

... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

Close to a Championship

Georgetown has one hockey team which is heading for provincial honours this year.

The midgets, after eliminating Preston in their group, have won seven games straight in the Ontario playdowns...

And in between, the team topped the championship in a Hespeler tournament to bring further credit to themselves, coach Del Beaumont and manager Bud James.

Now local fans have a chance to show

their appreciation and to enjoy a fine evening of sport by attending the return match with Leamington this Saturday in the local arena.

The midgets are noted for the fine broad of hockey they play and their good sportsmanship. They have travelled many miles and have become good-will ambassadors for a town which they are helping to put on the sports map.

When they do their job so well, let's do ours equally well and support them this Saturday with all the community spirit a championship team deserves.

Distinguished Senior Citizen

The district lost one of its most respected elder residents last week with the death of Lt. Col. Alex Noble.

Only a month before, Col. Noble had marked his 96th birthday.

To pass the three score and ten mark by such a long way is notable in itself, but to retain a keen mind and physical health at this advanced age made Col. Noble truly blessed.

The Noble family have been Norval residents for almost a century and have played an important part in church and community affairs. The flour mill operated by his father and later by Col. Noble was an important business in the village for genera-

tions and for years following its closing was a well-known landmark.

One of our happiest memories was attendance at a huge birthday party at the Noble home, the Elms, when Col. Noble celebrated his ninetieth birthday. On that day, as on succeeding birthdays, he belied his years, as he greeted each visitor by name and chatted about affairs of interest.

While he has not been in town too often these past few years, his interest in community and world affairs never slackened. His memory was clear and he was particularly interested in recalling early days in the Georgetown area, with which no one was better versed.

Impressive Commencement

Changes in the procedure of commencement exercises at the high school won uniform approval from those who attended the function Friday.

Not only did staff members wear their college robes and colours, but graduates were gownned. And the whole procession moved up the centre aisle of the auditorium to the stage, similar to the convocation parades held when universities present their degrees.

The new procedure is a development which comes with a larger high school.

The number of graduates has increased to the point where it is no longer possible to include the old-type program of plays, fashion show and entertainment once used to round out the program. Instead,

these and athletic awards have been moved to other evenings, with commencement now restricted primarily to scholastic presentations.

Also new this year was a graduation banquet in the school cafeteria which preceded the evening formality. And a welcome addition was the time honoured valedictory address, once a focal part of such a ceremony.

The commencement was one of the most impressive in the school's history and will doubtless set a pattern which will be followed in succeeding years. Congratulations are due the staff for the detailed planning which resulted in a smooth-running program with just the right touch of solemnity which is proper for such an occasion.



THE SPLASHING SEASON



SUGAR and SPICE By Bill Smiley

There's nothing quite as depressing as being torn between two women. Some fellows are ripped asunder by a wife pulling in one direction, a mother hauling in the other.

Never again, I swore silently. Especially after my daughter came down in the morning... immediately spotted the empty box, pointed her finger at her parents, and screamed, 'Murderers!'

Letters From a "Trouble Spot"

Letters from a Georgetown soldier in Viet Nam

When he received a posting delta, and landed at Phnom Penh to the Far East a member of the Canadian Military U.N. detachment, Albert Carter began putting his observations on paper...

Hanoi, North Viet Nam, October 10th, 1962. To the Officers and Members of LOL 245. I hope that this letter finds all the members of LOL 245 and their families in the best of health...

Our villa was situated in the Communist controlled area of Vietnam, with the old class district. Now, the villa is regarded as the worst posting from 3 to 5 families of Viet in Indo-China...

At one time, this had been a well planned city on the French model, but only the wide streets remain. The buildings, public and private, are decaying and in need of a good cleaning and painting.

filled in with gravel. There is very little left of the independent merchants, and what few street sellers are left are gradually disappearing. Most business is done through State Stores, big barn like buildings...

It is only we cowards who get into these jams. And I'm in another one, right now. This time my wife and daughter are tearing me in two. They're worse than politicians. Each bends my ear with intensity when the other isn't around, trying to persuade, bribe or inveigle me into joining her side.

The first batch was an event. The kids witnessed the wonders of birth. There was tremendous excitement. The kittens were nourished and cherished. I bought cigars.

When the kittens were weaned, I had a talk with my daughter. She wept, but agreed that we might have a problem if we kept them all. I put an ad in the paper. It was on a pretty lolly tone, demanding a good home, suggesting that nothing but the best would do.

There is a great deal of difference between the eager man who wants to read a book and the tired man who wants a book to read. G. K. Chesterton.

Three ads in the paper produced one reluctant customer. My sister came in visit, and her normal good sense destroyed by a pre-dinner martini, in which I craftily tripled everything except the olive, she was a fairly easy victim. That left two kittens.

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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. - Matthew 24:35.

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Old Letter Reveals Glimpse of History

A bit of history which applied to Georgetown over a century ago is revealed in a letter found by a resident of Raglan, Ont., recently.

A resident of that community, whose son Ross Dickey lives in Georgetown, was searching through some old records when she came across the letter. And with her son resident here, she passed it on to him.

The letter is addressed to the district Conference of Toronto District in conference assembled and read as follows: "The Quarterly Conference for Georgetown circuit hereby recommend Brother Adam Cripps as a proper person to receive licence as a local preacher."

By order of conference, H. A. Graham, R.P., Ballinafad, May 3rd, 1856. T. B. Richardson, Chairman

ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald, April, 1953 and 1958

TEN YEARS AGO Two local men who will be graduating from the University of Toronto this year are taking naval training in Halifax at present.

Two more local people have reported spotting the 'unidentified flying objects' which are occupying the news these weeks. Bob Freestone and Don Seddon, both Georgetown High School students, described the phenomenon as saucer shaped, orange coloured and exceptionally bright.

A veteran member of the Chapel St. public school staff has resigned. Miss Beatrice Hume, Grade 1 teacher at the school for many years, will retire on pension in June.

At a special meeting of the public school board held Wednesday, Miss Annie Ryan tendered her resignation as principal of the public school. At a subsequent meeting of the board, Mr. Howard Wrigglesworth of St. Catharines was appointed principal, starting September 6.

At a meeting of the Board of Health held here last week, the question of a sewage system for Georgetown was discussed at considerable length. This may be a real live issue for the citizens to decide on in the near future.

1938 Humour: The wife awakened her husband: "Can't you quiet down a bit?" she squawked, "You're snoring away a mile-a-minute." Husband pulled the blanket over his ears. "Can't help it," he yawned. "I'm getting up very early so I have to sleep fast."

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Grid of business advertisements including Dale, Bennett, Latimer & Baines; George C. Hewson; John D. Ord, Q.C.; Frederick A. Nelson; Robt. R. Hamilton; M. E. Manderson, Q.C.; T. Van Sickler, B.A.; and various other professionals and services.

LETTERS FROM A TROUBLE SPOT

Continuation of the letter from a Georgetown soldier in Viet Nam, discussing life in a Communist controlled area, military discipline, and the state of the village.