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... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

Happy News for Town

With 'back to work' at Smith & Stone this week, Georgetown people are looking happier. The 7 week strike at the town's largest industry had cast a gloom over this normally happy town, affecting as it did, some 542 men and women directly and almost everyone else in an indirect way.

Aside from the obvious economic factors which a strike entails, there is a side-effect in social relationships which can have bad effects. Small-town people are so closely linked in church, fraternal and recreation organizations that a major labour dispute makes everyone uncomfortable.

It is to the credit of our residents in general that there were a minimum of incidents of any lasting importance. Union and management exhibited cool heads at times when trouble might have started and there were few occasions when tension mounted beyond the bounds of reasonableness.

What could have been a civic tragedy on Saturday turned out to have a happy ending also when Mayor Gibbons had a harrowing experience at the Mount Pleasant railway crossing. With car stalled on the tracks and a Georgetown-bound train only yards away, Mr. Gibbons had time to get out of his car. And though he was unsuccessful in averting the train striking his car, he escaped unharmed.

We can thus be thankful on two counts this week - the end of a serious labour dispute and the knowledge that our chief civic officer has been spared from injury or death.

Pay One Way or Another

An impending debenture, recommended by the Dept. of Municipal Affairs to clear a deficit in the town's water department, points to the fact that you have to pay for what you get.

For several years the water department has not paid its way. There was a time when a book-keeping separation was not made in the town books and water could be subsidized by the general tax rate. But with an accounting evolution, water became a separate business and costs became much more obvious. A recommendation for a rate increase by the 1963 water committee was turned down by council. There was some politics involved, because for some reason, water rates are something on which people keep a much sharper eye than many other necessary household expenditures.

We don't like to increase our cost of living any more than the next person, but we honestly can't see why people will complain about the cost of water. For little more than $2.00 a month, we get a product which we can drink, use for cooking, bathing, car washing and lawn spraying. It is an absolute necessity for our health and sanitation. Many heating systems require it. We keep down dust on our roads, boil eggs, use it for our tea and coffee. It fills home swimming pools, cools off our summer drinks, is used in refrigeration systems.

And all this for a couple of dollars a month, less than we spend to read a daily paper, not much more than we pay to have our garbage removed.

But whether we like it or not, the water which we use in town must be paid for in one way or another. If the water department is to operate at a loss it must have a subsidy from the general tax rate. Whichever way it is done, it comes from the taxpayer's pocket, and there is no fairy godmother to wave a wand and provide our water supply without payment.

Many Aids for Students

A college education is within the reach of every young Canadian today.

Besides the academic scholarships and the federal and provincial aid in bursaries, such bodies as the Atkinson Foundation play a key role in assisting deserving students reach their goal.

Only one example is the student aid bursary program inaugurated in 1958 by the trucking industry.

"The foundation consists of transport companies who donate funds in lieu of Christmas gifts to customers" says a trucking spokesman. "We started with 22 members in 1958, now have 76 and the number is increasing each year."

A total of $40,700 will be awarded this year, half of this in direct bursaries to students who fail to secure the necessary 66% required for Federal-Provincial bursaries, half to universities to distribute to enrolled students in dire need of financial assistance.

At the end of this term, 43 students assisted by the foundation will have graduated. Some who failed to secure second class standing in high school were honour university graduates.

At least one district student was able to attend university last year because of this aid, bringing the trucking industry's plan closer to home.

There are many other 'assists' available and we advise any graduating student in need of financial help to consult with his high school principal. We hope no deserving young Georgetowner will be kept from his goal by lack of money.

THE MAIL BAG

Refutes Acton Editorial That GHS Bars Students

Inferences in the Acton weekly paper The Free Press that the Georgetown high school refuses to enroll Acton students brought a reply from Ern Forgrave, secretary of the Georgetown high school board last week.

The letter which straightened some facts segarding local acceptance of applicants from out of the district, is reprinted here as it appeared on the Free Press' editorial page.

Dear Sir:

I respectfully request permission to speak through your fine paper to the people of Acton in regard to admission of 7 Acton District High School students to Georgetown District High School.

I refer to statements made in reference to this item in issues of the Acton Free Press on Thursday, May 14, 1964 and Thursday, May 21, 1964. In each of these issues, the reference seems to be that Georgetown District High School Board refuses to accept Acton District High School students.

I beg to inform the people of Acton High School District that Application Forms are available at the Board Office, 70 Guelph Street, Georgetown, for Acton High School District students wishing to enroll for the 1964-65 term in the following courses:

5 year business and commerce branch.
4 year business and commerce branch.
5 year science, technology and trades branch.
4 year science, technology and trades branch.

Several students from Acton High School District are currently enrolled in Vocational courses at Georgetown District High School.

Enrolment in Diversified Occupations for boys has been such that it has been necessary to restrict enrolment to Georgetown students.

The reference to 'Acton taxpayers helping to foot the bill' by directly contributing to the cost of construction of the vocational wing is poorly taken. The overall cost of construction and equipment of this project was close to one million, three hundred thousand dollars. The Govenment of Canada, in conjunition with the Government of Ontario, arranged for grants on the cost of construction and equipment. These grants amounted to approximately $1,250,000.

The municipalities of the Town of Georgetown and the township of Esquesing were required to issue debetures in the amount of $41,000. Payments of interest and principal on these debentures are made by the taxpayer in the Georgetown High School District. Taxpayers in Acton High School District are not taxed for payments on these debentures.

Early in 1961, details of the proposed Federal - Provincial Training program were released to the general public. Georgetown District High School Board promptly applied for permission to participate and were among the first boards to receive approval. Enrolment at Georgetown District High School at that time was less than 600.

In summary, may I, on behalf of Georgetown District High School Board, extend cordial wishes for future cooperation between all concerned in matters pertaining to students of Acton and Georgetown High School Districts.

Yours very truly,
Georgetown District High School Board,
Ernest Forgrave,
Secretary-treasurer.

DISTRICT NEWS

ROCKWOOD

Over eight hundred bicycles were given safety by Guelph OPP Constable Croskill and Collins during a one-day bicycle safety campaign at Rockwood School Friday.

ACTON

Prospect Park will have floodlights for softball games. Acton council last week approved installation of the mercury vapour lighting system and agreed to apply for a government grant amounting to a maximum of $1,000 to help offset total cost of $4,898.

THE CAMEL'S HUMP

SUGAR AND SPICE

A Shovel For Symbol?

Bill Smiley

I don't know how you feel about it, but that "distinctive" Canadian flag with the three spindly maple leaves on it makes me want to throw up. I'd like to see somebody ask you to go out and fight and die for it.

No, I'm not a Red Ensign boy. The Red Ensign was a makeshift, at best. It is too confused with colonialism and the merchant marine and the Union Jack ever to be accepted. If we MUST have a Canadian flag, which I deny violently.

By the way, I think the Canadian Legion has had some pretty shoddy treatment from the daily press because of its espousal of the Ensign, and it's less than enthusiastic reception of the Prime Minister, at the Winnipeg convention.

What's wrong with an organization standing up for something it believes in? Everybody else does it, from hog producers to folk singers. But the Legion was suddenly made the butt of a vicious and slanted attack in certain dailies.

The men who did the dirty work in two wars were suddenly catalogued as a group of reactionaries, or as one daily put it, a "bunch of old soldiers," trying to tell the rest of Canada what flag it should have.

This canard was climaxed by a brutal cartoon by Duncan MacPherson in the Toronto Star, portraying the Legionnaire as a bleary-eyed, beery-nosed old blimp, clinging to the past. Even the Star was embarrassed by the cartoonist's lack of taste.

But this isn't a defense of the Legion. It can look after itself. It has a minority of old boozers. So does the yacht club and the curling club and the service club and the press club.

Before I finish this digression, let me ask a question. What's wrong with booing the Prime Minister? It may be impolite, but it's a heck of a lot better than assassinating him, and I know he'd rather be booed than defeated in office.

At the same time, let me express my admiration for Mr. Pearson's courage in attacking this flag fiasco, and doing it in front of a body opposed to his views. None of his three predecessors had the guts to do it.

But to get back to what I originally started to say, let's get everybody sore at me and get it over with. The whole business of flags is a medieval hangover, with juvenile overtones.

War evolved (or degenerated, if you like) until the stretcher-bearer became a lot more heroic than the standard-bearer.

If you want a bit of gay hunting, by all means go to it. Hang up a rosy apple for the Okanagan Valley, or a lobster for southeast Nova Scotia, or a rampant oil well for Calgary, and enjoy it. But a Canadian flag is an anachronism, in the first place. And in the second place, the maple leaf, to me and many another Canadian, is just a dang nuisance that clutters up my lawn in October.

The only possible symbol that would represent the whole of Canada is a snow shovel.

DISTRICT NEWS

MILTON

A new Roman Catholic Church valued at between $250,000 and $275,000 will be constructed on the Holy Rosary Church property beginning in the spring of 1965. The proposed church would seat approximately 650. It will be ready for use some time in the fall of 1965.

NEWS ECHOES

From the Pages of the Herald, 1954 and 1939

10 YEARS AGO

- K. R. Simmons has been engaged as a town engineer to serve a trio of North Halton towns in a venture which is believed to be unique in Ontario Municipal affairs. Mr. Summons, who commenced his duties yesterday, will be in charge of general engineering work in Georgetown, Acton and Milton.
- Miss June Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Thompson, a member of the Bank of Commerce staff for the past few years, left town last week to spend some time in New Zealand. She will travel with Patricia and Constance Donaldson who came here from New Zealand.
- An industrial revival in Terra Cotta is forecast if negotiations now in progress for purchase of the old Halton Brick Co. property materializes. Closed down since the 'thirties' the 100 acre property is being bought by three Owen Sound men from Clarence Anderson.

25 YEARS AGO

- At Esquesing council Monday it was moved by Harrop and Wilson that the following be appointed Deputy Game Wardens for the Township of Esquesing: Daniel Allen, R R 3, Milton; Meldrum Stark, R R 5, Milton. George Woods, R R 2, Norval; Spencer Wilson, R R 1, Norval; Alfred Brigden, R R 2, Georgetown; Samuel Burton, Norval; Wilmer Watkins, R R 1, Acton; John Presswood, R R 1, Georgetown; William McDonald, R R 2, Acton; George Leslie, R R 2, Acton; A. W. Benton, Limehouse; L. L. Mullin, R R 4, Acton; Harvey Nurse, R R 2, Georgetown; Neilson Stark, R R 3, Georgetown.
- Georgetown High School Board has announced the teaching staff for the fall term. They are: Principal, J. L. Lambert, Jane Beals, BA, Henry J. Heldmann, BA, Marjorie Inman, BA, Florence Luke MA, Elizabeth Penson, MA. The public school staff in September will be Principal Howard C. Wrigglesworth, Miss June Frank, Miss G. Young, Miss M. Langan, Miss Hazel Harrison; Miss Laura Scott, Miss Marie Lindsay, Miss Beatrice Hume.

NEWS DESK EXTRAS

by Terry Harley

After our column on newspaper boners two weeks ago we got talking about some of the classics and ended up with quite a pool — including the following:

"Due to the newspaper shortage, we have postponed a number of births until next week."

"Other restaurants have increased their prices but our dinners are the shame as before."

"English bull terrier for sale. Eats anything. Very fond of children."

"Piano for sale by widow with carved mahogany legs."

"For sale — young dressed birds. Absolutely clean and ready for the rooster."

"After the meeting Mrs Rogers hosted the ladies at a buffet suffer."

"The new bride is 20 feet wide from buttress to buttress."

Even church bulletins have their indiscretions as this little collection bears out:

"This afternoon there will be a meeting in the North and South ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends."

"This Sunday being Easter Sunday, Mrs. Allison will come forward and lay an egg on the altar."

"This service will close with "Little Drops of Water" One of the ladies will quietly start and the rest of the congregation will join in."

"On Sunday a special collection will be taken up to defray the cost of a new carpet. All those wishing to do a little something on the carpet will please come forward and get a piece of paper."

DISTRICT NEWS

ERIN

A paved access to Highway 401 for Erin people was made available last week when work on paving the 7th Line south of Highway 24 was completed. The paving brought the line up to highway standards.

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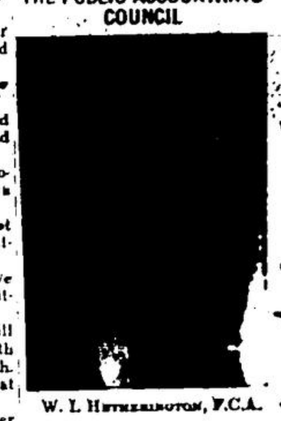

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