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... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

Thoughtful Decision

Decision of the public school board to stick to its own fuel oil purchasing rather than combine tenders with other municipal bodies is, in our opinion, a thoughtful one.

Public bodies have an obligation to spend tax money to the best advantage. But while this sometimes entails buying in bulk through other than local dealers, there is also an obligation to businessmen in the community to keep a reasonable amount of trade at home.

From a board's standpoint, the service angle is a consideration which cannot always be measured in dollars and cents. Local dealers are on the spot and often

supply little extras which could not be expected from an outside dealer. A local dealer, too, is a taxpayer who contributes a fair share of the taxes which such boards spend, and should expect a reasonable share of business to come his way.

Community prosperity is built to a large extent on business prosperity and it is only good business to deal as much as possible with local residents, be it fuel purchases, insurance, groceries or printing supplies. The school board decision is one which businessmen should greet with approval, and hope that it will set a pattern which other public boards will follow.

A Poser for Council

Acquisition and development of a second local park in the eastern Georgetown area is in the forefront these days.

It presents a problem for a council dedicated to holding the tax line, for it can be assumed that such land will not be cheap, and unless council is interested in providing at least a considerable share of the cost from the public purse, there is not much use discussing it too far.

That Georgetown could use another park is obvious. And the need will increase as years go by and town population grows.

The government has tried to take care of this by making it obligatory for

subdividers to dedicate a portion of land for public purposes. But unfortunately in Georgetown, much of such land has been used for school sites and parkland is not now available.

Actually, the town has not lost, for had the school sites been purchased, the money would have gone to these.

A wise course is being taken in establishing a private group to seek facts and work in cooperation with councillors to work towards a future park. We hope such investigation leads to action in the not too distant future. It would be a pity if a town as small as Georgetown found too late that the logical park sites had been used for buildings.

Fine Training for Citizenship

Two local girls became Gold Cord girl guides last week.

We congratulate them, their parents and instructors for a job well done. It is not an honour to be lightly given and, as in its counterpart, the Queen's Scouts, denotes many nights of instruction and many hours of practice and study.

Not every young person is able to complete the training necessary. It comes at a time when high school academic and extramural interests take a large portion

of a teenager's time and energy. For those who do, the award denotes self-sacrifice too, perhaps giving up a few parties and pleasures.

We hope the two local girls who completed their training will continue their interest in guiding. Trained leaders are a necessity to keep the girl guide program in action locally. And anyone who has had a daughter in brownies and guides will know how interesting this is and how even a smattering of participation can help shape a youngster's future for the better.



MAY FLOWERS



SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

I visited a mental hospital recently. A couple of nights after I watched television "com. The only things the ladies can do after Lenny Bruce. Both sexes got their hand on the vegetables produced, the same tables, and there isn't much reactions. Fascination, repulsive, joy in pinching, thumping, or sin and sadness. They also taking a bite out of a turnip made me ponder the causes of the growing neuroticism of today.

Where their grandmother dipped a hand into a box or barrel to taste or feel, they worryingly read labels and anxiously peer into those vast gleaming mortuaries which have replaced the old meat counter.

From every shelf, in every color, they are shouted at to "hurry, be quick, hasten, grab me, buy more," and harassed by "family size, special deal, limited time only, 10c off." No wonder they scuttle about furiously, snatching up packages like hot potatoes and throwing them wildly into their carts.

Everything is speeding up speed. When I was a kid people used to sit around on their porches. Then, instead of a mutually-on a May evening, shooting suspicious but friendly tally, the breeze then go off to letting of the bill with the grocer, soon after dark. They slept all they dive for a spot in the line up, the grab is whisked into the bags, the cash register chatters, the cashier spews into the front porch nowadays, all it means is that your bum, be- street, a vast bag in each arm, means if you were any good and only the vaguest idea of you'd have enough money so how much they spent that you could either be chasing around the lawn behind a power mower, or sitting inside watching television, like a decent citizen.

Speed has ceased to be a means to an end, and has become an end in itself, though I've refused to admit it. I've speed up production so that we can "turn out the art to be more cheaply." As soon as the new method is in operation, the price goes up.

"Higher overhead." We speed up on the highways to save time, and spend six months in the hospital, when we fail to make that curve. We speed housework with new gadgets, so the good wife will have more leisure time — to sit around with a bottle, or go out and play bingo.

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DISTRICT NEWS AT A GLANCE

BRAMALEA

Simmons Ltd., a Canada-wide mattress and furniture firm, will build a 180,000 sq. ft. plant on a 20-acre site in Bramalea, it was announced last Wednesday.

BRAMPTON

Brampton's second liquor store will open in the Mall in about 10 weeks it was learned last week. Approval was granted for the store by the Liquor Control Board and building will be done by Thornwell Construction Ltd.

CALEDON EAST

The 1963 tax rate in Caledon East has jumped more than 10 mills over last year's rate, partially because of an increased high school rate. The residential rate is 82.43 and the industrial rate 82.87. The population of Caledon East is 842.

ORANGEVILLE

The contract for the addition to Dufferin Area Hospital at Orangeville has been let to Chestnut, McGregor Co. Ltd. of Toronto. Contract cost of Monday night. Council voted to accept the Planning Board's recommendation for an amendment to the zoning by-law to clear the way for a big apartment project on the site. The three apartments will contain 244 suites.

FERGUS

Fergus is having trouble with its school teachers. About half the teachers on the Fergus staff have resigned, but not because of salary. Now the public school teachers are on the brink of following suit. A clause in their new contract imposing retirement at 65 is their main objection.

BOLTON

An active campaign for public financial support of the Albin Hills Conservation School now under construction is

underway here. The Conservation Foundation hopes to reach the costs of construction through the appeal. The school will be used to teach conservation to secondary school students.

BRONTE

A retiring school caretaker, who for 32 years had swept the halls of a public school here, refuses to be swept out of his job without a pension. Bertram Lowe, 68, said that after 32 years he feels he is at least entitled to some kind of "separation bonus." The school board says he was not eligible for the pension plan initiated a few years ago.

PORT CREDIT

Regent Refinery (Canada) Ltd. was cleared last week in the deaths of three men asphyxiated Nov. 8 while cleaning a fume filled tank. Magistrate H. T. G. Andrews said the men ignored safety instructions.

CLARKSON

Peel County health officials said yesterday they are still waiting a report which will determine the possibility of area water containing typhoid bacteria.

OAKVILLE

The problem of the Finch-Noyes property which has plagued the Oakville council and property owners Monday night. Council voted to accept the Planning Board's recommendation for an amendment to the zoning by-law to clear the way for a big apartment project on the site. The three apartments will contain 244 suites.

MILTON

Dietary food for dogs will be manufactured near Milton as a result of an agreement by town council to provide an adequate water supply to the plant. George Pitman of the new company. Pitman-Oshorn Ltd. told council he would require 8,000 to 10,000 gallons of water a week.

AURORA

There will be no regular passenger train stop in Aurora after June 22 of this year it was learned last week. Only flagstops will remain. The first passenger train in Upper Canada chugged from Toronto to Aurora 110 year ago.

ROCKWOOD

The Rockwood trustees felt that all of Rockwood's garbage problems were solved with the closing of the local dump last year, but now they're faced with a new one. Township residents are so taken with the new method of garbage disposal they're bringing their garbage into the village to be collected.

ACTON

A proposed \$95,000 Christian Education building extension to Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton, was shelved temporarily last Wednesday evening during a congregational meeting. A vote to proceed with construction was defeated 70 to 38.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

And they all with one consent began to make excuses — Luke 14:18.

Most excuses are lies to cover up the real reason, because we know that the real reason would sound asinine.

SECRETARY, CHAIRMAN SELL WHEAT OVERSEAS

A sale of 278,000 bushels of Ontario winter wheat, owned by the Ontario Wheat Producers' Marketing Board has been made to purchasers in the United Kingdom.

K. A. Standing, secretary of the marketing board, said the sale to the United Kingdom, traditional market for Ontario winter wheat, will clean out stocks purchased by the board last fall.

SEATTLE

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