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## EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

### One Way of Looking

Statistics in this Herald issue showing 26 births in Georgetown hospital in one month, started us thinking how much money is saved by facilities offered here. There was a day, only a few years back, when these babies would have been born in Brampton or Guelph.

Suppose each baby means an average of four trips to hospital for father. Figuring a forty mile round trip, there would have been 4160 miles of driving involved. Add at least one trip for a doctor, plus his usual hospital calls, and this figure increases to 6,240 miles.

At a conservative eight cents a mile, this amounts to a saving of \$499.20 which would have been spent by fathers and doctors.

As fringe benefits, consider the time

saved in trips to hospital — 154 miles at an hour and a half each round trip, for a total of 234 hours. Add the danger from accidents which such driving entails. And you have one small example of what it means to have a local hospital.

Now just suppose that father and doctor combined and contributed half this saving — ten dollars — for each new baby to the hospital. In one month alone, some of that needed extra cash to purchase needed equipment would have been benefited by \$260.

You can supply your own statistics from here on, using the number of patients who come and go from this public building — the visits by family and friends. The bus fare for those who can't drive. The lost time at work. And so on.

It's a thought!

### Keep What We Have

We aren't expecting any miracles from the 1965 Georgetown Industrial Commission.

We have heard almost too much, this past decade, about an industry just around the corner, to believe that they will have any particular luck in enticing an industry of any size to locate here.

Not that we mean they shouldn't try. For it is a highly competitive field, and one which requires constant effort on every one's part.

One thing we hope the Commission will do is keep an eye on the industry we now have. If there are real or imagined problems which can be ironed out, then the commission can be a valuable liaison between council and industry.

Georgetown has received some damaging publicity in the daily press these

past few years. Some of it has been the mountain in a molehill type which looks worse in print than it really is. Whatever it is, large or small, it's the kind of thing which is better kept at home. We don't share our family fights with the neighbours if we can help it, and we certainly don't want people to stop moving to our street because people say the residents are always battling. By the same token, one bad bit of publicity might be the straw which decides against an industrial move to Georgetown.

Many local firms are branches of large organizations. If they are happy here, when time for expansion comes Georgetown is in the driver's seat.

The happier we keep our local industry, the better town we will have, and the better opportunity to get that industrial expansion we talk so much about.

### Home Brew Entertainment

Maybe we haven't got a theatre, but that doesn't mean Georgetown is lacking in entertainment.

And two home-produced shows last week-end were both of top notch calibre.

The high school auditorium was jammed Friday, and deservedly so, for one of the best variety programs we have seen in years. With Scarborough barbershoppers joining the local chapter to put on the show, it was pure delight from beginning to end.

The singing was excellent, skits clever and the jokes which interspersed the evening were well chosen and excellently told.

Stage setting and pacing were professional, and there was not one weak spot we could detect.

As a fan of skating carnivals, we missed the show this year because of a touch of flu, but have heard from some of those attending that it was an excellent performance with costumes and staging on a par with past shows.

We're proud of a town which can provide entertainment of this sort, as well as the Little Theatre shows, and the Rotary review. They deserve crowds like they got on Friday and Saturday, and we congratulate those who worked so hard for their success.



IF THE MOON TOOK PICTURES OF US

## NEWS DESK EXTRAS

by Jerry Harley

When we numbered our ideal, tolerated by big business interests, until it trespassed on the preserves of the packing houses. Then, obvious with measured doses of slipperiness, closed ranks, and FAME could not borrow from the financial houses to honour its commitments.

Our processes started picking up hints of winter's demerol use about the time the snow started disappearing off the playing field. (It went inside the school).

Little things like our favourite caretaker tossing the Keep Off The Grass sign like a harpoon because he didn't dare set foot on the brown jelly that was the front lawn. I recall the male half of the Phys. Ed. class bursting through the exit doors one morning and the first five disappearing completely in the glistening fog which had been the soccer field 24 hours earlier. Their mates saved themselves from the same fate by grabbing locker door handles and started members of the teaching staff.

From the spot where one of our chums sank from sight came, "Glub, glub, glub," which translated means, "I knew we came through the wrong door. This is the Home of the dead and they're making pea thoup again."

On Oct. 12th, 1964, the purchased a six month old Border Angus for \$75, three months later, on Jan. 12th, 1965, he shipped the best, the invoice for that transaction reads, Prime Beef, 17c per pound, 400 pounds equals \$68.40.

Prime beef in the super markets at this time was anywhere from 80c to \$1.10 per pound depending upon the cut. An interesting sideline at this time was an article in a farmers' publication alleging that Ontario beef was being shipped to the USA, and scrub cattle was being shipped from the West to Ontario for our consumption at 8c per pound.

Both George Kerr, M.P.P. for Halton County, and Premier Robarts have expressed hope of saving the \$2,200,000 invested already in FAME by the public, but Premier Robarts stated in the Globe and Mail, 12th March 1965, that the Government could not consider the request for financial help.

W. A. Johnson

## NEWS ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald 1955 and 1945

### 10 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Charles Dickenson, whose husband operates a confectionery store on Water St. was advised by telegram that she had won a consolation prize of £100 in the Irish Sweepstakes draw.

Plans for improving Guelph St. call for widening the road from the cenotaph to Durham St. with curbs. Storm sewers will be installed on the main hills to eliminate the flooding after every rain, the bridge over the creek will be widened and new sidewalks will be laid on both sides.

Georgetown Anglers and Hunters were hosts Saturday to a group of public school boys when principal William Kinrade and boys from the senior rooms at Wigglesworth public school visited the property at Hickory Falls. After lunch each boy was allowed to fire two rounds in a shooting match. Winners were Murray Ross, Kent Riddell and Clinton Handy.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Georgetown servicemen are coming home in greater and greater numbers. Last week eight more local boys arrived home in the persons of Lt. Paul Barber; L. Cpl. Tut Harrison, Pls. Bill Chaplin, Walker Cleave, Frank Golden, Bruce McCartney, E. A. Hill and Dvr. J. W. E. Davidson.

### Jolliffe, Janes Resign Children's Aid Posts

The resignation of Mr. Paul Jolliffe, Director of the Children's Aid Society, was announced to Halton County Council last week by the Child Welfare Committee.

No reasons were offered at the Council meeting, nor were any comments made. They agreed, however, to make a presentation to Mr. Jolliffe on behalf of the County.

The Director has served in that capacity since 1960, prior to that he served with the Society for Crippled Children in Ontario and Manitoba, was Director of the Guelph and Wellington Children's Aid, national executive secretary of the Save the Children Fund, and assistant manager of Peel Family Welfare and Children's Services organizations.

The assistant Director, William Janes has also resigned.

### TREES BY BILLION

More than three-quarters of a billion trees have been produced by Ontario government nurseries since 1905.

## SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

### It's Teacher's Choice

Rather an interesting time to be a teacher, the spring. Even before the snow has completely gone, school boards and principals are flipping over logs and stones, in the forlorn hope of finding a teacher under one of them.

There are three reasons for the frantic spring scramble. The first two are deaths and retirements. The third, and major cause for the panic is the population explosion. Classrooms are multiplying with the rapidity of rabbits.

Every one of these classrooms is full of kids. And the kids, like baby robins, expect to have something stuffed into them. Therefore, according to tradition, there must be a body, however little it resembles a Momma Robin, standing up there in front of the class, stuffing something — pebbles, or pearls, or even worms — into the gaping maws.

It is the time of year that has principals grinning wildly at old teachers, pouring on the charm with potential new ones, snapping at their own wives and biffing their own children about the ears, because they've heard by the snake vine — that's the vine that runs from the staff-room to the bridge-club to the Saturday night party to the after-church coffee — that they're losing half their staff.

It is the time of year that has school board members deciding to take a holiday in Jamaica, or if they can't afford it, going to bed with the flu. On the one hand are the taxpayers, shouting that school taxes are away out of hand. And on the other hand are other taxpayers, declaring that the board must hire the best possible teachers.

And in between are the teachers, with 10,000 jobs open to them, every one, at first glance, better than their present one.

Last weekend I was in the city, and out of sheer curiosity it says here, dropped in at the hotel which is the centre of teacher-hiring for the coming year. It was interesting.

My first impression was that the whole thing was being run by one of the metropolitan newspapers. This enterprising sheet, in an effort to crack the monopoly on the fat, luscious acreage of teaching-advertising held by another newspaper, had hired half the ground floor, and was passing out free papers, free coffee, free interviews (whatever that is).

The only thing missing was free teachers.

Picture an old-fashioned slave-market. New Orleans 1855. O.K.? Now, picture a slave

market in which every slave has the latest market report on his left arm, in which every slave has ten potential buyers, in which every slave is free to choose his new boss or go back to Ole Mass.

I had an overwhelming impulse to jump up on one of the upholstered chairs and cry out, "One English specialist, spirit broken, but sound mind, heart and grammar: How much are you offering?"

Fortunately for my professional status, at that moment, simultaneously, the bar next door opened, and my wife grabbed me by the arm. She'd seen that look in my eye.

I would like to state that I was admitted to the bar and began a long and successful career as a lawyer. But my curiosity held me for another five minutes, to see what was being offered.

It was fascinating. Marbles were almost standard, across the board. But those fringe benefits... wow!

City schools sang culture: museums, art galleries, theatres, opera. Rural schools heralded hunting, fishing, leisurely living. And both signed people up, on these grounds.

The birds who signed for the city schools will spend all their time they will spend of their money, going to the country for swimming, fishing, skiing. And the types who head for the country will respond most of their weekends, and money, tearing to town for the shows, the ballet, the bright lights.

As I said, it's an interesting time to be a teacher.

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