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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### 1960's Top Ten

As is customary each year, we like to pick what we think were the Top Ten local news stories of the year that's ended and from the headlines reviewed by the news department in another part of the paper, our choice would be these.

A successful fund campaign for Georgetown's new hospital, first sod turning and proceeding with construction in preparation for opening this year.

The controversial Lever report which caused one last flurry in the strained Delrex-council relations which, happily, eased as the year went on and saw a conclusion of charges, and counter-charges which made too many headlines at times.

A spectacular freight crash recalled Georgetown's past reputation as a Calamity Junction and drew hundreds of sightseers to the scene. Luckily there were no fatalities in the crash.

Construction of two new churches, Maple Ave. Baptist and St. Paul's Baptist, reflected the town's growth, while other churches discussed additions and second churches to serve Georgetown's growing population.

A fine addition to the town's public places is the new Remembrance Park where the war memorial was moved from its former highway location.

Georgetown's population passed the 10,000 mark when assessment commissioner Joseph Gibbons presented his yearly statistics to council.

Another service club, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, had its birth in 1960, and will be a welcome addition to the town's business and social life.

A subdivision by-law, setting out requirements which must be met in future town subdivisions established a pattern which must be followed in future.

Crash of the Avian gyro in a test at Kitchener set back an ambitious scheme to develop a new aircraft locally, but work started again on the machine while the company also got into production on the popular Karts.

And in December, municipal elections again held the spotlight as voters chose their 1961 council, and school board in a keen election which sees four new men taking seats on council.

### What We Wish for 1961

What do we wish 1961 brings for Georgetown?

For individuals we wish as large a measure of happiness as possible. And for those who will suffer family bereavements, business recessions, or any of a hundred personal problems which plague humans in this imperfect world, we wish fortitude to bear their troubles, good friends to comfort them and resilience to bounce back to normalcy as quickly as possible.

For the town at large, we wish an upswing in industry—new factories which will employ some of those who now commute to work at a distance—continuing growth and prosperity for established bus-

inesses—good relations between labour and management who must pull together to ensure a bright industrial future.

We wish a successful conclusion to the hospital fund campaign—success to new organizations like the Jaycees—wise administration of civic affairs by the new town council.

And more than anything else, we wish an end to foolish talk about Georgetown being a town divided for despite feelings that we are a big town now, ten thousand is not big in relation to other communities, and should not be burdened with any problems of pulling together.

Those are some of the things that we wish as a new year starts.

### Hockey As It Should Be!

To hockey fans who crowded the arena Friday, an exhibition game with Hamilton Junior Red Wings was sport as it should be.

We have never seen a faster, cleaner game—rugged, certainly but filled with good sportsmanship and spectacular play on both sides.

Particularly outstanding was the work of local goalie Jack Rhodes. Time after time he stopped labelled shots with blemish, and it was a pity that he was bobbed of a shutout by one of those heartbreakers, a weak trickler that he didn't see as it slid past him into the goal crease.

Just as well for the young potential

big-timers that they didn't take a complete shellacking from the locals, maybe, for we imagine they thought the Raiders might be easy picking. And how wrong they were! The whole team was completely on the beam that night and no Maple Leaf line ever went down the ice in better style, nor has any big league defence squad played better hockey than our local boys that night.

We predict that Georgetown will be a big threat this year when playoff time comes, and if Raiders show their form in league competition, they will be virtually unbeatable in the playdowns.

## Growth Rate Slow But No Need for Pessimism

### Population Increase Encouraging Factor

The relatively slow rate of growth which Canada experienced in 1960 likely will be a pattern in the year ahead, Captain Joseph Jeffery, President of The Canadian Chamber of Commerce, said in a year-end message.

"While business is far from stagnant, there is no need for undue pessimism," he said, "because our future is bright as long as we maintain an attitude of confidence and pitch with the right solution for the immediate and long-term situations."

Meeting Challenges  
Captain Jeffery said Canada's success in meeting the challenges in this changing world will depend on the enterprise shown by individuals.

"Higher exports, together with an unchanged level of uniting, enterprise rather than curtail, and a love of freedom are the ingredients of success," he said.

The Chamber President went on to say that Canada's objective must be to achieve a rate of growth that will provide job opportunities for the large new additions to the labour force.

Encouraging Factor  
"One of the most encouraging factors in taking a long term look ahead is a steady increase in our population," he continued.

"Whereas Canada has a population of some 18 million people today, it is expected to rise

to 22½ million by 1970. A population increase of some 25% in a decade gives assurance of a highly expanded domestic market and is bound to be stimulating to all aspects of business."

Captain Jeffery concluded by saying that 1961 will provide many opportunities for all segments of the economy to work together for economic progress.

"The Canadian Chamber of Commerce will continue to play its part in helping Canada arise at constructive solutions to problems that lie ahead."

Enquiring Reporter

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

"Do you favour the abolition of capital punishment?"

Ralph Ursel, Orchard Blvd.

Yes, I definitely do. I think our system should be along the lines of the English one, whereby there are certain very limited provisions for capital punishment.

John Ord, Maple Ave.

No, definitely not. The criminal code is so designed that premeditated killing and death resulting from the use of a weapon during a crime of violence, are the offences which result in hanging. If a person is guilty of these, he



SPACE AGE NEW YEAR

THIRD OF A SERIES

## Three Generations Ran Knitting Mill in Glen

### Water Power Was Reason for Location

An occupation guaranteed to stun the illustrious "award-winning" "What's My Line" panel is in existence right here in our own backyard. A sock turner inside out.

This trade is being pined at the Beaumont Knitting Co. Ltd. in Glen Williams, and has been since 1878. In this year Samuel Beaumont founded the business on the banks of the Credit River. Not by chance did he locate here, but for the urgent necessity of water power. A water wheel powered the machines for many, many years, and only with the advent of cheaper electric power was the use of the water wheel discontinued.

A nostalgic picture of early days in the community is conjured up by the thought of a tiny hamlet huddled together in the quaint beauty of Glen Williams, with its water wheel churning away providing at least a share of the daily bread.

Three generations of Beaumonts ran the mill, first Samuel until 1900, then his son Joseph till 1943, and then Arthur, the founder's grandson until 1957.

At that time the mill was purchased by Samuel Penrice, Gordon Graham, and the late Frank Grew, who was killed in a plane accident last year. None of these men were strangers to the business, however, having been associated with the company for several years.

From Australia and New Zealand the raw wool arrives, just as it left the shaggy sheep, to be stored in a room with stalactites of wool hanging from the ceiling. Why not "Canadian wool"? Well, first there are very few sheep farmers here, and second, the Canadian sheep are covered with burrs, which complicates the process considerably. It seems there are no burrs "down under."

At this stage the wool most

shouldn't expect the taxpayer to support him the rest of his life.

Mr. Tom Ferguson, Market St.

Yes, I certainly do. I feel a life sentence is punishment enough even in the case of premeditated murder, providing it means just that. They should not be released after ten or fifteen years.

Mr. Bob Brick, Delrex Blvd.

Yes, definitely. I don't believe on human being has the right to take the life of another, regardless of the crime.

Mr. Ron Hunt, Elizabeth Street.

Yes, I'm in favour. If it is considered at all, the death sentence is no deterrent to a criminal contemplating a major crime.

### WORDS OF THE WISE

Put words in the head of the world, the world will fight its battles victoriously, and be the best world man can make it. — Carlyle.

At long last we reach the knitting room. Here socks come out of the "Komet" knitting machines like sausages out of a sausage maker—all linked together. The machines are completely automatic, and one operator attending sixteen machines can produce one hundred dozen pair of socks in a day—a decided improvement over the knitting needles.

Since opened, socks are not the style this season, the "looper" closes them. To this operator, who has five thumbs, this operation was amazing. With incredible speed, she hooks each stitch on little spindles while a very sharp knife, menacingly close to her hands, cuts off any surplus on the sock.

When a needle passes swiftly through each stitch and finishes the job "Loopers" like a good man, are hard to find, and jealously guarded when they are found. There are five looper here, and a turnout of 60 dozen pair a day each, is not unusual.

Now we meet our "sock turner inside out" again. This lady does nothing else all day, since the socks have to be turned inside out before going into the huge washing machine, and spin dryer, from which they are removed while still damp.

The natural colour of the wool is a creamy beige, so the socks which are destined to be white are bleached in big vats, which smell suspiciously like peroxide.

As the name "Finishing Room" implies, we are nearing the end of the journey. Now the socks are turned again, this time right side out, then slipped over aluminum forms, which are heated inside. This dries and shapes them.

All that now remains to be done is inspecting and pairing, before being placed in individual polyethylene bags and shipped all across Canada and the United States. Out of a peak production of twelve hundred and fifty dozen pairs of socks a week, only two pair in three years, have been returned for imperfections—a record to be envied by any manufacturer.

So next time you carelessly pull on a pair of socks, (Glen Mount Socks of course) stop and think of all the work that goes into covering your feet.

While heading for shore, decided to look back. He saw his companion floating on his back. He holler'd: "Tazzy, can you float alone?"

The other looking disgusted said, "What a time to talk business!"

### WATERY BUSINESS

Two chaps were out rowing on the river one bright day. One of them caught a "scrub" and the boat overturned, throwing them into the water. One was a good swimmer, who

### MERRY MENAGERIE By Walt Disney



"Tazzy the white dog" of the family"

## 10 and 25 YEARS AGO ECHOES

From the Pages of the Herald January 3rd, 1951 and January 8th, 1936

### 10 YEARS AGO

A well known local councillor, Thomas L. Lyons, and Mrs. Lyons celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Saturday when they were at home to their friends in the afternoon and evening.

A spectacular \$500,000 fire destroyed the Federal Sales and Engineering Plant at Port Credit last week. The factory was owned by a former Georgetown man, Vic Diggins, who moved his plant there from Georgetown three years ago.

Fear of the worst flood in years is giving residents of Glen Williams much concern today. At present the river is jammed with ice from the 9th Line bridge down past the William Davidson farm.

### 25 YEARS AGO

The Georgetown Woolen Mills and equipment, formerly owned by H. Corke were sold by public auction last Monday to Himmell of Toronto for \$4,725.

The prize winners at Monday's Keno were: E. Hornby, J. Boyle, M. Cummings, E. James, E. Harlow, Mrs. McGuigan, Mrs. Brydon, Mrs. Snyder, Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Carney, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Yates.

At the Gregory Theatre—The 39 Steps starring Robert Donat; It's In The Air, starring Jack Benny, Una Merkle, Ted Healey and Nat Pendleton; and Anna Karenina starring Greta Garbo, Frederic March and Freddie Bartholomew.

### RADIO ACTIVE

Opportunity is often missed because we are broadcasting when we should be tuning in.

## Stamp Error Valuable

It seems that a number of the five-cent Seaway postage stamps contain an error that has raised their value among collectors to as high as a thousand dollars each.

New wouldn't it be fine if typographical errors in one's newspaper had the same effect. We have spotted enough in our life to have made our fortune many times over.

When the Queen's Printer blunders, thousands bless his name. When some poor rushed line operator slips up, the paper's readers laugh derisively and the editor tells him he'd better be more careful—or else. It's an unfair world.

### NO MEAT

Customer: "Please weigh this package for me."  
Butcher: "Sure. It weighs three pounds."  
Customer: "Thanks. It contains the bones of the three-pound roast you sold me yesterday."

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## GEORGETOWN 1960

Remember the stories behind these Herald headlines:

### JANUARY:

Delay Decision on Public Use of High School Gym  
Seek \$250,000 in Public Donations for Hospital fund

Slight Tax Increase Forecast by Mayor

Study Moore Farm Subdivision Plan

O.K. Traffic Light for Highway Corner

### FEBRUARY:

Special Council Meeting Will Discuss Lever Report  
Fire Chief Jack Harlow Succumbs to Heart Attack

Petition Asks Theatre Chain to Locate Here

Auditor Says Tax Rate 60 Mills Even Without Delrex

### MARCH:

More Police Protection Sought for Hockey Tilt  
\$2970.00 Grant or Humane Society Will Pull Out  
Georgetown Eyes Location for York University Site  
Foresee a Bright Future for New Avian Karts

### APRIL:

Delrex Ratepayers Discuss Secession  
Hospital Fund is Over the Top

Avian Gyro Crashes at Taxiing Trials, Pilot Injured

Ratepayers Demand Delrex Roads be Fixed Immediately

### MAY:

Lever Resigns After 25 Years Town Auditor  
Graham Bell Plant Building in Delrex

Raiders Ousted by Napanee in OHA Final

New George Kennedy School Officially Opened

### JUNE:

Procure TV's Wyatt? Town Lions Try It for Rodeo Saturday

Injuries Fatal for Arena Superintendent

Delrex Would Trade Lift Station for Outstanding Account

### JULY:

Calamity Junction Again, Freights in Spectacular Crash

Kart Club Track Open, Public Views New Sport

Tariff Removal Would Affect Paper Mills

Will Purchase Maple Property for New Baptist Church

### AUGUST:

Get Tough Policy Set for Tax Delinquents  
Sign Zoning Brings Problems for Downtown Merchants

University, Teaching and Army Draws High School Graduates

Rev Alex Calder 'Price is Right' Winner

### SEPTEMBER:

Wesleyan Becomes Town First One Way Street  
Remembrance Park is Adopted Name of War Memorial Site

High School Addition Probable in 1963

Georgetown Population Reaches 10,000 Mark

### OCTOBER:

Weatherman Loves the Board, 5,000 Ditto  
—Weekend Fair

Presbyterians Mark Centennial Year

Seek Better Access to 401 on Ninth Line

Landing Strip Here? Council is Interested

### NOVEMBER:

Highway Property May Be For Post Office  
Oakville Jaycees Will Sponsor New Local Club

Technical School in Future Board Plans

Send Subdivision By-Law Back for Committee Study

### DECEMBER:

Hyde, Sargent Returned, Elliott is New Deputy  
Subdivision Control By-Law Sets Sliding Ratio Scale

Prime Minister Praises Speech of Helton M.P.