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## EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

### Too Much a Whipping Boy

There are some municipal departments which seem to draw the attention of ratepayers, and consequently of councillors, much more than others.

The garbage contractor, particularly, is a whipping boy for every complaint on the books. He is blamed for dinging garbage containers, for fires at the disposal site, for scattering papers and refuse on the streets on a windy day, for late pick-ups. He is constantly the butt of critical remarks in and out of council.

No one can say that garbage collection in Georgetown is perfect. But we deserve no one can say anything is.

No man is unfailingly A-1 at his job. And in a major item like garbage collection, where coordination of men and machines is necessary, and where seasonal holidays can play havoc with a work schedule, there will always be some hold-ups and some difficulties.

In our opinion, the present contractor does as good a job as one can expect. We have dealings with him both with residen-

tial and commercial pick-up. And in our memory we have received excellent service in both places. In fact, there have been times when we have exceeded the letter of the law and put items out for pick-up which it would be quite in order to leave. Always they have been removed.

Perhaps we should all take a closer look at our own cooperation, rather than to continue complaining.

Do we always have our garbage out at the proper time? Do we have it in correct containers, well-wrapped and in not too heavy a can for a man to handily lift? Do we make sure that wet garbage, particularly, is protected from dogs? Do we anchor it down so it won't blow in all directions on a windy day, or disintegrate in a rain?

Surely, with everyone cooperating, there will be no major troubles, other than a vehicle break-down which, as one councillor pointed out last week, could occur also if the town operated its own garbage system.

### Drawing the Tax Line

The ways in which we allow our elected members of parliament to spend our money are sometimes weird and wonderful.

Post offices have been one popular form of supposed vote-getting. Subsidies to industry, to agriculture, to individuals, are so well established that we will never be able to get out from under.

Lately there have been blatant examples of vast spending of money which, in one way or another, must come from you and me, which should alarm the man whose paycheck gets a bigger and bigger bite each year, whose purchases are enhanced with sales and excise taxes.

The prime minister casually tossed out a couple of million dollars to the city of Vancouver for, of all things, a hockey stadium. Not only is a business syndicate going to set up a profitable operation there, but it is going to have a two million dollar bonus for its enterprise. And supposedly Vancouverites are going to be so happy to see live NHL teams in action, that

they, and we, will be happy to part with the two million.

A large Ontario trust company is in a scandalous mess, and the provincial government is intending to bail it out, to ensure depositors that they won't lose.

A couple of plane loads of tourists were stranded in Britain because their airline owed a bill it couldn't pay, and the government obligingly forked over several thousand dollars to get them home safely.

One has a right to be critical when such hand-outs are becoming common.

Certainly one should have every sympathy with the financial stragglers. But just because it is on a large scale, have our governments the right to dip into the public treasury?

Does the same thing happen when one small company is in difficulty? When one individual is taken by a sharp operator?

If we are to guarantee that one industry should prosper, that large scale bankruptcies should be subsidized, then we should provide the same insurance for everyone.

### Watch for Con Men

Confidence men are as old as time, and few are the merchants who do not get 'taken' at one time or another by a bad cheque, or a bad credit risk.

More despicable are those who prey on elderly people.

Recently a gang of repairmen have been in county court, charged with bilking several people by exorbitant charges for minor repair work to their homes.

Now comes another old gag: A team

of smoothies visited town last week, contacted the old bank inspector and policeman story and made off with a substantial amount of cash from one of our senior residents.

The Georgetown police have asked The Herald to cooperate in instructing residents to call the police immediately should anyone claiming to be a bank official or a policeman, contact them about any money matters.

## DISTRICT NEWS AT A GLANCE

### HUTTONVILLE

Two Huttonville men on strike against American Motors had visions of the biggest barbecue of the season when they broke into a Toronto, Ont. chicken house. Police arrived to find them putting the chickens into a bag. They had 22 live birds in bags when apprehended.

### ACYON

The population of the pike in Fairy Lake jumped by a 100 last week when fish rescued from Milton mill pond were trucked to the Acyon pond and dumped in. The fish were taken from the Milton pond by a conservation officer and four helpers. The pond in Milton is to be drained.

### HILLSBURGH

The Hillsburgh Community Association marked the final payment on their community centre with a street dance and celebration last week. The building was erected two years ago.

### ERIN

The Wanderers, a group of young Erin musicians, were awarded 1st prize in a talent show recently held in Rockhaven Pk. As a result of their win they have been invited to be guests at the Tommy Hunter Show.

### BRANDSVILLE

A small foreign plane was seen only a few days ago.

cuts when his vehicle collided with a freight train in Orangeville. The car was a total write-off. The driver was released from hospital next day.

### OAKVILLE

A church parish hall and a former one-roomed school will be utilized by the Oakville board of education to provide accommodation for part of a public school enrolment which will top 10,000 this year.

### MILTON

The Bell Telephone company's plan to give Milton telephone subscribers free toll charge to Georgetown, Burlington, Oakville with an increase in monthly rates has met mixed reactions. Some Miltonites doubt that it will be worth the increase.

### IN THE MAIL BAG

**Suburban Residents Protest Triple Charge for Water**

Mr. Editor: We would appreciate your publishing this copy of a letter sent to the chairman of Georgetown council's water committee.

E. R. No. 2, Georgetown, Ont., August 19th, 1965.

Sincerely,  
H. T. DICKSON,  
A. C. DICKSON.

Mr. Donald Powers, Chairman, Water Committee, 36 Main Street North, Georgetown, Ontario.

Dear Sir: We would like to know why our water bill is three times the basic Georgetown rate — this without any notification or increase in service.

We understood, when purchasing our home, that the rate was double that of Georgetown. This seemed quite sufficient to cover any additional cost to the town. If Georgetown did not want to supply water outside its legal boundaries, it should not have allowed any hook-up with its water system.

It seems decidedly unfair to penalize only those who have no recourse to legal action. If we were residents of Georgetown we could, with our vote, remove those committing such prejudiced actions.

No doubt all those in the township receiving this water service would appreciate a reconsideration of this hasty and ill-advised decision.

Sincerely,  
H. T. DICKSON,  
A. C. DICKSON.

Entomology is the science which deals with insects; etymology is the science of words.

A coot is an aquatic bird found principally in South America.

A diamond will turn to graphite if heated to 1,000 degrees Centigrade.



THE MIDDLEMAN

## NEWS DESK EXTRAS

by Terry Harley

### STEW FLY FOURRI

We're still waiting the first sighting of a UFO (unidentified flying object) by a Georgetown resident since the "things" have started displaying themselves all over the globe after an absence of 10 years. Closest spotting to here has been in Milton where a number of people described the flights of glowing discs to the home town paper. It's our theory that the new wave of saucers are manned by novice Martian pilots who have just scanned the reports of life on earth logged by the veteran flyers in the early 1950's and found them so unbelievable they had to take a look for themselves.

If that's the case, the reports carried back to base by these latest barnstormers ought to set the citizens on their antennae. Can't you just see the folks on the red planet picking up their morning copy of the Daily Deep and reading about male quarts trying to look like females, earth's automobile drivers trying to combat the population explosion by erasing part of the population, mobs clubbing each other because their skin doesn't match, and groups of young Earthlings performing gyrations that greatly resemble the aimless movements of young Martians who have had their celery stalks snipped.

It should be enough to egg the skydives into making annual reconnaissance trips instead of waiting a whole decade and missing what you know what.

Such being the case, surely one of you readers will sight a flying saucer and tell us about it.

Talking about spacehips conveniently takes us to the reportedly true story of what happened to a fella who butted into a kids game of make-believe at the local plaza.

The man who shall mercifully be nameless, was waiting

outside the supermarket watching a boy of about 8 years of age in the car parked alongside wildly twisting the steering wheel and uttering motorlike sounds. The observer watched for a while then leaned over and said, "Hey, bud you better stick your arm out when you go around a curve or you'll get a ticket."

"Look bud," said the boy, "you stick your arm out of a spaceship going 10,000 miles an hour and you'll get it ripped off."

### R. J. Vivian Heads New County Counsel Service

Another first for Halton County — the first county-sponsored Family Court Counselling Service in the Province — was launched at a special meeting of the Halton County Council, August 16th.

The council has appointed R. J. Vivian of Burlington as director and he will begin in October to set up an office and begin the family counselling service.

Mr. Vivian has spent the past six years as a probation officer in Halton plus a year working with the Attorney-General's Office in Toronto. He has been a Halton resident for 18 years and is quite familiar with the county.

He has a B.A. degree, majoring in theology, and has social and law administration courses as well. Mr. Vivian will work from the Brown Street Family Court Building in Milton. He was one of three applicants interviewed for the new position.

Also at Monday's special meeting, council amended a by-law covering quarry roads in Esqueville and Nasagaweya townships, to clear up a typographical error.

The warden's dinner was tentatively set for Nov. 17th at the Club Galaxy in Oakville, and reports indicate the Halton flagging for the International flagging match was progressing.

## NEWS ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald 1955 and 1945

### 10 YEARS AGO

- Georgetown public school board has been authorized to prepare plans for a third public school which will probably be in the Delrex subdivision near the old town limits. Council was informed by the public school board that an anticipated 8 extra class rooms will be needed a year from now.
- Georgetown has sent a petition to county council asking that a consultative committee be set up to investigate the possibility of replacing the present North Halton High School District with three separate districts which would centre in Georgetown, Milton and Acton.
- A new company is located in Georgetown. Purchase of part of the old Provincial Paper 'lower mill' from William B. Ackerman was completed this week by Hi-Lite Furniture Co. Ltd.

### 20 YEARS AGO

- Latest group of servicemen to arrive home from overseas includes Spr. James Dickenson, Cpl. Dorrie Kidd, Sgt. Albert Reeve, Sgt. Jim Gambell, Gnr. Earl Wilcox.
- At the regular Esquing Township meeting held Tuesday night, Mr. George Gollop presented a petition signed by more than 90 per cent of the ratepayers of Norval asking that street lights be put in the village. A motion by Currie and seconded by Cleave that the by-law necessary for lights be drawn up.

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## The Day of No Rest

There have been fantastic changes in our way of living in the last two or three decades. Schools are bigger and brighter, if not better. The teenagers have taken our popular music and public attention. Television tirelessly hurls verbal and visual garbage in our unsuspecting faces. Murder and rape walk city streets, even in daytime. Not to mention racial strife, the welfare state, frozen food, instant everything, and Japanese motor scooters.

It's a long, long way from that simple, cut-and-dried, black-and-white society in which most of today's middleagers, caught in a world revolution were brought up.

If our parents and grandparents could be brought back from their eternal rest for a quick look at our world, they would probably go straight into deep shock. They might be able to cope with most of the Home eyes, but there is one thing that would send them right around the bend: — the change in our observance of Sunday.

When I was a kid, Sunday, aside from its religious aspects, was a day of rest, literally. There was nothing else to do. For the average family, home for a big noon dinner, flake out for a nap for the adults, gloomy poking around house or back yard for the kids, supper, and early to bed. No swimming, no fishing, not even a game of catch. Peace and quiet, however resented by the young.

Only variation in this was the descent of a horde of dull relatives. Everyone then sat around in Sunday best, in parlor or on porch, and gazed interminably about Cousin Edward's bad back or Aunt Alice's asthma.

I grew up thinking that Sunday was just a day on which you couldn't do anything worth while. My attitude toward the Sabbath was that the sooner it was over, the better.

But even then, though I was too young to notice, the rat had set in. Some of the wilder elements in the community began smashing the Calvinistic glass. Here and there a family would not only go for a drive on Sunday, but would go swimming, suits and a picnic lunch along.

And you know, too, what's happened to the peace and quiet of our old childhood Sunday. Sports car bellow, lawnmowers snarl. Traffic whines on highways children whine at beach. Transistors blare Beatles. Power boats drum and throb. The air is sweet with the pock of golf balls ricocheting off trees, and water skis ricocheting off the heads of swimmers. Beer cans clang on asphalt. Couples wrangle on gin and tonic. Even the birds have to shout louder to hear each other.

And all that, Dads, is why your old man went back from a rest to work on Monday, while you go back to work for a rest.

## BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

H. M. DEAN

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful." Colossians 3:15.

There can be no peace in our hearts until we make up our minds to come to terms with God. "My peace I give unto you."

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