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... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

Keeps Abreast of Times

One of Esquesing's most distinguished citizens was in the forefront of the official opening ceremonies for the new Township Municipal Building on Saturday.

W. J. L. Hampshire, reeve in 1923-24, whose clear eye, steady voice and brisk step bely his 91 years, recalled earlier township days in an excellent speech prior to the ribbon cutting, then stood in the hall to greet guests as they embarked on a tour of the building.

There was nostalgia, perhaps, as he recalled the building in Stewarttown in which he served his council terms, and the inception of township government when his

grandfather was Esquesing's first reeve. Nostalgia, but no regrets for Mr. Hampshire is not one of the sentimentals who have no use for today's methods.

Quite the contrary. He appreciates the modern style of architecture which has been used in the building. And he recognizes the increased efficiency which the new quarters will give to municipal officials.

Mr. Hampshire, in his talk, stressed that such a building is not just brick and stone.

It is a cornerstone of our democracy, he said, representative of the people's services.

Election Period too Short

Georgetown's municipal elections are on the horizon now.

And with at least two candidates contesting the majority, plus plebiscites on Sunday entertainment and a two year term for councillors, the vote should be heavy and the campaign interesting.

The past few years there has been a decided trend towards earlier announcement by candidates. Time was when this was a closely guarded secret. A man would be nominated at the Thursday meeting, give no indication whether he would run, and wait until the last few minutes of the Saturday deadline to do so.

Now, a majority state the intention that night. And several announce in advance that they will run.

Sunday Entertainment

There should be little opposition to legalizing Sunday entertainment in the plebiscite vote in December.

The past few decades has seen a broadening of the Sunday conception of a day of rest.

Our grandparents took this literally as a day devoted entirely to religion. One read only the Bible, engaged in no frivolity.

Our Scottish grandmother taught that playing a musical instrument was wrong on the Sabbath, unless in our childhood and decided that the piano could be played, if it were hymns.

Before church union, the Methodists were strict. Their children could not swim on Sundays, or play cards at any time. Union with the Presbyterians changed this almost overnight.

Today we have a few double standardards left. There are still those who think it wrong to attend a movie on Sunday, but who will watch a television show. Some think nothing of Sunday golf, but shudder at a ball game in the park. Others from on Sunday dancing, but condone a trip to the beach.

The Lord's Day Alliance has fought a losing battle, basing its interpretation of what can be allowed on Sundays on whether people are employed and admission is charged.

Of the present scene, Walter Gray has definitely announced his retirement. Others, by their silence, have implied that they will stand for election again. When Joseph Gibbons announced some weeks ago that he would run for mayor and Bob Harris has stated his intention of seeking a council seat.

The short week and the few days of the campaign are not an ideal situation in a town of this size.

Next year council and candidates should be advised of advancing their intention to allow at least a two week period for candidates to campaign.

And there is much more to be said by the Monday election to the voters to allow the right possible vote.

It has played for courts in the position of enforcing it against the theatre owner while allowing the government controlled judge of television stations to operate with a free hand.

We have never been able to get the user will suffer by allowing people to run as they choose on a Sunday. If there are less people at the Sunday church service, today, at least one can think the attendees are more faithful. And if one thinks that baseball, movies or any entertainment can push the church into the background, that it is time the church did some soul searching.

First, But Not Fastest

The English Channel is about 20 miles wide at its narrowest point from Dover to Calais. The first recorded swim across the Channel was made, the Encyclopedia Americana says, by Captain Matthew Webb, who started from Dover on August 24th, 1875, and arrived at Calais on August 25, 21 hours and 45 minutes later. His speed was, therefore, less than one mile per hour. Since then, the Americana notes, several swimmers have made the rough Channel crossing in less than 15 hours, and in 1926, G. Maret negotiated the distance in 11 hours and 5 minutes.



WE'LL SOON RUN OUT OF DOVES



SUGAR and SPICE

B. B. ...

There's a new television series on the air that is giving me an inferiority complex about the size of a giant squid. Maybe you haven't seen it, but it's called Mr. Novak and it holds me breathless and makes me wince each for one hour every Sunday night.

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Tomorrow I have to help my students get the weekly newspaper column ready, give my own driving lesson and get out of the squirrels in the attic. Thursday I have a church board meeting. Friday there's a department meeting followed by the Friday afternoon Club meeting followed by a blast from my wife for attending it.

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Every week, he gets involved in the damndest situations, and emerges smelling of violets and looking like Joan of Arc. And every week I get involved in the damndest situations and emerge barely.

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Take this week for example. I'll bet you that right now, that Novak is releasing an episode in which he defies the school board on a matter of principle, solves a hairy personal problem for one of his students, and pulls the principal out of a nasty situation.

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NEWS ECHOES

From the Pages of the Herald 1953 and 1958

10 YEARS AGO

- Kenneth R. MacDonald will be running against Reeve Stan Allen, and Frank Petch will be running against Deputy Reeve Allan Norton in the municipal election this year.
- A well planned concert was presented in Wrigglesworth Auditorium last Wednesday night with most of the pupils taking part. Taking major roles were Diane Hill, Lois Niven, Sandra Lloyd, Peter Forgrave, Judy Richardson, Brian Lewis, Bert Henderson, Murray Ross, Jim Fiddler, Kent Riddall, Stuart Bottomley, Linda Korzack, and Michael Stewardson.

25 YEARS AGO

- Talk about getting up in the world! Roy J. Wiggins, and James E. Cain, are two of five men, now painting the 647 ft. steel radio broadcasting tower at Hornby. The men go up on the inside of the tower and paint from the top down.
- "Good Health" is the name of a breakfast cereal that has recently been introduced by Brown's Bakery of Georgetown. It is put up in one pound packages and sells at a moderate price.

THE MAIL BAG

Successful Ball Season For 450 Youngsters

Nov. 9th, 1963
235 Delrex Blvd.

Dear Mr. Editor

Through the medium of The Georgetown Herald, I, on behalf of the Georgetown Minor Baseball Association, would like to thank all persons who gave their time and knowledge to help make this year a success. I would also like to thank these sponsors: Varian Associates, Georgetown Fire Brigade, Silver's Dept. Store, Local 14161, Gus Fantuz and Delrex Drugs.

These people made it possible to provide organized baseball for over 450 boys this year in Georgetown. Special thanks to The Herald for the excellent coverage of league schedules, pictures and free publicity. They have helped immensely to promote good sports for the children of today, citizens of the future.

The cost of running organized baseball is increasing expenditures this year were over \$1200.00 but with a hard working executive and coaches and the wonderful support we got from the citizens and business people alike we have managed to balance our budget once again.

This association appreciates the cooperation we have had with Councilor Smith in scheduling over 300 games this summer and his undying efforts in making the town park a safer and more entertaining part of the community in

which we live and play. On November 1st a dance was held at the Canadian Legion to wind up another season. There was a good crowd in attendance and a good time was had by all. Baseball is gone for another year.

W. R. Ballentine,
Pres., G.M.B.A.

WEEKLY BIBLE THOUGHT

John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven. — John 3:27.

What assets do we have that we can claim complete credit? Then do we have any reason to be proud?

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OTTAWA REPORT
BI-MONTHLY OBSERVATIONS BY DR. HARRY HARLEY, M.P. FOR HALTON

The business of the House of Commons this past week has been in the foreground of the "Amendment" by which the Hon. Mackenzie King has been asked to resign. The Hon. Mackenzie King has been asked to resign by the Hon. Douglas Young, Minister of Finance, in a motion which was carried by a vote of 157 to 107. The Hon. Mackenzie King has been asked to resign by the Hon. Douglas Young, Minister of Finance, in a motion which was carried by a vote of 157 to 107. The Hon. Mackenzie King has been asked to resign by the Hon. Douglas Young, Minister of Finance, in a motion which was carried by a vote of 157 to 107.



Marianne confirms what people have always suspected. Intrepid, beautiful enough to eat. While these graceful flowers from Holland are recommended for the housewife's salad, they certainly are the main course in any spruce garden. Hundreds of colorful varieties in every shape and colour are arriving just in time for the gardeners in Canada. They are ready for planting. This fall before the ground freezes over safely. As long as you have good soil five dollars reasonably well, you need never again fear the failure of a depth of six inches with about the same distance between them. (Photo by Malak)