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## ... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

### Proud of Our Band

There wasn't any big celebration at the four corners last Thursday.

There wasn't any big crowd at the station as there might have been a quarter century ago.

But despite the lack of fanfare, Georgetown is just as proud of its band today as it might have been then.

For the second straight year, the Citizens Band copped the Whaley-Royce trophy, and a \$400 cheque for placing first in its class at the 'Ex'.

Band wins at the CNE are nothing new for our town. It was a common occurrence in the thirties when, time after time, the town band was a hot competitor.

As with many other things, the war years interfered, with most of the personnel in the armed forces.

Some years ago, a new start was made with a boys and girls band from scratch. There has been steady progress,

and the originals have become seasoned bandmen. Instruction offered at the high school has swelled the ranks of members, and a few from out of town have joined.

Thursday, at the CNE was not the most auspicious day for band concerts. There was heavy rain in morning and early afternoon and as the 3.30 appearance time neared, bandmaster Art Hilliard and his musicians had some anxious moments.

As if it were an omen, the sun peeped out just as the band formed to parade to the bandshell. All of a sudden the weather was fine. Perhaps just the impetus to pick up those extra points which decided the four-band contest.

Perhaps the hoopla was missing in town that night. But we know that our citizens rejoiced just the same, as the news spread. And we know that when the band gives its next public concert, there will be a capacity crowd to acknowledge yet another honour for our town.

### We're Certainly Sedate

Canadians have a reputation as being sedate and unemotional.

It held true last week when we visited the CNE on opening day.

We were standing in front of the Queen Elizabeth buildings when we noticed a slight bit of activity across the road. A party of half a dozen were standing on the steps of the Better Living building, while a few passers-by snapped photos.

The party started to cross the road and we recognized Prime Minister Pearson. He had opened the show and was making an official tour. We stopped to look, as did several other people. There were no cheers, no comment. Mr. Pearson passed by, entered the building, and we'll bet only a small fraction of the crowd ever noticed him.

Later we were resting in the building lobby at the dinner hour. A group of African visitors drew our attention, in colourful garb, as they emerged from a dining room in the building. All eyes turned to watch them. Then another couple passed.

We recognized him from pictures as Toronto's mayor and his wife. He got scarcely a second glance.

A few days later we were surprised to see headlines in the dailies about Lynda Bird Johnson's visit to the Stratford festival. The American president's daughter had the full treatment, secret service guards, entrance by a rear door, etc. But we guarantee she was in for a surprise, for not too many Canadians would recognize Lynda Bird as readily as our Mr. Pearson, and there would be no mob scenes as might take place at an American function.

We're not impossible in Canada, of course. The royal visits bring tremendous crowds, with plenty of cheers and flag waving. And on the other end of the scale, Lizabeth and the Beatles caught the attention of the Toronto public in a big way.

But it is true that the average celebrity is quite safe, if he wants a quiet time, in visiting Canada.

### Government Service Needed

The plight of towns in the major highway perimeter is of concern in Georgetown, inasmuch as it affects our ambulance service.

Our town has a volunteer group who serve without pay, and whose employers allow time off when a man is on duty, to answer ambulance calls.

The system is set up mainly to serve town and district residents, though of course volunteers do not shun any call where a life could be saved.

However, calls to highway accidents are of double concern here. Not only does it take men away from their jobs for lengthy periods of time. But in many cases the town ends up footing the bill, for deeds of mercy are not always acknowledged by prompt payment from the parties helped.

The same holds true for privately-operated ambulance services in towns near highways, and private operators are as

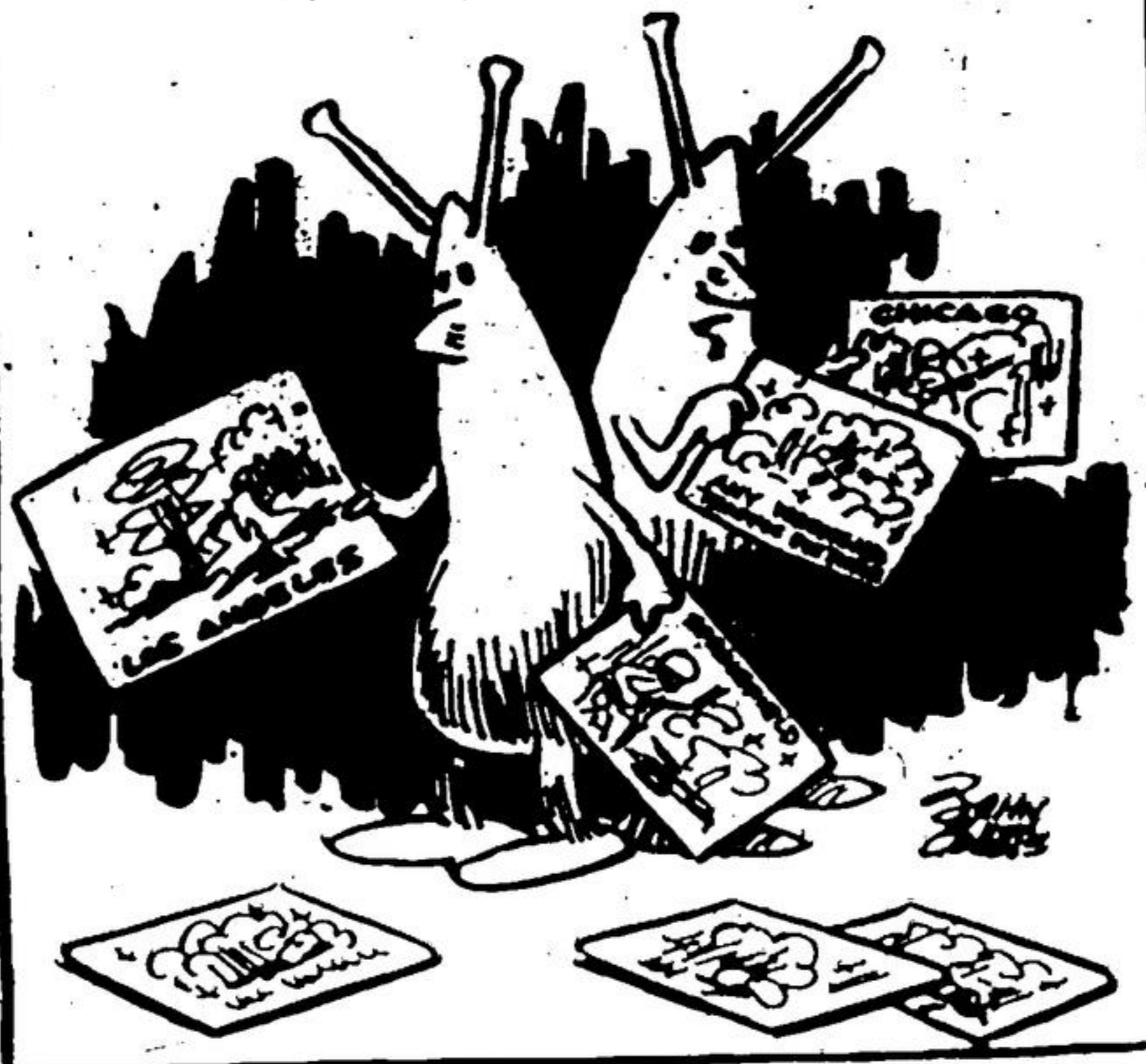
much or more concerned about this costly drain.

Locally, too, it could well happen that both our municipal ambulances could be called to a highway accident, leaving the residents of town and district who pay the bill, helpless in case of a local emergency.

A solution must come from a higher level of government, and we can hope that the provincial authorities will provide a solution in the near future. Highway 401, particularly, with its density of traffic is one where many accidents will happen, and because of high speed, accidents tend to be of a serious type.

It is logical, then, that some provincial ambulance service be available, or failing this, a definite fund-sharing arrangement with towns which are providing this. If so, not only should the town be recompensed for its equipment, but the volunteers and the firms where they work, should also receive compensation for such calls.

THERE IS EVIDENCE OF LIFE... BUT WE DOUBT IF IT CAN BE INTELLIGENT -  
— REPORT FROM INTERPLANETARY SPACE PROBE



IF OTHER PLANETS ARE TAKING PICTURES OF US

## NEWS DESK EXTRAS

by Terry Harley

### News Ballads Will Never Come Back

Can you imagine what this week's Herald would look like if the original method of disseminating the news still partially influenced its composition. We are referring to the ballads of the wandering minstrel of Merry Old England who collected the gossip of the countryside as he strolled, embellished it to his taste and then spilled it to the next community in rhyme—a kind of Berl. Lives cum Harvey Kirk.

If we are still concerned with chocking the week's happenings full of meters, and rhyme schemes, this edition might contain such newsworthy items as the

### COUNCIL NEWS...

When asked by the large delegation if he favoured an investigation; The mayor said, "Gads, no. We have had one you know. Now the force is too big for the station."

### SPORTS...

The Georgetown Giant pitcher Berna Radlocks led his team to win over Red Sox. High point of the day was the old sleeper play when they all donned pyjamas and bedsocks.

### SCHOOL NEWS...

A Chapel Street teacher named Lorna. Thought she's mock the whole class as a warner. She threw pencils and chalk. And continued to talk. Till she made herself sit in the corner.

### PARM NEWS...

A Glen Williams farmer named Pop. Makes his cows roll half over and stop. He says they're not lame. And it isn't a game. It just makes the cream rise to the top.

### ACCIDENT NEWS...

A tractor truck loaded with lead. Had Chief Hickey scratching his head. For the small foreign car he searched near and searched far. But it later turned up in the tread.

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL...

With a Ewing street couple, the Hlicks. Is her mother from out in the sticks. She still calls it a visit. But, we're wondering if it. She arrived in 1958.

No fear of this system coming back — it's too time consuming, and besides, what could a newswriter rhyme with Delrex Developments.

### March Midway Coming Oct. 1-2 Georgetown Fair

Georgetown Fair has been fortunate in the past in having many rides on the midway to entertain the younger set. This year will be no exception, as March Midway Shows have contracted to bring their rides and amusements to Georgetown.

And remember too — just a month away is the home town's biggest attraction of the year — sponsored annually by the Esqueating Agricultural Society.

## NEWS ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald 1955 and 1945

### 10 YEARS AGO

- Two local men narrowly escaped death Thursday when a sewer excavation they were digging on Arlette Street collapsed. Ben Bailey, Norval, and Jim McMaster, Glen Williams, were in an 8 foot trench at 11 Arlette Street, the home of Henry Halfant, and were buried up to their shoulders. A neighbour, Garry Avery and Mr. Halfant jammed planks into the unfilled space in the excavation saving tons of earth from completely burying the men.
- Developer of the Delrex Subdivision of the eastern limits of town, Rex Haslop, will officially open the Georgetown Fair this year.
- It's likely Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Sargent, Charles St., will be confirmed Muffets eaters from now on. One day last week a woman representative of the company called at their house and asked if they could produce a box of the cereal. When they did she presented them with a hundred dollar bill.

### 20 YEARS AGO

- Servicemen arriving home this week included Pte. Ralph Blüdd, Cpl. Ken Richardson, L. Cpl. David Hodge, F/O Leonard Bell, Sgt. Steve Emmerson, L. Cpl. Bob Martin, Flt. Lt. Ken Mackenzie, Sgt. Ken Westfall, Sgt. George Darby, Sgt. George Marsden, A/B. Don Early, Chief ERA Norman Herbert, Spr. Archie Lawr.
- Among the 39 youngsters enrolled at Georgetown Public School for the first time this year are two sets of twins, something unique for a small town school. The twins, all boys, are Paul and Michael, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Armstrong, and Ross and Robert, sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Hillier.

## SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

### AGED HONEYMOONERS

Things are rather at sixes and sevens around here today. It's Second Honeymoon time, and the Old Bullheads and I are flying around in a tizzy of preparation.

The fact that we'll have an 18-year-old son along for part of the honeymoon trip won't slow us down. He can find a girl of his own. The main thing is to get out of town for a while.

This business of running a summer hotel with the lowest rates on the continent can prove trying. The clientele has been of the highest class, but the whole enterprise has its drawbacks: that only do the guests expect you to stay up all night with them, but their children, who happen to be your niece, nephew and other small kinsfolk, expect you to be up dock at 7 and to tell them about the new record; how you have on the new sprinker; "Are we going swimming soon, Uncle Bill?" and baby Duddy was so grouchy when they tried to wake him.

And there are other things. Next year I'm going to buy barbecue charcoal by the carload. I've cooked so many steaks and hamburgers I can't look a steersman in the face. The manager of the local boost euphorium told me the other day he'd give me a summer job next year, because I'm in there every day anyway. I've slept on a chaise longue in the living room, a couch in my study, a mattress on the attic floor, and half-reclining lawn chair, but I haven't been in my own bed in a month.

Oh, well, it's all part of the game, and we enjoy having them. However, I do think it's a bit much when they start making reservations for next year, and assuring us they will recommend the place to all their friends, because of the low rates, excellent cuisine, free drinks, and nightly entertainment (no cover charge).

At any rate, with nobody booked for this week, our wedding anniversary coming up, and daughter clothes off to camp with enough clothes to go to Europe, and a bag of fruit, candy and cookies that could scarcely lift, we're getting ready for The Trip.

First leg of The Trip will be up the Great Lakes, and I quote

from the folder, "... land, lily, brilliant days... cool nights with stars twinkling low... sky-blue waters... etc." Actually, we'll have only one day, but two of those star-twinkling nights, it's real, it's give odds. Right or one.

We're going on a passenger steamer known as Hugh's Boat. It used to belong to a steamer service line, but since son Hugh obtained a job this summer at Entertainment Steward, it has become known far and wide as Hugh's Boat. After all, he has a pretty important position. He's listed on the directory of feature services with the Barber, Handy Shop and Motion Pictures.

I've promised to help him entertain the passengers by rendering my famous version of a drunk singing, "I Belong To Cloggie". He was reluctant to impose on my good nature, but I brushed aside his repeated protests.

His mother has promised not to embarrass him by telling him, in front of the passengers, that he needs a shoeshine, that he's not playing that piece in the right key, that he left his room in a mess the last time he was home or that it's high time he was in bed.

Second leg of The Trip will be by car, around the top of the Lakes. We've left nothing to chance. I've borrowed sleeping bags from our music teacher, a tent from the minister, and money from our bank manager. We have a road map. It's an edition one, 1954, but why worry about that!

Well, bon voyage, and if you'll excuse my now I'll get out in the backyard and have another practice go at putting up the preacher's tent.

It's a pretty religious tent, I expect. Every time I get it up, it talks to its knees in an attitude of prayer.

### BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"... he regarded the altar of the Lord that was broken down." I Kings 18:30  
More time around the altar makes for better times around the house. Take time to pray.

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One of the provincial law enforcement agencies, an Oakville mother and her husband were given good advice on safe walking practices from OPP Constable Donald Smith. With school opening on September 7, the Ontario Department of Transport is urging that children, parents and motorists pay special attention to the rules of traffic safety for children during the coming school year.