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EDITORIAL COMMENT

North Holding On

The second annual report of the Y.M.W.C.A., given at a dinner meeting last week, showed an impressive record for this infant organization.

Among the variety of Y activities are programs and gym classes for junior teens, a Co-Ed Club which has a series of dances, judo, bridge instruction, adult square dancing, a summer day camp for children and a senior citizens club.

To give some idea of the program, attendants at the dinner saw a judo class in action, a gym demonstration by boys and girls, and heard an original folk song by one of the young members.

While optimism was sounded in every speech, there was one dark note to the evening — a lack of money. Operating on an \$8,000 expense budget last year, the Y balanced its books with a surplus left from the previous period. This year, it must somehow find at least \$2,000 more for the same program, or face a drastic belt-tightening.

We would hate to see the organization disband for lack of such funds. The Y

is not a profit-making group, nor does it pre-conceive programs, then look for recruits for the ranks. It is dedicated particularly to giving young people clean, healthy recreation in their formative years. It believes it can do this better than a purely localized group because of its worldwide affiliations and the proven value of the services it offers.

If it can operate for many years without a central building, though in every mind is the dream that someday Georgetown will be of a size and contain the interest necessary to acquire this facility. Meanwhile, the programs can be quite adequately provided by using existing facilities, schools, church halls, whatever is available.

The public is not asked for large donations when campaign time comes. A dollar or two from every resident and there would be more than enough. Sometimes we feel that a proportion of residents look on the Y as purely a recreation group. Those who take the time to enquire, to learn more about it, cannot help but become boosters.

Step in Right Direction

Increases in salaries of the town municipal office is a step in the right direction by council.

For too long, municipal salaries have been far below par for similar jobs in industry and far out of line with what should be paid by what, in effect, is a million dollar corporation.

They are still too low, but council has perhaps gone as far as it can in a year when it is hoped to increase the tax rate, at least to hold it at its present level.

Political Awareness

One of the less publicized activities at high school is the model parliament.

On Saturday, the Georgetown group distinguished themselves by winning a plaque for best all-round participation when they sent delegates to Brampton in a day sponsored by the United Nations association.

Previously elections had been held at the school to choose members. Students gained an insight into Canada's electoral system and the ten young men and women who were sent to Brampton gained

It is too often a common failing that government employees tend to be underpaid. The civil service is a prime example. While a low salary scale is somewhat compensated by job security, the sad fact is that the positions tend to become cluttered with incompetent help, overloaded in numbers and cumbersome with needless detail.

Georgetown is wise to avoid this. If anything, the town office should be known as a place which draws the highest quality, the best skilled and the most efficient employees.

Further information about parliamentary procedure and the conduct of a legislating body.

Students and staff are to be congratulated on this interest which, while not part of the school curriculum, is certainly an important preparation for adult life. While we do not think a school should be overloaded with extra-curricular activities to the detriment of the studies which a young person must master, some well-chosen programs of this type add to the development of teen minds.



IN-FLIGHT REPAIRS

SUGAR AND SPICE

Grass is Always Greener

NEWS DESK EXTRAS

by Terry Harley

PET PEEVE DEPT.: In a matter of weeks the National Hockey League will be handing out the cash and silverware that annually proclaims this or that particular hero employee as having been of most value to his team, most successfully scrambling the referee's radar, or eluding the well honed elbows of a Leaf Don Quixote named Eddie Shack.

Most of the tangible accolades find their way to the deserving party through a voting system that seems to function reasonably well. At least one, the awarding of the Vezina Trophy ring untrue too often.

The Vezina goes annually to the goalie of the team which at the end of the regular schedule has had the least number of goals scored against it. The recipient for some reason known only to league fathers and daily sportswriters is then lauded as the best goalie in the NHL during that particular season.

The fact is the goals against percentage is a team mark and if a trophy is to be awarded it should be a team trophy and clearly defined as such.

Good goal tending is just one of the team's strong points reflected in the goals against average. It also mirrors great work by the defense and above-average checking and backchecking by the forwards. When the opposing team has the puck everybody on the defending team is, or should be, doing his damndest to prevent a score, not just the net minder who only handles the shot if the forwards and defense have failed in their defensive efforts.

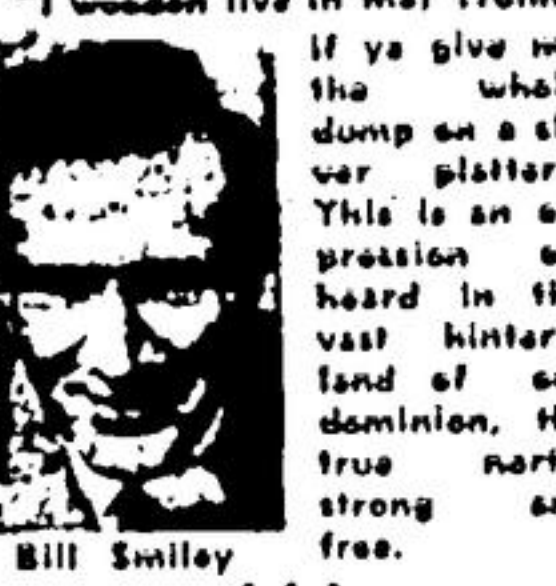
It's time the NHL reviewed the award of a trophy to a player to whom it doesn't belong.

If they want to pick and honour a 'best goal keeper' the choice should be made by the players who would be allowed to cast ballots for only the goalies on the other five teams. The yardstick should not be a statistic which could, and often does, place the Vezina in the hands of a goalie who has had to handle two-thirds of the shots on a more deserving toiler who finishes well back.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Count it all joy when you fall into divers temptations. James 1:2.

Victory cannot be won without encountering the foe.



Bill Smiley

"I wouldn't live in that Yreana if ya give me the whole dump on a silver platter." This is an expression oft heard in the vast hinterland of our dominion, the true north, strong and free.

The statement above is usually followed by a diatribe against 'city living'. Its high rents, its heavy traffic, its unrelentingness; its distance from that demi-paradise, the speaker's home town.

"Ya, I know it's nice in the summer up north there. But wuddaya do all winter in that dump." This is equally familiar.

It is asked in the tone of simple incredulity of a sophisticated suburbanite who spends all winter doing exactly what you do in that dump up north: working, playing, bringing up your family, trying to pay the bills, and growing older.

On most matters I take a stand. But in this denunciation of the other fellow's mode of life, I take two stands.

The first is gentle agreement with my small town friends. I go along with their belligerent argument that the city is no place to live; that it's wonderful to be able to get out for an exotic meal in a fascinating place; that the small town doesn't provide the same cultural opportunities for your kids.

When I am listening to some old buddy who lives in the city, I nod sagely when he points out that the city is an exciting place to live; that it's wonderful to be able to get out for an exotic meal in a fascinating place; that the small town doesn't provide the same cultural opportunities for your kids.

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NEWS ECHOES

From the Pages of the Herald, 1929 and 1964

10 YEARS AGO

- Fire which broke out Thursday morning in the kitchen of Harold Michie's farm home completely destroyed the large shooch house. Fire brigades from Milton and Georgetown were able to save the barn despite a strong wind, which blew flames toward the nearby building.
- Most serious robbery to occur in Georgetown for some time was a smash and grab occurrence early Thursday morning at Barber's Gift Shop. The store's show window was smashed at about 4 a.m. in the morning and watches valued at \$700 stolen.
- Georgetown citizens will have a chance to see what goes on behind the scenes at the local telephone exchange when the Bell holds Open House at its building 42 Main Street North in April. The public is invited to inspect the complicated operation.

25 YEARS AGO

- Over 350 men of all ranks of the Toronteo Scots regiment of Halton, Peel, and Dufferin counties have started spring training and will continue until June 26th. They are preparing for the visit of the King and Queen.
- In abandoning the idea of a municipal building in Georgetown this year, the present council and Mayor Joseph Gibbons are consistently pursuing the policy of debt reduction. Although the members of council considered building a suitable public building on the site formerly owned by Creelman's Limited, at the last meeting of council, they disposed of the property to Mrs. W. Preston and Mr. Hyman Silver, whom we believe intend erecting buildings which will be a credit to the town. Mrs. Preston has given the Georgetown Lumber Company the contract for remodeling the Creelman building into a first class restaurant and apartment.

on at the front door. The rest are at home watching the same TV program as the fellow in the city.

On Saturdays, the whole problem is brought into perspective, on a four-lane highway. Down to the city, it's one stream, pour the thousands of people going in for a day to shop, see shows, suck up some fast culture.

Up from the city, in the other stream, pour the thousands of people going north for the skiing or swimming or fishing. They don't even wave to each other.

The last Old Gas Price Changed Thursday

The last Georgetown service station to adjust its gas prices was Armstrong's Service Station on Guelph Street, which sold gas at the old rate until Thursday, five days after Ontario government placed a 2 cent per gallon additional tax on it. A spokesman for the garage,

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