

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Sure, They're Politicians

In a quarter century of listening to councillors talk and interpreting their words for the Herald's weekly news items, we have listened to well over a hundred men (and one woman).

They are unlike as night and day. But in one respect, each shares one trait. He is a politician.

We have heard councillors criticized for this very attribute which gets them elected and keeps them in office.

Sometimes we hear people say "Why don't they get down to business and stop politicking." And the answer must be "When they do, we'll throw them out next election and get a new group in."

It is the way of democratic life that, in order to hold the public interest, a man must have some colour, some opinions and at times must even temporize and shade his convictions somewhat to carry as much favour as possible with those whose votes put him in power.

We tend to admire a man who stands firm as a rock for the thing in which he

believes. But we don't always accompany our admiration with our vote.

A politician, then, be he in the dominion, provincial or municipal level of government must be all things to a majority of people. It's a tough old job and the political path is strewn with the bruised bodies of those who didn't meet the test.

We don't for a minute say that an elected municipal servant shouldn't be criticized. Most of them, in fact, are like the politician who, after being ignored for weeks by the press, wrote in exasperation "Damn me up or damn me down, but say something."

But don't carry it to the point of labeling all councillors as fools, clowns, or a variety of epithets which they don't deserve.

With very few exceptions, a man who offers his services in an election, essentially has the good of Georgetown at heart. Whether you agree with what he plans to do or not, is your prerogative when you mark your X on a ballot.

Served Community Well

The sudden death of N. A. (Nels) Robinson last week left a host of friends sharing with his family grief at his passing.

Mr. Robinson was a respected member of the Esquimaux and Georgetown community — a man who had done his share and more, in a public way, to make his community a bit better.

He had served as a township municipal administrator, including the position of reeve. He had held office in his church at Norval. He was an active supporter of Georgetown Fair, and was a past president

of the fair board. And as an avid curler, he promoted a successful farmers' bonspiel each year which was one of the highlights for the curling club.

Mr. Robinson had an open, friendly personality. The type of man you liked when you first met him, and grew to like even better as you got to know him.

He left behind him that to which we all aspire — a respected place in the community which he had earned by contributing a share of his ability to the organizations to which he belonged.

Another National Game?

Whether hockey or lacrosse is Canada's national game may occupy some of parliament's time this winter. But the way Georgetown is going, perhaps a game where you can only develop shattered nerves in place of bruised bones is the local nomination.

It's bridge which is occupying more and more Georgetown people these days.

We have played the game for years, since the days of auction bridge which was the first refinement above whist. Contract bridge, with its variety of "count" procedures was a major breakthrough. And now some people have entered the highly technical field of "duplicates" and travel to Acton ev-

ery Monday night for this fascinating pastime.

A group of players are also enjoying twice-monthly games in a tournament which the Kinette club is sponsoring. And to the pleasure of playing a game you enjoy, the entrants are finding an added benefit in meeting other people and enlarging their field of acquaintances.

We haven't reached the duplicate stage yet, but we are enjoying thoroughly the friendly competition with those we are meeting in the tournament. If you don't play bridge, and want a game which has never-ending fascination, we recommend that you take it up.

NEWS DESK EXTRAS

by Terry Harley

STEW POT POURRI

● A Georgetown resident, Mrs. Toni Pearson, (nee Lee) and former members of this community Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee and Charles were burnt in the audience at Eastwood College last night when their sister and daughter, Ginny, delivered a stirring and dramatic Val-entines address as may ever be heard off these hallowed walls.

While Harry was an insurance company representative here, Ginny was a Georgetown public school pupil. When the Lee's moved to Kitchener, Ginny enrolled in Eastwood and represented her team. She is presently enrolled in her first year at Waterloo University.

Harry's compensation committee was held November 15 and the school and Mrs. Pearson in choosing Ginny Lee as student who made being a school student a full-time job for the Lee's. She was a cheerleader for three years, presided over the Drama Club, appeared in two plays and one Gilbert and Sullivan musical, served on student council, and in her final term acted as Deputy Prins Minister in the school's model parliament.

Blue Background For Ontario's 1965 Plates

Ontario's 1965 license plates for passenger and dual purpose automobiles and motorcycles will be available from Tuesday, December 1st, Transport Minister Irwin Haxell announced today.

The new plates will have white lettering and numerals on a blue background—the first change from black-and-white combinations since 1960. The plates will be on sale at all license issuing offices throughout the province.

Reply date for 1964 passenger, dual purpose and motorcycle plates will be midnight, Sunday, February 20, 1965. Mr. Haxell said, and there will be no extension. Persons operating cars with the old plates until 12:01 a.m. on Monday morning, March 1st, will be subject to prosecution. All license issuing offices will be open on Saturday, February 27th.

These dates for sale and expiry apply only to plates, not to drivers' licenses. Under the new system of issuing drivers' licenses begun a year ago, an expiry date is shown on each individual license. This date coincides with the driver's birth-date in either 1965 or 1966 and each driver will receive an application by mail when it is time to renew his driver's license.

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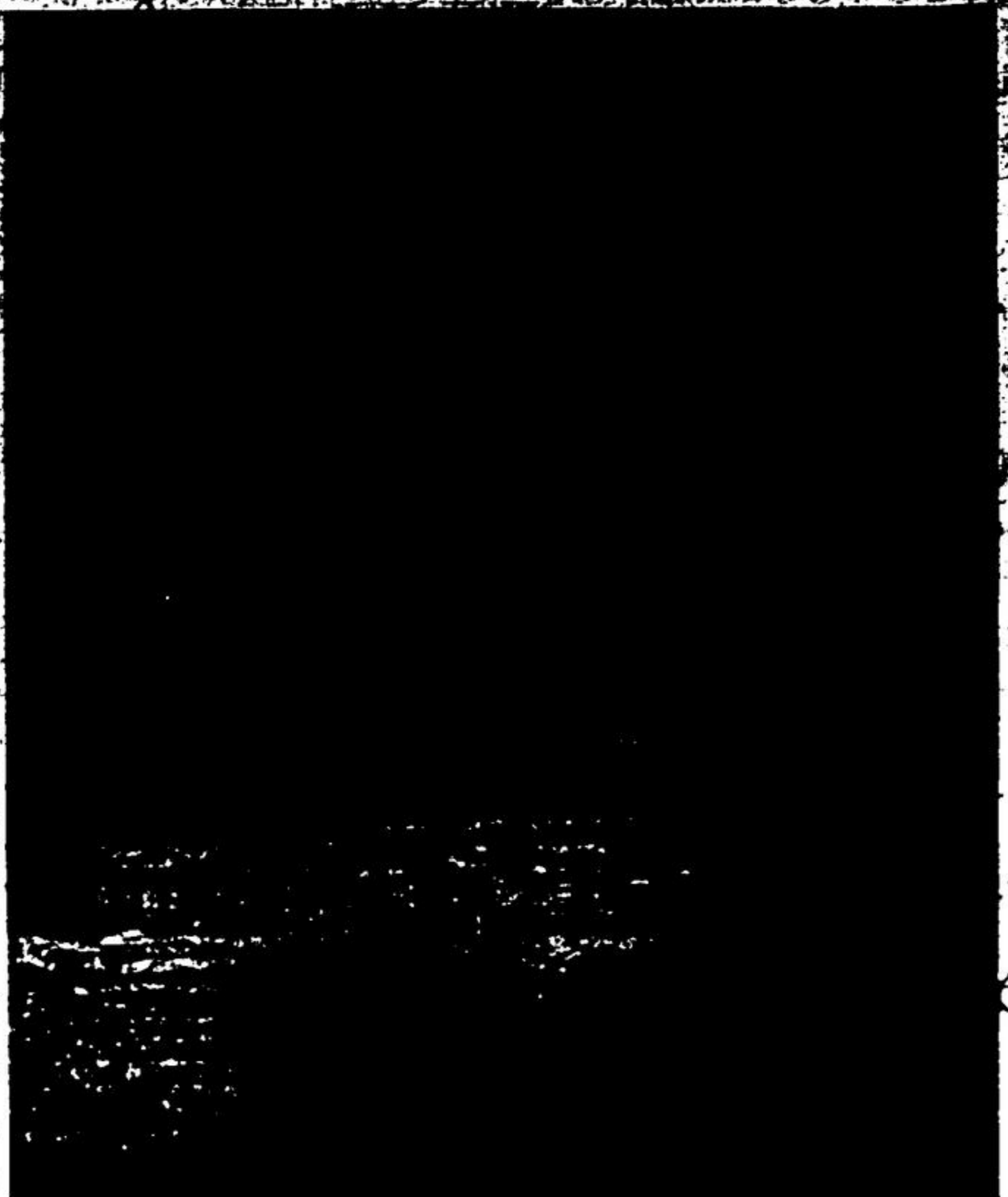
For commercial vehicles and trailers, the later issuing dates of the past two years will again apply. 1965 plates for commercial vehicles and trailers will go on sale Monday, March 1st, 1965, and the expiry date for 1964 commercial plates will be midnight, March 31st, 1965.

At a meeting of the Yellowjacket Motorcycle Club in Georgetown, new officers were elected. Stan O'Connor is president, Dave Corbett vice-president, Mrs. Stan O'Connor secretary, Don Hutchinson front road captain, and Jack MacDougall rear road captain.

The recent 60-cycle change-over operations in Georgetown and district gave engineers of Ontario Hydro and its changeover contractor one of the most difficult and awkward jobs yet encountered in the huge southern Ontario frequency standardization program. The big problem was the conversion of two large pieces of equipment, one a 125 horsepower motor weighing about 3 tons, and the other a 2 ton, 75 horsepower motor which is situated in a wooden shed at the bottom of a steep cliff close to 40 feet straight down. The motors are used to pump water from the Credit River up the cliff to a washer in the plant of Industrial Sand and Gravel Co. a few miles north of Georgetown.

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The Medical Officer of Health report at the town council Monday showed: the population of the town at 2,468. There were 10 births during the year and one death. The MOH stressed the important work the Public Health Nurse, Miss Walker, R.N., is doing among the public school children, 312 in all.



OLD LIME KILN NORTH OF GLEN WILLIAMS

MAY BE SAVED by conservation authority's proposed foundation to save historic sites in the Credit Valley. Foundation would also save limehouse kilns and Georgetown dynasty.



HARLEY TO HALTON

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

The Bill on Redistribution has passed the House of Commons and now awaits Senate approval. The two controversial clauses were amended somewhat and successfully passed.

The variation in population between ridings to allow for geographical boundaries, rural districts, etc., will be 25 per cent above or below the average which is approximately 78,000. A riding could vary between 54,000 and 90,000 population but this is unlikely as the Commission will make these ridings as even as possible.

The Canada Pension Plan received second reading by a vote of 184 to 0. It was obvious that no one was going to vote against the principle of this Bill. The Bill has been referred to a Joint Committee of the House of Commons and Senate for intensive study.

It has been decided that the flag issue will be deferred. It has been agreed that the House of Commons will spend the remainder of this week and all next week on estimates of Government spending. This will complete all Departments and will mean that the Government will not have to worry about interim supply (asking for permission to pay monthly bills). This will be completed by the 27th November and will leave two issues to be dealt with before Christmas — the flag issue and Bill C-126, the Labour Standards Code.

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NEWS ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald 1934 and 1944

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BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Grid of business advertisements including: CHIROPRACTOR DONALD A. GAY, D.C.; Dale, Bennett, Latimer & Baines; George C. Hewson; Frederick A. Nelson; M. E. Wanderson, Q.C.; T. Van Sicker, B.A.; Kaplan & Ord; MASSAGE; MONUMENTS; WALLACE THOMPSON; CLASSIFIED ADS BRING RESULTS.

Where Those Week-Ends Go

Like most teachers, I don't know what I'd do without my weekends. All right, I know. The hours are great, there are lots of holidays and you're sure of your pay at the end of the month. But believe it or not, it's an exhausting game. Baby-sitters have their moments of frenzy. Policemen sometimes get out of control. To these two jobs, add the task of stuffing advertisements daily into about 120 kids, most of whom can take it or leave it, and you can understand why teachers totter towards 4 p.m. Friday like comets hurtling to their first oasis on the far side of the Gobi desert.

Weekly Bible Thought

M. E. Doss
"And he believed in the Lord; and he was baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 18:8