

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### High School Results Excellent

Results of the Grade 13 departmental exams last Wednesday showed an excellent standing for Georgetown High school.

A total of 21 students will receive Ontario Secondary School graduation diplomas, signifying completion of eight Grade 13 subjects.

Statistics show that 83% of papers written were passed, and that 58% of papers passed received honour standing. This shows a healthy upswing from last year when percentages were 77% and 42% respectively.

Outstanding records were set by Mark Llewellyn and Janice Carter, who have been named Ontario Scholars for receiving over 80% in their eight best papers, which must include the two English exams. Mark scored 89.1% and Janice 82.5% and will each receive a \$400 scholarship towards their university education. Several other students had good percentages in the seventies.

The results speak well for the calibre of students and the standard of teaching at the high school. As usual there were a few heartbreaks as students fell a subject or two short of their objective. We trust they will return for another term to gain their objective, for we hate to see a young person teach Grade 13 without receiving his diploma.

We hope every student entering Grade 13 will strive to become an Ontario scholar. The financial consideration is alone worth extra effort. But this is not possible for everyone and there is no shame in scoring a lesser percentage while still passing, as long as it represents your best effort.

We hope Georgetown High will continue to be known for its academic successes and that more and more young students will strive to successfully complete the required five years to gain their graduation diplomas.

### Bored? Then Get Perking!

Two teenagers, each of whom signed themselves "Bored" wrote to the editor this week complaining of "nothing to do" in Georgetown.

In his News Desk Extras, Terry Harley has some ideas for them on the editorial page. In our column, we shall only attempt to refute this off-heard complaint which brings no tears to our eyes at all.

Certainly there are some things which Georgetown lacks. Some of them we may have some day, some never.

A theatre. The old Roxy, if it hadn't burned down would still be closed as a victim of television. Few towns this size can draw audiences to make the movies pay. Guelph, twice the size, is down to two from four. Brampton's population has tripled, while it's two theatres have been reduced to one. We miss the show, too, but the only way one could be opened would be for residents to buy subscription series tickets.

Tennis? The St. George's church courts could easily be renewed with a bit of work and a bit of money. And new courts could be created in the park, in school yards or any other public place. The YM-YWCA is there to give a boost if a group of tennis players want to promote a club. But the onus is on you to start the ball rolling.

Dinky little arena? Swimming pool barely big enough to spit in? Them's fight-

ing words to the people who have poured their money into building these and their time into managing them. Do teenagers realize that the Lions Club, with assistance from the public spent over \$60,000 to give Georgetown one of the best outdoor pools available? Naturally it won't hold all the Georgetown teenagers at one time. But we have never heard of anyone being denied admission.

Dances? You didn't mention the Y dances, the annual Pipe Band ball, the high school affairs. And is there any reason why you have to wait for an organization to promote a public dance? Hasn't someone a rec room where a group of friends can play some Beale discs, buy a carton of two of pop and have an inexpensive evening's fun.

We're sorry for these bored kids. Our only advice is to look around, see what's lacking and then do something about it. Your churches have auditoriums and your ministers would form young people's clubs if you showed enthusiasm. The Y is formed specifically to assist you in your plans. The park is there for your sports, so is the swimming pool and arena. There are outdoor skating rinks in winter. We could go on and on.

Georgetown is just as dull or lively as you make it. But it's you who have to start the ball rolling, not anyone else.

### Renegade in Power...

Our summer reading schedule includes Renegade in Power, the controversial book about John Diefenbaker which has aroused so much interest.

Written by an Ottawa press correspondent, which has put his impressions in book form, it is an enlightening insight into the political game.

While concentrating on Diefenbaker and his cabinet while they were in power, much of his copy could be about any other party. He describes the way campaigns are organized, the qualities which make a

leader liked and disliked. He dissects individuals, points their faults at times too frankly, while praising where it merits.

The readers must, however, realize that these are only one man's opinions and subject to personal errors and personal prejudices which take it out of straight history into the field of a political novel.

The use of names with which we are familiar in our daily newspapers makes it the more fascinating—to the reader, if not to the individuals portrayed.

It should be recommended reading for every Canadian.

## HARLEY TO HALTON

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

SINCE OUR LAST column on the items prior to the flag debate has been cleared. The flag debate has begun and as expected the Conservative Opposition spent the first day of the renewed debate talking unopposed by any other speakers. One of their main arguments appears to be that this is not an important issue. If this is so, and I do not accept their viewpoint, then why do they want to debate it continually? As far as taking up the time of Parliament, we are using up our recess time to stay here and decide the flag issue.

THE WHITE PAPER on the Canada Pension Plan has been tabled in the House of Commons and I would like to outline it in my column as there have been a great many enquiries about the details and consequences of the Plan. It will provide

social insurance to people in retirement, to widows, orphans and the disabled. The benefits have to be portable for people who change jobs and homes. Private pension plans may continue to provide benefits over these Canada Pension Plan minimum levels.

The principle features of the Plan are:

1. An earnings-related pension available between ages 65 and 70 years on retirement; or at age 70 years whether retired or not.
2. The existing flat rate Old Age Security Pension will also be available from 65 to 70, if taken before 70 years, it will be reduced appropriately.
3. A LUMP SUM benefit will be paid when a contributor or pensioner dies, amounting to six times the monthly retirement pension.

CONTRIBUTIONS ARE to begin in January, 1966. The pension will gradually build up and reach its full maturity in 10 years. The contributions will cover the cost of benefits and administration of the plan. The rate of contribution will be 1.8 per cent of income up to an income ceiling of \$5,000 per year, for an employee and the employer will pay a similar amount. A self-employed person will pay the full 3.6 per cent. Pensions are to be 25 per cent of what a man has been earning. Pensions being paid will be increased periodically if the level of prices rises.

THERE HAS BEEN a great deal of anxiety regarding pension plans at present in existence. I would like to therefore comment on the Canada Pension Plan and its relationship with private plans.



SEE YOURSELF AS OTHERS SEE YOU

## NEWS DESK EXTRAS

by Terry Harley

The Herald's policy toward unsigned letters to the editor is to file them in the waste basket. But we're departing from it this week. It's from a teenager who says there's nothing to do.

We've printed the letter because it is no doubt mirrors the thinking of a lot of others in the age group and we just happen to have a prepared reply, not our own but one credited to a local county judge when some teenagers appearing before him complained of "nothing to do." It seemed to apply.

Here's the letter:

Aug. 8, 1964

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter to complain about lack of activities for teenagers. Is it any wonder that teenagers walk the streets or hang out in restaurants? The only excitement we get is watching a rumble on Main Street.

The community pool is too small to accommodate all the teenagers in Georgetown. When we want to see a show we have to go out of town. A Toronto man I was talking to was amazed that a town the size of Georgetown had no show.

The park facilities are limited to youngsters or baseball players. Not everyone wants to play baseball. A tennis court would fit in perfectly.

In the winter the arena provides hockey and skating but in the summer

there is nothing. Dances are limited to the Riviera with the C.Y.O. breaking the monotony every now and then.

Even the slightest improvement would be greatly appreciated.

Bored Teenager

P.S. Bored teenagers never die they just become irresponsible adults.

A similar such complaint drew these remarks from a district magistrate:

The answer is go home, bang the storm windows, paint the woodwork, rake the lawn, shovel the sidewalk, wash the car, learn to cook, scrub some floors, repair the sink, build a boat, get a job.

Help the minister, priest or rabbi, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, visit the sick, assist the poor, study your lessons, and when you are through and not too tired, read a good book.

Your parents do not owe you entertainment. Your city or village does not owe you a living. You owe it your time and energy and your talents so that no one will be at war, in poverty, sick, or lonely again.

In plain words — grow up, quit being a cry-baby. Get out of your dream world and develop a backbone, not a wishbone, and start acting like a man or lady.

You are supposed to be mature enough to accept some of the responsibilities your parents have carried for years. They have nursed, protected, helped, appealed, begged, ex-

posed, tolerated and denied themselves needed comforts so that you could have every benefit. You have no right to expect them to bow to every whim and fancy just because your selfish ego, instead of common sense, dominates your life, personality, thinking, requests and demands.

In Heaven's name — Grow Up and Go Home.

**A Bible Thought For The Week**

H. B. Dean

"And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? For we have forsaken thy commandments." Ezra 9:10

True repentance alone will bring release from the strain of life. The way back may be a little hard but most rewarding.

## NEWS ECHOES

From the Pages of the Herald, 1954 and 1959

- 10 YEARS AGO**
- As a special attraction at the Roxy on Monday and Tuesday in connection with the movie 'Her Twelve Men', two lucky show-goers won prizes when their ticket stubs were drawn at intermission. Monday, Mrs. Ray Webster won a box of groceries donated by IGA and last night Dennis Wright was winner of a turkey from Willits Turkey Farm.
  - Another of the senior employees of Provincial Paper Limited is on the retired list with Jim Costigan leaving on pension the first of this month. A former councillor, Mr. Costigan had been with Provincial since September, 1918.
  - Fortune came close to Georgetown this morning but passed by when Minstral romped home in the Cambridgehire sweepstakes at Newmarket, England. John McLaughlin, R. R. 1, Limehouse, had a ticket on Sunny Brae which failed to place.
- 25 YEARS AGO**
- Walter Richardson and Garfield McGilvray were Georgetown delegates to the fifteenth annual meeting of the OHA at the Royal York Hotel; Saturday.
  - Wilfrid Leach of Toronto was killed on Tuesday when the oil truck he was driving turned over in a ditch near town. A Georgetown low truck had to be called to raise the chassis from the man's body.
- THOSE RESPONSIBLE** — for each private plan will be free to decide how they wish to modify their own plan. In plans where contributions are high they may decide not to increase contributions but to reduce the private plan contribution rate accordingly. They may decide to augment their present plan. The Canada Pension Plan will not take over reserves already built up by private plans, or remove any rights or benefits already acquired. The integration of private plans with the Canada Pension Plan will not be compulsory.

## SUGAR AND SPICE

### The Last Surrender

I was bed-garred into attending a wedding this summer. They are events I normally avoid as carefully as I would a pepper colony.

But this was a special one. My old partner after fighting the good fight for forty years, had finally been insured. I looked upon it more as a historic event than a mere exchange of nuptial vows.

For years, my wife and every other married female he came in contact with had begged him, urged him, pushed eligible young women in front of him, in that great and noble feminine vocation known as "Don't let a Single One Get Away."

During the process, I and the husbands of these other harpies maintained a discreet silence, our sympathy indicated only by the rolling of eyeballs heavenwards. Secretly and unanimously, we cheered him on to greater heights of courage, stubbornness or insanity, depending on your point of view.

Anyway, he finally took the plunge, or got out of his depth or something, after four decades of incredible fortitude. But trust him. He didn't just get hitched and start raising a family and going through all the horrors that involves.

Nope. He married a charming widow and when the last vow had been taken, he became an instant husband, father and grandfather. The rest of us go through twenty five years of unmitigated hell to achieve that serene height.

Well, as I started out to say, weddings, to me and to most men, are just a big pain in the arm. I'd rather go to a good funeral, any day.

But women are different. They take to weddings like cats take to kippers. There is something almost morbid about their fascination with that production which most men consider a minor tragic-comedy. You should have seen the nonsense we went through getting ready for this one. I figured we'd get dressed up, shine our shoes, buy the happy couple a crock of Scotch or a carving knife, and that's all there was to it.

Well, that's all I did to prepare for it. But my old woman started operating at least a month before the ceremony. Though I kept reminding her that she wasn't the bride, she was in and out of practically every dress shop in the province, before she got the right dress and hat.

Then there was a big thing about her gloves. They were just a shade off the off-color thing shade of the rest of the '64. Teary, Dye. Dye remover. More dye. Thank goodness I went in my bare hands.

And then there was the gift. I could have bought something useful and suitable, like an ironing board, in about twenty minutes. But she dragged me in and out of stores until I felt more like dropping than sleeping. And the price! Oye! However, we made it and I finally realized why women like weddings so much. First of all, it gives them a chance for a good cry without some out-of-control kid saying: "Hey Dad, what is Mom bawling about NOW?"

Second it affords them the opportunity of wearing some crazy hat they haven't enough nerve to wear to church normally. And which item will be carefully stored away in a hat box until it is thrown away by their grand-daughter some day.

And finally there is that delicious aftermath, when it's all over, when they don't have to worry about makeup any more, when the shoes come off and the hair comes down, and they can get at the real business of the wedding—leaving to tatters the costumes, manners and reputations of all the other women at the wedding.

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