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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Cedarvale Needs Custodian...

Opponents of the purchase of the Cedarvale School property by the town are quite right in pointing out that there will be an upkeep cost once the property is acquired.

On the 20 acres which will be Georgetown's centennial project, if the owners accept the \$80,000 offer, there are buildings which must be maintained, whether they are used immediately or not, large expanses of grass to keep mowed, shrubbery and flower beds to care for.

It would be foolish to expect that this could be done without almost full-time caretaking in the summer months. Nor could we afford not to have a res-

ident custodian to avoid the vandalism which occurs when buildings are empty and unattended.

The Herald is solidly behind the purchase. There are unlimited future possibilities for recreational development and just to own this central location is a first step in acquiring greenbelt space for the future. Chances are nothing major can be attempted for some years. But someday we might see botanical gardens, a bandshell, picnic areas, to mention only a few possibilities.

More immediate, the school buildings could be put to use right away for YWCA projects and for other public service groups.

Parks Commission Useful...

Perhaps this would be the time for council to examine possibility of creating a parks commission.

The mis-named Board of Parks Management is entrusted only with operation of the municipal arena. Expansion of this to include control of the town's parks could be one way or creation of an entirely separate appointed body which would be interested in all public outdoor recreation facilities would be a useful addition to the municipal scene.

The town works staff is kept busy enough with necessary maintenance to town services and has neither the time nor the manpower to spare on full-time parks work.

Creation of a parks commission would not rule out the possibility of a sharing arrangement, whereby the services of town employees could be used when possible. What it would accomplish would be to have a particular body of men whose sole interest and sole responsibility would be maintenance and improvement of parks. And a town of Georgetown's size is at the point where this becomes a necessity.

This year's arrangement at the park when a couple of town employees have been detailed to its care would bear this out. The park has never been in such good shape. Creation of a parks commission would ensure continuation of such a policy.

Commandments Still The Guide...

We wish everyone in Georgetown could have heard a sermon preached in one of our churches Sunday morning.

Rev. John McMullin, in his talk to Anglican parishioners at St. George's, concisely summarized the Ten Commandments as a complete rule for living, pointed out the infallibility of the directions given by God, and scored those today who would turn from any of these basic truths which never become out-dated.

He expressed particular concern with departures from the moral code in the guise of modern thinking.

His sermon was paralleled by an article we chanced to read last week in

the Ladies Home Journal. It was written by Pearl Buck, whose novels of China have made her world famous. Mrs. Buck has examined the changing morals of today's generation, pointed to fallacies in such changes and indicates what the world will be if our practice and acceptance of radical changes in the relationships between man and woman continue.

It is an article which we recommend to all adults and one which should be read by teenagers who are at the stage where their action will influence not only their own lives but those of their families and friends as well.

NEWS DESK EXTRAS

by Terry Harley

A MODERN CONFUCIUS

Don't look now arm chair philosophers, but your patron saint — Confucius — is in danger of losing his grip on the coveted throne he has held so long — Number One Boy in the Wisdom Dispensing Department.

The serious threat is posed by Smedley Higgemier, a meek little man who heretofore has been held down because of the cloak of secrecy that surrounds his work.

Higgemier is the author of all those little nuggets of wisdom that appear at the bottom of news columns where the compositor has had to fill a little hole after placing a new story. Higgemier works for an unknown employer and does nothing but sit and think the brainy three and four liners so chuck full of witty advice. You know the ones — juicy little bites like, "Life today is a

game of robbing Peter to pay Paul to make it possible to stand pat."

Old Hig is a bottomless reservoir of such profound trivia. And newspapers with their chronic problems of "filling the holes" just gobble up the demand.

The demand on Higgemier's grey cells would exhaust any platoon of college professors. But he obliges by turning it out by the yard. Get a load of these from today's supply:

"A small town is the only place that takes pride in traffic congestion."

"A marriage license is a document that hints you to one dear at a time."

"You can count on it — the only people who listen to both sides of the argument are the neighbours."

"The fellow who drives a cheap used car soon finds out how hard it is to drive a 'barain.'"

"You lose a day when you cross the international date line. There is a line on the road where you can do even better."

"A man could retire nicely in his old age if he could dispose of his experience for what it's worth."

"A road hog is a man who meets you more than half way. At a boy, Smedley. Keep it coming."

If you want to know what's behind the headlines, ask any housewife. She'll tell you it's her husband, especially at the breakfast table.

This would be a better world if we had more wild life in our forests and less in the big cities.

The DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

STREETSVILLE

One definite and two suspected cases of rabies have been discovered in the vicinity. Parents were warned to tell their children to leave all wild animals alone.

MILTON — Investigation revealed that a "rattlesnake" killed in the Rattlesnake Point area was a phony. Game Warden Ted Ackert said the snake was a milk snake, or fox snake judging by the description.

ACTON — Acton council's bid to acquire industrial land was stalled last week when a by-law, to purchase 78 acres was turned back pending information on development and prices.

ERIN — A delegation of Erin businessmen requested council to petition the liquor control board and the Province of Ontario to instal a combination retail beer and liquor outlet in the Village last week.

ORANCEVILLE — A town business, Monarch Master Manufacturing, has been sold to an undisclosed U.S. company. It is expected that another manufacturing business will occupy the premises.

CAMPBELLVILLE — An inquiry will be held into the death of Wilbur Hopkins, 33-year-old Milton sulky race driver killed during a four horse spill at the Mohawk Raceway Saturday night.

MAKE IT A DATE! — Only one more week to go until Fall Fair time. Plan to attend. Bring the family and make a day of it.



Mrs. Isabelle Scott tells her 6 year old daughter Valerie to look both ways before she crosses the street to school and to follow the same habit on the way home. Traffic officer Al Keane tells Valerie of other safety habits that will help her get to and from school safely. The Ontario Department of Transport reminds motorists to look out for children and when they "See Tot's Before Their Eyes" be ready to stop.



HARLEY TO HALTON

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

THE CONTROVERSIAL flag resolution has been referred to an all Party Committee of the House of Commons. I hope this committee is successful in its attempt to bring a recommendation back to the House of Commons, but I am very pessimistic as to the outcome. Six weeks time will tell and in the meantime the House of Commons has returned to legislation.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS introduced three farm measures for the consideration of Parliament. The first measure, an amendment to the Farm Improvement Act has already passed after relatively brief debate. This legislation had been limited in the past to Machinery Syndicate Act. This loans to farmers not to exceed \$7,500 dollars, and this has of credit to farm syndicates now been increased to \$15,000.

IN RECENT YEARS technical advances in farming and the increasing mechanization of farms has made larger expenditures of money necessary, and this increase will allow greater borrowing by the farmer to modernize his farming technique. This act will also authorize the Government to guarantee each bank against loss up to 10% of the farm improvement loans made by that bank during a lending period. The majority of these loans over the years have been used for the purchase of machinery and equipment.

THE SECOND MEASURE for discussion will be the Farm Machinery Syndicate Act. This loans to farmers not to exceed \$7,500 dollars, and this has of credit to farm syndicates now been increased to \$15,000.

farmers) for the purchase of farm machinery. Such loans can amount to 80% of the actual price of the farm machinery to be purchased by the loan. The farmers who would form such a syndicate could use this machinery themselves and also rent it out for use by their neighbours. More details on this will be given when the detailed Bill is produced before the House of Commons.

THE THIRD MEASURE is an amendment to the Crop Insurance Act. This will establish a crop insurance programme to supplement provincial crop insurance plans. The details here are at present not known but should be available by next week when further discussion will be carried out.

NEWS ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald 1954 and 1964

10 YEARS AGO

- An industrial victim of the Woodbridge flood has brought a new industry to Georgetown. The Wood-Way Manufacturing Co. has purchased part of the old lower paper mill from W. B. Ackerman of Toronto.
- Option on a 10-acre property in Georgetown is being taken up by an American electronics firm. Alex MacLaren, who owns property along the south side of River Drive, and who gave the interested company option in July, received word this week that the deal will go through. Varian Associates Limited promised a building which would be an asset to the landscape.
- Rev. Kenneth Richardson, presently Anglican rector at Jarvis, will become minister at Georgetown and Glen Williams churches in January. A letter from the bishop read Sunday informed the congregations of the appointment.

20 YEARS AGO

- Earthquake shocks awakened Georgetown residents at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning. The quake lasted for a little more than a minute. The earth tremor shook beds, moved furniture and rattled dishes. One man sitting in his car at the Lorne Scots dance, thought someone was playing a trick on him when his car started rocking from side to side.
- Pupils of Georgetown and Esquimaux public schools are seeing who can collect the most milk weed pods in a contest that will help the armed forces overseas. The pods have been found to be an effective substitute for kapok which came from countries in the south pacific ocean until they were occupied by Japan. The Ross Island pod is used for making life preservers. The Esquimaux Agricultural Society is offering \$5 cash to the pupil collecting the most, and Ottawa will pay school children 20c a bag for them.

URBAN BOARD REPORT

At this month's meeting of the North Halton Urban Board in Milton, Jack McGeachie, clerk-administrator of Acton was appointed secretary of the board, filling the vacancy created by the death of Jim Costigan recently.

During a general discussion of their centennial projects, it was revealed Milton plans to develop the mill pond into a public lake and recreation area at an estimated cost of \$20,000. Acton hopes to erect a library at an estimated cost of \$40,000, while Georgetown has bid \$80,000 for the Cedarvale School property.

The municipalities will pay a third, with the other two governments paying an equal share. A perennial topic with councilors, the cost of schools was

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Dance November 28th at the Parkway Motel in Guelph. The next meeting will be in Acton on October 21st.

SUGAR AND SPICE

It's The Happiest Day

Everybody happy now that school has re-opened? You should be. With the possible exception of Christmas Day, it's the happiest and most exciting occasion in the year, for a large part of our population.

The "drop-outs" are happy of course. They quit last Easter, took a job, the job petered out, and now they fervently agree with their mother, who said they were too stupid to make a living unless they had a university degree. So they've dropped back in to keep warm for another winter.

The school board is happy. The long dull summer, with nothing to do but make money, is over, and they can get back to the fascinating topics of how much the new boiler will cost, how lousy the new teachers are, how much they dare submit to the council in their budget, and how different things were when they were at school.

The caretakers are happy. After all, it's rather frustrating to succeed all summer washing, waxing and polishing, with nobody to appreciate. Now, their two months' hard work vanishes in a twinkling, and they can go back to 10 months of grousing about dirty kids and sloppy teachers.

The merchants are happy. Their "Back-to-School" advertising campaign went over pretty well. Now they can relax comfortably into criticism of the stupidity of the school board, the hours and salaries of the teachers, and the manners and morals of today's students, compared to those of their own generation.

Theoretically, the teachers are happy. They return to school clear-headed, refreshed, bushy-tailed, dedicated, after their long vacation, which they spent lying on the beach, pounding a golf ball, or touring Europe.

In reality, most of them totter in, re-lieved, wrung out and broke, after seven weeks of summer school and one dread, during which their kids were holy terrors and it rained every day.

Fathers, too have either a sigh or groan, depending on the age of the kids. If the students are young, it means the old man at least knows they're in school and safe, not being buried alive at the sandpit, or falling into the water-filled ditch, or running out in front of speeding cars to get their ball. If they're university age, he breathes heavily and grunts.

Weekly Bible Thought

H. B. Dean

"Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth."
Proverbs 24: 17

One of the marks of a true Christian is that when his enemy falls he feels the pain. "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

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