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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Community Chest Might Help.....

Possibility of Georgetown adopting the Community Chest type of fund raising has been raised by the Chamber of Commerce. And it is a question which is worth studying.

As Georgetown grows, so does its organizations, and there is a tendency for fund canvasses to be centered in the spring months. This year, for instance, in the space of a month, residents have been asked to donate to Rotary Easter Seals, the Cancer Society, the School for Retarded Children, Red Cross and Salvation Army, all in the space of a month or so.

All are worthy endeavours and all merit support.

But there is a real danger that, if too many groups use the blitz type of door-to-door solicitation, the public will eventually become callous to all the appeals. And

there is also the fact that many canvassers who work for more than one organization may be overtaxing themselves and will tire of their round of visits to the detriment of one or more groups.

On the other hand, the Community Chest idea merits a careful study, for it, too, can have dangers.

The most obvious drawback is that people might not gear their giving to one lump sum, and that a standard donation of a set amount to each group might shrink to the same donation in a collective drive, to the detriment of all.

Certainly a substantial amount of publicity and advertising, much more than is used in any one campaign, would be necessary to inform the public of the Community Chest aims, should such a measure be adopted.

Take Miracles For Granted.....

It sometimes seems that nowadays scientific progress is so speedy and so miraculous that we are inclined to take it all for granted.

So rapidly have we advanced from the invention of the aeroplane to the launching of men in space that it would take an actual landing on another planet to stir us to the same fever pitch as, for example, Lindbergh's solo flight across the Atlantic.

Everyone has his personal memories of things which made an impression.

And to be honest, the passing of the Graf Zeppelin over Windsor when we were in our early teens — the above-mentioned Lindbergh flight — and the Dempsey-Tunney title fight, first radio broadcast of a

major sports attraction, are three which stay in our memory as making a bigger impact than last week's news of the space flight.

Perhaps it is because scientific advances have become too complex for the average man to understand. Perhaps it is because once upon a time we looked on an Atlantic crossing as the zenith, while now the expectations of landing on the moon are so real. Perhaps it is that modern man has become so used to scientific miracles that it takes a bigger and bigger one to shock him into wonderment.

Whatever the reason, we find that today there is not the fever pitch engendered by exploits much more sensational than those of our childhood.

Unique Nomination Procedure.....

A unique method of ensuring that a political candidate has a maximum of support, and that any aspirant has an equal chance of nomination has been adopted by the county Liberal Association.

Last week at a Burlington press conference, four men indicated their intention of seeking the nomination for the next federal campaign.

Now it is planned to have a series of meetings in various county centres, with these four aspirants meeting area residents to put across their qualifications as candidates. And it is further in the plan that any other citizen who might wish to seek

nomination is free to do so at these meetings as they occur.

Such nomination procedure is somewhat along the lines of the American system when candidates vied for nomination within their own political parties in public appearances. In Ontario, nominations have been usually veiled in a cloak of secrecy until the actual nomination meeting, with prior campaigning being carried on in a behind-the-scenes way and a candidate often not declaring himself until the do-or-die effort at the meeting.

Perhaps Halton may lead the way once more with this new approach.

ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald, May 9th, 1951, and May 13th, 1956

10 YEARS AGO

● A large part of the Georgetown Merchants Association meeting Wednesday much of the time was devoted to store closing hours. Retiring president James Goodlet urged merchants to adopt 9 o'clock Saturday closing.

● An eleven per cent increase in hourly wage to employees of Provincial Paper Ltd. and Alliance Paper Mills, is included in a new contract negotiated recently by company and union officials.

● Individual winners at the Halton Music Festival were: Carol Ottaway and Roger Addy, Glen Williams; Anna Spitzer of Limehouse; Margaret Bird, Waterloo; Marilyn Souther, Stone School and Ray Archer, Ashgrove.

● Bowling in a special mixed doubles tournament at Olympia Club, Toronto, Ontario, Pauline Norton and Hary Chappel, have high score of 1692. A Morris car is first prize.

25 YEARS AGO

● A reward will be paid for the conviction of any person destroying the young trees being planted in Central Park.

● The new Gas and Oil station being erected on Main Street by the Canadian Oil Co. Ltd is nearing completion.

● A grand parade, cycle races, and pipe band music, before the game are some of the features arranged by enthusiastic fans for Georgetown's

home opening baseball game on Saturday. Mayor Gibbons is lending his support to the team and will throw out the first ball.

● At the Gregory Theatre: The Frisco Kid, dramatic picturization of the thrilling pioneer days of old San Francisco; Mr. Hobo, starring George Arliss; Alibi Ike, starring Joe E. Brown.

THE MAIL BAG

Thinks Recreation Needs Can Be Met This Way

59 Sargent Road, Georgetown, Ont. May 6th, 1961

To the Editor, Dear Sir:

Without wishing to criticize anyone at all, I must call certain facts to the attention of yourself and your readers, regarding the YMCA question.

1. We are blessed with at least 22 hardworking and zealous organizations at the present time, all devoted to our recreation and welfare.

2. We are therefore blessed with a number of trained leaders, since we have in operation a swimming pool, a park with facilities for baseball, soccer and a Fall Fair, etc., together with an Arena capable of staging a Hockey Tournament of International status.

3. Our churches, ladies groups, Legion, schools, Club Midtown, Pipe Band, Citizens Band, Library Board and Hospital Board, to mention just a few, are all making a tremendous contribution to our Prestige, Welfare and Entertainment.

4. We have a receptive Council, and an existing Bylaw, which, if implemented, would coordinate all the above into a smooth working whole, capable of unlimited expansion.

5. We have a list of men and women, nominated by various

organizations, who are prepared to work on an Advisory Council for this very purpose, who would receive immediate Provincial Aid in the form of information, experience, guidance and financial assistance.

6. We have had a public pronouncement that such a body will receive immediately, 10 acres for a Community Hall, and Recreational Centre.

Where else in all Canada, does such an ideal situation exist? Where else, in all God's fair earth, are all the necessary materials lying on the doorstep waiting to be used? Land, money, knowledge, brains and hands — everything, but cooperation.

All we need to complete such a project already exists — we merely have to join hands in Mutual Friendship — hands which, incidentally are already extended invitingly.

Mr. Editor, I submit that your question should have been — "Why a 'Y' in Heaven's name, WHY?"

Yours truly,

J. A. BROWN

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THE OLD MASTER

Controversial Corner

by Ian Cass

THE LAW AND THE POLICE

At a meeting of the seventh conference of the Canadian Highway Safety Council, last week, Magistrate F. W. Bartrem of Toronto was critical of police officers who issue warnings to motorists who violate traffic laws. He said that the legal position was simple — all violators should be summoned to court. I don't think the position is very simple at all — I think it is very complex. Neither do I think that public criticism of the police by magistrates does any good, either towards improving law enforcement or to police morale which is generally too low already.

If one takes a blind arbitrary view of law enforcement then the position is very much simplified. A car driver doing 31 miles-per-hour in a 30 mile zone, even if it is five o'clock on a sunny summer morning in a deserted street, is charged. Another driver who proceeds through a stop sign at a walking pace with clear visibility for a mile in any direction is also charged. Simplicity itself.

It all depends on whether you are only interested in law enforcement or whether you are also interested in justice. All laws — traffic or otherwise — are created to protect the public and their property. The true measure of a violation is the degree to which it threatens these things. It is obvious to most people — particularly those directly involved in law enforcement — that under one set of circumstances a person driving strictly within the law may pose a far greater threat to public safety than another person who, under a completely different set of circumstances, commits a violation. That is why it is so essential for policemen to have discretion and common sense and to use them when carrying out their duties.

Moreover, that is why it is such a pity that it is in my day (30 years ago) children were taught by their parents to respect the police and to rely on their help when in trouble. Nowadays, a great many children seem to have been brought up to believe that 'in put one over on the cops' is the smart thing to do.

It is pointless to be critical of policemen without analyzing our own approach to law enforcement. Policemen are rather like governments; they reflect the society in which they exist. If we are apathetic and unco-operative, if we begrudge the money spent on the police and look on them as a bunch of lazy, car-riding parasites, then it is our attitude which is wrong. When that attitude has been corrected in the minds of the public, many of the policeman's problems will also have been corrected. Those that remain will be much easier to deal with.

Finally, as far as Magistrate Bartrem's comments are concerned, if justice and the courtroom were synonymous, all traffic violators could be brought to court and that problem would, indeed, be simple. In my opinion, magistrates generally should be seeking ways to put their own house in order before taking pot shots at the police force.

It is all very well for the learned magistrate to say that all violators should be summoned to court but there is little point in a summons which will be 'thrown out of court' by the magistrate. In most cases, the officer making the charge is in the best position to assess the degree of danger, negligence or foolishness involved in a particular offense. True, in many courts his evidence regarding this will be carefully weighed up before sentence. In other courts, a very different situation may exist and his evidence will receive scant or perfunctory attention. In one court the magistrate may convict on three miles-per-hour over the limit, in another he may generally require twice that figure. One magistrate may feel that going through a stop sign merits a fine of ten dollars, another may set it at twenty or more.

No, I don't think the position of the police regarding traffic violators is simple at all. For a good policeman, the problems in some areas must be almost overwhelming.

THE DISTRICT at a Glance

STREETSVILLE

Bill Hamilton, Streetsville Clerk of Works, has drawn up architectural plans for the conversion of the old public school on Queen St. south to a new Municipal building.

BRAMPTON

Mayor Carman Core has agreed to chair a proposed meeting between the downtown merchants and the mall merchants. It is expected that the two opposing factions will sit down together in an attempt to reach agreement on store-closing hours in Brampton.

OAKVILLE

Oakville will have Sunday movies immediately. The by-law to permit theatrical and motion picture performances and concerts on Sundays was given three readings and passed by Oakville council last week, without opposition.

ERIN

The Erin Branch of the Royal Bank of Canada is completing arrangements for the remodeling of their Erin office. Plans call for a modern front and remodeling of their entire ground floor. A large vault will be installed at the rear of the building.

BURLINGTON

A concentrated effort to persuade the Ontario Research Council to establish its proposed research community in Burlington is being undertaken by the town.

ORANGEVILLE

News from Ottawa about Canada's Atomic power plant has particular significance in the Orangeville district. The news has it that the plant will be doubled in size. Work is proceeding on a power line from Orangeville to a sub station in Hanover.

MILTON

Three CPR crossings at Milton and a fourth just east of town will be equipped with short arm gates as well as warning signals this summer.

ACTON

A new wrinkle in fashion shows at Acton. While modelling fashions made in their home economics class Acton High School students quoted well known dramatic and lyrical poetry.

AURORA

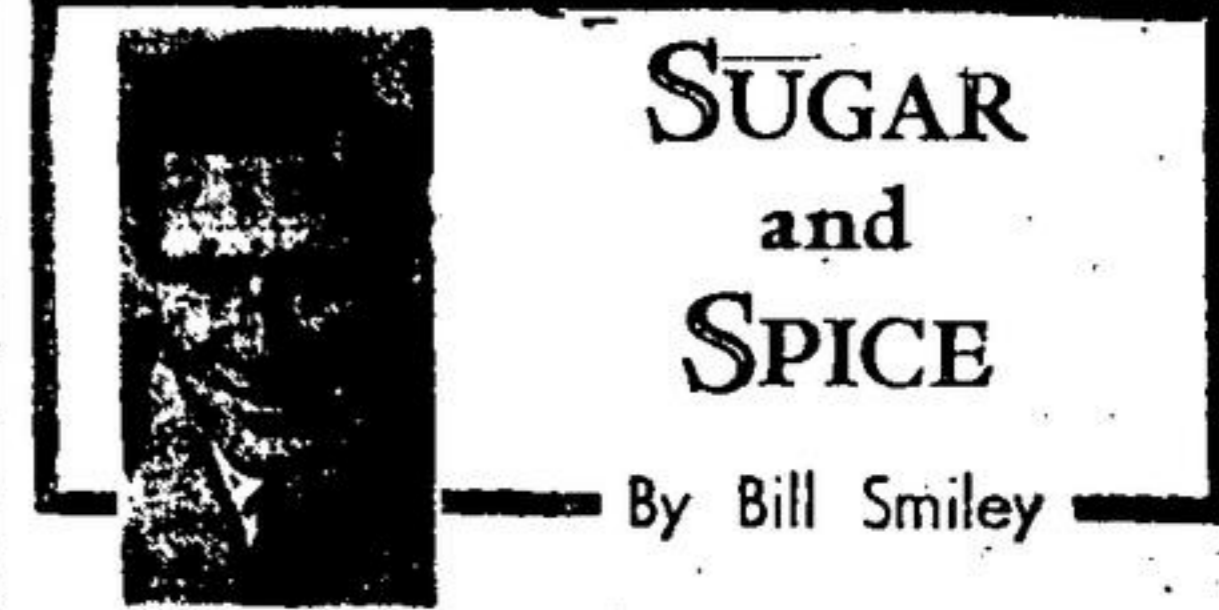
Aurora's newest industry was established last week when Danish Seed Trade Ltd. settled there.

WORDS OF THE WISE

I think what has chiefly struck me in human beings is their lack of consistency. I have never seen people, all of a piece. It has amazed me that the most incongruous traits should exist in the same person and, for all that, yield a plausible harmony. — Somerset Maugham

WORDS OF THE WISE

To be nobody-but-myself — in a world which is doing its best, night and day, to make you everybody else — means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight, and never stop fighting. — E. E. Cummings



This Sunday is Mother's Day, and sentimental old thing that I am, I get all choked up when I think of all the mothers in the world. Especially the unwed mothers, for whom we should all have a special thought on this happy occasion.

Just think of all the wonderful mothers, celebrated in song and story.

The first one of course was Eve. We don't know too much about her as a mother. Except that she got us kicked out of the Garden of Eden, and we've had to work for a living ever since.

And she did make rather a botch of bringing up those boys of hers, Cain and Abel. One of them clobbered his brother, and ever since, people have been going around, bleating a most tiresome manner, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Then there was that Greek mother, Clytemnestra. She was rather a lively old skirt, who married her own son, after he grew up and killed his dad.

He was so annoyed when he found out that his wife was not only old enough to be his mother, but WAS his mother, that he is reported to have glugged out both his eyes and handed them to her.

It was from this modest beginning that the delightful custom developed of giving mother a little token of your esteem on Mother's Day.

In Roman times, there were some dear little old mothers, too. Their only fault was an inclination to spoil their kids. That's what happened to Nero. When he was little, he was always playing with matches. His mother thought it was sort of cute. Well, you know how kids are. Next thing she knew, he was emperor, and tried to burn the whole city of Rome.

History is full of these devoted mothers, who played such a splendid part in moulding the little minds of people like Henry VIII, Jack the Ripper, and Adolf Hitler.

In many cases, the role that a good mother has played has not been given its proper due.

For example, we hear a lot about Johan Sebastian Bach, the composer. But what do we know of his wife? That Bach had some thing like twenty two children.

Modern mothers who have a child or two entered in the local music festival think they have a lot to put up with. Imagine what Mrs. Bach went thru, with all those little devils hammering all day on the clavichord.

In the field of literature, there are some tender mother figures also. Some of them were stepmothers, like Snow White's old lady, and Cinderella's. These are people who will go a step further than your own mother, in trying to get rid of you.

But we have real mothers, too. There's Mother Hubbard, who wore those long black dresses.

Lack of interest! Surely in a town of this size with a population of more than 10,000, there must be more than a dozen families interested in this sort of thing.

Is his venture to be shelved before it has fairly begun?

I hope not!

Yours truly,

Mrs. J. R. Collier

MAIL BAG

Hopes Nursery School Idea Will Materialize
36 McIntyre Cres., Georgetown, Ont. May 3rd, 1961

Dear Sir:

Many of your readers probably saw my appeal of about a year ago for a nursery school. It seems now there is one who has taken up the idea, but it may all be for naught because of lack of interest.

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority are taking the initial steps towards creating another conservation area, this time at Limehouse. According to a release from the CVCA a special seven-man committee has already examined property suitable for conservation purposes and interviewed a long time resident of the area to obtain further information. Field Officer E. Spearin, who accompanied the group on their tour was instructed to learn the ownership of the properties being considered. A report and recommendations have been compiled and are under consideration.

At a meeting of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority recently chairman R. R. Parker pressed that representation be made to county and township councils in order that some definite system of warning and control be set up in advance of flood emergency or other disaster. He was supported by A. M. Greenway, who spoke very strongly in favour of prompt action, according to the report.

Motions passed at the meeting concerning the Terra Cotta Conservation Area included:

● That the necessary equipment to operate the refreshment booth be purchased.

● That the authority operate the booth for the summer of 1961.

● Recommended that the workshop in the pavilion be proceeded with, cost not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$1,000.

● Recommended that a report on the present structural condition of the office building be made and that the roof be fixed.

● Recommended that the road improvement in the Terra Cotta Conservation Area be proceeded with at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.

● Recommended that wells be drilled and hand pump installed in the Terra Cotta area camping ground and picnic area, the cost not to exceed \$1,000.