

# Georgetown Herald

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## ... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

### Colour it "Terrific"

When better superlatives are devised, Georgetown high school with its new vocational wing can use them.

Just ask any of the two thousand-odd people who toured the building last week and oodled and ached at this monumental educational centre which serves the town and a surrounding part of Esquevas Township.

Attending the opening, we thought back to a dozen years ago, when the town had one of Ontario's most antiquated and ill-equipped buildings. A towering structure, in its time it had been a masterpiece of architecture, serving a small village. But it had long since been outmoded and lived in the nostalgia of the past, with scant bows to modern needs.

There was no auditorium and no gym. The science lab was like something out of a Dickens novel. Classrooms were painted in drab browns and buffs. Half the building space was taken up by a huge staircase and unusable hallways.

Some of last week's attendants had never been in the high school since those days. And it was interesting to stand back and hear their comments.

Today we have not only one gym, but two. A cafeteria, library, and music room. The staff room in itself is almost as large as the original building.

But most important is the transition from a school strictly designed to provide academic access to university for a minority, to one which is teaching vocational arts. Woodworking, electricity, automotive and machine shops are equipped with the most modern in equipment. And a special instructional staff assists young men in courses leading to skilled trades, while also giving them the cultural advantages of academic subjects.

The opening was an unqualified success and the presence of Ontario's minister of education added to its impressiveness.

It is a night which will long be remembered in years to come.

### Park for East Georgetown...

Initial discussion on a second public town park, in the newer eastern area, are being held between council and the owner of vacant property.

The town is big enough now to require such extra recreation facilities, and the sooner such land is acquired the better.

Too often a community is allowed to grow without adequate allowance for park space and it is a sad town which has no space for people to enjoy nature and to congregate for picnics and sports.

At the same time, we would hope that council might also investigate the 'parkette' idea which former Mayor Sargent so often mentioned.

Besides the large public park, the neighbourhood lot is a desirable play area,

particularly in newer communities where building lots tend to have smaller frontages than the odd 66 feet.

On our own street, McNabb, for instance, there is a vacant lot which is constantly in use, for baseball in summer, football in the fall and sleigh-riding in the winter. To our mind it adds immensely to the property value of every residence for blocks around.

But it is private property, and the owner will not always pay taxes to let it stand idle. One day the bulldozer will appear, another house will rise, and the playground will be only a memory of times gone by. Might it not be sensible for the town to consider acquiring such properties for recreation too?

### A Friendly Community...

Georgetown is still a small enough town to retain its friendly hand when trouble strikes.

On several occasions in the past those in trouble have been helped by generous neighbours.

And when a young family was left suddenly fatherless, it wasn't long until the call was answered.

A trust fund is being established through the Legion branch. And two neighbours, on their own, sponsored a stag party last week which raised well over a thousand dollars to help the Fournier family.

Any parents with young children can appreciate the predicament when the breadwinner is suddenly removed from the family circle. In this case, there was no insurance money and as an expectant mother, it is impossible for the bereaved wife to supply any portion of family income at the present time.

To show sympathy in a tangible way is to prove that Georgetowners have a heart. Growth of the fund will ensure our reputation as good neighbours and we hope that many will do their bit to help a neighbour.

## EDITORS SHOULD GUARD AGAINST OUTDATING BY NEWS EVENTS



THE '63 MODELS

## CHILD MOLESTATION

### A Guide to Teachers and Parents

We have compiled a list of signs and symptoms of child molesters, and a list of steps to be taken if you suspect a child molester in your school or neighborhood.

One of the outstanding characteristics of children is their natural friendliness. Our major problem is teaching the child to respect adults and yet avoid other adults who may harm him.

We trust this guide will serve a useful purpose in preventing child molestation tragedies.

**RULE 1. KNOW HOW TO USE THE TELEPHONE.**

Children love to use the telephone. Give them a toy telephone. Let them practice dialing the number of the day home, the home of a play friend and their father's place of employment. Explain that telephone numbers are used to locate people and encourage them to use the telephone as much as possible.

**RULE 2. KNOW HOME ADDRESS & PARENTS' FULL NAME.**

If lost or in trouble it is natural for any child to panic. Knowing his name, address and telephone number will be of great assistance in locating his home. All policemen and most adults will be cooperative in such cases.

**RULE 3. THE POLICEMAN IS A FRIEND.**

Instead of threatening a child that the policeman will get him, teach him to turn to the police when help is needed. Remind the youngster that real policemen are in uniform and in official cars. Also report any suspicious behavior to the Police Dept. If after careful observation, you become concerned that someone is behaving around the school or other places where children gather, call the Police Dept. to check the situation.

**RULE 4. COURTEOUS CONDUCT WITH STRANGERS.**

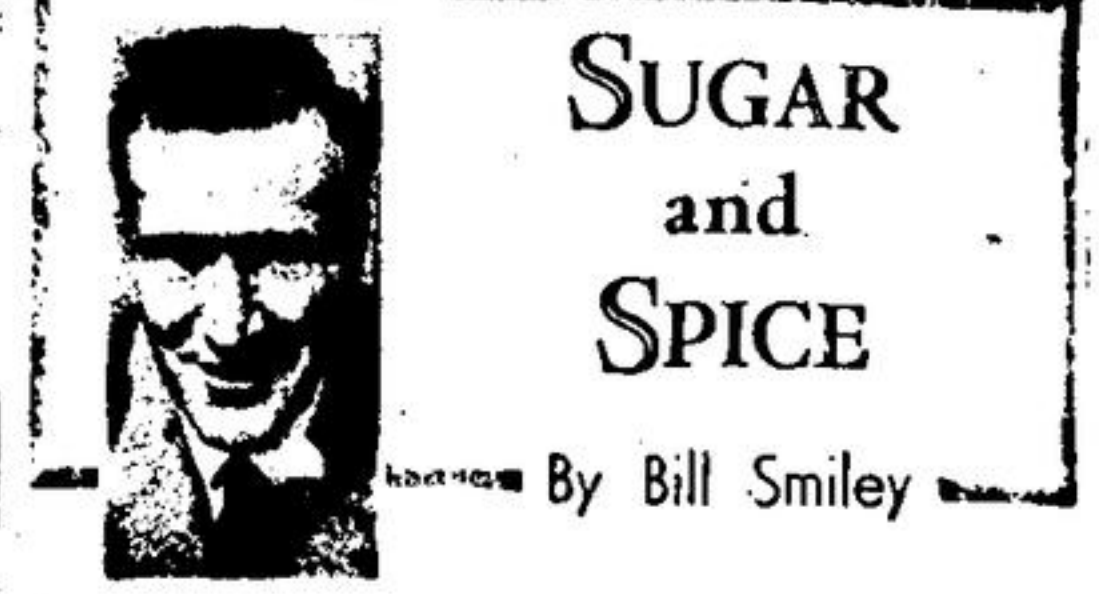
Teach the child NOT to accept candy, money or gifts from anyone outside his own family. Prepare him to answer "No, thank you. I am not allowed to accept anything from a stranger." Encourage it also prevent the child from sitting on other people's laps or let them touch him.

**RULE 5. NEVER ACCEPT CAR RIDES FROM A STRANGER.**

Warn the child NEVER to accept a car ride from a stranger. Teach him not to approach the car of a stranger and never allow him to hitchhike. Advise him that it is not all right to ride with a stranger even if his playmate is going to accept such a ride. Such an experience could be disastrous even for a trip around the block.

**RULE 6. GET THE LICENSE NUMBER.**

Teach the child that if a stranger tries to get him into a car, he should refuse and



## SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

There once was a man with a vision, Who just couldn't make a decision. He was willing to fight, But thought it not right To resort to nuclear fixation. His critics were quick to surround him, His buddies all rallied around him. Except for the few Who decided to do What they'd long wanted to - and confound him.

And that is my sole contribution to the current confused picture in Canadian politics. By the way, have you taken a good kick at Dief yet? Now is your chance. Give him a good one while he's on the ropes and his mouthpiece has fallen out.

Only thing that has pleased me greatly in the past couple of weeks in the recognition of the solid intelligence, the basic reliability, the sturdy independence, of the Canadian voter. Why, everybody I've talked to could see this crisis coming long ago. People I was certain didn't know a legislature from a log cabin, a Common Market from a market garden, have shaken me with their certain grasp of the situation, and their crystal-clear exposition of the problems.

"It's the darn Yanks," one voter informed me. "They're behind the whole thing. They've been sure at us ever since Laura Secord went marching through Georgia with her cow, in the war of 1812, handing out chocolate to the newly freed slaves."

"This was a lady voter, I might add. Always looking for the women's angle."

Another political type, who has voted the straight Tory ticket for years, told me bluntly that he's seen the error of Canadian voter, alert, well-versed, conscious of the problems, he put it, "That there Royal will help in the trying six weeks ahead."

"One last thought. Wouldn't it be lovely if we could bottle all the gas that is going to be produced between now and April 8th? We could heat every home in Canada, free, from now until June."

Quite a few people aren't going to vote for the Government, because they've already got that new school or post office Dief promised them, and they have voted for him three times, and they figure he's been paid for it. Now they're ready to try one of the other parties, and see what they can wrangle out of it.

One elderly lady of my acquaintance, who has been a

Grand Old Tory ever since she ceased being a Fighting Young Conservative, would never consider changing her vote. But she's a little sore at the party for accepting Churchill's resignation so readily.

"I think it's despicable," she snapped, "after what he did during the war. After all, Blood, Sweat and Tears. Fight on the Beaches."

I tried to explain that it was Mr. Mackness, a former school teacher, who had resigned, and that Mr. Churchill had been promoted from Veterans' Affairs to Defence, and that Sir Winston was a Tory, but not in this country. It was no use. As I left, she was shaking her fist and shrilling "Give Us the Tools and We'll Finish the Job." I rather admired her.

By the way, don't make any rash bets that the Liberals will win in a waltz. I've talked to at least 10 women who proclaim vehemently "I can't STAND the Pearson!" I ask them why. They can't explain. But they simply will not vote for him. I think it's because he looks too much like somebody's brother-in-law.

The most embarrassing of all the interviews I've done, though, are those with ladies who lean on me fervently and coo: "But don't you think Mr. Diefenbaker is a Wonderful Man? I mean, I realize that he hasn't DONE anything, and that the country is on the rocks, and unemployment is terrible, and all that. But don't you think he's a WONDERFUL man?"

Jeep, as the kids say. Now, I know you're busy mulling the whole thing over. But I hope this brief glimpse into the teeming mind of the Canadian voter, alert, well-versed, conscious of the problems, he put it, "That there Royal will help in the trying six weeks ahead."

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## ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald, February, 1953, and 1938

### 10 YEARS AGO

- Constable Bruce Woods has joined the OPP staff here replacing Cst. Roy Burkett who has been transferred.
- Jimmy Brown who has operated a television installation and repair service for two years in Brampton has extended his business to Georgetown. This week Mr. Brown opened a new branch taking over the Main St. location in the Curdaro building last occupied by Georgetown Tax.
- S. G. Bennett whose Scotsdale Farms Shorthorn herd is internationally known, is the new president of the Royal Winter Fair. Mr. Bennett has been a Georgetown resident for 15 years.
- Miss Dorothy Parkinson who will be graduating this year from the Ontario College of Education, Toronto, has accepted a position on the staff of Georgetown High School commencing next September. The fact that there will be two Grade 10s next term necessitated the hiring of an extra teacher.

### 25 YEARS AGO

- John W. Forster, 87, noted Canadian artist, died in the Toronto General Hospital early Monday. He had been unconscious for some time following an automobile collision. He was born in a log cabin in Norway.
- A crowd of approximately 150 people, including students and graduates for the past three years attended the annual high school dance held last Friday evening in the arena. Excellent music was supplied by Carl Lehman's orchestra. The dance committee consisted of Alice Costigan, Peggy Adams and Weir Reid.
- The results of Monday night's play at Georgetown's Men's Bridge Club in the Legion assembly hall were very close. The team of A. Roney and F. McCartney managed to top that of George Brown and L. Hummerstone by a few points. In third place were H. Lillico and H. Cleave.
- Magistrate William Woodiffe who has been in charge of Police Court in Georgetown, has been appointed to the Police Commission of East York replacing Magistrate William Keith.

## DISTRICT NEWS AT A GLANCE

### OAKVILLE

A 38 year old policeman with 20 years experience, who is also president of the Oakville Police Association was asked to resign by Chief of Police Fred Oliver this week. He was found guilty on a charge of breach of discipline when not appearing for a medical examination.

### MALTON

The Malton Ratepayers Association is opposing unification of the school and hydro systems in Peel on every front. They have attended Toronto Township meetings to make their point, have written to the Minister of Education and to the leaders of the three political parties in an attempt to block unification.

### STREETSVILLE

Residents of Streetsville will be paying less for their water from now on. The Streetsville Public Utilities Commission announced a reduction of 5% in water rates this week. The reduction will take the form of a 5% prompt payment discount on the bill if paid before the 25th of the month.

### COOKSVILLE

The Cooksville Reappraisal, a land use designation, has been approved by the Metro Toronto Planning Board. The "Cooksville Study" establishes the Cooksville community as the heart of the township. Planners estimate that Cooksville proper will eventually have a population of 38,000.

### PORT CREDIT

The 38th Annual Peel Music Festival sponsored by the Rotary Club will be held in Clark Hall from April 19th to May 7th. Vocal scholarships amounting to \$350 are being offered, in addition to \$400 scholarships for piano, \$100 for elocution and \$135 for dancing, instrumental and other numbers.

### BRAMPTON

Plans for a 100 acre subdivision north of Vonder St. and west of Kennedy Road N. were introduced at a planning board meeting last week. The new development will be called Peel Manor Estates and will contain 316 single family dwelling units and 68 semi-detached units. A small commercial area of 8 or 10 stores is planned for the subdivision.

### ERIN

The new Erin District High School was officially opened last Friday evening by the Minister of Education, Hon. William Davis. Mr. Donald Kirkwood, chairman of the Public Utilities Commission, conducted the opening ceremony and retraced the history of education in Erin from its inception.

### ORANGEVILLE

The winner of the richest professional ski race held anywhere in the world, Ernst Hinterseer, who won the 3rd annual giant slalom at Devil's Glen,

## C-D Follow-Up Is Planned For March

A follow-up to last week's civil defence communications exercise in Dufferin County is scheduled for Saturday, March 2, in Simcoe County, W. B. McGregor, emergency measures co-ordinator for Halton, said today. He said that about 35 volunteers from Halton were expected to be among those taking part, who might number 250 to 300. Last week's exercise went off very well, said Mr. McGregor. There were between 150 and 200 participants. The large majority were from Dufferin County, as everything there closes on Wednesday.

### 23 MOBILE UNITS

A total of 23 mobile radio units, including two from Halton, were moved into the area, other counties being represented were Peel, Ontario, Wellington, Waterloo and Simcoe. There were three networks in operation, and three base stations. The exercise was conducted by the Peel County defence organization. "This exercise demonstrated that if a severe ice storm should occur, communications could be maintained," said Mr. McGregor.