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## ... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

### Boost For Senior Citizens....

Projected plan of the Kinsmen Club to build a low rental apartment building for senior citizens is a worthy one.

Georgetown, like any industrial town in the metropolitan orbit, is not a place where rents are in range of those with limited, moderate incomes. There are many older retired people whose income or health precludes them from keeping house, and whose need is for an apartment. But they cannot afford the rents normally paid by employed people.

A subsidized form of apartments, such as the Kinsmen visualize, has been successful in other towns. It would be equally successful here.

As a side-effect, it would tend to release some of the more moderate rental accommodation also for younger people who find rents over the \$100 mark difficult to meet.

If the service club is able to accomplish its objective, the community will owe a large debt of gratitude to those men who devote a share of their spare time to good works. We live in an age when man's span of life is continually increasing. And the farther we go in this direction, the more need there is to consider our older citizens and to ensure that their sunset years are ones of comfort and content.

### Exploration Of The Unknown....

Man's imagination has been stirred by dramatic exploits in space, and the live pictures of the moon televised up to the moment of impact of Ranger IX.

Millions of dollars are poured into the space program. The money goes not only for the salaries of astronauts and the thousands of technicians. A percentage is for materials, their manufacture and design.

This is precisely the case with scientists engaged in cancer research. They are concentrating, not on the moon's craters, but on living cells whose true behaviour is still unknown to man. They are just as important an exploration into the unknown as the space experiments.

Anyone who has seen a small child slowly dying of leukemia, or a pain-ravaged sufferer from this dread disease, can

equale the expanse of the cancer research with the vast sums we spend on space travel. The cure for the disease is not something which will come in a day or a year. It is a steady research, a slow but sure process of trial and elimination, with now and then a small break-through which saves a future life.

April is cancer month. A dedicated group of Georgetown people will once again be asking for your financial support. Sixty cents of your contribution dollar goes to this important research, with smaller amounts for education, service and the overhead necessary to keep a national program in operation.

It is a life-saving, humanitarian work which, with your support, goes on day after day. It is worthy of your support

### No Need To Be Official....

If Monday's weather, when this column is being written, is an indication, our long-awaited spring has come.

For the first time this year we noticed the gritty pavement, the accumulation of winter's rubbish on streets and lawns. And while enjoying the warm sunshine, we thought "Now for a good rain to wash some of the gunk away."

Clean-up campaigns are popular this time of year.

But we don't need any signal or any public proclamation to get started. As soon as the ground is firm, we can all get out with our rakes, hose off our sidewalks, start to plan the improvements our pocketbooks can afford.

By putting our own property in the best condition possible, we not only enhance its value and eye appeal, we contribute our mite to the general picture of Georgetown as a progressive, pretty town.

It's one small way we can encourage industrial location, sell a house if one must move to another community, advertise the town where we live. And while we're at it, let's all resolve to put our refuse where it belongs, in the garbage can. Each carelessly thrown cigarette package, each chocolate bar wrapper, each discarded bit of refuse, helped to make a town an eyesore instead of what it should be.

The downtown litter containers are there for a purpose. Use them.

BY NOW YOU'VE SEEN THAT CLOTHING STYLISTS ARE PLANNING SOME CHANGES IN MEN'S SUITS



"LOOK - I'M A MODEL"

## NEWS DESK EXTRAS

By Jerry Harley

As we touch trembling fingers to the alphabet soup of our typewriter keyboard we are struggling to fit together

### Weekly Bible Thought

H. B. Dean

"They say unto Him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery... Moses in the law said that such should be stoned; but what sayest thou?"

John 8:45

One of the chief sins of our society is that we still are too willing to condemn rather than convert and to see people stoned rather than saved.

below the Canada Pension Plan ceiling.

4. Another approach may be adopted in private plans with early retirement ages. The private plan benefits might be accelerated so as to provide a level combined benefit beginning at, say, age 60. The private plan would thus provide a higher pension between ages 60 and 65 than would normally be provided, offset by a lower-than-normal private pension from age 65 on. The difference would be made up by the Canada Pension Plan payable at age 65.

Incidentally, we believe that this approach will commend itself particularly to our school teachers.

The Canada Pension Plan will not take over or absorb reserves that have been built up by private pension plans. The Canada Pension Plan will not remove any rights to benefits already acquired under private plans. The integration of private plans with the public plan will not be compulsory.

Next week I will detail the benefits, pension funds and portability.

of the pieces of our shattered faculties. The gears of our mind are still jammed in the position they locked in when the full impact of realizing the significance of a printed revelation jarred us to the marrow.

We have just read in a magazine article that Popaya's favorite sustenance, the source of his strength, and the bane of all growing children has no more muscle-building value than a bouquet of gardenias. Spinach, says the item, is just another repugnant vegetable.

Heavens to Charles Atlas! Is nothing beyond the belief-disintegrating ray of these confusing times?

I was barely recovered from the stunning blow of learning that stepping on a spider would not bring rain when this latest disclosure rocked me. Though I must confess it didn't bring the sickening disappointment of my earlier discovery which pulled the rug from under my scheme to truck cartons of carefully trapped Daddy Longlegs into the Arizona desert and make my fortune in refurbishing dead real estate.

It's gotten so a body hesitates to pick up a periodical for fear of destroying one more life-long conviction. Of course one can always shut one's eyes and ears to these balloon-busting theories. In fact, one has to if one is to retain any of the absolute, positive, sure-fire facts of life one has clung to since boyhood.

Wearing a hat WILL cause baldness, eating fish WILL make you smarter, too much vinegar WILL dry up your blood, picking up a load WILL give you warts, drinking milk after eating choke-cherries WILL cause your demise, and stepping on a crack in the pavement WILL break your mother's back.

Just keep repeating them over and over. You and I may be the last outposts of sanity.

### MAIL BAG

#### Says One Way to Help Keep Shoppers Home

97 Sargent Rd. April 1 1965

To the Editor:

It has long been a problem of the merchants of our town how to keep the citizens at home to do their shopping. This problem covers a wide range of shoppers, the food shopper, the clothing shopper, the furniture shopper etc.

One shopper that is only mentioned in an understandable tone of derision is the weekend alcoholic.

The person who feels no desire for alcoholic merchandise all week but does so on the weekends. Aside from the service men's club and other private clubs there are no clean and pleasant establishments catering to desire of the general public in our community.

The places are long overdue for renovations.

A lot of citizens, after shopping for food, clothing, etc., like to drop in for a few. I wonder how many of us are influenced by this fact alone to go out of town to do most of our shopping.

Albert A. Porter

## SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

### Everybody's Doing It

Watching the world lately, I find it hard to believe that mankind has progressed very far since the day Cain clobbered Abel and began a fad that has never lost its popularity — murdering one's brother.

Whether it's Alabama, Hamburg, or Havana, Quito or Quebec, the pattern is the same: clubs swinging, women screaming, skulls cracking, blood spurting.

Hammering ones follow it less with a billy-club is one of the leading outdoor sports of this generation.

It's difficult to believe that all the hatred and viciousness among men is based on color or religion. The Pakistanis and Indians loathe each other. They're the same color, different religions. The Viet Names and the Viet Cong murder each other with mutual relish. Same color, same religion.

In South Africa, whites kick blacks around. In North Africa, blacks kick whites around. In both cases, religion is immaterial.

In South America, the rich kick the poor around, and they all go to the same church. In North America, the wives kick their husbands around. Same colour, same religion; different sex.

If it isn't racial or religious or sexual, what then is the basis for all the pounding of other people? Is it simply fear that if you don't smash the other fellow's skull first, he will kick you in the groin?

Or is it something more simple and primitive, just a savage joy in the letting of blood, in pain and cruelty?

It's hard to know. An anthropologist will say one thing, a psychologist another. And a good bartender could probably come as close to the truth as either.

It is my experience that the tensions of race, creed and color are completely artificial. It is only when they are fueled by ignorance, fear or malice that they burst into flame. Ignored, they dissolve and vanish.

The other day, I was supervising an examination. For something to do, I looked down a couple of rows of students and checked off their national origins. They were Swiss, Polish, Dutch, German, Italian, Norwegian, Anglo-Saxon. There were Jews and Roman Catholics and Protestants of all denominations.

They didn't even look as though they should have. A red-headed German and a red-headed Jew. A couple of swarthy, black-haired Mediterranean types called Smith and Jones.

And I happen to know there is no hatred, no tension over race or religion or, for that matter, in this group. There is only the normal clash of personalities, based entirely on individual likes and dislikes.

In 1945 I traveled at a R.A.F. station in England. On my course were pilots from Italy, from Canada and the U.S., from Trinidad and India, and from all over the British Isles.

Colour ranged from silver-blond Norwegian, through coal-black West Indian, Krishna from the East, to a young fellow from Montreal. We were like brothers.

On my 21st birthday, having sprained an ankle badly in a fupper game, I couldn't walk to my own birthday party. I was carried to the pub on the shoulders of a magnificent Yorkshire Sikh from York, a Polish Consul, an Australian dairy farmer, and the son of a fine old Belgian family. I had my head band, when my brothers deposited me gently at the bar.

And it helped convince me that race, religion and colour have very little to do with man's inhumanity or his manly to man.

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**LABOR INCOME IN CANADA**  
Increased from \$17,000,000,000 in 1959 to an estimated \$20,000,000,000 in 1964.

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

IN MY NEXT two columns I would like to give some details of the Canada Pension Plan which will effect in some way every resident of Halton County.

- 1. provincial government employees - unless agreed to by the Province.
- 2. members of the Canadian Armed Forces and the RCMP (an amendment will allow these in the Plan later.)
- 3. those migratory workers in agriculture, fishing and forestry etc., who do not work for the same employer at least 25 days, or those who do not earn at least \$250 a year from the same employer.

Contributions are required from age 18 to age 65 - provided, of course, that a man has earnings on which to contribute.

treatment of both men and women. A full pension will be earned by making contributions for 85 per cent of the time from the start of the Plan - or, for young people from age 18 through to age 65. The other 15 per cent is an allowance to save people from being penalized, in their pensions, if they have been sick or unemployed.

Now regarding the contribution rate: 1.8 per cent each from employer and employee - a combined rate of 3.6 per cent - on earnings between a lower limit of \$600, and an upper limit of \$5,000. The self-employed will pay the combined rate of 3.6% on income over \$600, with the same ceiling. The maximum contribution of each employee and employer will, therefore, be 1.8 per cent of \$4,400, or \$79.20. Actuaries forecast that this rate can be expected to finance the Plan at least twenty years without liquidating any of the investment reserve. Because of the uncertainties of the assumptions required to be made, actuaries are unable to make a dependable longer term forecast. Contributions will be collected in the same way and at the same time as income taxes and the administration of benefits will be integrated with our present Old Age Security and Family Allowances Administration. The total cost of administration has been estimated by the Chief Actuary to be thus held down to the relatively low figure of one-tenth of one per cent of contributory earnings. There are five bene-

- fits under the Canada Pension Plan.
- 1. Retirement pensions
- 2. Disability pensions
- 3. Widows pensions
- 4. Orphans benefits
- 5. Death benefits.

Integration with private plans  
The adjustment of private pension plans cannot be prescribed through the Canada Pension Plan. Those responsible for each private pension plan will be free to decide whether or not they wish to make some modification in their plan. These are the ways this could be done:

- 1. In plans where the contribution rates are relatively high, it may be decided that the overall rate of employer-employee contributions should not be increased; in such cases the private plan's contribution rate might be reduced by the contribution required under the Federal Plan, and its benefits might be adjusted accordingly. In other cases, the private plan may remain entirely unchanged, with its benefits augmenting those available from the Canada Pension Plan.
- 2. A private plan may simply pay the difference between the total retirement benefit it now provides and the benefit provided under the Federal Plan; the private contribution rates would then be reduced accordingly.
- 3. Another possibility would be to adopt a benefit formula which makes different adjustments for earnings above and

## NEWS ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald 1955 and 1945

- 10 YEARS AGO**
  - In the former Barrager Cleaner Store on Main Street S., Jack Finegold has opened Sid's Bargain Centre. Mr. Finegold was in town briefly when he conducted a similar store for a couple of weeks with Clarence Bain in the present Barrager location.
  - Pupils of Principal Harold Henry's Grade 8 class at Chapel Street public school have already published two issues of the Junior Herald, and Mrs. W. Gwizdala's class at Howard Wrigglesworth school are planning a similar publication to commence after Easter. Junior Herald editor is Karen Scott and assistant editor is Dawn Fiebig.
  - Two young drivers piled their cars into ditches on No. 7 Highway at Silvercreek Saturday night. One was killed; the other escaped with serious injury. Dead is Alvin George-Miller, 18, of Brampton. Provincial Police said he missed the curve at the top of Silvercreek hill.
- 20 YEARS AGO**
  - The re-opening of the B-A Service Station at the corner of Guelph and Queen streets is announced this week. It will be operated by Harry Graham and Daniel Banks.
  - Georgetown 1945 Tax Rate will be 35 mills. It was decided at the monthly council meeting held in the municipal office on Monday. The new rate, lowest in many years, is a five mill decrease from last year's.