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... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

Meet You at the Fair

For almost a quarter of a century, we have been attending Georgetown's fall fair.

And we have never yet been disappointed in the quality of the exhibits.

Each of our youngsters has, in their childhood years, declared the rides, better, the hamburgs, tastier and the day more exciting than the CNE.

And no wonder, for in a miniature way, every thrill of Toronto's great 'Ex' is here. One can ride the merry-go-round and the ferris wheel, enjoy the pony rides, fill up on candy floss and assorted goodies, see some horse races, admire fine show animals, lose a dollar or two at the wheel of fortune.

Let's Stick to Facts

The present controversy about adding an extra shopping evening in Georgetown is getting out of hand.

Originally the problem was a simple one — a request by merchants in Delrex Market Centre for a by-law amendment which would allow them to stay open on Thursday evenings as well as the present Fridays.

Other merchants in town seemed content with the present by-law and the following week petitioned council to let the by-law stand unaltered.

Council met with both groups, heard arguments about the merits and disadvantages of a change, and discussed what to do in the best interests of the business community as a whole.

Last week it was intimated that the two merchant organizations might get together for a discussion and a united recommendation to council.

Meanwhile, a publication financed by the Delrex developer, and naturally inclined to favour the ideas of merchants in his

And all within easy access from your home.

Added is the excitement of a small-scale old boys' reunion for the fair always brings former Georgetowners back for the day to visit and chat with their old neighbours.

It's here again this Saturday.

If you've been to the fair before, then you're an addict. If you're a newcomer, or for some reason have missed it in the past, join the party.

You're in for a few hours of sheer enjoyment when you attend Georgetown Fair.

shopping plaza, got into a hysterical rage, twisted facts at will and came up with the Big Lie that only five of the 31 signatures on the downtown petition were genuine.

"Names of the other 26 firms are in the handwriting of the person who circulated the petition," it said. "Thus, once again, council has had the wool pulled over its eyes by a minority pressure group."

The Herald does not normally concern itself with the inaccuracies and slanted views of a newspaper, so-called, which seems intent in keeping Georgetown forever divided into two camps.

But we feel compelled to point out the facts. The Herald checked the petition at the municipal office on Monday. The 31 signatures were most certainly not in the handwriting of any one person. And it can be safely assumed that each of the 31 merchants personally signed the petition.

The obvious question is "What minority pressure group is engaged in wool-pulling... and how much faith can be put in any statements in the publication which propounded the Big Lie?"

Certainly we would hope that the two opposing factions would discuss the question together. No businessman wants to turn away shoppers from his door and if there is revenue to be derived from an extra open night, the majority will be for it.

There is a real problem for most stores, however, in staffing a two-night operation, and this is one of the major stumbling blocks to selling the idea.

As for "ultimatums" by the buying public, "ignoring the voice of the housewives" and "shoppers being pushed out of town" because they can't shop Thursday evenings, there are several grains of salt to be sifted before arriving at any conclusions.

It's our guess that the average shopper is not too vitally concerned. He might welcome the convenience of having stores open two, three or every night, but he will gear his purchasing to the open hours as long as they are reasonable.

What Will It Be?

Two weeks ago we said it would be wrong to change a store closing by-law which apparently finds favour with a majority of merchants.

One must sympathize with the views of seven plaza merchants who think they could derive more business by opening an extra night.

But one must also heed the views of almost four times as many merchants in other parts of town who believe their present hours of opening are satisfactory.

Examining the two petitions we find that both had a few signatures which do not come under a closing by-law. Eliminating these, there are seven favouring a change, 26 favouring the status quo, and perhaps half a dozen at the most who did not sign with either group. Whichever way you add the figures, the majority is obvious.

the provincial government's plan. However a third letter from the same department turned thumbs down.

ORANGEVILLE

New traffic lights to be installed at Broadway and First, they are ahead of schedule. The lights, and the matter of heavy damming the Credit River east of town completely monopolized the meeting.

MILTON

A boulder weighing two tons is regularly removed from the point where it blocks access to "Inverlane" at Rattlesnake Point the 12 Mile Conservation Authority was told last week. The owner keeps having it placed back, but the area Don Juans get together and remove it.

CLARKSON

Dr. William W. H. Dunn has been appointed to head a committee to investigate mishaps between birds and planes in the area. His findings will be turned over to Mallon airport officials.

PORT CREDIT

An explosion blew apart five units of a motel here last Thursday. No one was injured in the blast.

even caused by a break in a natural gas line. The blast was heard two miles away.

OAKVILLE

Although returns in the United Appeal Campaign are small as yet, they are ahead of those at this time in last year's drive according to Mrs. Edith Toland, director of public relations. The objective is \$112,000.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

For the kingdom is the Lord's; and he is the governor among the nations. — Psalm 22:28

Let us remember this when we read our daily newspapers: We see only the underside — the seamy side — of the news. Here we see the upper side — God's side.

Keep Them Coming

Readers have remarked these past few weeks on the interesting "Social and Personal" items appearing in the Herald. Thanks to readers who submit these items. In these days of long-distance travel, Georgetown has its quota of guests from England and the continent and we particularly like to feature these.

Keep them coming.



HOW THE WEST WAS WON



SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

Bought a new car this week. Never had one before. And a about 10 years from now it's probable that I'll never have had one since.

Both the dealer I bought it from and I were disappointed. I thought I expected him to give me a chance to "dicker," something you're always supposed to do when you buy a car. And he expected me to try to beat him down on his price, something you're always supposed to expect when you sell a car.

Nothing happened. He offered me more than I had expected for my old car and I was so flabbergasted I just said "OK," leaving him flabbergasted. The entire transaction took 15 minutes. It could have been in five minutes. There's nothing wrong with a quick deal, and I'm waiting for the other fellow to do some dicker.

My wife let me down rather badly. She was there, and I expected her to do most of the talking — you know, raising hell about the color, price, upholstery, mileage. I thought she'd go over the car with a magnifying glass, as she used to do when we'd buy one of those \$495 specials. I fully anticipated that she'd find a bubble in the paint, or a smudge on the floor mat and raise Cain. She didn't say a word. She didn't even want a different color.

Maybe we're both getting old. Even I, who have never cared any more about a car than I have about a taxi, and who, I used to have a bit of the old horse trading spirit, I used to kick the tires. I used to look under the hood though I had n't a clue as to what should be there. I used to look in the door, a couple of times and look in the trunk.

This time, I just leaned on the counter, across from the dealer, both of us embarrassed, waiting for some action. In common decency, I drove the thing for three miles, when he insisted... I didn't feel a thing. No ecstasy. All I wanted to do was get home for dinner.

We clinched the deal with him thinking that a lot of the fun had gone out of selling cars, and one thinking it was going to be a pretty awkward session with the bank manager.

Do you know something? Those banks have got old and lazy in the last 10 years, too.

I'll never forget the first time I applied for a loan. I felt exactly as I used to feel in the air force when I'd gone over the fence for an unauthorized work-out leave. Up in front of the O' Monday morning. Not a leg to stand on, and about to get it in the neck.

The bank manager used to scowl as you sidled in the door. "Sidewalk," he'd snarl, scribbling furiously on documents obviously designed to

send you up the river for six years.

You heard your careful planner tell you that you absolutely had to have \$200 to put some sort of smallest credit had about \$1000 in the bank, the last rain-fund.

"Got any security?" shaking his head gravely. Of course you didn't have. People who need small loans never have security. You told him your grandmother had mentioned that she planned to leave you \$300 if you never married, or stopped drinking, or some such.

The interview ended with you on your knees, thanking the bank manager and promising to check him forever, because he had loaned you \$200 out of what seemed his own pocket and some odd price of generosity at his bank.

Nowadays, you walk into the manager's office, and he treats you just as though you were a human being. "What can we do for you?" And "Oh, I think we can manage that." And just sign here. If there's anything else you need — a new stove or refrigerator — you know where to come.

At any rate we got deliveries of the car Sunday. Everybody ran out and circled it. The kids were overwhelmed. "Dimp Knicker" said: "No radio! These six cylinders don't have much pickup do they?" Oh, well, at least we have the first 64 in town. Paper and Playboys were more impressed. She tried her eyes on our new white wall tires. And you can imagine what Playboys did to them.

In the old days men loved their horses because they were alive and couldn't talk back to them. Today a man buys the equivalent; his kids mock his miserliness, his wife drives it, and there's a note at the bank that sneers: "Three years at \$96 a month." I should live so long.

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FORECAST

Business will continue to go where invited and remain where appreciated. Reputations will continue to be made by many acts and lost by one. People will go right on preferring to do business with friends. Givers will become the best doers. Know-how will surpass guess-how. Performance will continue to outstrip promises. Enthusiasm will continue to be as contagious as ever. Quality will be prized as a precious possession. Trust no trucks will keep us fromers loyal. The Extra Mile will have no traffic jams.

Louisville 'Sparks'

The husband who is as nice to his wife at home as in public is pretty good — but may be exceptional. — Chatham News

NEWS ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald, 1953 and 1958

10 YEARS AGO

● A strike vote taken last Sunday among 15,000 pulp and paper workers in several Ontario towns would have serious effects locally should it result in a general strike in newsprint mills. The local mills would have to close down should the mills on which they are dependent on for paper supplies stop production.

● Formation of a Credit Union among Smith and Stone employees is expected following an organization meeting in the Odd Fellows Hall last weekend. Organized by the union local, it will not be restricted to union members. Local president Stan Allen, said that there is a potential membership of 3,000.

● Another subdivision will swell the growing new home total in Georgetown. McNally Construction has started work on seven of ten houses which he intends to build on Parkview Blvd., backing Georgetown Park.

25 YEARS AGO

● The alterations and improvements to the entrance and interior of the McGibbon Hotel recently completed have added much to the appearance of this well-known hotel.

● Evangelists meeting at the Georgetown Opera House will be held September 20th at 3 and 8 p.m.

● Georgetown bakers were in Toronto on Monday attending an independent bakers' meeting at the King Edward Hotel. Bakers from all over Ontario attended in an attempt to stop large chain or mill-owned bakeries going into incorporated towns and villages tax free.

● At the Gregory Theatre on Mill St. this week: "I'll Give A Million", starring Warner Baxter, Marjorie Weaver and Peter Lorre; "Alexander's Bagpipe Band", starring Alice Faye, Don Ameche, and Tyrone Power; "The Higgins Family", starring the Gleason Family.



CN's Super Continental will offer an entirely new concept in train travel this fall. The transcontinental streamliner will have redesigned cars, an improved schedule and special attendants for each passenger. In addition, Red White and Blue fares slashing fares as much as 58 per cent will apply after Oct. 27.

A little boy's first school day is a big garden. Unless one wants to become a horticultural expert what else does one need to know about the subject? — Halifax Chronicle-Herald.

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DISTRICT NEWS AT A GLANCE

BRAMPTON

Construction has started on a 18 store shopping centre on the southwest corner of Kennedy Rd. and Church Street. It is expected to be completed by the first of the year.

OAKVILLE

Work has started on a new playground for retarded children here, a scheme sponsored by local service clubs.

COOKSVILLE

When township Reeve Robert Speck suggested that a local bird sanctuary be turned into a parking lot, protesters flocked to the next meeting. Seventy objectors turned up with a petition signed by 200 others.

BURLINGTON

In two letters received from the Department of Municipal Affairs, Burlington was advised that construction of a New Civic Centre is acceptable as a winter works program in