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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Miss The Musical Festival

Reports of music festivals involving children in Georgetown's rural areas and in neighbouring towns, makes us think of the days when this was a town highlight. A few years ago, Georgetown dropped out of the county festival, partly because for years we had dominated the prize list, and partly because of the staff work involved in preparing the youngsters for the competition. It is too bad, because experience gained by entering a festival is invaluable to a young person who values a musical education. Many of the youngsters we have heard in the past are now soloists with

church choirs. At least one later joined the Leslie Bell Singers and one in the Mendelssohn Choir. Others have been successful as teachers. But even more important, a number of people have richer lives through enjoyment of their own musical talents at home. A county festival is too large scale an event today, perhaps, but locally we see no reason why there could not be a town festival, taking in the five public and the separate school and the high school. It would be an excellent project for a service club to sponsor, or for the schools themselves to organize.

Unsung Heroes of the Press

We don't often give the bouquets which are so much deserved to those people who faithfully supply us with the bits of news from surrounding communities, which give the weekly paper its local character and without whose news columns the paper would be the poorer. This week two ladies have offered to increase our district news coverage by helping in this department. Mrs. Cecil Barth will be writing items which will appear under the Glen Williams heading. Mrs. Aubrey Grant will be doing a similar job for Stewarttown. There are others who have given so freely of their time and talents for a number of years in reporting the district news.

"New Look" for Main Street

Preliminary work is now underway for conversion of Georgetown's Main Street into a more attractive thoroughfare. The work entails relocating certain essential services prior to the big job of resurfacing and laying new sidewalks later this summer. Present plans, still in the formative stage call for one major change. It is planned to move the street lighting standards into the middle of the street, creating a boulevard effect with one-way traffic on each side and parallel parking on both sides, thus eliminating the present angle parking on the west side of the street. Sidewalks and roadway will be resurveyed to cut down the present high curbs, sidewalks may be slightly narrowed, to allow as much as possible travel surface for cars. One problem to overcome will be the fact that in the boulevard, there will only

be one traffic lane each way. It is quite customary at present for delivery trucks to double park while serving Main Street stores and this could not be allowed in the new plan. It is possible that restricted delivery stations might be set up either at curbside or in the centre boulevard. Certainly this would be necessary at the downtown bus stop. But council is confident that an arrangement can be worked out which will bring a minimum of trouble to the street. The boulevard street will certainly be more beautiful than the present half-and-half system in which cars and trucks jut at odd angles from the west side of the street. And better lighting will result from the centre plan, too. There are definite possibilities for more attractive decorating during the Christmas season and at other festive times too.

THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

BRAMPTON
A trail of burnt matches and paper was left after a break-in at the Agnes Taylor School, Brampton, last week, leading police to two suspects who have been charged with breaking and entering, malicious damage and theft of a car. The culprits left the school a shambles.

ERIN
Erin village council has let the tender for the building of the sidewalks in the business section to the Bot Construction Co. Included in the Main St. improvement program is new telephone cable in preparation for the changeover to dial service expected this fall.

STREETSVILLE
The selected contractors bid for the proposed additional building via the Vista Heights and Ray Underhill public schools in Streetsville were revealed Monday. The highest competitive offers, lowered the required expenditures from \$153,090 to \$131,020.

AURORA
All streams and rivers in the Aurora - Schomberg area will be studied to form a co-ordinated program of conservation and flood control the Holland Valley Conservation Authority announced last week. Mussetman's Lake, east of Aurora, flows into the Holland River.

MERRY MENAGERIE By Walt Disney



Watch your step, children!

ORANGEVILLE
Rumors that the Canadian Legion's long lost cannon had been recovered are false, says Orangeville Police Chief Ernie West. The cannon, one of four World War Two artillery pieces stored behind the Orangeville Legion hall, was stolen late last year.

BURLINGTON
A 600 pound cross which used to stand on the grounds of St. Christopher's Church was towed five and a half miles across Burlington Sunday to the site of St. Elizabeth's Church by members of the two congregations in an impressive procession. Flags of the Anglican Church and Church Boys League were carried in the march.

MILTON
Rejected as the site of a new customs office Milton is now asking government approval for the construction of a sufficient warehouse. The warehouse would release imported goods to be released for local delivery.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY
Georgetown skies will be bright with rockets and colour bursts Monday night when the Legion - town sponsored Victoria Day event takes place in the park. There is no admission charge for the evening, which draws one of the biggest crowds each year for this fine feature. The new bleachers will provide plenty of seating accommodation for spectators that evening.



OTTAWA EXERCISES

Controversial Corner

by Ian Cass

STIRRINGS IN THE SENATE

I am quite sure that whatever splash this column creates on the surface of local affairs, not the slightest ripple ever reaches the lofty halls and venerable personages of the Canadian Senate. It must be a mere coincidence that so shortly after my criticism of the Senate (The Two Million Dollar Club), Herald, May 4th edition, this normally somnolent body has sprung to life. The action now being taken by the 'upper house' further emphasizes the arbitrary power held by these appointed members, the dilapidated and undemocratic manner by which they obtain this power and the urgent need for immediate reform.

Three to One

The many years of Liberal government, as one would expect, have resulted in a huge Liberal majority in the upper house - about three to one over Conservative members. This majority has left the Senate in a strong position to oppose legislation created by the present government if they so desired. It would appear that they now do so desire. Last week the Senate voted 72 to 25 to oppose the Government's bill to extend tariff protection for Canadian manufacturers. In particular, the Liberal Senators opposed the bill because it gave too much power to the Finance Minister. In view of the arbitrary power wielded by some members of the previous Liberal regime, without Senate opposition, there must have been a real awakening in the upper house.

Obvious

Whether you are a staunch Liberal, a strong Conservative or of independent political belief, the unpleasant implications of the present Senate backing action must be obvious. The present government represents the only elected body at the federal level and they were elected by an overwhelming majority. One important item on the election platform of the Conservative party was the expressed intention of action to ensure that more Canadian raw materials would be processed by Canadian workers. In other words, they were aware of the obvious fact that this country could not maintain employment in the role of an agricultural and primary producing nation, and that increased secondary manufacturing was the only solution. This logical approach to our employment problem must have won the Conservatives many votes, although the action to implement this election promise has been long in coming.

Hard Pressed

Tariff action to protect our hard-pressed Canadian industry and to encourage the creation of new domestic manufacturing in the teeth of intensive competition from the U.S., Europe and the Far East is urgently needed. Action to reduce our huge perennial trading debt with the U.S. is also needed. Action to ensure that this country abdicates the role of tree-cutters and miners for the manufacturers of other countries is our only hope of full and unseasonal employment. It would appear that the tariff bill presented by the present government takes one important step towards these goals.

Soundly Defeated

This is a peculiar time for the Liberal Senate majority, which is largely an aftermath of a soundly defeated government, to be opposing a bill presented by the government of the people. Particularly when the

football pools. The area of the law is also concerned about people who try to buy liquor without a permit. Not that the permit controls anything - any bum or undesirable character can buy one - but it is very naughty not to have one. Of course, you mustn't be seen drinking beer on your patio either; this is very bad.

Law Abiding

The Attorney-General must be right. If our law enforcement system has the time and the staff to be concerned over these inconsequential matters, we must be a law-abiding people indeed. It is to be hoped that organized crime never does become a problem here because the arm of the law might become very busy trying to control it. So busy indeed that somebody might slip me a packet of coloured margarine and wouldn't that be a catastrophe.

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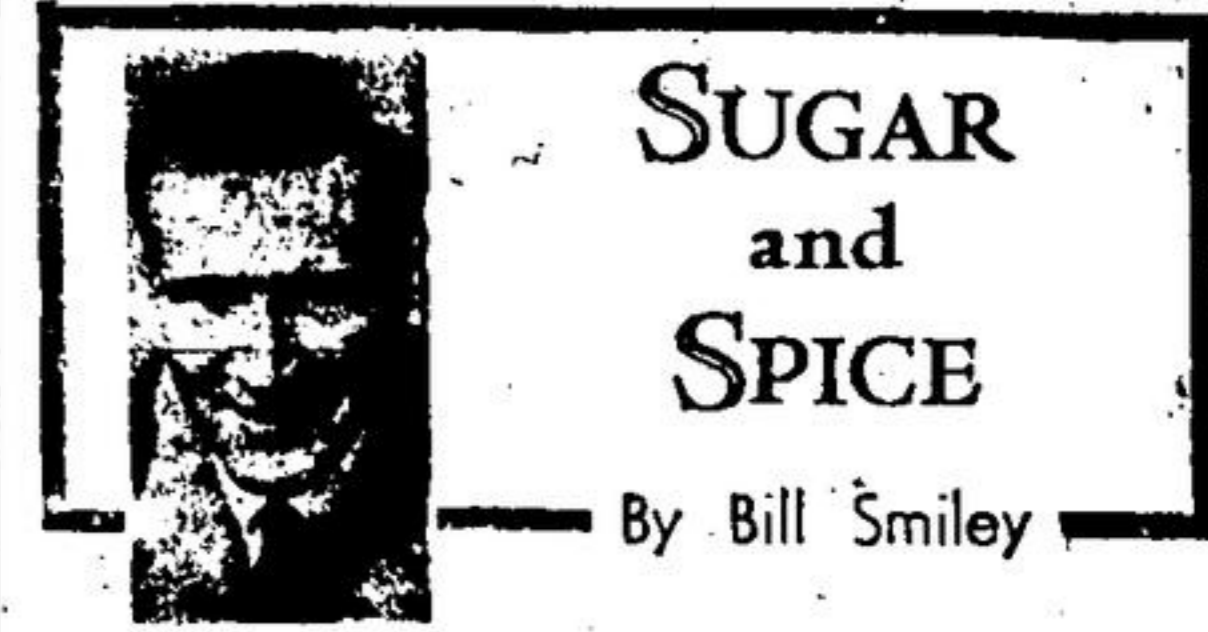
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10 YEARS AGO

- Credit Lodge last Friday night had the unique and unusual honour of presenting a fifty year medal to a member of long standing, Wor. Bro. Ralph Ross, former local high school principal.
- Mr. V. A. Stan has been engaged as assistant principal of Georgetown Public School, his duties to begin this September. At present teaching in Vanland, he is a native of Tavistock.
- One of Georgetown's oldest businesses has changed hands. Enrico Caruso of Brampton took over ownership of Lucata's Fruit Market Monday morning. The fruit and vegetable business will be known from now on as Caruso's Fruit Market.

25 YEARS AGO

- Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mackenzie of Georgetown, and Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Campbell of Moffat, attended the reception on the occasion of the opening of the new office building of the Gore District Mutual Fire Insurance Co. at Galt, Tuesday.
- There was a large attendance at the Baptist Church last Friday evening when



SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

There's something missing in my life this spring. I've been feeling restless and unfulfilled lately, and didn't know what was the matter. But I've realized what it is I'm lonely for my old house.

Since we moved here last September, we've lived in a rented place. A while it's a good house, it hasn't the character of the old place. There's nothing falling down, or heaving, or torn up. Everything is as neat, tidy and uninspiring as the exterior of a shoe-box.

Other years, about this time of year, I'd be excitedly planning all sorts of repairs, renovations and improvements, as I walked around my haggard half acre. Once the first fever of the trout season has abated, I'd make a tour of inspection usually on a sunny Saturday in May.

First I'd check the ruts in the lawn, made by the coal truck. Depending on what kind of a winter we'd had, these creases ran from a few inches deep to more than a foot. I'd measure their depth with a practiced eye, shake my head admiringly at the skill of the truck driver in hitting the softest spot in the lawn, and mutter "If a fellow just had about a truckload of fill and some grass seed..."

Then I'd mosey around to the back and check the clothes-line. The Old Lady used to give me quite a bit of trouble over that. About four times each spring, she'd haul me into the backyard wave hysterically at all the fine, sturdy upright clothes-lines of our neighbours, and point, speechless with rage and shame, at ours.

It wasn't the rust that made her so mad. It was the way the line gently sagged in the middle, as soon as she put anything heavier than a pair of pants on it. Pole at the far end was rotten, and kind of leaned toward the house, letting the line down to about two feet off the ground. And every May, I'd look at it and murmur, "If a fellow could just get hold of a good straight cedar pole about 15 feet..."

Then I'd poke around into my patio and look at my shingles. They fell down there when I had the new roof put on, seven years ago. Each spring, I'd kick them over, so they'd dry on the bottom. I always figured that when they were well dried, I'd tie them in bundles and sell them for kindling. "If a fellow could get 10 cents a bundle for them, even..."

Then I'd turn over a few spadefuls of earth in my garden. I had dug that little plot the whole four square feet of it, six years ago. It wouldn't grow carrots or radishes or green onions, but it produced some of the best fishing worms I ever saw - those skinny, red ones, that trout really go for. "Say, you know, if a fellow started breeding these things seriously..."

"Satisfied that my worms had wintered well, I'd give the cedar hedge a routine check. When we first moved to the old house, it was about twelve feet high. Every spring, I tried to figure out a way of trimming the Walmer Road Baptist Church choir gave a concert Rev. Baxter was chairman for the evening.

- Georgetown now has a parking by-law. At this week's council meeting a by-law to regulate traffic and parking on the streets of Georgetown was read for a first time.

And every spring it was a foot higher. Then the maples and spruce started growing up through the cedar, and it was so pretty I just let it go. It must be twenty feet high by now. "But, if I wanted to thin it, I'll bet I could get some good timber out of there..."

Next part of my annual inspection was the cellar. I'd go down there ready for anything. And that's just what I'd find in it - anything from a beaver pond to potatoes right out of the cellar floor. I used to pick up a shovel, move some ashes from here to there, then get absorbed in restuffing the broken window with a burlap sack, and finally, head upstairs, mumbling, "If a fellow could just get somebody to take those ashes out of there..."

There were dozens of other little jobs to plan - painting the trim; putting up that section of fence the kids knocked down three Halloweens back; putting new panes in the storm windows; tearing down the leaky drain pipes. Each of them took careful, accurate figuring on time involved, and money for materials...

And you know, I miss all that. There's something about that good, old spring tour of inspection that is vital and satisfying. It just makes you want to get right at things and plan them. After years of planning, this year I feel like a gentleman farmer without a farm. I never got around to doing any of those jobs around the old place. But if I say it myself, there was nothing wrong with the plans.

THE MAIL BAG

Walkerton Parents Thank Sponsors Of Tourney

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Dear Sirs:
Would you please, in your newspaper, thank all the good people of Georgetown who were responsible for the Bantam Hockey Tournament in your town. To those in charge, and to the good people who billeted our boys and provided such good meals to them all week, we want to thank you. The boys were very enthusiastic about their stay and those who are still young enough to be bantams next year are already looking forward to visiting you again. It was a real treat and holiday for them, and again to all who were responsible in any way, we say a sincere thank you. We do hope they were not on their worst behaviour.

Sincerely,
Parents of the Walkerton Bantam Hockey Team

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