

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Historic Day Saturday . . .

One essential service which has been lacking in Georgetown will become reality on Saturday when the new Memorial Hospital opens its doors to the public for an open house.

It is the culmination of several years of planning, and an intensive year of fund raising and building. And it is long overdue for a town of over 10,000 which for too long has depended on its Guelph and Brampton neighbours to fill its hospital needs.

Aside from the convenience, the lives which may be saved by having a hospital in our midst, the extra time local doctors will have available by not having a fifty mile round trip to visit patients and perform operations, the hospital is a major addition to the town's payroll.

Over a hundred people will derive their livelihood in its various departments,

and in this way it resembles a new industry.

It will be a money-saver too for people with relatives in hospital. Gone will be those time-consuming and expensive trips each night to Guelph and Brampton. Ambulance trips will be reduced to locals in most cases and our volunteer drivers will be relieved of the anxiety which a speedy highway trip always entails.

The hospital is one of several fine additions to the town scene in the past decade — a new high school, swimming pool, several new public schools and a separate school, two golf clubs and a curling club to mention a few.

Not only will it be fulfilling its task of healing, but it may well be the clinching point to lure some of the new industry for which Georgetown has so long been looking.

Safety Award for Town . . .

A fatality-free year in Georgetown reflects credit on local drivers, pedestrians and the police department.

An Ontario Safety Council award will commemorate this when Mayor Hyde receives it at a testimonial dinner in Toronto.

The mayor paid high tribute to the police department when a letter was read last week to council telling of the honour. The local force has been prominent in spark-

ing safety campaigns in the public schools to make pupils conscious of traffic hazards. It has cooperated in every possible way with service clubs and sporting groups, providing speakers on occasion, and circulating pamphlets at holiday seasons stressing good driving habits among townspeople.

Let's hope that this award, the second so received by the town, will be only one of a long chain.

Emphasis on Baseball . . .

Georgetown's baseball revival will be emphasized on Saturday in a big sports day, complete with parade, to bring attention to the intermediate and minor hardball clubs.

Council has proclaimed the day as 'Baseball Day' and elsewhere in this issue of the Herald details of the day appear.

This is one more refutation of the idea that there is nothing for youngsters to do in a small town. For besides baseball, an active lacrosse league is available; there is tennis for those who wish it and Club Mid-

town caters to the entertainment of the older young people with dances, hayrides and special visits to beaches and bandstand shows.

While Baseball Day and the hospital opening were not planned to happen the same day, there is no particular conflict of interest. We suggest that, after visiting the hospital, you stop at the park to see a ball game. Many men are giving a great deal of time to this fine recreation and they deserve your support.



THE NEW FRONTIERSMEN



PLANS FOR CENTENNIAL

A body of Canadian citizens set up as the Canadian Centenary Council is asking fellow Canadians for suggestions as to how our country's 100th birthday day is 1967 should be celebrated.

One suggestion, which would be spectacular and undoubtedly make a lasting impression on the people of this nation is a "Freedom Train". The plan in its formative stages is to have this train travel from coast to coast carrying Canada's chapters of freedom. Prime Minister Diefenbaker endorsed the idea when he recently addressed the newly formed Council at its first session. He also said it could carry such documents as the British North America Act and the Bill of Rights.

It wasn't mentioned but Canada's publicly owned railroad would make an ideal vehicle for a venture of this nature. A journey into yesterday could be taken by thousands right across Canada if this momentous to those pioneers who planted the seeds of nationhood was sidetracked at various stations. It would probably take the entire centennial year to round citizens that the Canadian National system, with its 33,000 miles of track in Canada, is helping to keep alive the tradition of the country's railway heritage.

The Museum Train is more than mere proof of the making of Canada. It is also a reminder of a duty to help what our forefathers gained for us. For along the Canadian National's vast system, the largest in North America, many of the goods and services which supply Canadians with one of the highest standards of living in the world.

Centennial College Another idea that is probably in the minds of many Canadians, would be the establishment of a Centennial College. This should not be a university, but rather a training school for young people who are not of university caliber. As a nation, we have not developed this vast store of talent. For example, many a truck driver would make a master mechanic, and many a waitress a skilled factory inspector.

The country's greatest resource burden is land and it is increasing with the years. It is the army of untrained youth, unemployment, steps were taken to train the illiterate and the unskilled, but only under temporary conditions.

The idea I should like to promote is that this college be established, preferably in Ottawa, the nation's capital, where young people from all parts of Canada could be trained free. Campus dormitories would be a must, and railway transportation provided for those who could not afford to take advantage of the training, if they lived in remote areas.

I realize this would cost the taxpayers millions but, relief

figures are mounting astronomically. The unemployment insurance fund is dwindling alarmingly, juvenile delinquency is on the rise, and who is paying the bill? The taxpayer. Why not invest in some type of security for our untalented youth rather than keep them in reform schools and on relief for most of their lives?

Lavern Thompson New Leslie Clan President

The 18th biannual reunion of the Leslie Clan was held at Terra Cotta Conservation Park on Saturday, June 10th. Lavern Thompson, who has recently moved to Georgetown from his farm at Union was elected president for the next two years. He succeeds R. H. Shook of Toronto. Recording secretaries are Miss Elva Pearson, Acton and Mrs. Peter Dick, Brampton.

Attendance set a new record of 231 for the family which originally settled on crown land at Lot 22, 10th Lane, Esquesing in 1819. The late Thomas L. Leslie was secretary for many years and his son Wilfrid is a past president. The family reunions began in 1928 at Blue Springs Park and since then members of the clan have gathered every two years for a happy time of reminiscing. Oldest person present this year was Ed Pearen of Acton, who is 91.

From 1928 to 1959 expenditures of all levels of government in Canada on goods and services increased from 10.4 cents to 19 cents of every dollar of national expenditure.

Why They Are "Best"

You can claim they were "exceptions." Not at all! I will always believe youth can be encouraged to be ambitious. It is our educational system that beats them and discourages any hope of a trained skill. There are those who will find "book learning" a hurdle they can't take. Someone is going to say "Why do scholarships? Wouldn't they accomplish the same end?" If we are going to mark our centennial let it be visible as well as constructive. Scholarships are held in assets. A Centennial College would be evidence for all the world to see of Canada's pride in its youth and consideration for those not as idealized as some in the ability to absorb textbook knowledge. They do have latent skills that only need developing. This country needs every one of them. If millions can be raised for universities, who not for

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SUGAR and SPICE By Bill Smiley

Mother's Day in this country is announced with a blare of trumpets, a roll of drums, and a wild jangling of cash registers. Commercially, it is creeping up on Christmas. Emotionally, it has long since passed the Twelfth of July. Father's Day, in comparison, is a sad little echo of this sentimental orgy.

Even the advertising reflects the difference. Merchants and manufacturers overcome their customary delicacy as Mother's Day approaches. They don't suggest that she might like a little token. They bellow at us, in no uncertain terms, our duty towards Mom. "Get out, you lazy, ungrateful, selfish bum," they holler, "and buy that sweet little old mother of yours something under the assault, and go into debt for months, buying presents for women who are not even their mother's— their wives."

The days when Mom received a box of chocolates or a pair of nylon on Mother's Day went out with the ten-cent hot dog. Nowadays, men are warned, in black-and-white or full colour, that sweet old Mom will settle for anything from an automatic dishwasher to the Taj Mahal, suitably gift-wrapped.

What a difference in the advertising prior to Father's Day! It is slightly embarrassed, defeated, feeble. It consists of such rousing slogans as, "Don't forget Dad on Father's Day." The implication is that you probably will, but that if you do, don't worry too much about it. Oh, the men's clothing merchants put a brave face on it and beat the drum a bit, but even they haven't the nerve to suggest anything more extravagant for dad than a sport shirt, or a new hat.

The car dealer who will tout, with a straight face, a "second car for the family," just before Mother's Day, suggests that dad would be just crazy about a new tire iron, or a jack. The appliance dealer who will coaxly try to sell you a washer-dryer combination as a gift for mom, will be pushing a \$1.98 flashlight for Father's Day.

Is there anything significant in this contrast? Oh, yes indeed. There is little doubt that it reflects accurately the prestige enjoyed, respectively, by mother and father, in Canada today. Mom is a goddess to be placated by appropriate gifts. Dad is a dog, a harmless one, to be thrown a bone.

This unnatural state of affairs seems to be peculiar to North America. In Europe, Asia and Africa, woman is still playing a supporting role only. Even in Moslem countries, where a man may have up to four wives, there is no doubt about who is

head of the house. But in the States and Canada, the natural order of things is reversed. Oh, you don't have to believe me. Ask the statisticians. They'll tell you who can't live on this continent. Ask the manufacturers. They'll tell you which sex their ads are slanted towards. They'll tell you why everything that's modern, nowadays, from cookies to cars has to come in a fancy package or a weird colour.

Why has this situation developed in North America? Can we blame our women for it? Are they more pushy than the females of other continents? I don't think so. In fact, I think they are the ones who were pushed — into a role they never wanted, poor kids.

I think the whole thing is a product of pioneer days in this continent. The North American woman had to be a good deal more sturdy, independent and capable than her sister of other lands, if she was to cope with the trials and dangers besetting the early settlers.

She had to work like an ox. She had to improvise, to use her head. She had to be nurse, teacher and companion to her children, because father was too busy clearing the back forty to speak to them during the day, and too tired to do anything but fall into bed at night.

After a few generations of this, it was natural for the children to look upon the mother as the fountainhead of wisdom, sympathy and human warmth. During the same generation, the father faded into a figure who appeared only on meal-times and whose chief conversational item became, "What can't afford it?"

The entire process was speeded up by two world wars. While our men were off in Europe, fighting and reveling in a society in which the male was supreme, our women had to take on more and more responsibilities. Whole generations of children got the idea that Mom was head of the family, simply because Dad was not there.

There was no stopping the snowball. After the first world war, our women started ambling. After the second, they began going into bars. They had infiltrated the golf course, the curling rink, the House of Commons and the stock market. They have learned to swear, wear trousers and make speeches. And the end is nowhere in sight.

I'm not complaining. It was inevitable. An accident of history. All I'm doing is trying to explain to you fellow who, who despite the fact that your wife got a new wristwatch on Mother's Day, you are going to wind up, on Father's Day, with the usual \$1.50 tie, for the purchase of which the kiddie will tap you for \$2.00 and keep the change.

WORDS OF THE WISE Watch out for temptation the more you see of it, the better it looks. — Arnold H. Glasgow. They're off! NEW WOODBINE RACES JUNE 5th to JULY 15th EXPRESS BUSES LEAVE GEORGETOWN 12:05 p.m. Each Racing Day \$2.00 Includes Daylight Time Return After Last Race Tickets and Information at Corner Cupboard Restaurant Telephone TR. 7-3051

10 and 25 YEARS AGO ECHOES

10 AND 25 YEARS AGO From the Pages of The Herald, June 13th, 1951, and June 17th, 1936

10 YEARS AGO

Public School Principal, Harold Henry, received a cheque from the Canadian National Exhibition for a prize in a piece of creative art entitled Nona Day Rush, done by Susan Foutitt, of Grade 7.

A thirteen year old Terra Cotta lad was seriously injured Monday when some bags he threw on a bonfire blew up. The accident occurred when Robert Elwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Elwood, threw the bags on the fire. He was badly burned around the chest, arms, face and legs.

The new Lions officers were installed at their annual ceremony. President, Ray Whitme, 1st vice president, Don Barrager; 2nd vice president, Cec McNamara; 3rd vice president, Clarence Kennedy; secretary, Spence McKinnon; treasurer, Norm Smith.

25 YEARS AGO

At a meeting of the Winged Wheelers Cycle Club it was decided to accept the invitation of the Georgetown Branch of the Canadian Legion to present a program of races at their celebration and field day July 1st.

A strawberry festival will be held at the Cedarvale School for Girls Tuesday under the auspices of the Women's Association of Georgetown United Church.

Keep your ear glued to the radio tomorrow night when Joe Louis, the Detroit coloured fighter, and Max Schmeling, the German, match fists in New York.

At the Gregory Theatre, Boulder Dam, starring Ross Alexander and Lyle Talbot; Farmer In The Dell, starring Fred Stone and Jean Parker; Kind Lady, starring Aline MacMahon and Basil Rathbone.

THE MAIL BAG Says Executive Protest Carries Weight Too

38 Langstone Crescent Georgetown Mr. Editor:

Through the medium of your paper I wish to present the facts regarding the recent protest by the Georgetown East Ratepayers Association.

Mayor Hyde has tried to discredit the fact that because the protest stemmed from an executive meeting rather than a public meeting, the protest was not forceful but rather the opinion of the minority.

I would point out, that this matter was somewhat urgent and time was not available to call a General Meeting prior to another council meeting. However, because of innumerable calls to the various directors, after the publication in the press, it was decided to call an emergency meeting of the executive to draft the protest as presented.

If a protest by an executive body of an organization is a symbol of the voice of the minority as the mayor suggests, surely this also applies to council, who railroad an increase for their own pocket. Just as a council is the administrative body of the municipality, so is the executive body of a Ratepayers Association, who were

also put in office by election of the people. Now that we are on the subject of the increase and lots have been said on this already, I would point out another inconsistency on the part of council.

The present police force in town is overworked. Two rulings have been laid down as a guide to an efficient Police Dept. The old ruling of one policeman to one thousand people, which has been changed to a more efficient guide of one policeman to 750 people. The ratio in Georgetown is one to 1430 people (approx).

The pay of a first class constable is in the neighbourhood of \$4500 per year while a probationer starts at \$55.00 per week. The argument, which has caused a board of arbitration to be set up is that the town can't afford an increase for a presently underpaid and understaffed Police Dept.

Surely, if the town can't afford to pay full-time staff — it is not in a position to grant increases to those who asked to be voted into office "to help the town."

Yours very truly, Robert McNeilly

\$7,800 Grants to Credit Valley Conservation

The Hon. W. M. Nickle, Minister of Commerce and Development announced today that the Ontario Government will make three grants totalling \$7,800 to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

A grant of \$6,500 will enable the Authority to carry out extensive developments in the Terra Cotta Conservation Area. A camping area will be developed and roads within the Area improved. Other improvements planned include construction of a refreshment booth, development of the Thompson picnic area and installation of a diving board at the swimming pool.

Another grant of \$1,000 will provide 50% of the cost of proposed work at the Wilcox Conservation Area. Here roads will be built and some fences erected. A third grant of \$30 represents 75% of costs involved in a survey to determine the floodline of the Credit River and Mullet Creek in the Streetsville area. The valley lands of these streams are subject to seasonal and periodic flooding which has caused considerable costly damage. Results of the survey will make it possible to better safeguard life and property by restrictive building by-laws or public ownership of flood plain lands.