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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Our Point is This

With editorials of necessity written before a Monday council meeting, our material is sometimes a bit out of date, although it appears in the same Herald issue. Last week was a case in point.

We had heard a few details of the possibility of Delrex Developments offering the town industrial land at a nominal price in exchange for release of residential building lands frozen through an unfulfilled agreement to maintain a certain assessment ratio.

In essence Delrex offered the town 175 industrial acres for \$17,500. And council, while not indicating that it would accept any proposal, flatly declined to release all the land. Delrex in turn said that if three former farms were not included, it would surrender only 50 acres.

In last week's editorial, we suggested again that council might consider a penalty payment for tearing up the old agreement, under the town's zoning and subdivision control by-laws.

To us, this would be an equitable arrangement to solve a long standing public sore.

We look at it this way. Georgetown has legislation which, in the minds of those who introduced it, safeguards the town against any major costs for new subdivisions. If this is so, then it applies to the Delrex land just as much as to land in any other location.

### Canadian Weather Tops

With tongue in cheek, columnist Bill Smiley chides Canadians in his "Sugar 'n Spice" column this week about the penchant for always complaining about the weather.

He's right in one way, of course, though we often wonder how seriously our weather conversations can be taken. Anyone doing business with the public has noticed himself agreeing with a customer who says "Nice day, isn't it?" and the next minute with another who says "Much too hot today, eh?"

Many people use weather as a form of greeting. Rather than just a hello, we tend to say "Looks like rain," — "Beautiful day" — or "Hope it stays nice for the holiday." — And only the uninitiated would start any argument to the contrary.

Fact is that Canada has perhaps the top climate in the world, and most of us

### Perfect Entertainment

We saw "Mary Poppins" recently.

And we can recommend it as a superlative movie, a delight for anyone, of any age. And don't be fooled by its advertising slanted at children. It is as adult as Alice in Wonderland, a clever spoof at some grown-up foibles, with enough appeal to all age groups to keep children ecstatic and adults chuckling.

It is Walt Disney at his best. His combination of live and animated performers is so cleverly done that one leaves the theatre believing that the penguin ballet dancers must have been real. The music is catchy, every actor is a master of his performance, and Disney has never been so good.

### IN THE MAIL BAG

## Opposes Land Release Till More Industry Here

30 Main St. N.  
July 9, 1965

Mr. Editor:

During the recent past, I have learned that representatives of Delrex Developments Ltd., and some members of the Municipal Council have been negotiating to release all vacant lands owned by Delrex Developments Ltd. for residential purposes, which comprise approximately 1010 acres.

In return for this, Delrex have offered to transfer to the Corporation approximately 100 acres of industrial land for \$100.00 per acre.

This simply means that this is a low price for the land, but if we don't get industry, what use is it to the Town of Georgetown, and we would immediately lose revenue by taxation. I submit, there has been a special effort made by members of the Industrial Commission

members of Council and many others to obtain industry for Georgetown in recent years, and I refuse to believe that the fact that lands in question are privately owned is the only reason we have failed. I suggest to my fellow citizens, that if the Town did own those lands and offered them at a reduced price, it would be of little influence on a world wide prospective industry. Does it sound reasonable to say, that any man or group of men who were contemplating spending \$200,000.00 on a building and an equal amount of machinery and equipment would be concerned about two or three thousand dollars on the price of the land. Those lands I submit, could and would be a liability to the Town of Georgetown even at a normal price.

In return for this questionable bargain the Corporation is asked to unconditionally release 1010 acres including three

The Delrex firm has now indicated that it would be willing to pay a bonus, a penalty, or whatever you wish to call it, for its inability to fulfil the terms of the old agreement. And council has indicated that it is interested in listening to the firm.

While we are loathe to suggest the amount of such a payment, the proposal gives a clue. If Delrex offers 175 acres, the town could ask for 200. Or it could dicker on the \$100 an acre price. Certainly, Georgetown would be receiving a large block of prime industrial land at a small fraction of its worth.

The problem then, simplifies itself into (a) the best payment we could exact for abandoning the old agreement and (b) the assurance that present legislation is adequate to protect the town in future subdividing.

Certainly council is wasting its time talking about new agreements and it can leave itself open to suspicion and the same type of controversy which has happened in the past if it pursues the subject in this direction.

But if, after receiving a penalty payment, whether in land or cash, it allows Delrex subdividing on exactly the same basis as it would to anyone else, there can be no more charges like those which have clouded the political scene of the past.

realize this. Sure we have some cold days in January, sloppy ones in March, humid ones in August and rainy ones in September. But by and large, it is this very variety which endears the climate to Canadians.

We dream about a climate which would be always equitable, never too hot, never too cold, blue skies, balmy breezes. Well Hawaii has this, we hear, yet we read of a man who, after a few years of this, gave up his job in paradise to return to our variety of weather.

English poets hit the nail on the head a couple of times. The men who wrote — "Oh to be in England, now that April's here" and "What is so rare as a day in June" knew what they were talking about. Sometimes it is the very rarity of those perfect days which make us treasure them more.

The movie is on a par, and somewhat reminiscent of a few others which last in memory: The Wizard of Oz, Lili, Whistle Down the Wind, The Little Kidnappers.

We predict it will become a movie classic which will return every decade or so to charm a new generation of moviegoers.

Unlike many which win Academy award honours, it deserved every Oscar it got — and at least one more, for Julie Andrews could never have been so good without her co-starring partner Dick Van Dyke.

With television hard put to maintain any satisfactory quality, Mary Poppins could well be the start of the movies' return to glory.

lands to be used by the developer for residential or any purpose he may choose.

We have a sewage disposal plant that is now operating two-thirds of its capacity, which when it is paid for will have cost the citizens One Million, Seven Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Dollars. If there is whole-sale residential construction on the lands in question, at least one more plant would be required, immediately, plus three or four schools at a cost of a quarter of a million dollars each and many other large expenditures such as serving all existing roads as per 1964 agreement.

Is it not true that supply and demand governs the price of almost every commodity, therefore I say, if there is unrestricted construction of homes without industry thereby creating a further unbalanced assessment ratio, it would naturally depreciate the value of existing residential properties especially in the area adjoining. Therefore I am convinced this is the most unsound and dangerous proposal ever submitted to the Corporation by Delrex,



THE MISSIONARY

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by Terry Harley

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and others we clipped and saved to use as a inch filler to plug those holes that occur in the makeup of a news page without which you would never really complete your education. You know the informative little paragraphs that tell you that the Hung Necked Sandanatcher is almost as extinct as Duck Billed Platitudes — or — the migrating habit of the American Giggler is identical to that of the Double Breasted Blue Berge.

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## NEWS ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald 1955 and 1945

### 10 YEARS AGO

A long list of people who have been patiently waiting for post office boxes will get satisfaction before summer is over. Improvements planned for the post office will add approximately 245 more letter boxes to existing facilities. The measure is planned only as a stop gap until the time when Georgetown's rapid growth will mean postal delivery.

A tragedy was averted Thursday, July 13th when Robert McMaster, Glen Williams, pulled a youngster from the water of the Credit river, after the boy's parents called for help. He applied artificial respiration to the unconscious swimmer and he responded in a matter of a few minutes.

### 20 YEARS AGO

More servicemen have arrived home from overseas. Among the latest to arrive are W/O Horace Hurley, Pte. Jack Brill, Lance Cpl. J. C. Bell, Sgmn. James McNiven, TSO R. Grant Merriam, Lt. Donald K. Lawson, and Sgmn. Harvey Lawr.

A disastrous fire which broke out at 12.30 p.m. last Wednesday completely destroyed the general store and Gray Coach Depot operated by Mrs. J. Black in Norval. The fire resulted from exploding parowax which was being heated on an electric hotplate. Four firemen suffered burns while battling the blaze.

Smith and Stone marks an important anniversary this year, its 25th. During the period the plant has been expanded nine times to take care of the growing business. When it started there were 27 employees.

## BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

H. B. DEAN

"Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love." Revelation 2:4.

There is a tremendous cold front moving in on the church and only a flaming gospel and fired up Christians can change its course.

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## SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

### WE'RE COOL TOWARDS HEAT

Year after year, we moan about the bitter winter, or dreary fall, or the backward spring . . . until July and August, when we take the rare-felt heat as personal affront, and whine increasingly.

Along about the first part of July, we usually get a little whiff of that hot weather we've been looking forward to since Christmas. Nothing terrific. Just a little breath of warmth that a native of the tropics would sneer at. So what do we do? Do we cast off our long-handled underwear and burn it in the streets? Do we have a big welcome party for genial old Sol?

Not we. We loiter around complaining even more bitterly than we did all winter. We adopt a harassed air. If we live in the city, we dash from one tomb-like air-conditioned building to another, inevitably catching a wicked summer cold in the process. We greet each other with anguished groans and that old folk saying, "Hot nuff fer yuh?"

Some idiots try to fight fire with fire-water. With remarkable ease they convince themselves that a long cool one is the only way to beat the heat. Which is about as effective as trying to put out a small blaze by pouring gasoline on it.

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