

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Farsighted Men

We have a hearty regard for men like Alex McLaren and Fred Masterman whose vision carries far into the future.

As members of Credit Valley Conservation Authority, they presented council with a plan last week which will have far-reaching effects, not only on Georgetown but on the whole area served by the Credit River and its tributaries.

Included in a series of five dams which will increase river flow, overcome pollution and refurbish water supplies in many municipalities, is one at Georgetown's 9th Line which has been sought by the town for some years.

Unfortunately, Georgetown, though one of the heaviest contributors to the Authority, will be the last to obtain a dam and it will be at least fifteen years, according to present estimates, before it comes.

It would be easy to use this as an argument that, because Georgetown pays more, it should benefit first. But men like Mr. McLaren and Mr. Masterman are the type who look ahead, and who realize that localized interests must sometimes bow to the greater good. They are building for a solid future, and while fifteen years might seem a long way off, it is only a drop in time's bucket.

No Charge for Weddings

Decision of city newspapers to charge a fee for wedding stories and pictures may have Herald readers wondering if the same policy is to be adopted locally.

Far from it. The Herald, on the contrary, solicits such items which we consider among the most important of the district's news and to each prospective bride, we send a printed form with instructions to submit both a news story and a picture for inclusion in the Herald.

Another news item which we appreciate is one for the social and personal columns and here again there is no charge. On the contrary you do us a favour when you submit such news of visits and visitors. The Herald only draws one line on charges.

We consider anything in the nature of a coming attraction to be a form of advertising. Any such information of a public service which hopes to attract either funds or other support for a cause is also subject to space rate charges.

A newspaper must, of course, have advertising revenue to survive, for the money received for newspaper sales could not carry the production costs.

The more advertising, the more news and feature material which can be included. And while the Herald is liberally supported by commercial firms and service clubs, we have not reached the happy state where the news pages have become so valuable that we must start charging for news items also.

Thoughtless Visitors

The Ontario Hospital Association claims that a common enemy of public hospitals is the thoughtless visitor who outstays and outwears his welcome.

"Visits should be enjoyed — not endured" is the slogan on posters issued to hospitals. And there is a great deal of truth in this.

A hospital like Georgetown's is particularly vulnerable with open hours throughout afternoon and evening. Friends should realize that, much as a patient appreciates your call, he would not be hospitalized unless he needed, besides any other treatment, a good share of rest.

One should therefore check before entering a sick room, and if the patient is resting leave a note of your call. If you do visit, five minutes is preferable to an hour, and one should keep to cheerful subjects and small talk rather than exciting a person in weakened health.

One should, also, not acquire the habit of calling at every other room to see people who are bare acquaintances. Though, of course, if known that a person has few callers, this can be a humanitarian and appreciated gesture.

"Hospitals are deeply concerned about the visiting situation," says an OHA official, "because of its very real effect on the provision of good patient care. Most visitors are considerate and from experience we know that a good visit acts as a patient tonic. Even those who do not follow the rules mean well, and we hope they can recognize themselves in posters being distributed and see the error of their ways."



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SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

Can anyone tell me why we man are so fierce about money. As Brutus said, I pause for a reply, he answers? Well, then, can anyone tell me why women are so absolutely clueless about perfectly straightforward handling of the lovely stuff? No answer. I know there wouldn't be.

For years I handled the money in our family, and everything ran smoothly. A couple of years ago, yielding to some mad whim, I agreed to turn over the family finances to the Old Battleaxe, and since then we have endured fiscal chaos.

The trouble is, she panicked, used to solve the problem of bills by putting them all in my hip pocket and letting them age for a while. She gets half a dozen bills and goes into a tizzy.

She spreads everything out on the table: pencil, sheets and sheets of paper, bills, bank book, cheque book. She adds everything up six times. She subtracts debts from bank balance, bursts into tears and hurls charges such as "nicotine addict" and "alcoholic" at me.

Every time we have a financial crisis — that is, about once a week — it turns out that the only way we can stay out of debtor's prison is for me to give up the weed and the malt.

And every time, I have to point out carefully and patiently that we little sinners are the only thing that keeps this country from going on the rocks.

It's not the big sinners who support the schools and hospitals and pay for all those new docks and post offices and miscellanea without warheads and missiles without warheads. Heck, I could keep a mistress or two, could heavily, declare a phony bankruptcy — do everything but commit murder — and the government wouldn't take a nickel in taxes. No it's the wee sinner, with his deck of fags and his box of beer, who pays the shot.

This simple economic truth however, rarely diverts the old lady from her tantrum. She threw a dandy when she came home yesterday, after spending a week away from us.

She was sore at blazes at all of us when she left, over something or other, and she wasn't home twenty minutes, the kisses and hugs were scarcely terminated, when she blew up again.

She left me a detailed note. I was to pay the interest on the mortgage — be sure to pay the hydro bill and get the discount, put so much from account A into account B to cover such-and-such, see the bank about renewing our demand note on the TV set, be sure to put the right change

In the milk bottles, because the pup licks the milk off the top and the pennies fall into the leaves, put out the garbage, pay my insurance premium, see that the kids had a bath, and not watch the late movie.

I was sort of busy while she was away. After all, I had to cook dinner for three each night, organize a trip to the city for my Grade 11 kids to see a play, canvass for the YMCA drive, and watch the late movie without somebody hollering at me to come to bed.

Besides, it was my week to entertain the Friday Afternoon Club, a perambulating organization for tired teachers, at which they let off steam and take on fuel.

I did get my garbage out, I saw my son did. He's still scared of women. He's only fifteen. But I didn't pay much attention to the rest of the instructions. In fact, the note containing them was misplaced. That is, I don't like, I didn't actually lose it, but I couldn't find it.

To cut everything short, and

ONE OF A SERIES

IT'S A BY-LAW

From Town Records dating back to 1865

Did You Know — That if you have a fence on your property under 4 feet high you are breaking a by-law on June 22nd, 1870, which has never been repealed.

By-law No. 49, section 2 reads — "That no fence within the village of Georgetown shall be considered a legal fence unless the same shall be at least 4 feet in height and substantially built. Penalty upon conviction is a fine is a sum not less than \$1 nor more than \$20 for each offense, and in default of payment of fine imposed and the cost of prosecution it may be lawful for the convicting Justice to issue his or her warrant to levy same by sale of offenders' goods and chattels to make the amount. Or it may be lawful for the Justice to commit the offender to the common jail of Halton County for any period not exceeding 30 days.

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THE MAIL BAG

Explains Why Further Letters Not in Herald

November 10, 1962
34 Ewing Street,
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To the Editor—
Dear Sir:
On Oct. 15, I wrote a letter to your Mail Bag column which appeared in the Oct. 18 issue of the Herald. In my letter I stated that I would be a mayoralty candidate in the coming Municipal Election. May I say again that I will be a candidate for Mayor. In the same letter I stated that I would write further letters and make my position very clear to the Electors.

I have been asked many times recently why I haven't followed this thru. I feel that it is only fair, Mr. Editor, to allow me the space to explain that you, Mr. Editor, brought to my attention that you felt this would be advertising and as such you felt that any series of letters would have to be paid for.

Out of necessity I will sharpen my pencil and trim my remarks and submit my messages to the Electors as paid advertising, two weeks prior to election.

Not all of us can afford to start our own newspaper to gain our own ends. Not all of us can get free support from a newspaper, that in return asks for the betrayal of the Electors and the trust of their office.

ECHOES

From the Pages of the Herald, 1952 and 1957

10 YEARS AGO

● The third annual Georgetown Girls Pipe Band Formal on Friday coincided with the tenth anniversary of the organization of the band. Dall Gibson's orchestra from Guelph played for dancing, and the Rose Room was decorated in the band's tartan. Spot dances were won by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sargent, Lena Palmer and Harold Henry, June Lusty and G. A. Greig and Mr. and Mrs. Merv Cook.

● One hundred and sixty children on stage at one time provided quite an engineering feat for those behind the scenes at a concert by pupils of two Georgetown public schools on Friday. A triple trio was composed of Gloria Boyd, Judy McCumber, Helen Muckart, Jean Engleby, Barbara Allan, Agnes Nelson, Virginia Barber, Joan Charlier and Charlene Day.

● Though Georgetown has a new reeve, Deputy Reeve and council member, there will be no election in town this year. Florist Allan Norton is the only new face on council. When William G. Marshall retired as Reeve, Deputy Kenneth MacDonald stepped up to the reevehip and councillor Frank Felton is the new Deputy Reeve.

25 YEARS AGO

● Six Acton youths including four Junior hockey players escaped serious injury when their car skidded into a CNR passenger train at the station crossing on Monday night. The car was overturned. John McGeachie suffered a split knee cap, Herbert Woods was cut about the face and Gordon Cook received a bad forehead cut. Bob Footitt, George Bayliss and Herbert Cook escaped with a shaking up.

● Miss Vivian Clark of Norval piloted Bart Patch, owned by M. E. Wilson of Mono Mills to the major money share in the harness horse race for lady drivers at Dufferin Park, Toronto, on Saturday.

● At the Gregory Theatre: "Ever since Eve", starring Nancy Kelly and Robert Montgomery; "You-Can-I-Have-Everything", with Alice Faye, the Ritz Brothers, Don Ameche and Rubino; "Charlie Chan at the Olympics", starring Warner Oland.

Give careful consideration to the integrity of each and every candidate.
Yours truly,
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