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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Bargain Entertainment Package

Honest Ed Mirvish has thrown Toronto into a furor with his proposal to turn the Royal Alexandra into an exclusive theatre club, whose members would pay \$600 yearly to enjoy the top Broadway shows. Apparently piqued by the fact that the large O'Keefe Centre can grab off shows which would lend themselves better to the Royal Alex, he is gambling that there are enough moneyed Torontonians willing to pay a small fortune for their entertainment.

Georgetown has no such problems — and in fact, our own Little Theatre offers instead of an inflated rate, a real bargain to those who subscribe to their season.

A couple, for example, can see four shows at a total cost of \$8.00, barely the price of a movie admission. And students get the whole deal for only \$3.00.

If you've viewed any of the past two seasons' productions, you already know that Georgetown's theatre is a first-rate, talented group. They were chosen this spring to compete in the Western Ontario drama festival, won for best visual presentation and received kind words from the adjudicator for the quality of performance.

This season, there is variety in Little Theatre plans. "Twelfth Night" one of Shakespeare's best known comedies will be followed with Peter Pan as a Christmas feature. The spring brings "Visit to a Small Planet" — a comedy hit on Broadway and in the movies, "The Cave Dwellers" — a Sargoyan play.

If there is any better bargain for \$5.00 single or \$8.00 per couple, we'd like to know where.

It is particularly important to the Little Theatre group to have a good percentage of season ticket holders. It assures them that the weeks of rehearsing will be for the benefit of a large audience. And it assures them of the necessary funds for play royalties, costumes and scenery and hall rental charges.

Let's show them Georgetown appreciates live entertainment. Membership forms appear in an advertisement in this Herald issue. Fill yours out and send in your subscription right away. You are buying four fine evenings of entertainment, that we can guarantee.

Won't Be Tolerated

Mayor Gibbons' statement at last week's council meeting "This sort of thing won't be tolerated in Georgetown" sums up the opinion of residents who were appalled at actions of a number of trouble-makers in the downtown area the previous week-end.

Georgetown has had its difficulties these past few years when a gangling 3500-population adolescent erupted into a bustling town of 11,000. But whatever its troubles, we have been free from the brawling, raucous gangs which have plagued other Ontario communities, small and large. We want to keep it that way.

The police have been highly complimented for their handling of the incidents. And while hoping that there will be no recurrence, they are ready to deal firmly with any new situations which could arise.

Civic officials, meanwhile, should let it be known that Georgetown's main street or any other part of town is safe for people to enjoy a summer night's stroll and that this was only an isolated incident which won't be allowed to happen again.

Ease Up On Grade 13

Major changes in the Grade 13 curriculum are on the horizon, following a report requested by the Minister of Education which has been compiled by a group of educators.

Last week it was announced that contents of the courses this year would be reduced, and that in some languages two exam papers would be reduced to one.

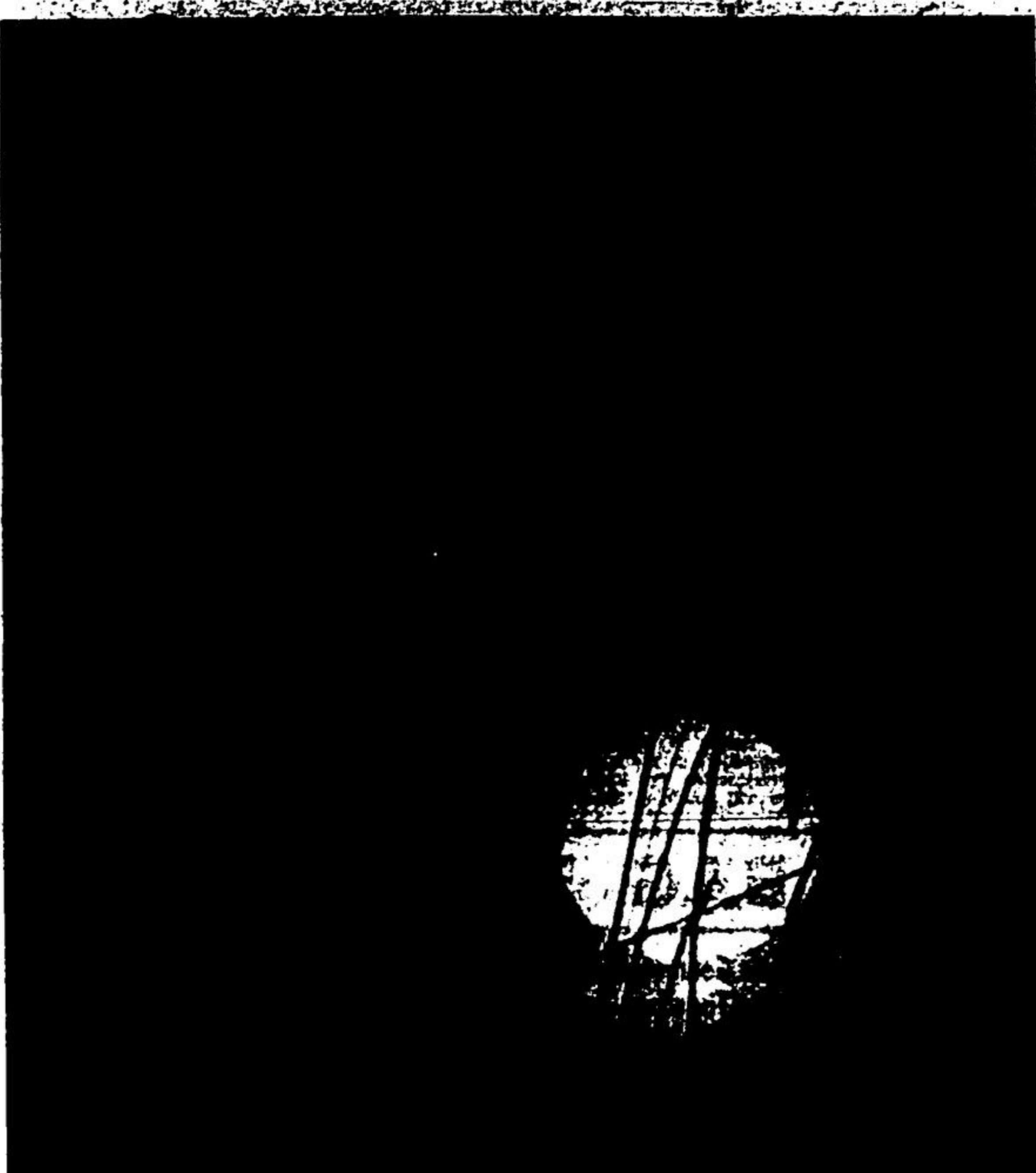
In years to come other parts of the report will be examined and a complete change, if not actual abandonment of Grade 13, could result. One particularly interesting recommendation is that a senior high school student be not required to write as extensive a paper in his "minor" subjects as in his "majors."

For instance, if a student's talents run to English and languages, under the present system he tends to concentrate on his weaker subjects in order to pass his exams. The reporting group says this tends not only to lower his marks in English and languages, but also to have him explore these subjects in less depth. In other words, he ends with less knowledge of the things in which he will specialize.

There is merit in examining this. We do not believe that Grade 13 or any other school year should be made so easy or have so many options that a student is not forced to work, or is encouraged to study only the subjects he likes.

It is good for a young person to learn self-discipline and mastering a subject outside the scope of his interests is a form of education in itself, for any job in later life isn't all roses.

But a sensible limit to the amount of detail he can be expected to absorb is worthy of consideration. There should be hurdles to cross before entering the field of higher education, but these hurdles should be within the stride of a young person with average abilities who is willing to scale them.



—Peter Jones Photo

THE NIGHT BEFORE HARVESTING

NEWS DESK EXTRAS

by Terry Harley

- Staccato-voiced "deejays" who peel off the weekends death toll with the same gushing excitement they've just used to introduce Nasal Passage's latest disc are the closest thing to mustard and milk for inducing nausea.
- But when ever we're within hearing range of a radio emitting happy Herman's novocain heat usually transistorized which makes me think these characters potent patter is rejected by every receiver but a transistor radio, we stifle the urge to go in a straight line from the source in hopes that we might just hear this gob of glee break down on the air and confess to all his young and innocent listeners that his Hill Parade stuff he's been feeding them is so much bilk.
- These assembly line ditties, with a life expectancy of five weeks which rise to the "top" and then slip like a 5 cent yo-yo haven't even made a dent let alone broken into the top hundred on the true hit parade, the one you never hear about. And you don't hear about the real chart because it's not very exciting. It's staved the same way for the past twenty or thirty years.
- Tunes like, Old Black Magic, Stardust, Sunny Side of the Street, It Had To Be You, Temptation, Dancing in the Dark, Glow Worms, Time On My Hands, You're So Fine, In The Mood, Easter Parade, Up A Lazy River, Blue Skies and about 999 others without a yo-yo-in the bunch.
- If the swingers behind the mikes had taken their truth serum like good little boys on the morning of the day that Beatlemania bit its peak they'd have flared their nostrils and babbled something like "Here's the latest. I wanna Hold Your Hand has just topped the ten million mark, and that makes it 1,723rd on the real Hill Parade tied with I Wanna Be Like The Girl That Married Dear Old Dad."

A Bible Thought For The Week

H. B. Dean

"I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplication, with fasting, and sack cloth and ashes." Daniel 10:3

Prayer is the way out and the way up. "Seek ye the Lord."

SMOKERS CAUSE MANY HOME FIRES

Many home fires are caused by smokers. The use of small sahrays could be a contributing factor. A tray should be large enough to hold a dozen butts with a rim wide enough to support a burning cigarette. A cigarette that is still burning can fall on upholstery or rug and smoulder until it bursts into flame. The smoke can cause suffocation if anyone is sleeping in the room.

NEWS ECHOES

From the Pages of the Herald, 1934 and 1939

- 10 YEARS AGO**
 - One man was killed and five people injured when two cars collided head-on on Guelph St. opposite the high school in the early hours of Sunday morning. Ivan (Pee Wee) Hoffman, 23, passenger in one of the cars, was the accident victim.
 - Georgetown's future was portrayed in glowing terms by Dr. E. G. Faludi, town consultant who talked at a dinner meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday. Dr. Faludi said the Heslop plan will produce a harmonious and well balanced urban community of \$30 million residential development and \$40 million industrial.
 - Relatively untouched by floods caused by Hurricane Hazel, Georgetown, and district people are pouring gifts of money into the flood fund and clothing and food to the various collection agencies which are rushing supplies to homeless people in the stricken areas of metropolitan Toronto, Holland Marsh and other devastated areas.
- 25 YEARS AGO**
 - The township of Esqueping has been proclaimed a game preserve by the Department of Game and Fisheries. Shooting of game in this restricted area will now come under department regulations and from now on it will be necessary to have a license to hunt here.
 - A rare treat for the eye was in store for those privileged to see the Night-blooming Cereus which was in bloom last night at Georgetown Public School. It is not frequent that this plant blooms and Mr. T. Warner, caretaker at the school says he has watched it for twenty years and this was the first time a flower had been seen.

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SUGAR AND SPICE

A Summer Rhapsody

Summertime is this country a mixture of so many wonderful things that I would happily leave for the next world, at once, if someone said to me, "Sorry, old boy, but you'll never be able to spend another summer in Canada."

Perhaps the fascination of a Canadian summer might be compared to falling in love, once a year, with a passionate, unpredictable woman.

Just as you are never quite sure where you're at when such a dame, you are never sure of what a Canadian summer has in store for you.

She might greet you with the warm, seductive smiles of June and, just as you are about to seize her, retreat into a frame of mind so chilly that you're diving for your recent discarded wools.

In July, she burns on the charm full blast, clutching you in a clinging embrace that makes your head reel and your feet falter. But when you doubtless started,

throw caution to the winds and submit yourself entirely to the affair—in short, when you go on your holidays—she has a change of mood and weeps for two weeks without pause.

When August comes, her murmurous languor, the sheer, delectable light and smell of her, sends you running once more into her round, golden arms—and her perfumes give you hay fever.

On Labor Day, leaving you frustrated, exasperated, exhausted and broke, she smiles once, enigmatically, and heads south to look for fresher lovers and bigger bankrolls.

Ah, she's a bad one, old Mermaid's Summer. She delights in making kids—whiny or sick, giving them sunburn, and directing them into patches of poison ivy. This for the sake of tormenting their mothers.

She doesn't like women, you see. That is, young women. And her malice towards them is easily grasped by looking at the costumes she persuades them to wear at the beaches and in town. I wouldn't be surprised to hear her chortling merrily about the topless swim suit silliness, which she never doubtless started.

Teenagers she likes to tease. She fills them with mysterious urges and yearnings which make them drive-like retarded orangutangs, dance in their bare feet amid broken bottles and rattanakes, and fall in love with people who should be put away in institutions.

She's not pure evil, though. She has a rather soft spot for the older folk. She warms their arthritic joints with her hot, tender hands. She fills their lonely hearts with pleasure in her loveliness. And she reminds them, in subtle fashion, of the days when they knew her long ago, when they were young and passionate themselves.

Every time I feel the cool smooth hands of children after swimming, every time I walk a lonely beach and see lights across the bay, every time I hear the silken rustling of her garments in the evening trees, I know I am once again in thrall to that wonderful witch—the Canadian summer. And I'm glad.

SMILES
A condemned prisoner awaiting execution was granted the usual privilege of choosing the dishes he wanted to eat for his last meal.

He ordered a large mess of mushrooms.

"Why all the mushrooms and nothing else?" inquired the guard.

"Well," replied the prisoner, "I always wanted to try them, but I was afraid to eat them before!"

Bill Smiley