



—Peter Jones, Georgetown

**GORD FIDDLES WHILE EDITH BURNS**

GORD HUNT AND Edith Baumgartner play 'inmates' of an insane asylum in the Little Theatre's production of 'The Curious Savage', a comedy by John Patrick which starts a three day run tonight in Wigglesworth Auditorium. Also in the cast are Ron Hill, Ann Donmaster, Pat Barkhouse, Florence Cowan, Bruce Mackison, Mike Peleschak, Vera MacDonald, Paul Legge and Mary Goebel.

**THE MAIL BAG**

**Destructive Criticism Says Ward 2 Candidate**

40 Byron Street, Georgetown, Ont. November 11, 1962

To the Editors of the Georgetown Herald and Georgetown Leader.

"Many newspapers do this (use only news coming through regular channels and services) editing the results skillfully and producing a clean, readable & respectable product. But a great newspaper is one which goes out and at considerable expense and trouble, digs up the real news — the kind that doesn't arrive on the city desk in the form of public relations handouts or premeditated wire copy." (Pierre Berton, Daily Star, Nov. 9, 1962).

You Mr. Biehn, and you, Mr. Jennings, may or may not agree. I happen to agree — so do many other honest, clear-thinking individuals of Georgetown, a few of whom tried in vain to cement the trend together, through the media of a second newspaper. The Georgetown Leader has since become known as "Heslop's Mouthpiece" — this is in direct conflict with the purpose of its conception and the hopes of its readers — it must not dwell on town affairs solely through Delrex eyes — but in fairness to Delrex how else can their position be made public? Certainly not through the Herald — which is "Who's Mouthpiece?" Quite true the Editorial column of the Herald is silent or neutral and yet by this very attitude of brainwashing has anaesthetized the thinking of many of us for several years. Both papers, indulging in subterfuge, have been printing destructive criticism and subtle insinuations of local personalities instead of constructive criticism of town business. Georgetown is at stake — the power of the press has never been equalled — let both papers now use it with clear, honest and just, probing and editing.

Truth knows no factions, Mr. Biehn. I put it to you: Confess or deny the accuracy of the article "Facts On Town's Debenture Debt" as published in last week's Leader. You are duty bound, because of the power you have, to show the taxpayers just how their money is invested. Most of us do not have the time or the knowledge at our disposal to verify these reports — this is your responsibility which cannot be denied, especially under existing circumstances. If it is accurate, reprint it and admit it — if not give us the correct facts. Much of the blame for our present state of confusion, ignorance and depression rests on your shoulders, Mr. Biehn, because of your refusal to tell us all the facts, good or bad — you have the power to probe and find out — we do not. Instead you choose to let rumour rule the town.

I have declared my candidacy in Ward 2 — the Coombe-Coyne Ward. Mr. Biehn, you want me to say "I will decline any support from pro or anti-Delrex factions. What shall I think?" I would then be without support, thanks to the futile division of Georgetown, kept distended by such factors as your prejudiced editorial of Nov. 8 (subtle though it may be) which can only have a subversive effect on any honest attempt to achieve unity in

Georgetown. You have done a good job, planting the seed of distrust, though you then deny it.

Quite the contrary — I intend to ask for and will gratefully accept all the support, help and publicity I can have — thus always learning, which will, I know enable me to serve Georgetown to the best of my ability. If my reputation, motivations and candor find favour with any local newspaper or sectional group, it will always be in spite of, not because of, such Partisan Support. — But Mr. Biehn these words are now useless words because you state that "Councilors who received favourable treatment in the columns of the Heslop newspaper could be the unwitting victims of the 'Kiss of Death' which I believe such publicity to be." It follows then that no matter what I say on Nomination Night it could not be believed by you or your followers, since I must either be a fox or a guinea pig (because of last week's publicity of my candidacy in the Leader).

When the Leader was informed of my candidacy, an interest was immediately shown by them and they chose to follow my announcement up with an interview and photo, as published in last week's edition. When the Herald was informed of my candidacy, the only interest shown by them, was a polite "Thank You". There was not the slightest spark of interest shown in me, as a possible member of next year's council. Your paper, Mr. Biehn, again displayed their neutral and apathetic attitude. At the risk of being called naive, do you really care? Or is it rather because as a newcomer, I am not of the chosen few?

You say you believe (as I do) that this year will see one of the town's most important municipal elections. I say to you, Mr. Biehn, that if truly you have only the best interest of Georgetown as a unit, at heart, then you should be eager to exert yourself and obtain all the information possible about potential councilors and relay this information on to your readers immediately, then you would be allowing them time to read and masticate this information for themselves and thereby be able to make a sensible and informative choice on Dec. 3. By waiting for Nomination Night to hear the candidates platforms and then report them to your readers, you are not allowing them as much time to think as they could have had. Especially so in your case, since unless you change your publication schedule — they will get this news a whole week after it is official, and only 4 days before Election Day. But, you will refute, the advertising columns of the Herald are open to candidates to convey their own election messages to voters. Oh how cunning! The only conclusion I can draw from this reasoning is that your real interest is not in the caliber of potential councilors and their intentions, or of your duty to inform your readers S.A.P., but rather in the revenue you will receive from paid publicity (which would only be favourable to each candidate) resulting from municipal elections.

Some hyacinth bulbs were given to each member to start a growing competition, and lunch was served by the social committee, Mrs. Lloyd Marshall, Mrs. Switzer and Mrs. J. McEnery.

Since coming to Georgetown 8 years ago I have always been an interested but disgusted ratepayer. As you may have guessed, my disgust is now complete, my Irish is up and I'm ready to fight for the good of this town as a unit. It is time Georgetown matures into a sensible, honest and economically sound municipality. This goal can best be achieved by mature people serving on council, who have no possibility of conflicting interests with any group in town, be they political or otherwise — be they just or unjust.

My only allegiance is to my church, my family, my town as a unit and my Queen.

Sincerely,  
LEN G. BURNS

**BALLINFAD**

**Ballinfad Man Is 25-Year Legionnaire**

Mr. Leo Jamieson has been confined to hospital for a few days and we wish him a speedy recovery.

At an Armistice dinner at the Legion in Georgetown on Friday of last week, Mr. Frank Smith was honoured with the presentation of a 25 year badge, having been a member for that number of years. Mr. Smith was also presented with a bouquet of carnations which she shared with the church congregation at the Remembrance Day service on Sunday.

Three carloads of the Ballinfad congregation, including the interpreters for this area, Mr. and Mrs. M. Norton, visited Five Oaks at Paris on Sunday afternoon.

The Scout Mothers' Auxiliary met for their regular meeting in the church basement on Tuesday evening of this week. Some interesting slides of England, Scotland, Paris, Florida, and Jamaica were shown by Mrs. Black and the ladies at an made signs for their bake sale to be held in the Shop Lite Store in Georgetown on Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Viv Greygoose and family visited over the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alf Greygoose in Chesley.

Mrs. Don Brown was hostess for the Ballinfad Institute last Wednesday evening, and Mrs. Bud Snow, second vice president and convener of the Canadian Industry Program, presided. The guest speaker was Mr. Jack Ferris of the Bell Telephone Company, Kitchener District.

The roll call was naming an industry in Halton County, and the motto was "Work Is Not Meant to be a Penalty For Living" and was given by Mrs. Archie McEnery. Current events were reported by Mrs. Robert McEnery.

Congratulations to David Norton, a former pupil at the Georgetown High School, now living in Guelph, on winning first prize in grade 11B at the John Ross Collegiate, Guelph.

**Instal Mrs. A. Zeravlev Rebekah Noble Grand**

Installation of officers of Verdun Rebekah Lodge for 1963, was conducted by Dist. Deputy President of Centre District, Toronto, Mrs. Anne Collins, on Tuesday evening, November 6 in Knox Church hall. Mrs. Collins was assisted by Mrs. Peggy Wylie, as Deputy Marshal and Mrs. Anne Eddall, as Assistant Deputy Marshal. The other members of the installation staff were from the eight lodges in the district. Mrs. Mabel Schugg, Toronto, was Staff Captain, Mrs. Charlotte Cooke, Toronto, was pianist and Mrs. Dorothy Coulton, Milton, was soloist.

The installation ceremonies were open to the public. Many guests were present to watch the following members of Verdun Rebekah Lodge take office:

Junior Past Noble Grand Mrs. Nellie Willett, Noble Grand, Mrs. Helen Zeravlev, Vice Noble Grand, Mrs. Millie Allen, Recording Sec'y, Mrs. Julia Watson, Financial Sec'y, Mrs. Alice Jepson, Treasurer, Mrs. Lillian Ritchie, Warden, Mrs. Ruth Gudgeon, Conductor, Mrs. Phyl Lloyd, Chaplain, Mrs. Florence Eason, Musician, Mrs. Len Johnson, Colour Bearer, Mrs. Reta McMillan, R.S.N.G., Mrs. June Cook, L.S.N.G., Mrs. Peggy Wylie, R.S.V.G., Mrs. Anne Eddall, L.S.N.G., Mrs. Ruth Barker Inside Guardian, Mrs. Kay Fryer, Outside Guardian, Mrs. Lena Rawson.

The installation was both colourful and impressive, with the members of the staff wearing floor length gowns of pink, blue and white, with Mrs. Collins in a more vivid shade of pink. The officers all wore pink carnation corsages.

After the installation, Mrs. Willett was presented with the Past Noble Grand's pin and her two daughters, Sister Helen Norton and Sister Peggy Wylie. The new Noble Grand, Mrs. Helen Zeravlev, presented gifts from the Lodge to Mrs. Willett and Mrs. Anne Collins. Mrs. Willett expressed her appreciation to the Lodge and Mrs. Collins also thanked them and gave an address in her capacity as District Deputy President. Mrs. Campbell, Past President, and Mrs. Johnson, secretary of the L.A.P.M., spoke briefly before the installation staff retired.

Visiting Dignitaries The installation was preceded by dinner at the Lodge Hall, which was attended by 130

**25 Red Roses is Anniversary Gift**

Residents at 5 McNabb St. since their marriage on Nov. 5th, 1937, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Eason held open house on Nov. 3rd and invited friends to help them celebrate their 25th anniversary.

Guests from Oshawa, Toronto, Aurora, Vergara, Milton and Brampton joined local friends and relatives, who were greeted at the door by Mr. Eason's brother Robert. Their daughter Brenda Faye was in charge of the guest book.

Mrs. Joseph Carter poured tea in the afternoon and Miss Marjorie Hunter in the evening. Mrs. Charles Payne, Mrs. Robert Eason and Mrs. Frank VanWyck served refreshments. Best man and bridesmaid at the wedding, Thomas Eason and Mrs. Roy Weston, Milton, were present for the happy occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Eason were presented with a bouquet of 25 red roses by their daughter during the day. Mr. Eason and his bride, the former Gladys Weston, were married in St. George's Anglican Church with the late Archbishop W. G. O. Thompson officiating. Mr. Eason has been a Provincial Paper Ltd. employee for 33 years and is present this year of the mill's Quarter Century Club.

**Guelph Artist One Man Show**

A showing of paintings and water colours by Douglas Robb of Guelph, from November 18 to December 2, 1962, will be the second "one-man show" at Gallery House, 541, Georgetown's first commercial art gallery. Douglas Robb, who is known for his water colours of the Canadian north country, was born in 1904 at South Cayuga (Niagara Peninsula). He was a pupil of W. G. Godfrey of Toronto, a well known wood block artist. He is one of the original executives of the Five Counties Art Association and a member of the Guelph Creative Arts Association.

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Recently, Prime Minister John Robarts announced that the Ontario Government will sponsor a program, recommended by the Tourist Industry Committee of the Ontario Economic Council, designed to encourage development of the souvenir industry in the Province.

This two-fold project will involve a souvenir design competition, followed by an exhibition of the design entries at the National Gift Show, Feb. 18th-21st, 1963 at the Canadian National Exhibition Grounds.

The competition offers first prizes in ten separate categories (\$100 each) with a grand prize of \$500.

Closing date for entries is:  
**January 31st, 1963**

More Information and Contest Entry Forms available from:  
**ONTARIO SOUVENIR PROMOTION COMMITTEE**  
Room 405, 67 College Street, Toronto, Ontario



**FREE Diamond**  
ACTION  
A fire of unknown origin endangered the downtown business section on Monday afternoon of last week and gutted the front interior of a shoe store on Mill St. A semi-invalid tenant upstairs escaped minutes before the plate glass window exploded showering fragments of glass in the hallway and street.

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