

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Might Be Better System

While democracy does not mean that we always choose the best man to conduct public affairs, its advantages far outweigh those in countries where a man seizes power and holds his post until a stronger opponent takes over in a power play.

At the same time, a couple of less talented men could be elected by acclamation in one ward, while better men, battling it out in other wards.

Preserve Our History

Some months ago, The Herald suggested that compilation of the town's history would be a fine way to share in Canada's 107th centennial celebrations.

We envisage a comprehensive scheme which would entail several months of work by a person trained in the elements of gathering history.

Let's Choose 'Man of Year'

Many Ontario towns have a custom of choosing the 'Citizen of the Year' - a public tribute to a man or woman who has contributed outstanding service to his community.

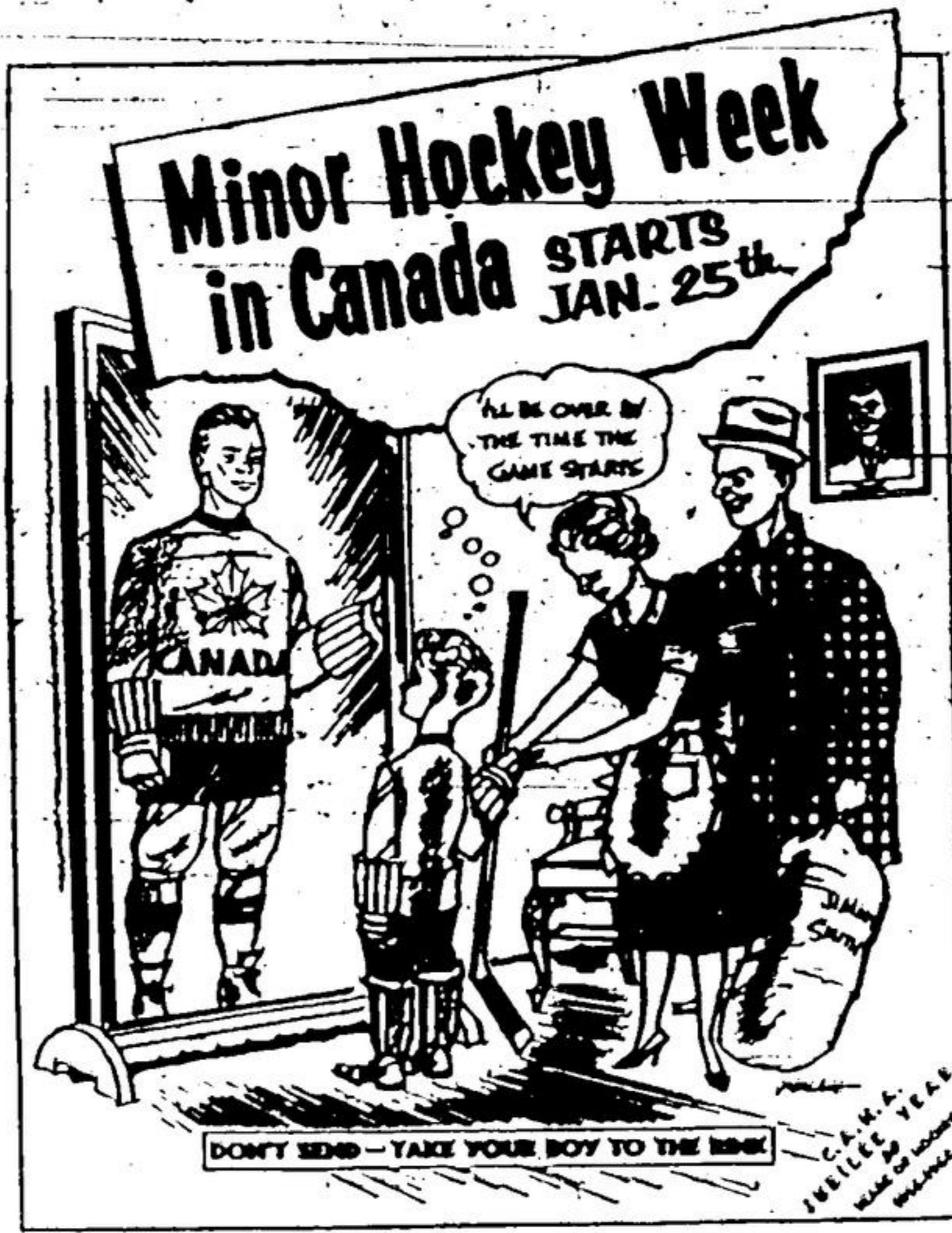
Georgetown is looking for ways to publicize the community over a wide field. Choice of a leading citizen is always a catchy item which makes the daily papers and other news media.

THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

BURTONTON: A couple was left homeless after a fire raged through a restaurant below their apartment about six o'clock Thursday morning.
FERGUS: When Mrs. Matt Wilson of Fergus was cleaning out some of his mother's effects, he came across an old \$20 bill.
OAKVILLE: High School students may be being taught about the dangers of smoking but they don't know about it in Oakville.
BRAMPTON: The Queen's Hotel, one of Brampton's oldest landmarks has been sold for \$125,000 and will be torn down to make way for a high-rise office building.
STREETSVILLE: Keep fit classes, a square dance club and ballroom dancing classes are three activities scheduled to begin near the end of January.

O'Keefe Appointment

Charles Henderson, a member of the Guelph Billmore Memorial Cup championship hockey team of 1951, has been appointed sales representative for the O'Keefe Brewing Company Limited in the Guelph district.
MILTON: Milton's new water line from Kilsnoe will follow a route along the south side of highway 401 to Highway 26 and south to the Base Line.



Georgetown Hospital Rates Increase by \$1.15 per Day

The rates for standard, semi-private and private ward care at Georgetown District Memorial Hospital have been hiked as of January 1st. Budget figures released this week include new rates of \$23.00 for standard or public ward care; \$26.00 for semi-private room; and \$29.00 for private room care.

RENEW EFFORTS FOR 401 ACCESS ROUTE

Georgetown council will renew its efforts to secure a better access road to 401 Highway. Monday council voted to ask Milton M.P.P. George Kerr to arrange another interview with the highways minister to press the town's plea.

Weekly Bible Thought

And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? - Acts 9:4. When one recognizes his Sovereign Lord, it inevitably means his surrender and recognition of responsibility that begins with "What are your orders, Lord?"

NEWS ECHOES

10 YEARS AGO: Two new coroners have been appointed to serve the northern part of Halton County. Dr. J. H. Chamberlain of Georgetown and Dr. Douglas Garrett, Acton, received the appointments.
25 YEARS AGO: The Georgetown High School Junior and Senior Girls basketball teams have started their league play.
WALLACE THOMPSON: 3rd Division Court Clerk & Commissioner.
GEORGETOWN ANIMAL CLINIC: V. Zavitz, DVM, B. Footman, MRCVS, 105 Guelph Street.

SUGAR AND SPICE

On The Smoke Wagon

Well, I guess I'm going to have to quit. That last report on cigarette smoking, the big brutal one from the U.S., has finally broken my nerve. The report says definitely that the death rate among smokers, as compared to non-smokers, is too high from lung cancer, 60 per cent higher from coronary disease, and 40 per cent higher from pulmonary emphysema.
I had no objection to passing away from a perfectly normal, respectable disease of the 20th century, like lung cancer or a coronary, but that pulmonary emphysema has me scared. It sounds nasty.
I started smoking when I was about nine in the old country in my home town. A group of us urdines used to gather there and puff a dry wood known as "monkey tobacco" rolled in toilet paper. By the time we were twelve we were well into "makin' it" tobacco papers plucked from somebody's old man.

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