

## ... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

### History as Centennial Project

While Georgetown searches for a project for Canada's centennial in 1967, we suggest some thought be given to the compilation of a complete word and pictorial history of the town.

A community which is a hundred years old, or more, depending on how one interprets the establishment of a municipality should have its history recorded.

This has never been done for Georgetown.

And the longer it is ignored, the more difficult it becomes, for each year valuable bits of history disappear, as older residents die, and as old pictures and records become lost or are destroyed.

There are many things, of course, which would be suitable attainments for the centennial. A park for the east end is one which comes readily to mind. By our suggestion of a history, we do not infer that we would not be pleased to see a park.

A centennial project, we feel, is one which might otherwise never be done, and one which will add not only to the physical assets of the town, but to its culture and heritage.

If council considers a centennial history, it is something which should be entrusted to a person with proper training. A graduate student in history from one of our universities might be a proper choice. It would be a job which might take a year or more for it would entail many hours of research in old documents, interviews with older residents in town and elsewhere, and careful checking of facts in many directions.

An expenditure of ten to twelve thousand dollars would not be out of the way, and perhaps this could amount to fifteen thousand. Certain federal grants are available and include, we believe, such projects as a history.

### One Tragedy After Another

Recent weeks have seemed to bring one tragedy after another, and superstitious or not the rule of three seems to apply.

Last week, a local resident, mentioning the deaths of Toronto's Mayor Summerlee and President Kennedy, remarked that she was expecting another such event.

It came with startling suddenness Friday evening when a TCA jet bound for Toronto crashed shortly after its Montreal take-off, bringing tragedy to 118 families, mainly in the Toronto area.

In a town where so many TCA men live, there were anxious moments before the casualty list was revealed, and then a wave of sadness with realization that one of the plane's officers was a Duncan Drive resident.

In a town which borders Metro, there were many other men lost on the plane with

friends and business connections here. At least one family lost a close relative.

Reading the casualty list, one could not help but note that the majority of the passengers were men in the prime of life, holding responsible positions, and with young families. It is natural, of course, in this age of rapid transit when a business trip by plane is so common. And a Friday flight would of course have a large number of business people. We grieved for their families as we read the list—sales manager, production superintendent, personnel officer, accountant, and on and on, and we thought of their loss as people, and the loss to Canada as business leaders.

Surely the rule of three, if such there is, will take a vacation now. As newspaper people we prefer to record happier events than these.

### Don't Miss the Parade

Most residents are so familiar with the annual Santa Claus parade that one need only remind them that the date is this Saturday.

But there is a new twist to town since on December 10, in case they might think this is just a town event, we have the Georgetown parade with its interesting and colorful floats as the big Toronto show.

Being the oldest way that year's Santa Claus has ever been a part of the town and other service clubs and each year the project grows and grows.

We might also remind residents that while the Lions are the spark plug, there is cost involved and the best way you can help is to buy a couple of luck draw tickets to save any drain on the club's treasury which could rob their other public services.

The draw for Christmas fowl is also being honoured, and gives every ticket buyer many chances on an extra Christmas dinner.

Read about the parade in this week's news and advertising columns, and don't miss seeing it.



## OTTAWA REPORT

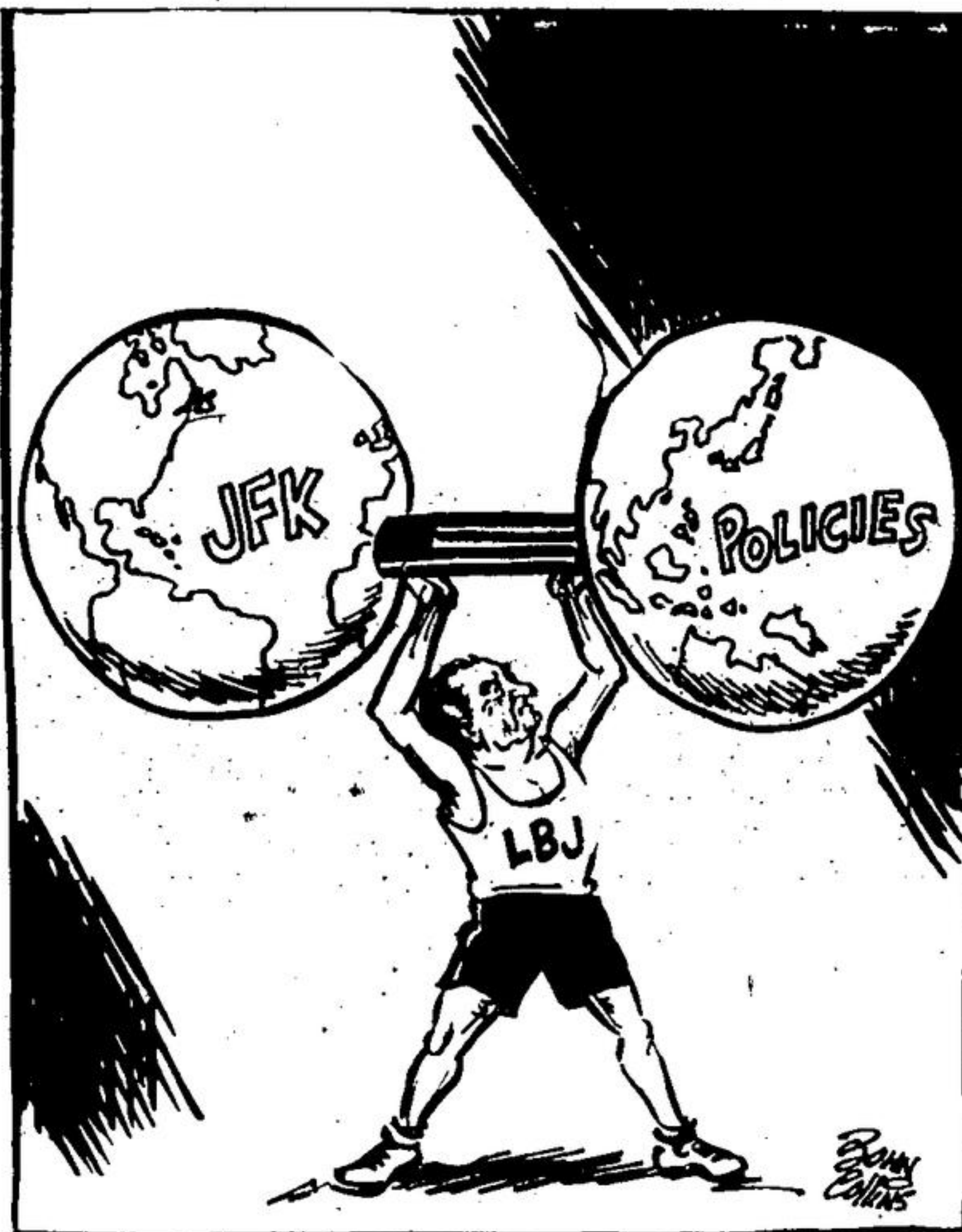
BI-MONTHLY OBSERVATIONS BY DR. HARRY HARLEY,  
M.P. FOR HALTON

**THE MAJOR MATTER** now is it is estimated that if representation Nova Scotia before Parliament is a result, the seats remain at 265 (three Quebec and Manitoba would then dealing with electoral is some feeling this should be large one seat, Saskatchewan boundaries and redistribution increased, but I disagree with would lose 4 seats. British Redistribution takes place ev. that each member should Columbia would gain one seat, ery ten years, based on the cen represent approximately 70,000 Alberta two seats and Ontario sus, which was done in 1961 people. Some percentage of it will be re. IF REDISTRIBUTION goes pendent Commission, and not ven to allow for rural areas through as suggested it seems a committee of Parliament as natural boundaries, etc. This inevitable that the boundaries has been done in the past. In will probably be between 20% of Halton will change as our this way political advantage and 32%, either way. As an population is now over 120,000 will not be allowed to play a example, if 20 per cent varia people well above the expect- tion is allowed, the number of ted maximum allowed. Exact- ton is between 56,000 and 84,000. Un- known, as an independent mean that it would probably be this have it is estimated that non-political commission will 1968 before the new boundar. PEI, New Brunswick, Yukon, non-political commission will Northwest Territories. New draw up the proposed boundar ies could be used in an elec- tion. It is felt by the Govern- ment that a Commission for each Province would speed up the process by three years and allow people very kana- edging of their provincial boundaries and problems to work on the commission.

**THIS MATTER** is to be brought forward with the un- derstanding that the Bill is a suggestion, and not an order, and amendments will be con- sidered from all parties, and distance dialing service will be dered from all parties. It will introduced on January 29th, when Georgetown had no dial- ing. After that date it will no phones and was served by in the Government, the discus longer be necessary to quote Main St office staffed by- sion to be non-partisan and vo- your telephone number after number of lady employes- ting carried out not on party dialing a DDD call. The num- Now not only local calls, but lines but on the members own her from which the call is long distance as well, are placed will be recorded auto- handled by machine.

### Automatic Recording For Telephone Calls

The Bell Telephone Com- munity. This will allow such calls to be completed faster and any informed customers rec- more conveniently. Seems a far cry from an order- ed from all parties, and distance dialing service will be dered from all parties. It will introduced on January 29th, when Georgetown had no dial- ing. After that date it will no phones and was served by in the Government, the discus longer be necessary to quote Main St office staffed by- sion to be non-partisan and vo- your telephone number after number of lady employes- ting carried out not on party dialing a DDD call. The num- Now not only local calls, but lines but on the members own her from which the call is long distance as well, are placed will be recorded auto- handled by machine.



WHILE THE WORLD WATCHES



## SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

Culture? It's wunnerfull And so I don't know if she gave it to me and what should I do? This was my only possible reaction after another shot at enriching the lives of some of our students.

Every year when it's over I catch an ouch in blood sweat and tears that I'll never do it again. And a year later here I am up to my neck in it with the swamp of cultural enrichment.

Two days before we're to go, the bus company informs that only three buses will be available. Mr. Smiley raises hell theatre, of one of the plays the kids are studying in school. The date is a month away.

"Wouldn't it be grand" I said to myself. "If the young 'sters could see the real thing." It would be an experience they would never forget. It would kindle a real interest in the drama. It would show them that Shakespeare (or Shaw) is ever- ing sad, funny, romantic, and just a whole lot of stuff like rising and falling action, mem- ory work, suspense, pathos and dramatic irony.

"Right!" I say to myself. "My 'Will do it. These kids are going to have their chance."

I contact the other teachers. They are enthusiastic. I contact the principal. He is not. He clears it with the school board. Mr. Smiley is delivering to her home. 14 miles out of town. The girl who forgot to tell her parents to meet her bus on return. First and bright-eyed she bubbles effervescently. "Thanks very much." Mr. Smiley. I really enjoyed it and I had a summer time do we had a have our home work done tomorrow.

Then with the speed and skill of a sprinter I was in the car. Mr. Smiley's old pre- scription, handkerchiefs and a phone the theatre. Yes, they can give us 142 tickets for that date.

Call the bus company. Yes, they can show horn us now I as Christmas and New Years when out-lets are away. Insurance experts offer these recommendations: In court an- must home burglarly while on a vacation. (1) Have milk and newspaper delivery cancelled. Old newspapers are a sure indica- tion that the resident is away. (2) Inform the local police that you will be away. They will check your home periodically. (3) Have a friend or neigh- bor visit the house occasionally to see that all is in order. (4) Remove valuable silver or jewellery for storage in a bank safety deposit box. (5) Do not leave lights burn- ing in the house. (6) Ask the local newspaper not to mention that you will be away. Professional burglars read the social columns regu- larly. (7) If a theft or break-in is discovered, inform police im- mediately, even if nothing of value has been taken. The in-

### Home Burglaries Are Costly

Home burglaries represent a large portion of the \$1 million theft losses in Canada each year. The loss increases sharply during vacation periods such as Christmas and New Years when out-lets are away. Insurance experts offer these recommendations: In court an- must home burglarly while on a vacation. (1) Have milk and newspaper delivery cancelled. Old newspapers are a sure indica- tion that the resident is away. (2) Inform the local police that you will be away. They will check your home periodically. (3) Have a friend or neigh- bor visit the house occasionally to see that all is in order. (4) Remove valuable silver or jewellery for storage in a bank safety deposit box. (5) Do not leave lights burn- ing in the house. (6) Ask the local newspaper not to mention that you will be away. Professional burglars read the social columns regu- larly. (7) If a theft or break-in is discovered, inform police im- mediately, even if nothing of value has been taken. The in-

### Teaches at O.V.C.

Dr. Vicki Zavitz has added to her duties as a veterinary this year by accepting a part-time teaching position at Ontario Veterinary College, Guelph.

She is teaching in the anatomy department two after- noons weekly, the same depart- ment where she taught be- fore coming to Georgetown three years ago where, with her late husband, she took over the practice of Dr. Charles Sayers.

Dr. Brian Footman is asso- ciated with Dr. Zavitz at the Georgetown Animal Clinic on Guelph Street.

icle was described on a piece of ground nine feet square and the sorcerer sat in the middle while he sounded his incanta- tions. Without the protection of the Magic Circle, it was be- lieved, the magician would be carried off by spirits.

### BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Then spake Jesus again un- to them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in dark- ness, but shall have the light of life. — John 8:12.

Confusion and frustration are forms of darkness. The light which leads to life is centered in the persons of our Lord, He dispels the confusion of dis- belief and the frustrations of ignorance.

### CORRECTION

### CIRCLE OF MAGIC

In the days when sorcerers practised their dark arts, one of their principal duties was to call upon evil spirits. This raised the danger, the Encyclo- pedia Americana shows, that the sorcerer himself might become an object of those spirits' fury. To protect himself, he went out into a dark forest, a grave- yard or other dismal spot and drew a Magic Circle. This cir-

In last week's report of a County Council discussion of the Warden's salary, remarks attributed to Reeve George Leslie of Esqueving were in fact made by the Deputy Reeve of Nassagaweya, who is on the Legislation and By-law Com- mittee. Reeve G. Leslie is not a member of that Commit- tee.

## NEWS ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald, 1953 and 1958

### 10 YEARS AGO

- The opening of Parliament last week was especially noteworthy in town as it marked the first time that a Georgetown person has sat in the House of Commons. Miss Sybil Bennett, Q.C., is one of four lady members.
- The Georgetown Girls Pipe Band was featured in a ceremony at Malton airport last week which inaugurated a new direct service between Malton and London, Eng- land.
- Provincial Mill plant superintendent Ross Duncan has been promoted to mill manager in a series of promo- tion there. The retirement of Hugh Dickie has resulted in the promotion of Harry Shortill from finishing room foreman to assistant superintendent, and Herb Arnold to Mr. Shortill's former position.

### 25 YEARS AGO

- From the Coming Events column, November, 1938
- Don't forget the Georgetown Businessmen's Letter Scramble next Wednesday. Everyone can join in the fun. Valuable Prizes to be awarded.
- Ted James of Hamilton will be very careful about knock- ing the ashes from his cigar in future Sundays after- noons while driving through Georgetown. His attention was diverted momentarily while he used his car ash- tray. While doing this, his car left the road and ram- med a tree. The car was wrecked and Mr. James suf- fered a cut on his nose.
- Exchange the meetings start at Georgetown Opera house Sunday, Nov. 20th at 3 and 6.
- The Garrison Badminton Club will open their season activities at the Georgetown Armory on Friday at 8 o'clock. New members will be welcomed.

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