

EDITORIAL COMMENT

YMCA Founded in 1844

Should plans of the Interested Citizens Group lead to establishment of a YMCA branch here, Georgetown will have an organization which began well over 100 years ago.

The first YMCA was organized in London, England by George Williams, a young drapery clerk concerned about the welfare of youth like himself. The idea caught on and in Canada a branch formed in Montreal in 1851.

A few years later a world alliance with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, was established and since then the program has consistently spread. In Canada alone there are 10,712 YM - YWCAs employing 372 professional workers.

The YMCA is an organization of members who plan, administer and conduct diversified services, all directed toward the meeting of human needs. It is flexible enough to serve both large and small communities, and its function is to develop sound character, Christian personality and good citizenship.

Baseball Revival

Shades of the good old days - Georgetown is going to have baseball as a major sport this summer.

It will be the third phase of the ups and downs of what was once one of the town's major sports attractions. Baseball thrived in the twenties, when men like Tudor Beaumont, 'Benny' Benham, George Burt, 'Fat' Walters to name only a few were prominent in the lineup. In post war years there was a brief revival in which the Ritchie Brothers and Scotty Patterson figured prominently.

Finances and lack of crowd support spelled doom a few years later and intermediate baseball passed from the scene. Since then there has been a succession of teams for younger lads but baseball looked as if it was to fall into the limbo of forgotten things.

Now some sporting minded men have

The Y invented the games of basketball and volleyball, pioneered in playground work and night schools and initiated the first learn-to-swim campaign for the general public. Its programs include Hi-Y, a club program for high school students; So - Ed - recreation and education for young adults; Y's Men, a club for training and developing local leaders and Gray-Y, friendship groups for boys 9 to 13.

Could Georgetown use a Y? There is no doubt that it would be a good addition to town. But whether there is enough need to justify its introduction is a matter which must be decided by studying results of questionnaires which the ICG is distributing among all residents.

If it should come, one thing to keep in mind is that there is no intention of supplanting any existing organizations or of usurping programs which are already functioning smoothly. The YMCA is always ready to assist should its services be sought, but it welcomes cooperation from service and sports clubs whose aims are often along similar lines.

given it a large-scale revival.

Not only is there to be an intermediate entry in the county loop, but a juvenile team is planned as well.

Baseball is not a cheap sport to maintain and the money must come from somewhere if the teams are to be successful. Initially a lucky draw is being held to raise some of the funds to equip the teams. But even more necessary will be good attendance at the games for the double purpose of providing revenue and sparking the players to their best performances with a rooting section.

Games are planned for varying nights in the week, with a sprinkling of Saturday afternoons as well, as can be seen from the schedule appearing in this week's issue.

We recommend this 'new' sport to residents and solicit their attendance at the park.

training should supplement academic subjects entirely. Nor does a technical education mean that literature, language and the broader aspects of culture are neglected for purely practical subjects like auto mechanics, welding or woodworking.

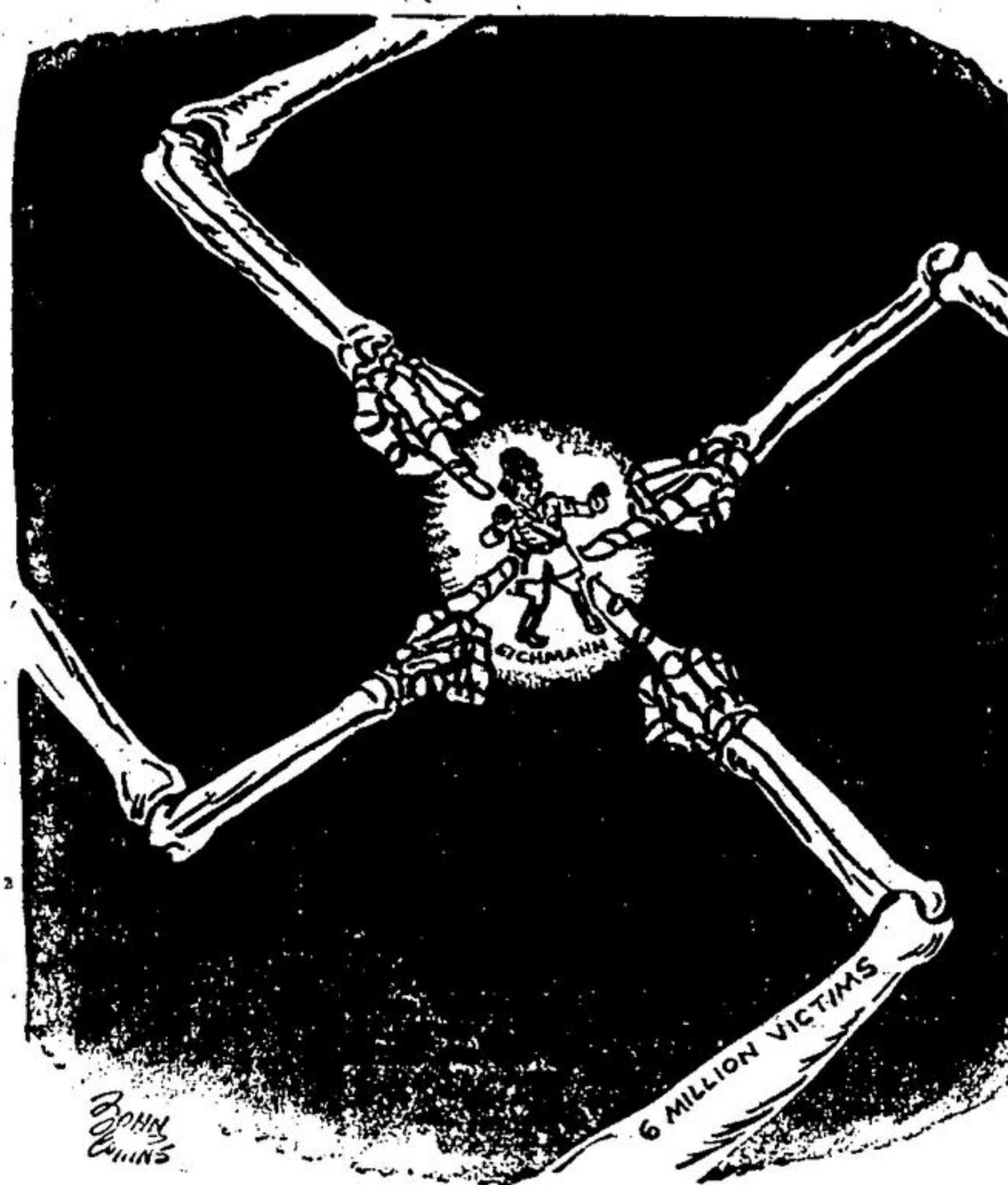
In a composite school it should, on the contrary, be possible to combine academic and technical training in somewhat varying proportions according to the needs and abilities of students who are going to enter a business world which is in the throes of an automation revolution just as striking as the industrial revolution one reads about in history books.

Technical Education Coming

Plans to add full-scale technical education to the present high school instruction in town is a forward step in education which will have far-reaching results for young Georgetowners in years to come.

While technical education has not been impossible, the difficulties of commuting to the city have been a stumbling block to young people who could benefit to a large degree by the technical training which today has become all-important to the job-seeker who can no longer command a good position with native intelligence and the sweat of his brow.

It is not to be suggested that technical



WITNESSES FOR THE PROSECUTION

Controversial Corner

by Ian Cass

THE TWO-MILLION DOLLAR CLUB

In an impressive stone building in Ottawa, in a plush-lined chamber of Victorian splendour, at ninety-five above the centennial in solemn celebration. At least most of the minds are there at one time or another and one can only hope they do their duty. This is the Upper House of the Canadian Government, a political arena, an arena of argument, but well beyond a resting place for retired MPs of steadfast party loyalty in snuff.

Not Democratic
The ninety-five Senators now appointed out of a possible one hundred and two, are the seven vacancies at last, are in no way installed by democratic process. Appointments are made solely on the recommendation of the Prime Minister and they are life appointments. This venerable institution, whose real function is now lost in antiquity, is supported and maintained at an annual cost of close to two million dollars of taxpayers' money.

Second Level
Defenders of the Senate are quick to point out that our type of government needs a second chamber, a second level of senior government, and that all democratic systems operate in this way. The Senate in Canada, Congress in the U.S., the House of Lords in England and so on. It may well be that a democratically elected Senate with an age and term of office limit for its members, and having clearly defined jurisdiction and authority might exert a leveling influence on government operations and assistance in protecting minority rights.

Rest Home
Our present Senate is not set up in the manner, another does it achieve these ends. At the moment it is a rest home for retired politicians who sit there in absolute serenity with an annual pay check of \$10,000 for each of them. There is no attendance requirement and none for ability, merit or wisdom. It is a convenient dumping ground for the dead wood which must, from time to time, be cut from the House of Commons. The Senate should be overhauled, made democratic and made effective within a few terms of reference. If this cannot be done it should be scrapped.

Over 75
In a 1960 survey of the Senate it was established that of the 95 sitting members, 47 were over 70 years old and only 13 were less than 60 years old. In the industrial world it may be said that a man is too old at 40, but in the exalted chambers of the Senate 75 years is no stumbling block - 75 of the existing Senators are over that age.

Equal Voice
Theoretically and according to the Canada Year Book, the Senate has equal voice with the House of Commons in the nation's affairs. In actual practice it has not dared to take a stand against the Commons for many years. So many years that research has failed to reveal such a stand. The only ripple which has stirred the calm of the Senate lake of complacency was its refusal to put the stamp of approval on a petition to the United Kingdom for a change to the British North America Act. The reason? Such a petition, they said, was not required. The petition was to enable compulsory retirement of judges at the age of 75, and one can only assume that such a 'revolutionary' idea hit the Senators below the belt.

Reform Promised
Reform of the Senate has been promised by leading politicians on many occasions. Even Mr. Diefenbaker in his first election campaign as number one man for the Conservatives said that measures must be taken to make the Senate more effective.

Somebody Else
Always the cry goes up, 'but what can they do, where can they go?' when anyone is critical of young people. The obvious answer is, of course, that youngsters of 1961 have a far greater variety of places to go and things to do than the youngsters of any previous age ever had. Unfortunately, there are indications that the more simple pleasures, like a ball game in the park, do not attract our pseudo-sophisticated youth as much as they used to do unless somebody else will organize it for them.

Sense of Values
Many of them from the age of thirteen upwards seem interested mainly in the opposite sex and motor cars. This is a sad reflection, both on our society and on the parents who have been unable to teach their children a sense of values which goes a little deeper.

ANGLE PARKING DOES IT AGAIN
A small group of people stood on Main Street and surveyed the cramped body-work of two very expensive cars last week. This was yet another incident, unfortunately not involving injury, which was directly attributable to the fatheaded idea of having angle parking on a street barely wide enough for

parallel parking. I wonder how much longer we will tolerate the inconvenience, the danger, the untidiness and the continual bottlenecks caused by using half the street width for stationary vehicles. Somebody once said to me that in opposite angle parking was political suicide - if they are right, I am dead!

Total Support
There can be little doubt that more downtown parking facilities are urgently required and this has had and will have my wholehearted support. A by-product of providing these facilities will, I hope, be the end of angle parking on Main Street.

THE MAIL BAG

Easter Seal Totals May Set New Record

April 25, 1961
The Editor,
The Georgetown Herald

Dear Sir:
For a number of years past, the citizens of Georgetown have contributed many hundreds of dollars to the Easter Seal Campaign. This year, with donations still coming in, there has been over \$15,000 collected, almost double last year's total, and it appears that this may be a record year for the support of this Campaign in our town.

While everyone's mind is directed toward their donation, I would like to briefly indicate what happens to the money that is donated. One-half of all collections are sent to the Ontario Society for Crippled Children for the support of their work throughout the Province. The remainder is used locally for the assistance of any child who has a muscular disability for many years, children suffering from poliomyelitis compressed the largest number of crippled children but now Cerebral Palsy is the leading disease. Despite the fall in the incidence of poliomyelitis, the number of children cared for by the Society has increased each year until there are now over 15,000 being treated, because of the donations received. A new hospital of over 100 beds and a large out-patient clinic is just being finished at Toronto for the regular care of crippled children and the study of the diseases from which they suffer.

There are five summer camps which have grown from accommodation for 22 children in 1930 to accommodation for 1300 children last year. To avoid any of these camps is a wonderful experience since the children invariably are happy and well cared for, and for many it is a holiday to which they look forward all year.

In addition to this, there are 23 treatment centres throughout the Province. The Society also has a large number of patients in a supply of crutches, wheel chairs and other therapeutic devices. At Variety Village, crippled children are taught trades which have sent 160 otherwise hopelessly crippled people into society as useful wage-earners.

One and a half million dollars was collected by the Society last year, mainly through the facilities of 226 service clubs. Locally, the Rotary Club of Georgetown care for between 20 and 25 children. Last year all the money collected which was kept locally was spent on these children and further funds had to be obtained from the Society for additional assistance. Children have been regularly sent to the camps. One of the purposes of this letter is to request anyone who knows of cases of muscularly disabled children to inform the

SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

I'm not much for blood lines when it comes to people. But every so often, when I'm wondering what is wrong with, or right with, my kids, I begin thinking of all the characteristics they've inherited, and of what will become of them, with all those queer ancestors lurking in the background.

One of my old-maid aunts, a good soul in many ways, had a firm conviction that there was something special about the Smileys. As a result, she got in touch with one of those firms that specialize in family trees. She proved, to her own satisfaction, and for a staggering fee, that we were descended from Sir William Pitt the Younger, among others.

No, nothing exciting like that ever happened to Granddad. Oh, a little after he lost his arm, while the remains were still in bandages, he was thrown out of a cutter and broke the thumb on his good hand. But he passed a pretty uneventful winter, running the farm with four fingers.

A couple of years later, while he was up a ladder putting on storm windows, he fell and smashed the bones in his amputated arm, or what was left of it. He said it "was pretty sore for a while." But it wasn't very exciting.

He had an iron hook fitted to his stump, and it was a useful thing, though uncomfortable. One day he was watering a rather jumpy horse. His hook was thrust through a link in a long chain attached to the horse's leadrope.

Something startled the animal. My mother-in-law looked out the kitchen window and saw the beast go by at full gallop, with her husband, completely helpless, being dragged at the end of the chain. This gave him a bad shoulder for years.

Another day, he was raking hay with a team, when he slipped off the seat and fell between horses and rake. None of the times penetrated his body but he was picked up by the rake and rolled along with the hay until he yelled "Whoa" and the horses, by some miracle, obeyed.

He drove a rural mail route, with his one arm in the days when the mailman started out in the sleigh in the morning, went through whatever tortures the winter day had for him, and got home after dark.

On more than one occasion the sleigh overturned, the horses ran, and he had to walk home to a wife frantic with worry because the team had galloped into the yard with the sleigh long before him.

There's nothing flamboyant or colourful about my kids' grandfather. He's led a peaceful life. He's worked hard. He doesn't cuss, drink or royster. He's mild of manner and speech. He could pass for a Sunday School superintendent, which he has been. Nothing exciting has ever happened to Granddad.

Unless, of course, you consider it exciting to lose your arm in a threshing machine, as part of him is in my children. He did about thirty years ago. Even if he has led a quiet, uneventful life.

WORLD WAR II CARTOONISTS RIB LORNE SCOTS REUNION



Do You Remember...? Cartoonist 'Ting' of the London Free Press predicts events at the Lorne Scots Reunion.

Rotary Club or the writer of such children. I should like to thank everyone on behalf of the Rotary Club and the Society for Crippled Children for their generous support.

Sincerely,
John Ord,
Committee Member,
Rotary Club of Georgetown,
Easter Seal Fund.

10 and 25 YEARS AGO ECHOES

At the regular meeting of the High School Board last week preparations were begun for celebrating the school's fiftieth anniversary.

At a meeting of the town council Tuesday the town's tax rate was reduced from 50 to 49 mills. Present were Mayor Gibbons, Reeve Parr, Councillors Blackburn, Wright, Smith, Davis, Thompson and Armstrong.

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However, it is stressed that any child who wants their admission price back, has only to present his ticket and it will be refunded. Branch 120 is also purchasing a projector of their own, and hope this will eliminate any further delays.

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WORDS OF THE WISE

There is a very simple test by which we can tell good people from bad. If a smile improves a man's face, he is a good man; if a smile disfigures his face, he is a bad man. - William Lyon Phelps.

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