

# Georgetown Herald

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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Do We Vote Man or Party?

Defection of two Quebec members of parliament from the ranks of the Social Credit to the Conservatives brings an interesting issue before Canadian voters.

Does the average voter mark his ballot for a man, or for a political party? And if the latter, does an elected member have at least a moral obligation to stay a party member during his stay at Ottawa?

To all intents, it is party which is of paramount importance at election time. Good men, particularly in the ranks of the third party NDP have been sidetracked in favour of men less qualified because the majority of voters appear to support the older established parties. When an election is over, we make a great to-do about this or that 'party' winning the election. And if the winner is not strong enough, the 'party' is soon ousted and another election held.

There is valid reason, then, for a man to continue as a party member as long as he retains his seat. And if he becomes disillusioned, or has a change of political phil-

osophy, then he should resign and seek re-election under his new colours.

It is interesting to think what could happen should party-switching become the fashion.

At present, the Liberals have a slight edge in federal support, and the Conservatives are breathing hot on their necks. Suppose at the next election, the P-Cs decided to have a number of their most popular vote getters deny their party, secure the Liberal nomination, get elected, then switch horses later on.

Or, more realistically, suppose a number of present M.P.s followed the lead of the two Quebecers and suddenly became Conservatives.

The balance of power could change radically, without any mandate at all from the electors. And our parliamentary system, confusing enough as it is, could become virtually unworkable.

Silly? Perhaps... but not impossible.

### Cancer Group Needs Help

With Cancer Month drawing to a close, officials of the local organization are concerned with the financial support to date in their annual fund campaign.

They realize the many calls that are made on people's pocketbooks and such a campaign never looks for any large amount from any one person. Ideally, a dollar here, a dollar there, a few extra dollars from business people and industry, and the fund is over the top.

The money is urgently needed to provide continuing research to fight a disease which is only too well known in Georgetown, as it is in every community in Canada.

That it will someday be controlled is sure. Just as T.B. has been conquered. Just as diabetes is no longer the killer it was a few generations ago. Just as smallpox has been virtually eliminated, scarlet fever cut to a minor affliction — so will cancer some day.

Meanwhile, the faster research progresses, the sooner this day will come. And the more money we donate, the more we progress to success.

### Entertainment Par Excellence

The annual Rotary show is almost so well known that it should hardly need a reminder to put it on your 'must' list.

After two performances last week, the show goes on again this Friday and Saturday nights in the high school auditorium. And from reports of those who have already attended, it is as fine a show as the Rotarians have ever presented.

Secondly, while it is not our custom to advise local people to seek their entertainment out of town, we recommend the Broadway musical "Kiss Me Kate", which is playing a two week engagement in Hamilton starting May 9th.

The Hamilton show is the reason why Tom Trouten does not have his usual part in the Rotary show. For this fine local singer is playing the lead in this. Many people travelled to Kitchener two years ago to see him star in Pyjama Game.

Many have seen Kiss Me Kate when it played the Royal Alex, Music Fair, or as a movie. It is one of the best musicals ever written, brimming with comedy and lovely Cole Porter songs. We had a small sample of the performance of Tom and attending lady Carol Anne Curry when we attended a press preview last week. Their voices blend beautifully in the romantic duets "Wonderbar" and "So in Love".

For convenience of those who wish to attend the show, reserved seat applications are available at The Herald Office. The show will be a sell-out so don't leave it too late to order.

### THE MAIL BAG

### Terms Sewer Service Charge is Exorbitant

April 25th, 1964,  
5 Keats Avenue,  
Georgetown

Dear Editor:

Further to my 'BEEP LIST' with which you headed my last week's letter, I would like to make my topic this week — WATER.

Water, a liquid compound of hydrogen and oxygen, colorless, transparent, and destitute of taste and smell (but not in Georgetown).

Ours is a liquid but what you make tea with it you never know if it's tea you are drinking or someone is trying to poison you.

Now for this service, we pay a very high rate. Having paid to get this very necessary liquid, we are then compelled to pay an exorbitant price to get rid of what we have used, and water we have never even had.

Sounds complicated, doesn't it but I will try and explain.

The minimum rate to each residential consumer is 8000 gallons for two months, for which you pay three dollars. To get rid of this you are charged fifty per cent of your water bill and at the minimum rate you would pay one dollar fifty cents sewage charge, making a total of four dollars and fifty cents.

Quite a large percentage of consumers use less than the minimum quantity, namely 6000 gallons in two months, and are charged a flat rate of three dollars.

I am willing to show you the way but you must be prepared to help. To all those

who own or are buying their own homes, remember this nothing is believed without some effort. So what about it. You can reach me at 877-9404, and if not successful the first time you ring, try again. Thanks,

—E. R. Francis

### Scores Car Dealers For Not Checking

Crown Attorney Peter McWilliams told the court that car vendors that make it possible for irresponsible drivers to take away cars without proper licensing and insurance should be made to appear in court.

He was referring to a charge where an R.R. 4 Georgetown man was found guilty of driving a car he had just purchased March 30th with no insurance and with license plate from another vehicle.

Georgetown Police Corporal Ted Scott told the court he found the accused trying to push his car along McNabb St. On investigation he found the accused had station wagon plates on his sedan car. "The accused admitted he drove the car," said the Corporal.

Crown Attorney McWilliams said he noted the accused had not obtained new plates for 1964 giving his excuse as lacking the 600 to buy them.

The Crown said persons who sell cars without first investigating the circumstances of the persons who purchase them should face the courts. He noted the accused had borrowed his plates from a third party.

Magistrate James Black fined the accused \$15. Two other charges were withdrawn.



### JUDY IN BLUNDERLAND

### SUGAR AND SPICE

### It Would Be Heavenly

What would you like to find most when you go to heaven? Let's assume for one wild, exhilarated moment, that we're all going to get there.

Some people would plump for a meeting of loved ones. This I can never understand. It is like a fellow who has served a life sentence waiting to be greeted by the warden when he hits the pearly gates.

Others, sad souls, would be overjoyed, if they could 'just be happy'. Being happy all the time would be a real drag. I thoroughly enjoy being miserable on this orb, so that when something good happens, my pleasure is intensified.

Quite a few, who suffer from physical ailments, would be satisfied with peace and comfort. The incoercible imagines days and nights of solid slumber. The arthritic dreams of being able to scratch his other ear without feeling as though his arm was being severed at the shoulder by a red hot iron.

What cheated girls would settle for a mammoth bosom. They forget that none of the rest of us would be interested.

Some chaps I know would be perfectly happy to leave any time if they could count on a

golf course with emerald fairways and velvet greens, 18 holes a day in which they sliced, not just did they hook, and a good game of poker at the 19th, with the bar handy.

Many sober citizens I know would be happy in heaven far over afterwards, if they could be guaranteed (and get it in writing) that their wives (or husbands) would be in the other place, permanently.

Alcoholics would not only be in heaven, but the seventh of the same name, if their crock runneth over, perpetually, and somebody else was looking after things.

A few millionaires, once they had admitted they couldn't take it with them, would be serene in a place where there were no taxes, no labour movements, no wages to pay, and nobody asking them to donate to something every 12 minutes.

My personal fantasy is a simple one. I'd go like a shot if someone would promise me, unconditionally, a dark, swirling trout stream, impregnable to invasion by women, telephones and other nuisances.

I can see it now. Swift, deep, croaked, ending in a vast, silent, mysterious, heaving pond, loaded with lunkers. I can hear it: the exciting mutter of a small dam just around the bend; the splash of a startled frog; the sudden, heart-stopping takeoff of a disturbed partridge; the whack of a beaver fall.

### NEWS ECHOES

- from the pages of the Herald, 1954 and 1959
- 10 YEARS AGO**
    - Georgetown's newest doctor is Alistair Macintosh, who succeeds his friend, Dr. Hamish Raffan in the practice which Dr. Raffan established here a year ago.
    - Cpl. Raymond Beckett who succeeds Cpl. Joe McEal as head of the Provincial Police detachment here, has brought his wife and family to town. They are living in Sunbeam Heights.
    - Latest of Georgetown's growing list of subdivisions is Cloverdale Heights, with 69 homes planned on a 17-acre tract of land purchased from ex-mayor Harold Cleave. The subdivision will lie between Main Street and Churchill Cresc.
    - Unknown until the story broke last week was the fact that John Frost of Georgetown was the experimental engineer on the "flying saucer" being developed at Malton.
  - 25 YEARS AGO**
    - A large barn valued at \$10,000, belonging to Archie McMeekin, one mile east of Norval was burned to the ground late Monday afternoon. The fire originated in the straw stack. Neighbours moved all the furniture a safe distance from the blaze when the house was threatened.
    - His friends and acquaintances here were shocked to learn last week of the sudden death of Flying Officer Thomas Adam Darling, whose plane was reported missing over the North Sea during Britain's air manoeuvres. Thomas Darling was born in Georgetown and spent his boyhood here.
    - Five pretty Georgetown girls were among the 23 entered in the beauty contest held in conjunction with the eighth annual Blacklock picnic at Oakville last Saturday. Entered from here were: Evelyn Sanderson, Mary Cummins, Jennie Farmer, Shirley Dillon and Jean McDonald.

### NEWS DESK EXTRAS

By Terry Marley

### Don't be duped.

But don't tar all door-to-door salespeople with the same brush either.

That is the essence of the paper blizzard the Direct Sellers Association is dumping on news desks these first, uncertain days of spring.

The DSA are hoping the newspaperman's attitude toward the daily tide of waste-paper fodder that comes through the mails will be turned to jelly by that seasonal malady, spring fever. Maybe the powerful motivation that drives news editors everywhere to scoop up anything that upsets "literature" and cast them in the incinerator twice a day will be dispelled by the warm April breezes, they figure.

Well, at this news desk at least they hit a soft spot. A breach in the dyke of resistance.

I actually opened some of these square brown envelopes that the trained news editor's eye identifies immediately as a fifty-page "news release" from the National Council for the Protection of the Dwindling Aardvark, or the chairman of the board of governors' address to shareholders of a button-hook manufacturing firm in Mori Landing, P.Q.

Actually the Direct Sellers Association had better refrain from picking April for their publicity campaign than hoping to hit newspapers with their dukes down.

This is the time of year when the door-to-door con artists come out of moth balls and bloom in profusion at your front door.

The DSA offers these tips:

- (1) Ask to see the credentials of any door-to-door salesman you don't know.
- (2) Examine the products and look for the brand name.
- (3) Read their promotional literature carefully.
- (4) Understand any contract before you sign, and get a copy of it for future reference.
- (5) Question all dealers about guarantees.
- (6) If still in doubt check out the name of the dealer or company with the Better Business Bureau.

"Don't go for the hard luck story," says one of the pamphlets. "Watch out for the low, low bargain prices. Be wary of giving information for 'survey purposes' to anyone other than local organizations."

### BREWERS MANAGER, CHIEF AT SAFETY AWARD DINNER

Charles Cocklin, manager of the Georgetown branch of the Breweries Marketing Company and City Editor, Chief Organizer of the Georgetown Division of the Ontario Safety League, presided at the company's annual Safe Drivers Award Banquet at the Congress Hotel in Kitchener on Wednesday, April 22.

The banquet provides an occasion at which company drivers who have been accident-free for the previous year receive Ontario Safety League Award medals — and, in addition, company bonus cheques.

The Georgetown outlet, located in the DeLair Market Centre, is included in the Kitchener-Guelph and Hanover districts from which drivers, employees and guests attended.

Of the 30 eligible drivers at these locations, 18 received Ontario Safety Award medals, and Company safe driving bonus cheques. This represents 90% of the total drivers, and represents 110 years of accident-free driving, with the top award going to Mr. A. Hardy of the Guelph Division who won his 14 year award, emblematic of fourteen years of accident-free driving. The gathering was advised that the award winning drivers had logged over 1,000,000 miles without a preventable accident.

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