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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Tax Decision in the Balance

Georgetown's 1964 tax rate still hangs in the balance.

Mayor Gibbons has determined that the rate will drop this year. While at least three councillors have indicated that it should remain at its present level or even increase slightly.

The average taxpayer is left somewhat in doubt as to what is the best action. Everyone would welcome a smaller tax bill. And if this can be accomplished with judicious pruning of expenses, while still providing necessary maintenance of services, then we're all for it.

On the other hand if council were to knowingly reduce taxes, knowing that next year's expenses must jump because of this, and necessitate a sharp increase, an evening out for the two years is the wise move.

Whatever the outcome of council's deliberations, we must remember that the town treasury, like that of its individual contributors, is not a bottomless pit which produces money at the asking.

A wise council will budget just like a wise individual.

It will attempt to get the best value for the most necessities and the odd luxury while saving a bit for a rainy day.

If it borrows money, as must be done for such major expenditures as new schools, water and sewer extensions, it must look ahead to ensure that payments can be made on schedule.

It differs in one respect — it cannot save money by budgeting for a surplus, as can an individual. Its saving comes in lower tax rates, with the dollars staying in the pockets of the taxpayers.

It is about these things which we hope councillors are thinking as they debate the budget, and not just politics to justify election campaigns or lay the groundwork for the next election.

And we trust that the majority decision will be made in Georgetown's best interests.

Let's Fill The Arena

During Easter week, the local arena is buzzing as 41 teams of bantam hockey players vie for the coveted honour of being declared an international champion team.

This is the fourth year since the idea, conceived by Jack Gudgion, which came into being largely through the efforts of Walter (Red) Asseline, has been in existence.

The tournament got off to a good start and its pace has never slackened. There are more entries each year than the week can accommodate. The quality of hockey is

excellent. And the youngsters, billeted in local homes and entertained royally by service clubs during their stay, boost Georgetown over a wide area afterwards.

The tournament is financed mostly through the sale of booster tickets, entitling the holder to attend all games played. So far each tournament has raised the necessary funds to provide ice time, meals and incidental expenses. But one can never coast on past records, and we urge everyone to buy a ticket — and just as important, attend some of the games. A crowded arena is the best measure of the tournament's success.

How About Industrial Show

Two years ago, Georgetown had an excellent industrial show.

Most local industries prepared exhibits. Some traced actual sales to the show while others were content to let people know what they produced, which perhaps had some good effects on sales also.

The arena, with cement floor just installed was excellent for the purpose. Exhibits were uniformly excellent and there was nothing but praise for the ingenuity shown in the arrangements.

It was hoped at the time that the show

would be, if not an annual event, at least one which would have a repeat performance. Perhaps a yearly one would eventually lose its appeal, both to public in attendance and to exhibitors, who must go to a lot of trouble to display their wares.

We hope the idea has not gone by the boards altogether.

Perhaps the industrial commission will discuss another show this year, or plan for one in 1965. It is a valuable show window, good advertising and gives Georgetown some good publicity.



SECOND RUN ON THE PENSION SLALOM

SUGAR AND SPICE

The Irish in Spring

Caught between the Seven Leagues of Ireland and the Twenty-first of Spring, I was in a quandary about a topic for this week's epistle. (A quandary.)

THE MAIL BAG

Thorold Lady Incensed Says Arena Thoughtless

28 Macdonald Ave.
Thorold Ont.

To the Editor:
I would honestly like to know the reason the arena management felt it so necessary to keep the Thorold Lady hockey team out of the Georgetown arena on Sunday, March 8th. These lads had travelled 70 miles only to be left out in the cold weather.

I do feel that the Thorold arena management would never consider a thought along these lines and that any team could be directed to a dressing room regardless of public skating. May I thank you for your consideration.

Mrs. William Stevenson,
28 Macdonald Ave.
Thorold Ont.

ACTON

A new organization will be born in Acton tonight when a Senior Citizens club is organized. Recreation director Jim Cashburn and Acton W.I. are behind the project.

OAKVILLE

A multi-million dollar deal involving the sale of the Cities Service refinery here was announced at noon last Thursday. British Petroleum will acquire all its marketing and refining properties.

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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

He that believeth on him (Christ) is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. — John 3:18.

How clear are the teachings of God, and how patient the Teacher.

More than 60 kinds of claps are grown commercially in Canada.

I never know any more than the kids do, whether my wife is going to hit me or kiss me. And I never know whether the Twenty-first of March is going to wrap me in great voluptuous embrace or flay me with a wind that would freeze the brains of a brass monkey.

There's a great deal of myth in the popular conception of these tricky twins, the Irish and spring in Canada. Irishmen are supposed to be bubbling over with the juices of life. They are understood to be warmhearted, charming, gay and lively. They're expected to be sentimental and eloquent, generous and devil may care. And many of them are.

But don't blame me if the first Irishman you meet after reading this is an lugubrious, long-faced, mournful, money-grubbing, pleasure-shunning, pick-picking, self-pitying, people-hating type. Some of them are.

Same with spring in Canada. It's supposed to be a day when the blood bubbles. When the young mothers are all out with their new baby carriages, when the sun smiles down on the scene, when the first tiny flower pokes their dainty heads up, and the streams gurgle with raptness, and the air smells and feels giddy as like champagne. And sometimes it is.

But chance are, on the Twenty-first of Spring, you'll be racked by 'flu, you'll have a hole in your rubbers, your eavestroughs will be pandulous with ice, your car won't start, the ice will stretch as far as eye can see on the bay, and a gale that would curdle the blood of a Laplander is howling out of the north.

However, that's life. And this is my salute to the Irish, whom I have loved and hated, fought with and laughed at. And this is also my salute to spring, which I have loved and hated, coped with and cursed at.

Perhaps we should let some more distinguished company have the last word on the Irish. Like George Moore, who said, "My one claim to originality among Irishmen is that I have never made a speech."

Or Mark Twain: "Give an Irishman a layer for a month and he's a dead man. An Irishman is lined with copper, and the beer corrodes it. But whiskey polishes the copper and is the saving of him."

NEWS DESK EXTRAS

by Terry Harley

Results of a survey of confection outlets in the wake of the American Medical Association's report linking smoking with cancer are about as clear as pool hall air on a Saturday night. Confectioners say cigarette sales haven't slipped, but at the same time pipe sales are up.

According to that, smokers have been able to stop smoking them, but can't stop buying them.

Speaking of pipes, have you tried your eye at separating the veterans of the brass league from the tyros? It's not difficult. The inexperienced pipe smoker is the one with no evidence of his new habit. No aroma. No smoke. And no tobacco. Seems the Johnny come lately are content to use their empty pipes as deluxe pacifiers.

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about anything that isn't libelous will get into print. But because the authors didn't sign their names, and addresses.

We feel such a stipulation is only fair. The Herald expresses opinions weekly on the editorial page and any resulting commendation or criticism comes here because the source of the opinions is The Herald and there is no attempt to disguise it. By the same token the source of opinions expressed in a Mail Bag letter should be just as public.

It's always disappointing to have to sit on a well composed epistle because the writer chose to remain anonymous. One letter has been held back this week for just such a reason. If the person who signed their letter, 'A Neighbour' will drop in and append a signature, his or her opinions will make it to the Herald's columns.

We're no legal eagle, nor are we a flag waver for more capital punishment, but it strikes us that if the jury had not returned the verdict it did in the Dallas trial of Jack Ruby the American interpretation of justice would have been due for an overhaul. Any acquittal would have struck a powerful blow for the theory that there is no crime in the world, just because of censorship, just get by our Adam's apple.

NEWS ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald, 1954 and 1959

10 YEARS AGO

- Don Barrager completed negotiations yesterday for purchase of Clarence Bain's building on south Main St. and expects to have his complete business housed there by the end of the year.
- One of Georgetown's oldest businesses changed hands this week when Norm Snyder sold his transport business to Scobie Transport Ltd.
- A lawyer in Georgetown for forty years, Leroy Dale, Q.C., celebrated the event on Saturday with an Open House at the Legion Auditorium. Over four hundred people called at the reception.

25 YEARS AGO

- Rev. D. L. Howard, formerly of Georgetown, had good luck in Orilla the other day when he was served an oyster that contained seventeen pearls.
- Arrangements have almost been completed whereby Georgetown school children will see their majesties while in Toronto, May 22nd. Reservation has been made in front of the grandstand at the exhibition grounds for the children.
- It was with deep regret that the citizens of this district learned Thursday of the death in Ballinacof of Mrs. Agnes Young who was in her 107th year. She was believed to be the district's oldest living woman. Her death came just a day after her daughter Miss Barbara Young, who had helped care for her mother during illness. A double funeral was held Friday.

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HARLEY TO HALTON

WEEKLY OBSERVATIONS BY DR. HARRY HARLEY, M.P.—FOR HALTON—

The Columbia River Treaty Provincial Commission is to be referred to the External Affairs Representation Commission, Committee after approximately Nelson Castonguay, the pre- one week of debate. During this vious Returning Officer. One however that it is some feeling er to have these commissions the only Party opposed to this a Court Judge made by the named by office — such as the legislation is the New Demb- Chief Justice of the Provincial President of a University or erative Party. We hope that the Supreme Court. The other two Electoral Officer for the Province. Committee, will report back to members, are debatable.

DISTRICT NEWS

- CHINGUACOUSY**
Chinguacousy taxes are among the lowest and most attractive in Canada — and there is little likelihood of them climbing within the foreseeable future. Reason for their happy state according to Arthur Armstrong, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, is the perfect balance of 60% residential to 40% industrial.
- MILTON**
Construction of a \$50,000 curling rink in Milton was assured last week as Milton promoters reported tremendous interest in the proposal. The four-sheet, artificial ice rink will be built by next curling season.
- LOWVILLE**
The surviving member of twins born to Mrs. Stuart King of Lowville is reported out of danger now. Born three months prematurely the tiny infant weighed just 1 lb. 14 oz. at birth. A twin boy died shortly after birth. The unusually small baby will remain in Milton hospital until 5 lbs.
- ROCKWOOD**
A Royal City Ambulance Service representative met with Eramosa Township Council last week and told them that unless an agreement and guarantee was entered into, it would be impossible to continue the service in the township and village.
- BRAMPTON**
The R.H. I. Brampton youth who is charged with wounding in connection with the Feb. 25 stabbing of Glen Vandrift was released on \$500 bail Feb. 27. His case has been remanded until today. He has not been allowed to attend school classes since the stabbing.
- STREETSVILLE**
Streetsville Lions completed their pledge of \$18,000 to the Streetsville arena fund last week. Their final payment was made with a \$2,000 cheque.