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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Service Clubs Important Cogs

The Kinsmen Club is marking its 8th Georgetown birthday this month, and the Rotary Club soon its tenth. With the Lions Club, which has well over a quarter century of local existence, these clubs have proved of inestimable worth to Georgetown district.

The clubs are at the back and call of any worthwhile civic service, be it a youngster who needs glasses, a hand at ticket taking for the fall fair, a large project like the hospital, or aid to crippled children.

And while going about their good works cheerfully and with vigour, service club members manage to have a good time, both at their dinner meetings, and as they go along life's path helping others.

There is scarcely any town activity which does not either owe its birth, or some of its growth to a service club.

The Kinsmen have created a parkette playground, and are investigating construc-

tion of apartments for senior citizens. The Rotarians have the Easter Seal campaign as one of their major yearly chores. The community swimming pool was the brain-child of the Lions.

Santa Claus parades, girls' softball league, senior citizens dinner, Christmas welfare for needy families, are only the beginning of a long list of club activities. And there are many assists which, because they are for individuals, are never publicized. It can happen, even, that club members themselves may not know the actual name of a person who has benefited from their generosity.

Georgetown has been fortunate in having men band together in these public spirited activities. We should show our appreciation whenever possible by supporting them when they have tickets to sell, public functions to attend. And it never hurts, now and then, to say, thank you for jobs well done.

### Post Office Possible Site

The Ontario Police Commission report has a separate building for the Georgetown police department as one of its main recommendations.

And with some trepidation, after the political publicity which the old post office building received a year ago, we suggest that it be considered as the possible site.

The building has two of the requisites which the report demands — enough space and within walking distance of the downtown business area. It has sat vacant for over a year and it is possible that the owners might consider a sale if there was a reasonable profit on their investment.

### Didn't Quite Make It

Although the Little Theatre players didn't quite make the drama finale this year, they have nothing to be ashamed of in their presentation of The Little Hut last week.

We viewed the play on opening night, were impressed by its high standard of playing and direction, and with the adjudicator shared the thrill of the superior stage setting which he termed "of completely professional calibre."

The play was not an easy one. Highly sophisticated, it was deceptively light farce, with an underlying commentary on human beings and their behaviour under a certain set of conditions. The author took some pointed digs at what people will do under two sets of circumstances — civilization and desert island living. The lines

were clever, and required the utmost polish in delivery and nuance to put the story across.

The four performers never once let us down as they unfolded this comedy of manners. The adjudicator's main criticism was that too fast a pace was maintained on opening night, and some of the lines tended to be lost — a fault which we are sure was corrected in following performances.

We share in the disappointment that The Little Hut is now merely local history and that it will not be given its hoped-for performance at Woodstock this spring.

But the company should be proud to realize they have given another fine show for Georgetown audiences, one which was thoroughly enjoyed by the people who attended.



EVERYBODY IS SHAVING WITH THE SAME BLADE

## NEWS DESK EXTRAS

by Terry Harley

### Things You'd Never Know If You Didn't Read Phone Book

The new edition of the Bell Telephone Company's directory is chock full of all kinds of insignificant information if you care to spend a couple of moments flipping through the Georgetown section.

For instance a change in leadership has quietly taken place here. A new name ABC TV and Radio service now sits atop the local buildings delecting G. Abrahamse whose number occupied that spot for the past few years. While at the tail end of the 12 and a quarter page Georgetown section sits George Zylstra which took over that position from Emil Zuber in the 1963 book.

The Smiths once again list the most numerous firm. The local listing contains 35 Smiths, but the Wilsons (33) are getting close. Tied for third are listings for Thompson and Nortons, both of which appear 26 times. Hunters (21) and Browns (20) are almost as numerous.

Browns, however, dominate the colour category by a large margin. There are only 9 Whites, 7 Greens, 5 Blacks and 5 Grays.

Although Canadians are not allowed titles the Georgetown directory contains 11 Kings, but no Queens. Religiously speaking there are 2 Popes, 2 Bishops, but no Deacons or Archdeacons. The name of the town's founder - Kennedy - appears 4 times.

In the animal world Georgetown has 10 Fishers, a Fox, 2 Wolves, 6 Birds and 3 Eagles, which when tallied are still outnumbered by the 31 Hunters.

When it comes to skilled labour Georgetown, according to the phone listings, has 18 Barbers, 17 Millers, 7 Ba-

kers, 7 Cooks, 3 Farmers and 3 Shepherds, and 34 business offices, commercial places and clubs start their titles with the word Georgetown.

We also have 3 Norths, 2 Souths, a West but no East, and the only automobiles in town are 6 Fords, 2 Morris', 8 Beaumonts, 6 Coopers, a Healey, a Riley, and a Stanley.

It's in the book.

### BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

H. B. Dean  
"And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved." - Psalms 50:6  
Good times breeds big talk. Beware lest thou forget the Lord thy God."

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## NEWS ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald 1954 and 1944

### 10 YEARS AGO

- H. E. Cole will be Georgetown's new engineer commencing his position here the first of May. One of 14 applicants for the position recently advertised, he was one of three men interviewed on Monday by Council.
- An all-time record of applications for a municipal position, almost known council under Monday when town clerk John D. Kelly produced 89 letters submitted by men seeking the new position of police chief.
- The old Buck slaughter house behind the arena has been torn down and plans are on the drawing board for a new swimming pool with purification system, filtration system, and dressing rooms as the Lions Club progresses with arrangements for a swimming centre there. Estimated cost of the project is \$50,000.

### 20 YEARS AGO

- A letter from the trustees of School Section No. 14 was read at Esquating council Monday asking that the council incorporate their school into a township school area. A motion was made setting apart school sections Nos. 3, 5, 6, 7U, 8, 10, 11 and 14 as a Township School Area. 22cb ourqtko toihoe- uho. asyrii lish so mti

## SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bili Smiley

### They Could Have Asked Me!

That aging infant terrible, Pierre Berton, has churned out another book. With the encouragement of the Anglican Church he took what was supposed to be a long, hard look at contemporary Christianity.

Accorded to the critical reviews, the result, entitled The Comfortable Few, turned out to be a short, soft look.

For years I have envied Berton for a number of reasons: his facility with words; his TV interviews with gorgeous dailies; his colossal golly; his big fat income. Every time the big fuzz came across another coup, I got the green sickness.

But this is different. My jealousy is complicated by sheer hurt. If the Anglicans wanted somebody to write a book about them, why did they turn to a backslid Anglican like Berton, when they had a frontslid Anglican, me, available.

Like most converted Anglicans, I was hauled, kicking and struggling, into the fold, on sexual grounds. My wife was an Anglican.

At first, she used to shame me into accompanying her to church a couple of times a year. Then the outfit fastened its tentacles to the kids and first thing I knew I was going to Bible Class pageants and Sunday School picnics.

"Wouldn't it be lovely," she speculated with that phony wife-funfulness that makes you want to run for the nearest exit, "if you could be confirmed at the same time as your little son?"

I dug in my heels I refused to join in the general confession, because I could hear my mother, with her solid Methodist background, groaning in her grave every time we came to that bit about believing in the holy Catholic church. I wouldn't kneel, but just sort of crunched down, like my Ulster Presbyterian father.

To cut a long conflict short, I was confirmed at the same time as my son. And frankly, I must admit that once the last rug was pulled from under my feet, I've enjoyed every minute of it.

Now I can mumble the general confession and the creed with the best of them. And I take a certain childish pride in kneeling, straight-backed, through the long communion service, when all about me — other people are groaning and reverting sneakily to a squat, a crouch, or a mere bending

of the head. Sometimes my family has . . . lift me back into the pew and massage my knees so that I can come up for the next hymn, but it's worth it.

One thing I like about the Anglicans; they keep you busy. None of this stuff of sitting there dreaming for an hour while a preacher wanders thru the dark forests of his own interpretations. They have you peeping-up and down like a lock-in-the-pulpit, on your knees praying, on your feet singing, or on your seat feeling your wind back.

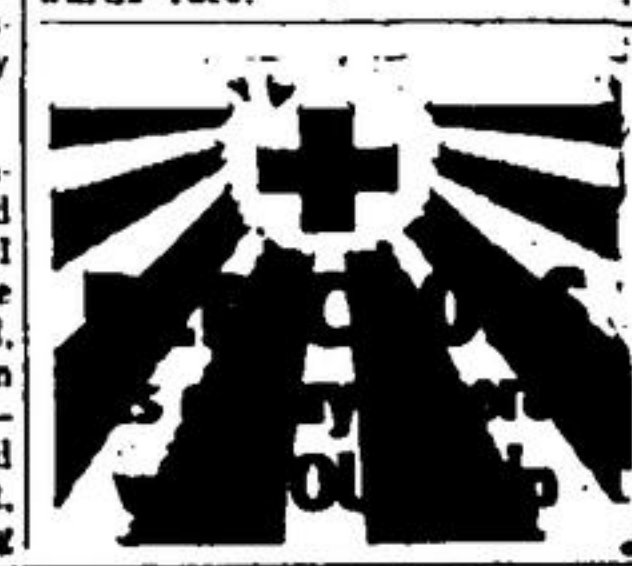
Another thing I like about Anglican services is the prayers. I don't think I could ever go back to those interminable, hour-long prayers in which the preacher sits as though God had nothing better to do on a busy Sunday morning than listen to him displaying his eloquence and endurance. At least, in the Anglican ritual, you can craftily flip over the page and be reassured that there are only two more paragraphs of the thing.

Last, and I hesitate to say this, I like being an Anglican because of the work in me. Anglicans, if pressed (up against a wall with a knife at their throats), will admit that some other faiths have certain merits. But underneath, they know that a good Anglican is a couple of jumps nearer heaven than a good R.C. or Methodist or Baptist or Presbyterian.

In this way, they are exactly like good R.C.'s, Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians. But it's heartening to those who lack confidence.

I told you they picked the wrong fellow to write that book.

Henri Dunant, founder of the Red Cross said, "To arouse a desire among states to vie with one another in really charitable undertakings so that one and all may benefit from the successful achievements of others in the sphere of humanitarian progress, is to annihilate the petty prejudices and cold selfishness of race towards race."



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## HARLEY TO HALTON

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

At the end of last week Parliament passed its first piece of legislation and it went through the House of Commons with really only token opposition. Apart from the opening day and the following Thursday, the House of Commons has settled down to work without too much trouble. The Labour Standards Act provides standards of work for those employees under federal jurisdiction and provides a standard much better than anywhere else on this continent. As an example this is much better than similar legislation in the United States. On Friday, during the last hour usually devoted to Private Members' Hour, great cooperation was evident and many small but important Bills passed the House of Commons.

One of the afternoon sessions was taken up by a question of privilege by the NDP. One newspaper from British Columbia has charged that six of the nine NDP members from British Columbia were elected with the assistance of fraudulent voting practices of some of the unions. The NDP wanted a complete investigation but the Speaker ruled that, as no specific Member was charged, it was not within his powers to allow the motion to be voted on. The Members of the Government supported the Speaker but were overruled by the House of Commons. The motion itself to have the investigation under the direction of the Acting Chief Returning Officer was passed unanimously. He will investigate these charges. It is charged that some union members were enumerated in one area but before election day were moved to another area. A record is alleged to have been kept and someone voted for them in the area where they were enumerated. This, of course, is illegal. One has to vote where he has been enumerated and loses his vote if he is not there when voting takes place.

### IN MEMORY OF THE OLD IN HONOUR OF THE NEW

Much blood has flowed beneath this flag. Under a bright new sun. Give it your heart and loyalty, This flag that is now your own; And even prepare to die for it, As you did for that which has flown.

Mary-Anne Kingdon,  
R.R. 1, Norval  
Feb. 15, 1965