herald Nov. 1, 1950 and Nov. 6, 1935

10 Years Ago

- A Georgetown man, Aubrey C. (Mac) McBride, was a prize winner in the Cambridgeshire Sweepstakes last week. He held a ticket on a horse which was scratched and will receive fifty pounds.
- A milestone in the history of Glen Williams was the official opening of the beautiful new three room school on Monday evening. Hon. Dana Porter, K.C., Ontario Minister of Education pronounced the school open after commencing on the importance of the occasion.
- At the Harrisburg, Pa. Horse Show, Mr. and Mrs. Ken McMillan had a famous neighbour in the box seats. The McMillans, with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lane attended the show last week and sat in adjacent box to the famous radio star, Arthur Godfrey, and his wife. Mr. Godfrey was showing his Palomino horses.

25 Years Ago

- One of the most outstanding events in the history of Georgetown took place last Sunday in the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of Holy Cross Church. Present during the Triduum were Mr. and Mrs. George Hickey, the oldest couple living who have attended the church through the fifty years.
- The reopening of Long's Confectionery and Lunch Parlor last Saturday proved a very pleasing event for ladies and children especially. Each lady received a small box of chocolates with Mr. Long's compliments and over 500 ice cream cones were given to the children.
- The earthquake which shook most of Canada early last Friday was felt quite distinctly in Georgetown. It was much more severe than the one felt here a few years ago.

Average wheat yield on western Canada's summer fallow land in 1959 was 19.4 bushels per acre against 11.8 bushels on stubble lands.

Sugar and Spice

Discovered by BILL SMILEY

If you can't give the old lady a mink coat this year, next best thing to ginger her up is a night on the town. All you have to do is sell a cattle beast, or get a hot streak in a poker game, so you can stand the tab.

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The rest is easy. You send off a cheque for theatre tickets. The amount would have put a down payment on a small home, in the not-so-distant past.

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Naturally, your wife hasn't a stitch to wear.

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It will do you no good to ramble: "What's the matter with that black dress?" It turns out that the black dress is not only two years old, but it's the wrong shape, the wrong length, and even the wrong shade of black. New dress and a fresh hairdo take the onto to the point where you have to start eying a second cattle beast.

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Then you make plans for disposing of the children for the night. Plans? They're practically blueprints by the time you're finished, and it would take Napoleon himself to read them. And you steam off to the city, leaving the electric stove on "low," the light on in the cellar, and the old girl's new gloves on top of the refrigerator.

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We make one of our infrequent dashes into the bright lights recently, and, as usual, emerged like a couple of slightly singed moths, dazzled, delighted, and determined to do it again at the first opportunity, which will probably be about 1962.

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Every time we arrange for a big night in the city we plan to dawdle, live graciously, sip wine with our dinner by candlelight, and arrive at the theatre calm, composed, and with that poise and hauteur typical of the seasoned theatre goer.

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It never turns out that way. We don't dawdle, we hurtle. We barrel down the highway as though we were in the Grand Prix de Monaco. Scramble for a parking place. Sprint to the Press Club. Choke down a double. Run to a restaurant. Gobble our dinner. Dash to the theatre. And gallop down the aisle just as the lights are going down for the third time. Halfway through the first act, I have to battle a massive desire to fall sound asleep.

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Our last jaunt was no exception. But it's worth the effort, the money, and the nervous strain to get out of the rut once in a while and live in the style in which you'd be living all the time if your grandfather had had some sense, and had homesteaded a section in the middle of the Leduc oil fields, instead of settling for that stony patch in Upper Canada.

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We had tickets for the new musical, Camelot, which was having its final flight in that new bony hall in Toronto, built by that brewer with the Irish name. You know, that place is harder to get a seat in than the Senate. The thrifty burghers of Toronto are delighted with their new culture centre, which many of them fought so hard to keep out of the city, because of its unholy connection.

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The O'Keefe Centre alone is worth a trip. I'll bet they could charge three dollars a seat just to go in and look around, and sit for an hour or so, if they served refreshments. It's huge, it's opulent, and its splendid facilities are bound to attract superior entertainment to Toronto.

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As for Camelot, don't regret it too much if you missed it. I enjoyed it thoroughly. But only because I am delighted by anything presented on a stage, from Sunday School Christmas concert to the variety show, all local talent, on the last night of the fall fair.

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The new musical by the producers of the fabulous My Fair Lady is big and it's beautiful. But gorgeous costumes and striking sets can't make up for unimpaired music and a muddy story which begins as a sprightly comedy and peters into a pallid triangle tragedy redolent of the soap opera. I predict the Broadways critics will have the hides of its producers.

However, that's their worry. I have enough troubles of my own. My leg is black and blue where my wife kept pinching me to keep me awake on the long, cold, dreary drive home. And she's still sore as blazes because she hadn't time to finish the lobster dinner she tackled just about the time we should have been heading for the theatre.

THE MAIL BAG

Thoughts on The New Cruiser

31 Byron Street,
October 22nd, 1960

Dear Mr. Editor:

By the time this has been printed, the town may have taken delivery of its new police cruiser. Its appearance may well put smiles on our faces.

Gone is the sombre, colorless black of the standard police cruiser, gone is the picture of darkness and despair. Instead we will have one of a glorious golden yellow, which will be like a super sunrise to us every time we look at it.

And it will be [illegible] too!

Every time the [illegible] starts another across the [illegible] and catches a glimpse of the new contraption he will [illegible] ly retrace his steps and [illegible] properly. No more [illegible] tickets today from me.

Then, too as a traffic control, it will certainly be a [illegible] reminder to the [illegible] to keep on [illegible] the road and to mind his P's and Q's.

But the fellow who [illegible] to appreciate the new [illegible] scheme most is the type who has a little job to do [illegible] on the side. He will not [illegible] smile, but will likely [illegible] when the new cruiser is in operation.

And when the lookout shouts "Grab the loot and get going, the flying county has just rounded the old monument corner" then we will realize that people are taking notice of our colourful addition to the police department.

Yours truly,
Ed. A. Peters

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THE DISTRICT at a Glance

ERIN

Thieves entered Erin creamery and made off with a $120 cash register and the contents, approximately $50, last week while the staff was out to lunch. The thieves entered through a back door and forced an office door to get at the loot.

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MILTON

Rates at Milton District Hospital took a jump last week. Per diem standard ward rates were hiked $3.10, from $16.80 to $19.90. The rate is based on the operating costs of the hospital.

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OAKVILLE

Following a recent acceptance of a resolution favouring Sunday movies further action has been taken by the district labour councils. The resolution has been forwarded to councils in Oakville and other south county centres requesting a plebiscite be placed before the electorate.

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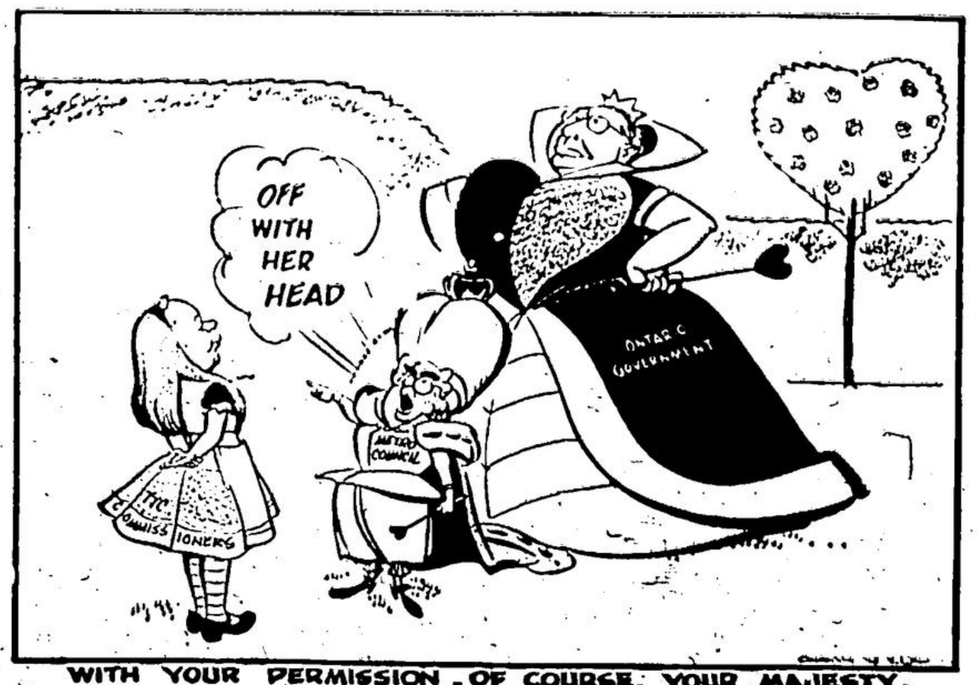
ORANGEVILLE

Charlotte Whitton, former mayor of Ottawa, will address the students of Orangeville High School and members of the Orangeville branch of Canadian Legion, November 11. Miss Whitton will appear before the groups as part of the Armistice Day celebration.



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