

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Nostalgic Reminder

A recent country event, while primarily a happy occasion, had a modicum of sadness as it brought back days long ago and not so long ago.
When former pupils of Blue Mountain School gathered for a reunion at this charming little schoolhouse between town and Bellinford, they were parking the end of an era in Esquevas. The day of the "little red schoolhouse" is rapidly ending in this section of Ontario, and Blue Mountain will no longer respond to the cries of youngsters at play or hear the voice of teachers of the calibre of Mrs. Shortall who take on the yeoman task of teaching all eight grades their education fundamentals.
Perhaps progress has forced the change in more than one way.
Obviously, the advantages of education in consolidated schools far outweighs those of the one-teacher school. Today's living standards call for schools which allow enough pupils in each grade so that a teacher is called on only for a couple of grades to teach. And transportation has become the accepted thing for young

people who formerly hiked a mile or more along a country road.
But besides this, today's collages do not turn out large quantities of teachers who have the energy and initiative to want to take on the Herculean task of eight grades in a building often poorly heated and with a minimum of comforts, for a salary which allows few luxuries.
For 89 years the school has been turning out its product. And despite the acknowledged advantages of consolidation we venture to say that statistics might show as high a proportion of success for Blue Mountain as for a larger school.
But it has outlived its age, just as autos took over from the horse and buggy, self-serve and cash-and-carry from the old way of merchandising.
We wonder, though, if tomorrow's children will envy their country cousins as this city-reared boy did, when he passed a country schoolyard with its swings and slides, and pictured a swimming hole which lured children after school, the Christmas concert and the school picnic.

The "Poppy Lady"

No one who has lived in town up until now will see the annual Poppy Day come 'round without thinking of Mrs. Thomas Grieve.
When death came to this dynamic lady recently, it removed one of those rare possessions, a public-spirited citizen who toiled long and faithfully for her town and whose reward was measured best in a job well done.
Poppy Day was particularly one of her projects. She had been secretary treasurer since the fund was initiated locally in 1928. For years she had arranged an attractive display in the Herald window, handled sale of wreaths and later dispensed aid to those who fell within the fund's scope.

Active in both Legion and Ladies' Auxiliary, she had been sick convener for the Legion branch, a life member of both groups and a zone commander of the auxiliary. She used her nursing training to advantage in teaching St. John Ambulance classes on several occasions.
Mrs. Grieve was not blessed with large quantities of the world's goods. She left something much more precious than money—a firm place in the hearts of a host of friends and the knowledge that Georgetown was the better for having had her as a resident. Her family will have comfort in knowing that her life was a full one dedicated to service to others and through this, a happy one.

Education Benefits

Each year at this time the memory of a Georgetown man is perpetuated when the Hyman Silver memorial awards are presented to top ranking students in the public schools.
The awards, which also encompass high school, were established several years ago by Sid Silver, who operates the large-clothing store which his late father founded.
Mr. Silver, an emigrant from Europe, was hardly unsuccessful by our standards. He developed Georgetown's largest retail

business from a tiny Main St. location and a door-to-door peddling of merchandise. But he had a respect for something which had been denied to him—a university education, and he saw to it that his son received his.
It was a fitting gesture, then, for son Sid to allocate this generous yearly sum for scholastic awards. And it is nice to know, at the same time, that two of his grandchildren successfully completed their university years in Toronto this term.

One of a Series

Fluoride In Your Drinking Water

It may be next year or it may be next week, but sometime in the near future, Georgetown will be faced with the fluoridation question. This column is not to sway opinion but to inform readers of the facts about fluoridation based on information from the Health League of Canada.

SARAWAK TAKES THE LEAD IN FLUORIDATION

Dr. Khal Sun Yim, Superintendent Dental Officer in the Department of Medical Services for Sarawak has reported the first installation of water fluoridation equipment for the town of Simanggang in Sarawak, Northern Borneo, according to information released by the Health League of Canada.
The following news item in the capital's daily press dated January 11, 1962, provides a statement of the Director of Public Works on this eventful day:
"On Sunday, November 10th, 1961, Sarawak took the first step in improving the dental health of the population when fluorides were introduced into the Simanggang Water Supply, Northern Borneo, according to a statement from the Director of Public Works, Mr. J. K. Wardzala said:
"During the next few months, fluoridation will be incorporated in Sibu, Bintang, Serikei, Mukah, Marudi and other water supplies, and will continue until all approved water supplies are similarly treated."
Dr. Yim who is a diplomate in Dental Public Health of the University of Toronto, spent a year in Toronto to study at the School of Hygiene and Faculty

DISTRICT NEWS AT A GLANCE

OAKVILLE

A request from the park board for a plebiscite on Sunday sports on September 17th, the same time as the vote on the site of the new city hall, was turned down by council last Tuesday night. The by-law permitting the Sunday Sports, passed by the former town of Oakville, does not cover the area which the former Township of Westalgar.

BRAMPTON

Brampton's building boom has mushroomed into an explosion. Construction in the town has doubled over the corresponding period last year, the building inspector reported last week. The semi-yearly report showed that 353 permits have been issued to the end of June compared with only 117 at this time last year.

SHELBURNE

The Dufferin County Home for the Aged at Shelburne is nearing completion but the official opening day may be delayed. The date had been set for July 15th, but the ceremonies are being held up until the work is completed. The one-storey building is at the north end of Shelburne, a couple of blocks from Main Street.



THE YEAR FOR COMPACTS



Diary of a Vagabond

BY DOROTHY BARKER

A YOUNGSTER'S REACTION

It wasn't the weird effect created by film and sound which the Government of the United States has successfully projected to simulate a trip to the moon, Pearl's imaginary rocket ride into space, or General Matern's cooperation with the State of Washington to create the "World of Tomorrow," where thousands every day are elevated in a Bubblecar into what we may expect of the coming century.

ERIN

A large tractor trailer truck failed to make the turn at the entrance to Erin off Highway 24 from Guelph early last Wednesday morning, and overturned on the road in front of Brennan's BA station. Police said the cause of the accident was the failure of the brakes.

ORANGEVILLE

Close to eight thousand people attended the Orange Day Parade and celebrations in Orangeville on July 7th. The highlight of the day was the parade through town which included judges from South Simcoe, Grey, Dufferin, Wellington and Peel counties.

BURLINGTON

A recommendation that the pay of members of town council be raised to \$25 per day from \$15 was approved by the finance committee, Tuesday. The personnel committee was asked to recommend a separate raise for Mayor Owen Mullin after checking other towns and cities of Burlington's size to determine what they pay their chief magistrate. Mayor Mullin is now paid \$4,000 per annum.

MILTON

Milton's Community Swimming Pool campaign got its biggest boost to date from the local Rebekah Lodge. A cheque for \$500 toward the community project was received this week, chairman J. M. Ledwith reported. Total contributions to date are \$31,000, about 48 percent of the objective.

ROYAL RESIDENCES

Buckingham Palace has long been known as the home of the British royal family but, as the Book of Knowledge points out, its history dates back no further than 1827. From 1802, until Queen Victoria's accession to the throne, the London residence of the sovereigns was St. James's Palace. Originally built as a hospital, it was reconstructed by Henry VIII and greatly enlarged by Charles I.

SUGAR and SPICE By Bill Smiley

One of my Grade 12 students is taking off in the morning on a trip. I rather envy him. He's heading for Vancouver, on a bicycle.
All he has to do is pedal through the great loneliness of Northern Ontario, and across the Rockies and push the last long stretch through the vastness of B.C.

He has a brand new bike, \$50 in cash, one army blanket and a big supply of peanut butter sandwiches. In essence, he has one other thing—a stout heart.

When he reaches Vancouver, he will sell his bicycle and get a job. He hopes to work there for a year, save a wad, then return home and go back to school to complete his education.

He wants to be a writer. Thousands of young people have the same desire, but they never do anything about it except dream about all the money a writer is supposed to make. This fellow does something about it. He writes all the time—poems, stories, paragraphs, struggling heroically with a natural inclination to misspell. He's going to keep a daily journal on his trip.

He could have chosen a better method of acquiring the experience and material so helpful to a budding writer. There will be 50 stories, a hundred poems, a thousand incidents, in the strip of Canada across which his wheels will roll this summer.

I envy him, as I said. He will grow brown and hard. He will be beneath the stars and cream. He will heat pork and beans beside a mountain stream. And he will meet a thousand interesting people. Some of them will be mean, most of them friendly.

He will see a Canada that the passenger on transcontinental train or jet liner never sees. He will smell pines and see ripening wheat and feel the sun on his back in the morning, and hear coyotes yapping at night.

He will savor the joys of hot food in an empty belly, warmth after "zero" at the bone, conversation after loneliness, rest after exhaustion. He will marvel at sunset on the prairies and the moon setting fire to a tiny lake. He will encounter hospitality that will enrich him with an abiding faith in human kindness.

If he's very lucky, he will have the most rewarding experience of all—he will get to know himself. This is the most difficult of all things for modern man, who is so seldom alone, with time to think, and feel and wonder.

I think he'll make it. The

There you are. Fair warning to my thousands of readers in the west. If a dusty unshaven hobo with a bicycle appears at your door, or your newspaper office, and pulls out a letter, you have a chance to tell me off, by proxy. On the other hand, if you don't feel too hostile to me, don't be afraid to give him a cup of tea or a shake-down in the barn. He's a decent lad, and maybe some day he'll put you in a book.

ECHOES

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10 YEARS AGO

- Holiday socials: Miss Marilyn Guest, and Miss Patsy Vance returned home after holidaying at Sunset Lodge, Port Elgin. . . Lions Jack Gunning and Art Morrison attended the Lions International Convention, held in Mexico City recently. . . They motored the whole distance and were accompanied by their wives. . . Mr. Confort Roszel and Miss Margaret Roszel are on a holiday trip to British Columbia, California and Mexico. . . Mr. Sam Penrice left Tuesday to join his wife, holidaying with relatives on the Isle of Man. . . Dr. Fred Hutt, a professor at Cornell University is a visitor in town with his mother Mrs. H. L. Hutt. . . Lt. Col. Gordon Brown, secretary of the North Halton High School District Board was a delegate to the convention of rural and urban school trustees last week at Bigwin Inn. . . Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Davidson are vacationing this week at Fanelon Falls.
As a temporary solution for overcrowding in three public schools administered by the Esquevas Wrigglesworth Area No. 1 a room in the new Howard Wrigglesworth Public School in Georgetown will be used by the township in September.
Many Georgetown people took advantage of the opportunity to view the new county home for the aged when it was officially opened a week ago Sunday. Members of the Women's Institutes acted as guides in the tour of the building, when several thousand Halton residents were shown through the fine new building.
A distinguished sports star, his wife and young daughters are guests at Georgetown at present. Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Rayner are at the home of Mr. Rayner's cousin, Vern Crawford, Albert St.
At the Gregory Theatre, Hong Kong starring Ronald Reagan and Ronda Fleming; Honeychile starring Judy Canova; The Highwayman, starring Phillip Friend; The Dutchess of Idaho starring Van Johnson and Esther Williams and Boots Malone.

MERRY MENAGERIE By Walt Disney. Illustration of a man and a mouse in a boat. Text: 'Personally, I find a nine-and-a-half, triple-A quite comfortable!'

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