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... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

Something for Young People...

Adults are prone to always be planning something for young people — parks, recreation, spare-time activities.

It is understandable and desirable that we should be interested in teenagers having as happy a time as possible. What we must guard against however, is concentrating too much on the physical things while ignoring the even more important aspects of the mental outlook of youngsters in their formative years.

Parents, of course, are the ones who must take the major responsibility for training children to be good citizens. What happens during the important school and early working years shapes characters, determines paths to be followed. Such paths become well-worn and it is as difficult to stray from a good path to a bad as it is to get back on a straight course once a bad behaviour patttern has been set.

The Canadian Legion branch and local ministers are cooperating with parents this fall. They have set up a series of youth forums, slanted to the problems which young people face. It is an ambitious and important step which can have a major effect on every young person attending the forums.

The first one this Sunday night, has driving and accidents as its theme and the Georgetown Police Dept. is lending its aid.

Later there will be films and talks on such diverse matters as alcohol, smoking, dating, promiscuous conduct and disease. Such agencies as the county health unit, Mounties, Toc Alpha and the alcoholism and drug addiction reseach foundation will be lending their facilities.

We strongly recommend that parents encourage their children to attend. The programs are for young men and women ages 13 to 20. Parents will not be present in order that questions may be more freely asked and discussion kept strictly to the teen viewpoint.

Don't Overburden Industry...

Controversy over rebates allowed to industrial firms on their 50% sewer service surcharge on water bills has taken a great portion of the town council's time recently.

Originally the surcharge which four major industries pay was set by an engineering survey. Mayor Gibbons has been critical of the method and it is now council's intention to establish how much water is returned to the sanitary sewers by a system of double metering. Meters will be installed to machines which use water for cooling and other industrial purposes, this will be deducted from the plant's total water consumption and the surcharge paid on the balance. The same privilege will be extended to any water user, providing he instals the extra meter at his own expense.

The plan seems to be sensible and we can see no reason why it should not satisfy everyone.

But a ratepayers group, with Ted Francis as spokesman, is now insisting that the actual sewage must be metered. And Mr. Francis, when he spoke to council last week, took a standerous and quite uncalled-for swing at one councillor.

If Georgetown is to prosper in years to come, it is important not only that new industry locate here, but that established industry be treated fairly and not be used for political purposes.

Certainly the cost of public services must be equitably shared by residential, commercial and industrial residents. But it is wrong to create in the minds of ratepayers the idea that industry is being subsidized at their expense without some solid facts to back this up.

We fear that Mr. Francis, in his fervour to form a ratepayers group and, we would judge, to seek public office in the municipal elections, is attempting to create a problem which he thinks could have popular appeal. When the problem is linked with Georgetown's very lifeblood, the existence of large, stable industries, every caution should be used by men in public life and by those who speak at council meetings.

Good, But Not Good Enough...

The Lions Club was bitterly disappointed Saturday, when far from the estimated four to six thousand crowd showed up at the well-advertised Chuckwagon races.

Not that the crowd was small, by any means. The grandstand and bleachers were well filled, particularly with children. Weather was perfect and the show was pleasing. But there just weren't enough paid admissions to cover the $1,000 guarantee for the show and leave anything for the hard-working club's welfare program.

The Chuckwagon management came to the rescue, took a smaller cut of the gate and left the Lions with a few dollars in the kitty. A most generous gesture which leaves a large amount of goodwill behind.

We talked to one Lion after the show, and he was trying to assess why a show which has played dozens of towns, many of them smaller, doesn't hit the jackpot here.

Undoubtedly price has something to do with it. A family with two children would part with five or six dollars for the afternoon. And with school just opened, the budget is sometimes thin. Then too, the fall fair is almost upon us — a must for most families which also cuts into the packetbook. And many families are still catching up after the Smith & Stone strike this spring.

However, in our mind, the main reason why crowds here are almost as neve as large as anticipated, is our proximity to three large entertainment centres. Toronto particularly, gets the tops — the biggest circus, national league hockey, big time baseball, concerts, plays and musicals.

People from town go not once, but several times, to the CNE. Supper clubs offer top entertainers. Variety shows, from band concerts to sports extravaganzas play Maple Leaf Gardens. Sportsmen and boating show, Royal Winter Fair are all within an hour's drive.

It's a tough row to hoe, and we can't blame a service club for singing the blues.

DISTRICT NEWS
— AT A GLANCE —

MILTON — A green-eyed brunette from Newfoundland, Canada's representative in the Miss Universe, Miss International and Miss World Beauty contests will appear at the Sixth annual Milton Trade Fair on October 3. She is 21-year-old Miss Mary Lou Farnell, Miss Dominion of Canada.

BRAMPTON — Brampton and District Red Feather Campaign is shooting for $50,514 this year, 15 per cent more than the 1963 target. Ten agencies will benefit from this year's drive.

ACTON — Norman J. Breida assistant-general manager of Beardmore and Co. Limited, left last week via Air Canada direct flight for Paris, France, where he is attending the International Leather Show to promote the company's products.

ERIN — A fire of unknown origin completely destroyed a barn on the farm of Gordon Wright last week. The barn housed the season's crop and the loss was partially covered by insurance.

OAKVILLE — Construction of a three-level highway interchange at the Seventh Line and the QEW replacing the present four lane overpass, is receiving serious consideration by the Ontario Department of Highways.

ORANGEVILLE — The town planning board has recommended that council put their $10,000 federal centennial grant to the development of a park. The land in question was donated to the town by Dr. Campbell as a Centennial gift.

PORT CREDIT — Richard Ginn, age 9, was struck by a fast-moving train and instantly killed late Sunday afternoon as he was trying to cross the tracks at the rear of his home.

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ALL EQUIPPED FOR BIG GAME HUNTING

NEWS DESK EXTRAS
by Terry Harley

STEW POT POURRI:

● With the bowing out of one of the two surviving members of the steam locomotive we have lost another tangible link with the past. Soon only through pictures will generations of the near future know the real fire breathing giants that once roamed this country in great numbers.

● A new commentator suggests we will know the Beatles popularity is on the decline when the audiences fail to scream. We see it another way. When the audiences stop screaming long enough to hear the Beatles' singing they will be definitely out of business.

● What a contrast between the school pupils on the first day of school, and the second day. On September 9 the pupils had switched from their back to school finery to every-day duds. And although it took some of the dazzle out of the parades to and from, the small fry looked three hundred per cent more comfortable.

● There must be a private hades for "human gnats". In to this category we put those annoying types who buzzed in and around the band concert audience on bikes and in cars at the Delrex plaza Sunday night, reving their motors and squealing their tires.

● Mention of a golf hole termed "the monster" during the World Series of Golf telecast Sunday reminded us that another golf hole with the same nick name at Georgetown Golf and Country Club, the par 5 fourth, is having its fangs dulled. A deep gorge isolates the present green from the rest of the fairway. A new green will be constructed on the tee side of the gorge and par reduced to 4.

● The Department of Lands and Forests will be experimenting in the county this fall with an identification system whereby the hunters will be required to wear large numbers like track stars. We suggest the department take it a step further and, for the sake of fairness, make it mandatory that all the game be required to wear number patches of equal size. Who knows, it could turn the battle of wits between hunter and hunted into a spectator sport in which case the land owners could compensate for broken fences and trampled crops by selling programs.

A Bible Thought For The Week
H. B. Dean

"There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." Joshua 1:5

The power of faith in the God who lives and loves sweeps away all opposition on the way to victorious living. "I am with you."

NEWS ECHOES
From the pages of the Herald 1954 and 1944

10 YEARS AGO

● A new business commenced on Main St. this week when partners Morris Goudeketting and Ed Wiener opened a television store. They've combined the first two letters of their surnames to come up with a name for their new business — Wigo TV.

● Keen interest was shown in the boys' pie baking competition at the fair this year. Sharing the string of prizes in an entry of 35 were Gary Teeter, Gerald Roden, Bill Sanford, Barry Hayward, Tom Lyons, Danny Golden, Sanford, Donald Curry, Barry Hayward, Tom Lyons, Danny Golden, John Benham, David Goodlet and Bill Engleby.

● At Council Monday, Rex Heslop asked for a speed-up in the date for annexation hearing by which Georgetown hopes to absorb a thousand acres toward Norval. "I'm getting anxious about the municipal board hearing" said Mr. Heslop. He reminded council his options on seven farms expire in a short time and he might be considerably embarrassed if annexation proceedings are delayed too long.

20 YEARS AGO

● Active Service Notes: At home on leave are: LAC Gordon Martin, ACI L. A. Wardlaw, Tpr. Ray Harley. According to word just received, Pte. W. Clark, Pte. Grover Norton and Cpl. Cecil Davidson have arrived in Italy. Flt. Lieut. James Evans is on his way back overseas after serving several months in Nassau. —AC2 Graham Farnell has been posted to the RCAF Station at Ottawa. Petty Officer Jack Cunningham is home on furlough from the East Coast. Officers' cook Jack Kemshead, RCNVR, is home on leave from Halifax, N.S.

● Miss Jessie Oliver, supervisor of Cedarvale School for Girls, has had to resign her position due to ill health. She has held the positoin for 16 years. Replacing her is Mrs. O. M. Houston.

— CHIPS —

Probably the quickest way for a person to get into trouble is to wink the eye, which requires only one-fortieth of a second.

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Man is made of dust and water — his name is mud.

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A loyal citizen may criticize the way the Ship of State is being run, but he doesn't rock the boat.

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A professor says some dumb people get into college these days. And some of them get out, carrying a diploma.

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At times it looks as if fools have more than their proportionate share of representation in government.

SUGAR AND SPICE

Gone With His Guitar

This column will be made up, for the most part, of excerpts from letters from my son. The first one was found, in the breadbox, one morning a couple of weeks ago.

Bill Smiley

I'd sat up until midnight with Hugh convincing him that for financial and political reasons, his ambition to spend a couple of weeks in Quebec, on his own, was foolish.

The letter read "Dear family: this is not a suicide note. By the time you read this, I will be sailing along the highway towards the midnight sun (or noonday moon). I'm off to where the grass grows greener still."

"Don't think that I've run away from home. I'm a little too old for that and anyway the idea's revolting. I may be disillusioned and be back on my doorstep by dinner hour, but if everything goes as I plan, I will spend the next two weeks in Quebec, learning French and discussing crucial tasks with fiery French radicals. I know you think I'm a romanticist and will probably wind up in jail or hospital, but believe it or not, I'm quite capable of handling myself away from home.

"Now, don't dare send the Mounties after me. I'd be so embarrassed I'd run away from home for good. Besides I have my supply of heroin with me. Have yourselves a swingaroo at the convention."

There was more to the letter, but that was the gist of it. You can imagine the ensuing scene.

His father was ready to horsewhip him, or call in the police and charge him with something-or-other.

His mother was ready to have a good cry, cut him off without a cent, or run down the highway in her bare feet, calling after him.

His kid sister was interested but not impressed. Her comment was, "What a dope!"

Then society intruded, as always. What will the neighbours think if he comes home in a police car What will the neighbours think, and ask if he doesn't come at all? Why did he do this to us? Has he no gratitude for all we've done for him? And so on. Kim merely repeated, "What a dope!"

People are tough. We cooled off, we realized there wasn't a sensible thing we could do about it, and we went to the convention. But not before we'd done some checking, and found he'd cleaned out his bank account, taken his guitar, and, to his mother's extreme mortification, absconded with only two clean shirts.

Back from the convention, we received two letters. Excerp: "Two really friendly ladies drove me from Kingston to Ottawa and bought me a sandwich and milk-shake. I insisted on paying, of course, but they told me just to do the same for somebody else some time."

Excerpt: "I am going to Grand'Mere, Que., to spend a couple of weeks with a French family I met the boy at the station in Ottawa. He is 19, his name is Michel, and he's going to U. of Montreal in the fa'l."

Excerpt: "I am staying with the Richards. He is a painter (in houses). Mrs. Richard is 40, rather pretty, a bit taller than her husband and doesn't speak a word of English. they are all extremely friendly and hospitable. At first I could not understand a thing. They have an accent which pronounces mere, mire, and seeur, sire; mel le mere and Yel, Yesse."

Page 4 and 5 of this letter are missing. P. 6 begins, "Just like you, Mom," which is driving my wife crary.

There's a lot of other stuff, then: "Last night, Michel and I double-dated with one of his girl-friends and her sister (they are both really cute). We went to Shawinigan for a band concert. There were about three times as many boys as girls and they all stood 'bumper to bumper' on each side of the path while the couples walked between them. Soon it started pouring, so we went to a dance."

Well, the kid's getting some sense. He knows enough to get in out of the rain. There was a little message on the outside of the envelope of his letter. It was the least literary thing he'd written. It said, Please send $10."

When the whole thing started, I was ready to send him to jail for 20 years. Instead, I sent him the 10 dollars.

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