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EDITORIAL COMMENT

No Particular Problem

Lately there has been much talk about 'old residents' and 'new residents' and the implication that there is, as one mail bag contributor calls it, a Berlin wall between the older part of Georgetown and the eastern subdivisions.

This year's political climate has, perhaps, fomented some of this talk which was quite prevalent in the mid-fifties when rapid expansion hit the town.

But an examination of the facts makes it appear ridiculous and unjustified.

Perhaps both older and newer residents are somewhat to blame.

It is a fact that when a town grows as rapidly as Georgetown has in less than a dozen years, there must be a shift in philosophy.

Georgetown as it was until the early fifties was a town of 4,000-odd population where everyone though not intimate acquaintances, at least knew who everyone else was. This can apply in a town up to five or six thousand, and then the next phase comes, when there are too many people for this to continue.

Does this mean that Georgetown must be an unfriendly place?

Far from it.

But it does mean that we chase a willow-wisp if we try to perpetuate the idea that Georgetown can still be one big family. There are just too many people for that.

There are still some older residents who look back with nostalgia on our small town days, just like those who are sentimental about one-room country schools. They are entitled to their dreams, and one can understand their feelings.

But there are newer residents too, who, because they have moved from a city to a much smaller community are expecting to find this small-town air which we have lost forever. These, too, we can understand. In essence, that is the problem, if any such exists.

And the answer is startlingly simple. Many newer residents have found it for themselves. Join a service club or a lodge. Get involved in church activities. Be friendly with your neighbours.

One can no more expect to move to Georgetown and immediately be caught up in the stream of local life than one could in larger places like Guelph or Toronto. It is axiomatic that the larger the community, the more effort it takes on a newcomer's part to become part of the community.

Advantages of Bigger Town

Certainly Georgetown has benefitted from its growth, despite anything which might be said to the contrary.

One has only to look around to see concrete advantages.

Twenty years ago, the town had an antiquated high school building with minimal equipment. Today we have one of the finest buildings in the province, complete with gymnasium, cafeteria, science labs - and much more, a vocational wing which will cater to young people whose abilities do not run to academic lines.

We have a swimming pool, a modern hospital, a YMCA organization which can

someday look to erecting its own building.

Improved water and sewer services (Georgetown had no sanitary sewers before the war), a volunteer ambulance service two new service clubs, an improved public library, new churches, modern public schools. We could go on and on to show things a bigger town has which would never have been possible in the old days.

Remember, too, that the things one might like about a small town, the "I know everything about my neighbours" has its disadvantages too. One's private life is much more one's own in this present town of 10,000 than it was ten years ago.

"Firsts" in Election

This year's municipal elections followed a new pattern and established a number of "firsts."

It was the first time since incorporation as a town in 1922 that more than two men entered the mayoralty.

It was the first time a national political party entered a local campaign when the

NDPs endorsed candidates and supported them with advertising and publicity.

It was the first time that car cavalcades, loudspeakers and radio addresses had been used by local candidates to any great extent.

And it was the first time, in our memory, that an election was saddened by death in a candidate's family circle.



TROJAN DOVE

OTTAWA REPORT

BI-MONTHLY OBSERVATIONS BY DR. HARRY HARLEY, M.P. FOR HALTON

The Government has introduced a resolution for the organization and maintenance of manpower consultation service. This is to form an advisory council on industrial change and manpower adjustment. The legislation is hoped to encourage cooperation between government, labour and management. Skills cannot be allowed to become out of date in the face of ever-changing manpower demands and act as a brake on the growth and economic progress. It recognized that steps must be developed well in advance of change so that unemployment and moving of industry be at a minimum. The resolution passed, and we will await the Bill itself to see how the various proposals, not available now, will be carried out.

The first of the week the House of Commons was asked to approve interim supply. The delay is hard to understand as it was brought forward originally as urgent. The delay is hard to understand as it was brought forward originally as urgent. The delay is hard to understand as it was brought forward originally as urgent.

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SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

Had an interesting day in the city on Saturday. Met an old friend I haven't seen in years. Took a long look at a lady with no clothes on, and was misled on her behalf by a well-dressed man. Several weeks ago, a cab driver and an art dealer.

If it came about because of my new winter outfit. In the clothes department, I had been Canada's last holdout against inflation. Ever since the end of World War 2, I had been waiting for the price of my clothing to drop back to a sensible level, so that I could buy an overcoat.

Met that I haven't had an overcoat in all these years. I've had several, each of them looking like something the Salvation Army had refused to accept.

When I came home from overseas in '45, I had no overcoat and my old air force trench coat was held together by will power and a few discreet safety pins. One day it fell apart, literally. A large lady who had been sitting beside me on a streetcar got up and walked away with half my coat hanging from her purse, which had caught in one of the rents.

My landlady of the day came to the rescue. A widow, she presented me with her late husband's 1928 model overcoat. A six-footer, he had filled it out nicely with 220 pounds. A five-footer, weighing in at a solid 137, I had room for a small family in there with me. But it was a nice gesture, so I wore it, looking as though every day were Halloween.

That one was sniped at a New Year's Eve party. It is the only time anything good has happened to me at one of those affairs. Luckily, a few days later, I met an old flying pal who had gone a bit alcoholic and had two overcoats. I got his second best for \$8.50. It lasted for a couple of years until we got a pup.

After the beast had been thoroughly trained, and had missed every elephant in the house during the process, I let him sleep on my overcoat just for one night, until we rounded some more bedding for him. Apparently nobody had told him that he was thoroughly trained.

My last coat was given to me by an uncle. I just looked like somebody's uncle's overcoat, and I just looked like somebody's uncle in it.

The other day, sick of looking seedy, I hauled down the flag of resistance and hid me in a gents' parlor. It did not help much to discover that these samples were known as men's overcoats as about 3 times as much they were in 1945.

However, I plunged. The works. Imported, latest style, British tailoring. The price staggered me, but the modesty of my down payment rather staggered the clerk. Then on some mad whim, I picked up a hat, an item I've never owned, and clapped it on.

I looked in the mirror. Don't ever tell me that clothes don't make the man. The happy-faced teacher had been replaced by a happy-eyed executive. The dim-witted columnist had given way to a well-dressed stockbroker. The only guy every as good below the knee. These were the men I'd always looked at with the brown lace tied in granny knots. Otherwise a veritable whiskey ad model.

And that's how I came to be standing in this art gallery in the city on Saturday, gazing at this nude painting. Judiciously. Racking a bit on the heels. Squinting carefully with the head rocked on one side. I figured that was what a man of distinction would be doing while he waited for his wife.

The tabernacle hovered discreetly. Asked him how much it was. He said seven-fifty. Told him I'd take it. He wanted to know if I'd like a cheque. Yeld him I'd pay cash. Pulled out a ten-spot. Simultaneously discovered that he meant \$750 and that my wife was standing two feet behind me.

I was still trying to convince her that I was interested only in the remarkable tone of the painting, when we ran into old John Meise. Hadn't seen him since the days when the mob used to arrive at our place with a case of soda, a salami, a guitar and a number of ridiculous but refreshing ideas. He's a university professor now.

What did we talk about? Old times? Our teaching jobs? World affairs? The new book he's written? Nope. He has squirrels in his attic too, and we spent a happy and profitable two hour lunch discussing means of eliminating the little brutes without being cruel.

An interesting day. And all because I bought some winter outerwear. It's the first time my wife has let me go to the city in the winter for four years.

DISTRICT NEWS AT A GLANCE

BURLINGTON

A program of 'selective enforcement' will be undertaken by the Burlington Police Department early in January of 1963. The term, Chief Constable Kenneth Skerret said, isputting manpower on the street when there is the greatest demand on police facilities. The majority of offences in Burlington happen from 4 p.m. to 12 midnight.

BRAMPTON

Two more U.S. firms will locate in Bramalea's Industrial-Park. They are the Route Wire Industries of Canada Ltd. and Besser (Canada) Ltd. They are the second and third to join Bramalea's industrial complex within twenty days.

CALEDON

David Hook, Caledon planner, was declared Reeve of Caledon, Saturday, when present Reeve and Peel County Warden T. W. Glassford withdrew from the race. Mr. Glassford has been on Caledon council for 13 years.

ORANGEVILLE

Three men have been lodged in Orangeville jail following a raid Sunday afternoon by RCMP and Provincial Police on a still near there. They seized several thousand dollars worth of illicit liquor and the still which has a capacity of 100 gallons per day. They also took 14 barrels of mash.

MILTON

A year's crop, several pieces of farm equipment and a few animals were destroyed when fire levelled the driving shed and barn of Tom Ramshaw of R.R. 2, Milton. Bob Carter, who was baby sitting at the house, jumped into a nearby pond to get his clothes wet, then the 21 year old dashed into the flames and rescued 40 cattle and a dog.

FERGUS

Work started this week on another new industrial building in Fergus and it will be pushed to completion as quickly as possible. The building is being erected by Hartley Barton, Fergus contractor, for Associated Mixed Feeds Limited. This is their fourth expansion in four years.

ERIN

Last Friday night two Erin homes were broken into and ransacked. The thieves, apparently looking for money, ransacked through drawers and cupboards. The victims could find nothing missing.

STREETSVILLE

Homes on Credit Height Dr. are in a perilous position if another landslide occurs. Two weeks ago a large section of the cliff plummeted 125 feet down into the Credit River taking along some large trees.

COOKSVILLE

Many Cooksville residents will be living in high rise apartments in the future. The Cooksville re-appraisal clears the way for construction of approximately ten times the number of apartment buildings and multiple high dwellings which now exist. It will unfreeze about 7/3 of the applications now pending.

YORONTO TOWNSHIP

A Roman Catholic high school for girls with a student capacity of 300 is being planned by the Felician Sisters on their Missisauqua Road property. The school will be known as the Holy Name of Mary High School.

ONE OF A SERIES

IT'S A BY-LAW

From Town Records dating back to 1865

Did you know: That if Junior brings a plastic pail full of gravel from the side of the road into the back yard he is contravening a by-law passed in 1868 making it unlawful removal of sand or gravel of other material from any street.

Bylaw No. 16 signed by clerk R. Geddes and Reeve J. Young reads as follows: Whereas it is necessary and expedient to prevent the removal of sand or gravel or other material from any of the public roads or streets in the village of Georgetown be it enacted by the corporation that from and after passing of this by-law any person or persons removing any sand, gravel, or other material from any roads or streets in the village of Georgetown shall be liable to a penalty of a sum not exceeding \$5.00, to be collected from the party or parties offending thereon by any Justice of the Peace.

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THE MAIL BAG

Scores NDP Stand on Local Land Release

(late for Nov. 29th issue 46 Newson Cross)

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In his address, Mr. Bill Campsty said, several times about 'have our support because we know that they would refuse to betray the town to vested interests (Delrex.) He went on to say that it automatically followed that those who refused to consider releasing more land to Delrex were good candidates and honorable men. Further, that anyone who was not prepared to take this stand was not a good candidate and honorable man.

This, of course, is nonsense to those apparently few people in town who are able to discuss the question of land release without having a brain storm. We have two noisy groups involved in this matter of land release one being 'no land release to Delrex at any price' - group led by Messrs. Hyde, Elliott, Corlano, Marilyn and company; the other being the 'let's be kind to Delrex and give them the land' group led by the leader and sponsor of the Company (Delrex) have been seen to have been over-enthused by the NDP and would like to see a greater representation in Provincial and Federal Parliaments. Our local group should take closer look at the principals and personalities on the local scene - they will find some strange bedfellows, including several of their slated candidates to whom the NDP is a dirty word.

The New Democratic Party. Many Canadians, myself included, are sympathetic to much of the proposed legislation and many of the principals of the NDP and would like to see a greater representation in Provincial and Federal Parliaments. Our local group should take closer look at the principals and personalities on the local scene - they will find some strange bedfellows, including several of their slated candidates to whom the NDP is a dirty word.

When Mr. Campsty canvasses the school children of the town with a plea to parents to look after their children's future, this is going a bit far. Let's keep the children out of the mud which aptly describes our local political field. Furthermore, if we are so concerned over the future of Georgetown's children, why are we so concerned over those who only want to sell their houses and move out - they will have no stake in the town's future anyway.

Regardless of all this, the radio address will probably get votes for the slate of candidates because it told the voters what many of them wanted to hear and that is good political practice. It is because of my preference for the truth and my limitations as a practicing politician, that I withdrew as a candidate for mayor.

E. I. CASS

ACTON

Preparation of a Municipal by-law to govern the closing hours of retail businesses in Acton was authorized at Tuesday's council meeting. A delegation of fifteen merchants attended the meeting to discuss the by-law with council. Under it the merchants would have the same store hours as Georgetown merchants, with a Monday closing.

ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald, 1961, 1952, and 1937

- 1 YEAR AGO
There was a surprisingly small turnout of electors in Georgetown Monday. Usually when top officers are at stake voters have an extra impetus to exercise their franchise. But this year only 50.4% of the 5717 registered voters indicated their preference by marking ballots.
- Swelled by 18 deer taken by a large hunting party in the Magnetawan area, Georgetown and district men took part in hunts which accounted for 81 deer this year.
- 10 YEARS AGO
Georgetown's new clerk-treasurer and collector for tax and water rates is John D. Kelly. One of eight who applied for the job, Mr. Kelly was hired by council on Monday.
- Ross Duncan, superintendent of the Georgetown Division of Provincial Paper Limited for four years has been promoted to general superintendent. He succeeded Dr. J. I. Hoover, manager here since 1948, who becomes manager of the Thorold Division.
- 25 YEARS AGO
Century-old records of the first county council meetings on file at the courthouse reveals that "any person who voluntarily leaves employment" was liable to a jail sentence. According to the records the first "offense" was committed in 1869. A man was found guilty of quitting his job and locked up.
- At the Gregory Theatre: 'Outlaws of the Orient', starring Jack Holt; 'Artists and Models', starring Jack Benny and Marjorie Reynolds; 'Love From a Stranger', starring Ann Harding and Basil Rathbone.