

## ... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

### Money In Meters

Statistics showing that over \$4,000 a year is netted in "pennies and nickels" in Georgetown's downtown parking meters is an indication that meters will be with us for a long time. For no council, without strong pressure, would throw out municipal revenue in that amount.

Whether the money, as Cr. Fred Harrison insists, should be earmarked for downtown improvements, or whether it is added to general town revenue as has been the case to date, is relatively unimportant. It is still \$4,000 that council does not have to find in taxes to meet its budget.

The years have mellowed us somewhat in our opinions about meters.

We were outspoken critics when they were first introduced.

And while we still do not like them, public acceptance has been such that we would not actively campaign for their removal.

And with large off-street parking areas in the planning stage, there will be less argument than ever against street meters, once these parking areas become reality.

### Problem for Ambulance

Increasing frequency of calls to accidents on Highway 401 is causing some concern to members of the local volunteer ambulance service.

The problem is somewhat similar to that encountered in past years by the volunteer firemen.

As a group maintained by local funds, and with members leaving their jobs to answer emergencies, it is difficult to embrace more than the immediate town area in the work. And yet, when a call comes, it is a life and death matter and difficult to do anything but answer.

The GVAS executive has asked that

council study the problem and has suggested that the provincial police be consulted about finding other ways of meeting highway emergencies.

It might well be that some system might be devised, similar to firefighting, where a local ambulance service might serve a limited area around each town, with the rural area sharing costs of equipment.

Perhaps the time is even coming when, with superhighways threading their way in increasing quantities around major metro areas, a provincial service might have to be the answer, with bases along the main traffic arteries.

### Industrial Tempest Ends

After three sessions and a great deal of wasted council time, Georgetown council last week came to agreement on the basis for forming the 1952 industrial commission.

The commission this year has only three known members to date, the mayor, reeve and deputy reeve. Remaining members are to be selected on a basis of four from the Chamber of Commerce, one from the Jaycees and three men from the town at large.

The commission faces an important task in persuading industry to locate here. Georgetown has all the attributes — location, services, land, and an already-established reputation as an industrial town.

Certain adverse publicity the past few

years has not contributed to the town's commercial future, but it could not be argued that this had any strong bearing on new industrial locations. At the same time, a happy well-integrated community is an asset to any selling job which an industrial commission can do, and the sooner petty bickering and unfavourable publicity ends, the better off we'll be when industry sends its scouts to town.

The Herald has always followed a policy of promoting Georgetown in its news and editorial columns.

As a business interested in making our town a bigger and better balanced community, we shall continue to assist in any way possible in this important search for industry.



HERE WE GO AGAIN



### Diary of a Vagabond

BY DOROTHY BARKER

#### READING AT ALL-TIME HIGH

Should I, at any time, be forced to choose but one travelling companion I am sure it would be a good book. Books never intrude on one's privacy, never blast one's reverie or shatter the memory one might be building of scenery and surroundings. They make excellent bedfellows (reading in bed is a favorite pastime), never object to being laid aside, or ignored, conjure adventure and excite imagination. Because I believe this to be true, I was not too surprised to learn that book circulation in Toronto public libraries reached an all-time high of 4,775,000 during the year 1951.

All readers are not library addicts. There is a great number who put their money on the high riding popularity of the paperback. According to figures of the book trade just released in the United States, Americans are buying paperbacks at the rate of almost a million a day. Titles across the border have soared in 18 months from 6,500 to 13,900. We can discount this to a large extent but, taking into consideration the difference in population, dealers tell me the number of Canadian paperback purchasers compares with these astonishing figures.

The Muskogean (Mich.) Chronicle had an interesting column about paperbacks which was refreshing. "Original titles not previously published in any other form are appearing in the paperbacks. Thus Frank Merriwell and his successors in the trap school of paperbacks are being joined by serious novels and many a volume of high reputation for the classroom and extra-curricular use in high schools and colleges. In our time culture, bless its heart, marches on reliably and more economically in the paperbacks."

#### EARLY MEMORIES

People have told me on numerous occasions, as I have travelled from one coast to another

young minds. Even teenagers as a whole who, like us as children, probably smuggle certain types of literature beneath their mattresses are, for the most part, merely acting like sheep. The main thing is that they come to realize the joy in reading. After that is acquired, their taste will develop until they can sort the gold from the dross. Like me, with so much to read, they won't want to be spending their leisure time on obscure trips.

#### Net Earnings Up For Abitibi Mills

Net earnings of Abitibi Paper & Paper Company Limited, the parent company of Georgetown's Provincial Paper Limited were for 1951 \$13,710,434 compared with \$12,244,288 in 1950, an improvement of 12%. Earnings per common share were \$3.18 compared with \$2.83 per share in 1950.

The largest single factor contributing to the increase in net earnings was the exchange rate for the prior year. Another important factor was the performance of Abitibi Corporation whose board mill at Alpena, Michigan, had its best year since it began operations some four years ago. Upward pressures on manufacturing cost continued as in all recent years but were held in check so that the change in the average exchange rate could reflect in improved earnings.

Total output of all Abitibi mills declined slightly in comparison with 1950 due entirely to a decline in sales of newsprint. Increases in sales were experienced for all other products. Consolidated net sales for the year were \$147,587,462, a small increase in comparison with 1950 reflecting the improvement on conversion into Canadian funds of sales made in other currencies.

The Annual Report for 1951 containing financial statements and additional information on 1951 operations is scheduled for release to shareholders before the close of this month.

#### JOY IN READING GOOD BOOKS

I don't think we have to worry much about impressions some of the material now flooding bookshelves might have on

### DISTRICT NEWS AT A GLANCE

#### MILTON

A hint of Milton's annexation plan was uncovered in a report to council last week. Dealing with the future of Main Street, it noted the Planning Board's proposals on 1,100 acres west of the town's present western boundary that will provide a residential area for 12,000 and an industrial area that could provide employment for 6,000.

#### STREETSVILLE

Toronto Township council will be asked Feb. 12 for a township initiated liquor vote. In a notice of motion last week Deputy Reeve Charles Murray said that on Feb. 12 he will ask council to call a liquor vote on cocktail bars, dining lounges, and beverage rooms.

#### BRAMPTON

Brampton is to be the fire-fighting centre for two counties. Council gave the nod last week to integration of 13 volunteer fire departments in Peel and Dufferin counties with Brampton as the heart. All fire alarms in the two counties will connect with the Brampton dispatching centre.

#### ORANGEVILLE

A low rental apartment house in Orangeville will soon be ready for tenants. It is the project of the Canadian Legion and will be known as the Canadian Legion Apartments. The apartments, 11 suites and 7 bachelors, are intended for persons 60 years and over.

#### OAKVILLE

A committee will be set up to study the renaming of streets in Oakville, it was decided last week. The committee will study the street name confusion and bring forth a suggestion

#### BURLINGTON

The Federal Government last week approved a grant of \$2,068,000 for the new vocational technical school to be built in Burlington. Sandy Best, M.P. for Halton County said the grant amounted to 75% of the total cost of the school and equipment.

#### ACTON

Wilchar Construction, Dundas Ontario, submitted the lowest tender and is the probable contractor for the new Federal Building in Acton. The company bid for the job was \$144,300.

#### THE DATE BOOK

Feb. 4 - 10, Children's Dental Health Week — Boy Scout Week; Feb. 4, 1861 (101 years ago), Delegates from six southern states met in Montgomery, Ala. to establish Confederate States of America; Feb. 6, 1952 (10 years ago), Elizabeth II became Queen of England upon death of her father, George VI; Feb. 7, 1812 (150 years ago), Novelist Charles Dickens born; Feb. 7, 1882 (80 years ago) John L. Sullivan knocked out Paddy Ryan in the last bare-knuckle championship bout; Feb. 8, 1910 (52 years ago) Boy Scouts of America Founded; Feb. 6, 1587 (375 years ago) Mary, Queen of Scots, beheaded on charge of plotting murder of Queen Elizabeth.

#### SPECIAL EXHIBIT

Mounted on the wall of Sam Welmer's barber shop are such bills and coins as a \$100,000 U.S. Confederate note, a German 50,000,000-mark bill and a 2,000-year-old Roman coin. He has hundreds of such items, mounted under flags of 80 countries.

### Being Inquisitive

Prying curiosity into the affairs of neighbors is bad manners. Yet it is strongly recommended by the Ontario Safety League ... to drivers: Be downright inquisitive in traffic, asks the League.

Cultivate a curiosity about everything that's going on. Everything that's going on, or stopping. Especially stopping. Try to find out if, when, why and where other drivers are going to stop. Ask yourself why the man in the passing lane is slowing down: is he turning left or right or waiting for an unseen pedestrian? Speculate about the ball that bounced into the roadway — is there a retriever right behind, either the two or four-legged type? Check on the car parked at the curb with the engine running — is the driver keeping warm, or is he about to move off?

Give a thought to the tires of the car you are following at 60 m.p.h. — what happens to you if one of them blows? Weigh the possibility that the Highway Department put down those double white lines ahead because the curve is dangerous — and not just because they like to use up paint. Use imagination and patience — not the gas pedal — to find out why the driver ahead is braking sharply when the road is apparently clear.

Curiosity may have killed the cat, but it has saved a lot of drivers. Make everybody's business your business, when the business is moving in traffic. A healthy curiosity on the road sometimes avoids a very unhealthy crash.

#### GRANT GROWTH

Canada's electrical manufacturing industry has grown almost twice as fast as the Gross National Product since 1946.

#### 11 STEPS TO SURVIVAL — STEP 8

### Know Emergency Cleanliness

Your limited supply of water must be rationed and used only for essential purposes. If you have enough warning time, fill your bathtub, buckets, and pails with water. Cover them so they will not be exposed to fallout. And remember there is an emergency supply in your water tank. (Don't forget this if in-paocetime your water supply has been temporarily disrupted.)

The problem of garbage and human waste disposal can be solved even if fallout keeps you in shelter. Put all your garbage in tightly covered garbage pails. After using your emergency toilet, human waste should be tied in water proof plastic bags and put in the garbage pail. Store a two-week supply of plastic bags. After the second day in shelter, there is no risk in leaving it for a few seconds for essential tasks in the basement. Keep a soft broom in the shelter to keep it tidy. Remember personal cleanliness in crowded shelter conditions is important to you and your family. If your area is free of fallout but is without water and sewage service, bury human waste and garbage in the ground. Dig the pit deep enough so that the waste will be covered by at least two feet of earth.

## SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

Just some random thoughts and the prospect is dim — I'll write a regular column. It has been snowing for 23 days, the temperature is 12 below, and some sardist has sent me a copy of the *Home* magazine. The *Lady* is down with the flu and she's out of a job, and she's feeling back is back, and aching. So here goes:

I'm a staunch supporter of royalty, but I'll go along with the British press in the latest verbal spanking it has given to Princess Margaret and young Tony what's his name. It was bad enough to take off for a Caribbean holiday, leaving behind not only a two-month-old baby, but some 50 million, half-frozen, browned off Britons who couldn't afford the trip. But when Tony came back with his usually well-styled hair converted to a mass of curls by a permanent, it was enough to make a fellow go "ugh!"

Do you know something I'm sick and tired of I'm sick and tired of reading articles about the enlightened new leaders of black Africa, fighting to free their down trodden black brothers. From what I can gather, many of these enlightened leaders are pure thugs, whose first act when they gain some authority is to purge all opposition.

Somehow, new streets of skulls being cracked by clubs, even though the skulls are black and the arms swinging the clubs are just as black, don't fit into my ideas of freedom and democracy. Or do two blacks make a white, these days?

Speaking of democracy, the present picture of pre-election bribery in Canada is a pretty one, as the three major parties dangle old age pension increases of varying amounts. I wonder how concerned they would be about a pension increase if nobody over 70 had a vote?

As far as old age pensions go, I'm a rabid socialist. I'd increase the pension and lower the age limit. But I can't quite stomach the sudden interest in the old folk when there's an election in the offing. Perhaps the old system of a dollar and a drink of whiskey for a vote was more honest.

Across the land, teachers' federations and the school trustees are squaring off for their annual bout of name-calling. What is at stake in the battle? Higher standards of education? Better schools and equipment? Hotter lunches? Nope, just money.

As a taxpayer, I wish those teachers would come to their senses, and realize that they are supposed to be dedicated, sort of like ministers, and stop wanting to be as well paid as other professional people. If we increase their salaries, mark my words, they will only get big ideas, and go out and spend every cent of them.

As a teacher, I can only add that money isn't everything. But until I have everything...

## ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald, February, 1952 and 1937

- 10 YEARS**
  - A record of 48 years service with the Provincial Paper Mill ended on January 31st when William Merritt retired on pension. Mr. Merritt helped lay the foundation for the coating mill, helped carpenters lay the floor and was one of the first employees hired there.
  - Harding Price, several years a member of Etobicoke Agricultural Society board of directors and vice president for the past few years, has been chosen president for 1952. He succeeds Noel Robinson of Norval.
  - In a 15 minute program sponsored by City's Service Oil Company, radio station CFRB, Toronto, paid tribute to the Georgetown Herald. The program reviewed the Herald's history from the time it was founded in 1865.
- 25 YEARS AGO**
  - Officers of the 1937 School Board were elected last night. They are: chairman, D. P. Crichton; property committee, Sam Harrison, H. Dickie, H. Barnes; supply committee, Mrs. P. W. Cleave; John D. Kelly; attendance officer, Mrs. Freyer; school nurse, Mrs. Parr; secretary-treasurer, P. B. Harrison.
  - There was a large attendance at the Bon Temps dance held at the Arena last Friday. The music of Willis Tipping and his Blue Dragons delighted everyone. The patroness were Mrs. J. B. Mackenzie, Mrs. W. Whitmee, Mrs. J. Lawson. The Club members are Isabel McDermid, Marjorie Gaul, Jean Mackenzie, Madeleine Erwin, Margery Mackenzie, Violet Webster, Constance Whitmee, Mrs. S. J. Mackenzie, and Mrs. W. C. Grant.
  - At the Gregory Theatre 'The Man Who Lived Twice', starring Ralph Bellamy; 'Tarzan Escapes', starring Johnny Weismuller and Maureen O'Sullivan; 'The Dancing Pirate', starring Staff, Duns.