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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Auxiliary Seeks Members

In an advertisement last week, the Women's Auxiliary of Georgetown Hospital issued a call for volunteers. This thriving organization, formed even before the hospital was built, has played an important role and has a continuing job in filling many functions which would not be economically possible otherwise. The gift shop, tuck wagon, visitor control and library are all handled by these public-spirited ladies. As is the teenage volunteer aid. These jobs are all pleasant ones, and providing enough women belong to the organization, need only take a few hours every month or two. However, unless a continuous interest is maintained and new volunteers join, it tends to fall to the lot of that 'faithful few' and the chore becomes onerous.

Why Not A Canadian Race?...

Any parliament that could make such a hash of deciding on a new Canadian flag, deserves to have another issue to occupy its time while it ignores more important things. Our suggestion would be a full-scale discussion on 'racial origin' which still bobs up on application forms, although the interest in knowing where one's paternal forebears came from doesn't seem to be as important today. We'll come right out and say that we are much more interested in calling ourselves a Canadian racially than we are in worrying about whether we have a flag which declines all connections with the Commonwealth. For years we have been indicating, when an official form requires it, that we are Swiss, because the earliest traceable member of our father's side of the family emigrated from that country some two hundred years ago.

Charges Not Justified

Extra water charges for a fire hydrant on his property are being disputed by a Georgetown Industrialist. Arthur Klee explained his point in a letter in the Herald last week and would seem to have a good reason for his 'beef' particularly when the charge was only imposed a year ago, while the hydrant has been there longer than most people remember. Unfortunately, both Mr. Klee and council got somewhat hot under the collar when he attended a council meeting a few weeks ago, and it is hoped they might get together and solve their differences amicably before it blows up a real storm. It seems to be a matter of tampering with the town's legal position with a feeling for the industry's value to the community. And

Ladies who might wish to give a few hours of their time to public service by helping in any of the above-mentioned jobs should contact the hospital. They will be cordially welcomed, and aside from the service they can render, they will be meeting new friends when they attend the auxiliary meetings. We hope the auxiliary will never be placed in the same position as some of the men's groups where without a ladies' auxiliary the group could not exist. If it is, then we will have to begin another 'first' for Georgetown — a men's auxiliary to the ladies' auxiliary. Seriously, we're certain there are many ladies who will answer the appeal and help keep necessary extra services at the hospital.

To our mind, this no more makes us Swiss than having a fruit salad for dinner one day makes one a vegetarian. In the first place, the generation before might have come from France, Brazil, or Outer Mongolia for all we know. And, even if he didn't, the mixture of racial strains in six or seven generations, dilutes that racial strain to microscopic traces. Racial original can be a matter of pride, or otherwise, to an individual. But it should be a matter of little consequence to anyone else. Even those government statistics, for which the racial questions are sought, have little significance after a generation or two has passed. We think Canada has been in existence long enough that we should have a good proportion of Canadians, racially speaking, and it should be quite proper to call a person a Canadian in every sense of the word.

In this case, we don't think ratepayers would criticize council if they were to forget the disputed charges, move the hydrant if they so wished, or amend legislation to allow it to stay there without charge. While Mr. Klee's position is somewhat unique, there are other cases too where we feel a town-by-law imposes an unfair burden on property owners. We refer to an extra yearly charge for sprinkler systems installed as a fire prevention measure. The property owner is assessed a substantial yearly charge for this. And yet, does he not actually render an extra service, for if fire were to occur and be checked, he has reduced the work of the fire department, and quite possibly saved damage not only to his own structure, but to adjoining buildings as well.

Giving Blood Makes Winnipeg Proud

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY: We wish to thank someone for this note from Winnipeg. It was signed 'A Blood Donor.' Editor . . . "I was walking along the streets of downtown Winnipeg one day, when I met a friend who in turn introduced me to a friend of his. The friend looked around at the buildings of the city on this clear day and said 'Isn't life wonderful?' In an instant, thoughts of 'A Bomb', the hungry of China and Japan, the Berlin wall, and many other things very dreadful, flashed through my mind. In the next instant, I thought to myself, 'Tonight I give blood.' I then turned to this fellow and replied: 'Yes, life is wonderful. That night as I lay on the bed giving my blood, I realized that I was giving to another person by donating my blood. The person in the next bed to me in the cosy room, said to me: 'It's about time I gave blood, I have only received it before from other donors such as ourselves. That night as I returned home on the bus, I glanced up at the bus cards, and saw the Red Cross appeal for blood. It was the one, showing a small boy receiving blood from some person, he may never meet. Reading this made me the

proudest man on earth, because I GAVE."

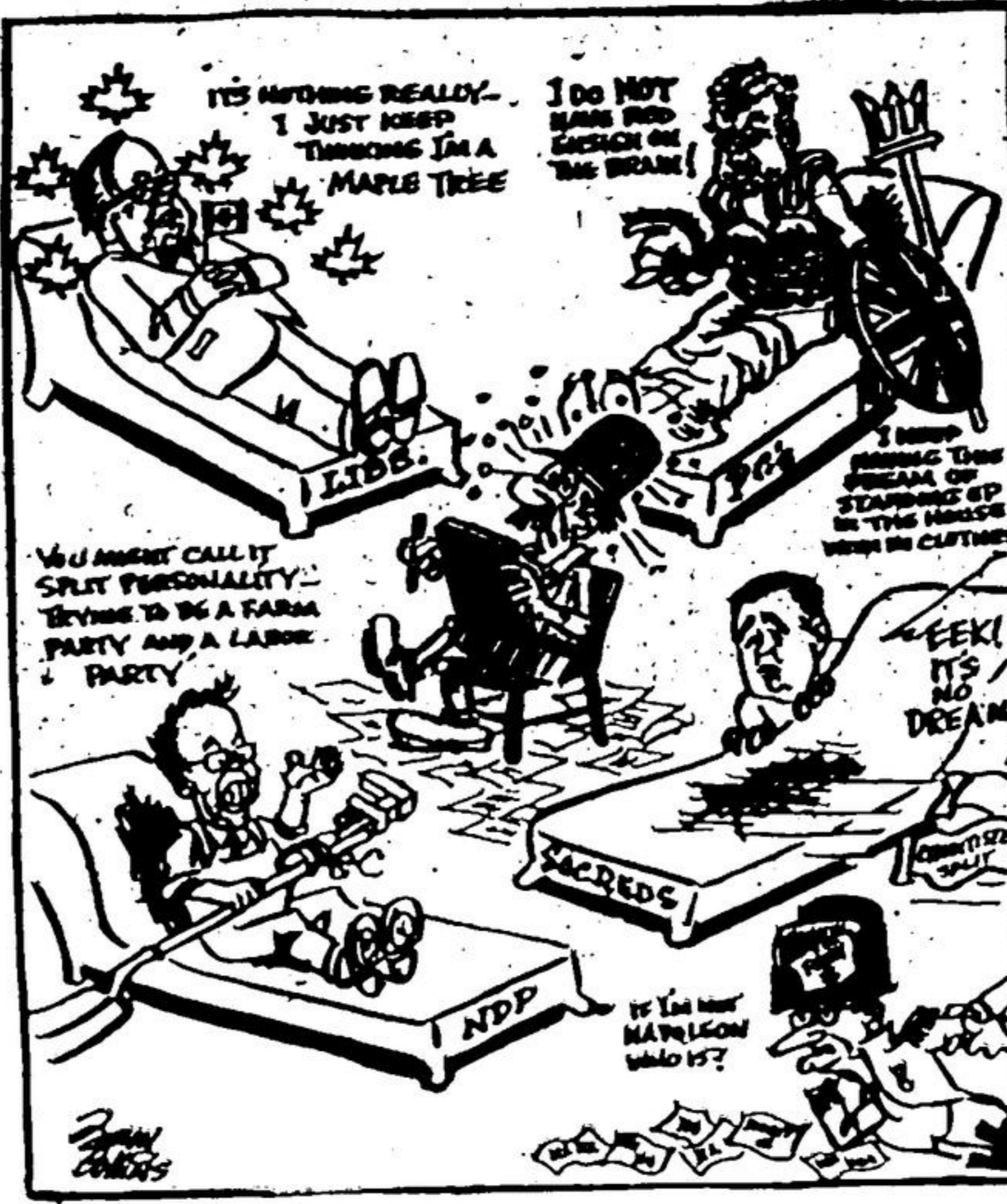
Do you want to GIVE too? Then don't forget the next blood donor clinic on Monday, February 15th, 1965.

DISTRICT NEWS AT A GLANCE

THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE — Final burials in the creation of Acton's Industrial Park on Main St. N. was cleared last week when third and final reading of a by-law for a \$50,000 debenture issue was passed. The land is now ready for sale to industrial property seekers.

ROCKWOOD — Those past and present who had attended SS No. 8 gathered at the school last Friday evening. The school was closed at the end of the month and the new Central Erasmus School opened Feb. 1.

BRAMPTON — One million dollars was the price paid by Dale Estates Limited for its long time competitor, Walter E. Calvert Limited. Final closing of the purchase took place Friday. The merger creates the largest establishment of its kind in North America, with over 40 acres



PSYCHIATRIST URGES TESTS FOR MP'S

NEWS DESK EXTRAS

by Terry Harley

STEW POT POURRI — like wizardry, but required only logic. Manager Jarvis explained the number has been jammed closer to the names eliminating most of those little dotted lines. He said the four column pages makes for less printing expense and less page flipping by the customers.

The cover picture this year is a sketch of the Iliston County Museum at the Kelso Conservation Area.

Writing about the Bell reminder of an answer on a history exam which didn't help the pupil's scholastic average but must have earned something on the teacher's laugh meter. The stumped scholar wrote in desperation — "If Alexander Graham hadn't invented the bell nobody would be able to hear the telephone ring."

We're beginning to believe the only reason a barrel of monkeys is funnier than a barrel of people is because you can get more monkeys in a barrel. We submit in evidence the results of the Junior Chamber of Commerce survey 'What's Wrong With Georgetown' which concludes we need (inhalable) a wading pool, a public auditorium, a recreation director, a recreation area, public school auditoriums and gymnasiums, more hard surfaced roads, gutters and storm sewers, better approaches to the town, better weed control, more public parking, public fountains and toilets, better drinking water, tree planting, dead tree removal, — AND LOWER TAXES. Inadvertently the suggestion that Mandrake be hired as town manager was left off.

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NEWS ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald 1954 and 1944

10 YEARS AGO

- Toronto Star carriers from here were entertained last Wednesday at a special night in their honour. Service awards went to carriers Leo Tucker, Lorne Klingbell, and David Smith. First year awards went to Catherine Smith, Arthur and Burton Swaezie, Paul and Tom Marshall, Diana Hill, and Lynne and Monty Hyde. Other paper carriers from here were Bill Manderson, Tom Copeland, Ollie and Eric Poudstrup; Lindsay and Winston Weatherall; Mary Tucker, Murray Ross and Doug Mills.
- Clarence Benham will be joining the municipal staff soon. He was hired by council last Tuesday. Mr. Benham is a lifelong town resident who lives at 55 Market St. He is a former manager of the Brewers' Retail Store and has been with the personnel department of the Beardmore and Co., Acton, for several years.
- If all goes smoothly the first houses in the proposed Delrex subdivision will be started in May. Building will start on the H. Craig Reid farm.

20 YEARS AGO

- A letter was read from Branch 120, Canadian Legion, asking council to do all in their power to persuade property owners to give preference to returning war veterans in the sale and rental of property. Council expressed full accord and said that anything that could be done in this direction would be.
- The Georgetown Girls Pipe Band Concert Party has been presented twice for troops, at Brampton Army Camp, and Toronto, in the past two weeks. Besides the band, directed by E. K. Magloughen, the concert-party included Owen Hughes as master of ceremonies; Bill McDonald and the Rhythm Rubes; the Scott and Swindlehurst Trio; and the Three B's: George Barber, Jim and Clare Burns, in acrobatic numbers.