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... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

Good Record at School

Georgetown high school can be proud of its record this year.

Two young men, Paul Baker and Robert Fisher, averaged over 86 per cent to win the coveted Ontario scholarships which will give them a financial boost as they embark on college careers. Among others who had enviable records was Carolyn Hallitt who fell just short of the necessary 80 per cent but had six firsts and three seconds in the papers she wrote.

Seventy-seven percent of papers written were passed, with 42 per cent receiving honour marks. A number of young people will be continuing their education at university, teachers' college and nursing school.

We congratulate them, and the teachers who helped them on their way.

At the same time, we urge those who are entering the higher grades, those who did not quite reach their goal, and every undergraduate to try even harder this year, to absorb as much knowledge in their study course, to be determined not to leave high school without the highest diploma they can receive.

Education sits very lightly on a young person's shoulders.

The Horatio Alger days when a young man, poor but honest, could reach the top without formal education, have ended. Today's jobs call not only for ability and perseverance, but for skilled training as well.

Georgetown is fortunate in having a school which can equip young people for academic, business and vocational careers. It is a school second to none in the province. No longer can one say "I just can't absorb Latin . . . or French . . . or science . . . etc., etc." The broad scope of courses offered gives a niche into which every individual can fit.

Don't be one of those who say "I wish I hadn't quit school halfway through."

Don't Forget No. 7

While pressure is being exerted for a better access to Highway 401 from town, the present state of No. 7 Highway at both east and west approaches to town tends to be overlooked.

Without deprecating the importance of the 401 connection, we think No. 7 is of at least equal value. It serves as a main trucking and tourist link with Guelph, Brampton and Toronto. And besides its commercial value, the deplorable state into which it has degenerated, hardly advertises Georgetown as the progressive town which we claim to be.

There are economic reasons, of course, why the job has not been done to date.

Councils these past few years have been deluged with road expense, with surfacing of sub-division roads, a major redo of Main St., dust control costs until surfacing could be done. Budgets have had to be trimmed to bare necessities at times.

But surely next year, improvement of No. 7 could command a priority position before the eastern end, particularly, completely disintegrates between the old town limits and the Norval hill.

Promises We'd Like to See

A month of promises is here.

Until September 25th, we will be hearing about medical plans, pensions, trade development and what have you.

Here are some of the things we would like to see politicians promise.

1. A compulsory pension plan for every working person, portable and sufficiently high to ensure that his senior years will be cared for at his own expense, rather than be shared by the public.

2. Tightening of the unemployment insurance fund to restore it to its original intent, not a catch-all payment for expectant mothers, retiring pensioners and people who just don't want work.

3. Amendments to our criminal laws to safeguard against continuance of 'beyond the law' gangsterism brought out in the Roach report following Ontario's crime probe.

4. A medical insurance plan which would work like other types of insurance as a safeguard against crippling hospital and doctor bills, but with a deductible clause which would have an individual pay his own small bills.

5. A return to the days when each political party had a philosophy and did not vie with the others in promising a cut rate moon.

6. Curtailment of credit buying and stress on acquiring luxury items by saving towards them, instead of the buy now pay later philosophy.

7. Attendance of all children at public schools, devoid of religious partisanship, with individual religions supplying their own facilities for such instruction outside regular school hours.

8. Extension of free higher education to all qualified young people, at the same time cutting the years of attendance by a drastic reduction of holiday time for all school levels.

One thing before you promise. You would lose votes from gamblers, doctors, merchants, finance companies, expectant mothers, school teachers, Roman Catholics, pensioners, those approaching pension age, and people who want to buy now and pay later.

Would you get elected?

THE NINETEENTH HOLE

SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

I had my annual injection of culture last week, and am now ready to resume my normal condition of boorish bourgeoisism. The shot as usual, was painless physically, producing a feeling of mild stimulation, painful financially, producing an aftermath of hollow depression.

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Because we plan to attend a convention at a Stratford next week that ancient and honorable lament, I haven't a thing to wear, reared its hoary head. This gave birth to the inevitable twins, a visit to the local manager and a trip to the city.

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The latter, in turn, demanded that we take in a show. The only show in town was a 'brilliant' English revue called 'The Establishment', direct from rave reviews in New York. It stank.

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That may not be quite the cultured way in which to review a revue, but it's an honest opinion. The critics probably hackled that the thing was so freshingly frank and 'death' fully irreverent. I thought it was disgustingly frank and revoltingly irreverent.

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The show did have a couple of amusig skits, including a clever parody of the Queen reading one of her speeches, but the remainder was labored and tasteless, about one jump and a bushel of English accents ahead of a college annual show. However, the audience to prove its broadmindedness, applauded wildly while I sat on my $3.50 seat glowering like a true-blue royalist.

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Just to make a proper night of the excursion my wife who was supposed to be shopping for some stunning late summer clothes came back to the hotel with no dress purchased but a winter coat which she couldn't resist.

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Things were a little brighter on the week-end, when we took a flyer to the Stratford Festival, that peculiar Canadian monument toward which we bow with reverence, beam with pride, and point with honest indignation when people say, "Ah, you Canadians got no culture."

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Ten years ago when the festival began it was in a tent we stayed, for $3.00 in a private home whose mistress turned out to be a nut and our six year old son, we left at home with granny.

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Things have changed. The festival is now in a handsome theatre, we stayed, in the room at the top of the shabbiest hostelry this side of the Atlantic, and our great, gormless boy went off after the theatre to hear the folk singers at a coffee house and didn't get back to the room until 2.30 a.m. at which point he heard some real folk singing from his ain folk.

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Stratford itself is unchanged, a pleasant mixture of cleanness and beauty in the town, sophistication and rawness in the audience, professional smitten.

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Sunday afternoon we took in a Schubert concert featuring pianist Rudolph Serkin. He needed a shoeshine, but he could really make that piano sing. He even enjoyed it himself so much that he started, at one point to sing along with Serkin, humming and humming away. I thought at first that it was some clod like me in the audience, carried away by the tune.

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I liked the hotel. Found the manageress in the kitchen after waiting vainly at the desk for a while. She tried about 8 skeleton keys before finding one that would open our doors. Carried our own bags up three flights of stairs. No tip. Went down to the kitchen and got a bucket of ice. No charge, no tip. Used the phone in the lobby. No phone bill. Used the bathroom at the end of the hall. No paper.

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Last Friday night we saw Lorraine de Bergerac with John Cross in the lead. It was a good Stratford spectacle at about

THE MAIL BAG

Reiterate Stand for Town Garbage Pick-Up

51 Hewson Cres.
Georgetown, Ont.
August 16th, 1963

To the Editor

Last September we suggested that Council give some serious consideration to the local collection by the Municipal Employees. Upon requesting they be given the opportunity to take over the garbage collection for the town, at that time serious complaints were being lodged to the effect that the dump was burning, was smelly and was not being properly covered with soil by the contractor.

Almost a year later we appear to have an efficient condition at the town dump and no serious complaint in control and some identical arguments being passed back and forth by members of council with an identical outcome, maybe.

We still advocate that the collection and disposal of town garbage could be best handled and controlled, through, town employees.

At a recent council meeting two members of council put forward an honest attempt to institute a By-Law for the control of garbage, the dump and future contracts for its collection. While we think the By-Law did have some minor loopholes which needed plugging by and large it was a very good effort and did not deserve the picking apart by another member of council which appeared to be due to a clash in personalities.

We would suggest that other members of council spend more time sorting out the various problems confronting their particular departments rather than waste time in council by belittling the efforts of their fellow members.

ROB FRANCIS.

A woman driver in Culver City, California on her way to apply for a driver's license crashed through the side of the department of motor vehicles building and landed right in front of the license applications counter. The report does not say if her license was granted.

FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

Brazilian Economy Suffers Inflation

by Henry Timmins

Little notice was taken of last Wednesday's plunge of the Brazilian Cruzero which saw the currency drop from 865 to 920 in its relationship to the U.S. dollar, in just one day. The immediate cause of the decline stemmed from two announcements that the government made. One was the announcement of an immediate 70 per cent pay raise for all civil servants. The other stated that a 5 billion cruzero would now be printed presumably to eliminate the necessity of taking a wheelbarrow load of bills along when shopping.

Brazilians have been suffering from a runaway inflation of about 40 per cent per annum, which is a direct result of a government policy which regards the monetary system as an instrument to secure office. It is an ugly situation since there is no sign of a reversal of the trend. The Brazilian governments are heavily infiltrated with socialists who are never able to face up to these situations, along with communists who thrive on chaos and are the only ones who will gain from the demoralizing effects of that situation.

On this continent a parallel in the U.S. railway dispute shows little sign of breaking up at this point. The focal issue is whether or not firemen will continue to be carried on the diesel locomotives. The reason for the strong positions being maintained by both sides is that the railway industry pays an estimated $400 million a year for men that have no work to perform, while on the other hand, the elimination of the job category renders redundant, the union itself along with the jobs of its executive.

The issue will probably be taken to the 11th hour which is the strike date of August 29, but an actual strike is unlikely since the union lacks the favour of public opinion, Presidential opinion, and even the opinion of the other unions who appear likely to side with their man, J. F. K.

A settlement will probably be made at the end of the month but it could prove to be very costly for the railway industry.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and the nations that forget God.—Psalm 9: 17.

One of the most powerful verses in all the Bible.

Italian traffic specialists are planting plastic leaves in highway dividing strips to cut down headlight glare. It is hoped they will prove more resistant to exhaust fumes than real plants whose mortality rate is high.

NEWS ECHOES

From the Pages of the Herald, 1953 and 1938

10 YEARS AGO

- A [illegible] possession of the [illegible] of the [illegible] section of the legislature a letter received recently from Queen Elizabeth. The branch sent a congratulatory letter to the queen at the time of her coronation and the effect is her reply.
- The [illegible] of Engineering has been instructed to prepare plans for a $64,000 detention home [illegible] new home [illegible] B. Wakeling & Son [illegible] for the new home.
- [illegible] Lions Club of Georgetown [illegible] Lions Club [illegible] the [illegible] year of the CNE [illegible] Georgetown [illegible] OK [illegible]

25 YEARS AGO

- [illegible] September 3rd [illegible] Heritage Day, George [illegible] Georgetown Pipe Band [illegible] assessed [illegible] Scotland [illegible] the same to citizens in return for a donation.

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LEGION NOTES

By Don N. Pfatt

Branch 120's horseshoe hurlers had a high time happily heaving horseshoes last Saturday when they competed in the District 'B' tournament at the Georgetown Armoury. Winning the past two years, however did not prove to be a too firmly engraved habit as the boys bowed to the Hamilton team for top honours.

Bill Hodgson and John McHugh of Hamilton threw themselves the trophy against Georgetown's Lloyd Keir and Bill Collier who were runners up. Third place went to Frank Ferguson and Joe Stamp of Br. 120 and the fourth place slot was filled by Welland.

Art Stamp won the singles trophy and will represent District 'B' in the Provincial tournament at Woodbridge on September 21.

The other three Georgetown players who made up the four teams were Carmen Copland, Ivan Reynolds, and Bob Nicholson.

At the festivities following the tournament Jim Hall, President of Dundas Branch 36 and District sports officer presented trophies to the days winners and losers. We might add as Charlie Pedler of Hamilton Branch 58 was the recipient of a bottle of pods for being most consistent player (he lost every game).

Win or lose these horseshoe players sure do have fun.

ANNUAL CHURCH PARADE

Legion members from all branches of Zone B7 will be in Georgetown on September 8th to take part in the annual church parade.

Legionnaires from Georgetown, Milton, Brampton, Acton, Erin, Port Credit, Oakville, Streetsville, Bronte and Cooksville will march to music provided by the Georgetown Citizens' Band and the Girls' Pipe Band. The parade will terminate with a service at Remembrance Park. All Branch 120 members are requested to keep this date in mind and help provide a big turnout for Georgetown.

WARRIOR'S DAY PARADE

This year's Warriors' Day Parade at the CNE was made more memorable by the music of the Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band. That lump in throat variety of pride was common to many Georgetowners as the thousands of spectators applauded the girls. We can well be proud of them.

Another marcher in the more than hour-long parade in fact the only Branch 120 marcher was John Beattie (our indomitable John saw to it that our branch was represented).

Branch members and their families took advantage of the reasonable transportation and free gate passes to the tune of 154 persons to fill four buses chartered by the Legion for the occasion. (Kids travelled free.) A good day was had by all and at the time of writing no stomach pump cases among the small fry had been reported.

DARTS AND DEALS

A meeting of the Georgetown Industrial Dart and Cribbage League will be held in the Legion at 2 p.m. this Saturday. All enthusiasts are invited to attend and help formulate the plans for the coming season. Legion membership is not a requirement to play in this league.

This dart and cribbage bit is a harbinger of those bleak winter months that yours truly would as soon forget. One ray of sunshine however is provided by the thought of playing again with that unbeatable Legion cribbage team. (Are those derisive snorts we hear?)

50-50 DRAW

Lucky winner, Ken Hergert. Ticket Seller, Bud Hill.