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EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

Congratulations, Holy Cross ...

The community welcomes a handsome addition to its religious structures this Sunday when the new Holy Cross Roman Catholic church will be blessed and officially opened in the afternoon.

His Excellency, J. F. Ryan, Bishop of Niagara, will celebrate Mass at 4 o'clock service when parishioners will be joined by friends of other faiths in worshipping in their new buildings.

It is a giant stride in a parish which only a few short years ago was a faint one with Acton, and when the highway church, now to be abandoned, adequately served the needs of its people. In those days, the church was one of the smallest of the local congregations. Today it is one

of the largest in numbers. And the new building has a seating capacity which exceeds that of any other congregation.

There is a touch of nostalgia when a building ceases to function, and among older Roman Catholics, who were married in the highway church, whose children were confirmed there and whose church life has centred around it, there will be some silent tears on Sunday. But there will be happiness too, in knowing that such a big step is necessary. It is a healthy reflection that religion has a strong part to play in Georgetown's future.

We congratulate parishioners and their priest in their move and extend the best wishes of the community for their future prosperity.

Dangers In Medicare ...

With Ontario on the threshold of a medicare plan, we would be the last to knock it. One has only to realize the crippling costs of a major illness today, to realize how important it is to be protected against financial tragedy.

The Ontario Hospital plan filled one need when it provided protection against hospital costs. And many private plans are available to people to give similar protection for medical bills.

But there is one danger-spot which, we believe, should be overcome, both in any mass medicare plan, or in the private policies now in existence.

One can compare health insurance with the type we carry on our automobiles.

The reason for carrying any insurance is to protect oneself against a major disaster. It is quite common in the automobile field to have a deductible clause

where the first fifty dollars' damage is shouldered by the owner of the vehicle.

We think Ontario Hospital and medical insurance plans should be of a similar type. It is not against the day or two in hospital or the odd visit to a doctor's office that the average person needs protection. It is rather against prolonged hospitalization, and a condition which requires weeks of treatment by a doctor, that we need insurance.

With government paying the whole shot for hospital patients, and private firms paying for every ministrations by a professional man, then there is only one way for rates to go — up. Ontario Hospital found this out last year when there was a sharp 50% rise in premium payments.

The upward trend will continue, and we think it could be stemmed somewhat by such a deductible clause.

Not As I Do ...

A member of the hospital board has suggested we give a blast to the eleven thousand-odd residents who didn't show up at the annual meeting last week.

It's a case of "do as I say, not as I do" because we confess that we were among the missing faces. And to be honest, we have never attended an annual meeting yet.

But we promised to be there next year.

It is a sad fact that only a handful of people express enough interest in the operation of one of the town's major assets to attend the meeting. It does not mean, of course, that most people do not appreci-

ate the hospital. They do.

But we can understand that directors are discouraged and feel they are working in the dark unless attendance figures express this interest.

Next year, we hope others will follow our lead and donate a few hours of their time to attend, hear a report of the year's activities and help to elect the board which will operate the hospital.

Remember that not only is this one of Georgetown's most valuable assets, it is a major employer, equivalent to a number of small industries. And as a contributor, and a member, you have a voice in its operation.



OTTAWA WINTER CARNIVAL

NEWS DESK EXTRAS

by Terry Harley

Food for Insecurity

Miles of words are devoted to traffic problems and hopeless traffic stations go into the aviation business to get birds-eye views of the congested asphalt ribbons; and news photographers find interesting subjects in hundreds of automobiles held captive in rush hour snarls. It all serves to prove the automobile has moved into just about every-

Other activities connected with the automobile which pour millions into the economy are the financing agencies and the casualty insurance corporations who besides their dividends to shareholders, pay a fabulous total out to lending agencies and to auto repair industries in the form of property damage claims.

The point we're trying to make is this. The preeminence of the internal combustion engine in the ultimate distribution of the nation's wealth makes for a rather vulnerable star for us to hitch our wagon.

It makes us wonder, how did the nation hold together before the advent of the automobile, and conversely, what would happen to our standard of living if the contraption were suddenly removed from the scene. Total exhaustion of all fuel reserves isn't too fantastic a supposition.

There are nearly one million Canadians employed in the automobile and motor transportation industries in one connection or the other. Another facet of the industry impact on our economy is that over a half billion dollars worth of goods produced by "feeder" and "sub-assembly" industries are purchased by the automakers. To this must be added the supply of raw materials, steel, rubber, fabrics, and other basic commodities.

DISTRICT NEWS AT A GLANCE

BRAMPTON

Brampton and Chinguacousy and parts of Toronto Township will join forces and become one big city within the next five years, Brampton Mayor Russell Prouse predicts.

ACTON

A dual purpose building to

NEWS ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald 1954 and 1944

10 YEARS AGO

The North Halton high school staff is seeking a replacement for Miss Dorothy Parkinson who is being married this summer and will be moving from town.

Investigating the possibility of a hospital in Georgetown, the Chamber of Commerce invited two men instrumental in conducting a hospital campaign in Dunnville in 1951 to a meeting last Wednesday.

Keen interest is being shown by local people in viewing the topographical map in McClure's Main St. store which shows the Delrex development. It gives some detail of how the new area will be divided into residential, industrial and commercial properties. School sites are shown, streets laid out, with actual scale models of houses, factories and stores in the Delrex area.

Joe Scherzil is one Georgetownian still in hockey uniform. A defenseman with the Kitchener Waterloo Dutchmen who are engaged in Fort William in the Allan Cup finals, Scherzil picked up one assist as K-W won the first game 3-2. They ousted Moncton, N.B. last week to advance to the Canadian senior finals.

20 YEARS AGO

At Council meeting Monday, Kenneth M. Langdon presented a plan on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Hillard Ostrander and asked council to approve the opening of a subdivision of 16 building lots on a new street to be known as Ostrander Boulevard.

A deputation of practically all the residents of King St. in the Clay Products district waited on council in regard to the smoke nuisance caused by smoke from the kilns at the factory. Council had taken action against the company three years ago and a decision was handed down in favour of the company.

SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

Some Spring Fancies

We all know what a young man's fancy is supposed to be in the spring. But when you get right down to it, young men are vastly uninteresting, except to themselves, recruiting officers, and, of course young women.

So we will ignore the fancy of young men this spring, especially since it's lightly turned to the same sort of thoughts in the other three seasons too. Let's examine the fancies of some of the more interesting age groups.

Sole aim of very small males, in the spring, seems to be to find. They love mud. It has the same fascination for them that it had for small pigs. They like to walk in it, kneel in it, roll in it, and bring as much as possible of it home with them.

Slightly older boys have a fancy for the spring for anything that is dangerous, foolish or irritating. On the first day the temperature is above 40 they want to go batless and barefoot. They build rafts that sink. They dig graves in the piles of crumbly sandpits. They cross swollen streams on the slippery trunks of fallen trees. They walk on railway tracks.

The mature, or married, man is stunned by spring. A few weeks ago, his home was quite attractive, with that nice white snow covering everything. Now it's nothing but a big, fat eye-sore. Paint peeling, eaves-droplets dangling, cellar window broken and a potato sack stuffed in it. Storm windotars from the southeast side of the kitchen still leaning against the house, where he left it last fall. Front lawn littered, kiddy car, rake, a pile of dead leaves, and the whole torn into trenches worthy of Plandera's fields by the visits of the coal truck.

He does the only sensible thing in the circumstances. He sits down with pencil and paper and lays out a plan of cleaning up, painting, and general improvements. He reads it triumphantly to his wife. It's so sincere she's really impressed. She's proud of him. A new leaf. First job he'll tackle is the front lawn. Then the cellar.

Half an hour later, she discovers the new leaf is just the other side of the same one he turned over last year. She catches him cleaning up the front lawn by chipping grapefruit skins into the coal-truck crevices with a golf club. They have words. She dons her boots and rakes the lawn, sending him to the cellar.

When he doesn't show up for supper, she figures he's really buckling down to it, and goes down cellar to call him.

And there he is, crouched on the remnants of the coal-pile, with his fishing rod, practising his fly-casting into the large pool between the vegetable-bin and the furnace.

What about the older, life-rodder? What kind of a fancy does he have, come spring? After dicing with death through a long, cruel winter, when his old side-kicks were appearing with monotonous regularity on the obituary page, I imagine he's pretty pleased with himself. In fact, I know he is. I was talking to one the other day. As he sunned himself in front of the post office, he told me:

"Didn't think I'd make it back there in January. Flat on my back and getting worse every day. The old lady practically had the insurance collected and off to Florida for the rest of the winter. 'But,' with an evil chuckle, 'she got fooled. She caught the cold and I buried her at the end of February. Have smart now whenever I feel like it. Say, son, when do these tourists stop to arrive? I'm going to spend the whole summer watching them girls in their shorts. I figure it won't do me any harm and should do me a lot of good.'"

Weekly Bible Thought

H. B. Dean

"I will declare thy name unto my brethren in the midst of the congregation and I will praise thee." Psalms 22:22

The need of the hour is more witnesses and fewer judges.

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metals was first described by
Leonardo da Vinci.

HARLEY TO HALTON

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

SINCE OUR LAST column the House of Commons has been continuing its consideration of the Canada Pension Plan. Some time each day has been devoted to matters of procedure with the Opposition Parties trying to set aside the normal business, in this case the Canada Pension Plan, to discuss other matters. I would anticipate that by the end of next week the Canada Pension Plan may pass.

ON WEDNESDAY THE business of the Parliament was put aside to discuss the escape of Rivard. The Federal Government really has no jurisdiction here, as by law Rivard was held by the Provincial authorities and not by Federal authority. The Attorney-General of Quebec has promised a full investigation into this matter. As Rivard was trying to avoid extradition to the United States it seems unlikely that he would escape to that country.

THE INVESTIGATION into the British Columbia case of alleged fraudulent N.D.P. voting will not be conducted by the Acting Chief Returning Officer. He has stated that he has full-time responsibility in the redistribution matter and that it would be physically impossible for him to do the job. His inquiry would have been limited to what a great number of members of Parliament would do. The Prime Minister

therefore, ordered a judicial enquiry into this matter, which is as it should be.

I HAVE HAD enquiries from Halton regarding some revisions to certain acts administered in the Department of Insurance. The main interest lies in an increase in the maximum mortgage allowed on real estate. At present this amounts to 80% of the value of the real estate and the changes in the Act would increase the maximum to 75%. This has passed second reading

MAIL BAG

CONGRATULATES COUNCIL ON INDUSTRIAL COMMISSIONERS

40 Main St. South, Georgetown as a "Good Town to live and work in."

Mr. Editor:
Through the columns of your newspaper I would like to thank you for the congratulations to the members of council for their choice of min. for the 1965 Georgetown Industrial Commission.

It is most gratifying to read in your newspaper that which I tried so hard to convey to some members of last year's council, and now it has become a reality. I am sure many of our citizens will assist the Commission in every way possible.

and committee stage which is agreed in principle and detail. It still requires third reading which is usually a formality and then will go to the Senate where it is not expected to cause any problem.

It should receive Royal Assent well before the end of March, 1965, unless it is delayed for some unforeseen reason. When passed this will then officially allow mortgages up to 75% of the value of the real estate and will be welcomed by builders and purchasers alike.

With the removal of politics from the industrial commission, I am also sure we can look forward to a new and progressive approach to our industrial problems.

A special congratulation to Mayor Joe Gibbons, Councilman Bob Francis and Councilman Bill O'Leary. They accomplished what seemed to be impossible, the removal of the politicians from the Georgetown Industrial Commission. A vindicated Georgetown citizen.

—Bill Campy