

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Police Need Accommodation

The Georgetown police force, crowded as it was with its former complement of officers, is now housed in hopelessly inadequate quarters.

It should be a priority item for council to be planning as early as possible a solution. The two small rooms in the municipal office offer no privacy whatsoever when a resident is discussing business there.

Either expansion should be made in the municipal building to give the police department greatly enlarged quarters, or the department should be completely divorced from the building.

One suggestion we might make is either to move the police to the old post office or to move a portion of the other mun-

icipal departments there.

It has plenty of space, an impressive appearance and it is handy to the town's commercial centre. There is off-street parking as well.

The building would lend itself exceptionally well to a police office.

The building has stood empty now for a couple of years, and we would imagine that a purchase could be arranged from the private owners. It is probable that it would not be as expensive to convert to use for the police as the former plan of having all civic departments housed there.

It has been stated that the 1965 budget allows no consideration for a new police office. But council could well lay its plans for 1966 and have a plan ready for early implementation. If planning does not take place now, we can see another year's delay, for spring is a busy time for a new council, and there is always pressure from all sides when the budget must be struck in the first few months.

Not Much Improvement

The switch from bottles to cans for soft drink products has mixed blessings.

While it will allay the trend to break bottles on roads and sidewalks, this dismal part of the Canadian landscape is being replaced by an unsightly litter of squashed cans. And we can envision the day when highway motorists will drive through a tunnel of metal which has accumulated to blot out the pleasant vistas.

It is not only the cans and bottles which blot our landscape.

Anyone who was downtown Saturday could not help but notice the horrid litter of paper and refuse which clouded Main St.

It was gone Monday, thanks to the good work of the town works staff. But their work would not be necessary if our citizens had even an elementary regard for the beauty which can be theirs.

The litterbug problem is one which grips North America like a disease. Time and again we see people throw away their empty cigarette packages, gum and chocolate bar wrappers, soft drink containers. And often, there is a garbage disposal unit right under their nose.

This absolute disregard for nature's

beauty is a sad reflection on those who live in one of history's most affluent ages. We spend our money to buy beautiful homes, cars, clothing. And at the same time we despoil the setting which nature gives to show these off.

It can be likened to spending money for a painting, then putting it in a shabby frame. That's all picture windows accomplish nowadays.

Like all education, to improve we must make a double barreled attack through home and school. Children in elementary school should be taught in their health classes, not only personal cleanliness but neatness on a municipal scale. Those parents who care should stress, as we have done with ours, that one NEVER discards garbage on the street or out of a car window.

If steady emphasis is placed on this, the next generation may find Canada with a reputation for cleanliness which can be a tourist attraction in itself.

One of the few good things which came out of Nazi Germany was told to us many years ago by a man who had been there with the Olympic team. Walking down a street, he carelessly tossed away a piece of paper. A policeman tapped him on the shoulder.

"We don't do that here," he was reminded.

Do or Die for the Y

An upcoming fund campaign for Georgetown & District YM-YWCA may spell success or failure for this cultural and educational organization.

Members of the Y executive are pulling no punches when they say that another failure like last year may be the end of something which can be of inestimable worth to a community.

Residents in general seem to be delighted with the work being done, and it is rarely that one hears anything but praise for the Y program.

But to date not enough people have been willing to back this up with a contribution. And it is axiomatic that the less money, the less program and the less success can be achieved.

Y workers are dedicated, faithful people who have made the best of what they have. They have proved that they have something to offer. They are not looking

for affluence, only for a minimum amount of money to carry their ideas to the best possible advantage.

They seek only a moderate amount of money from people, but they need the financial support of a large majority — a dollar instead of pennies. In return, they offer the assurance that Georgetown will be a better town, and its young people better citizens if the Y stays.

It is a collective decision which we must make. Either we value the Y enough to support it with a contribution to the best of our ability, or we are content to see it slowly die for lack of necessary dollars.

In a few weeks canvassers will be on their rounds. We hope most people will earmark a dollar or two now, donate it gladly, and show our appreciation of what has been done and what will be done in future.

IN THE MAIL BOX

Schweitzer, Foster are Fine Examples to Man

Dear Editor:

This letter is to pay tribute to a great man who this week has passed away. I refer to Dr. Albert Schweitzer. This unusual genius did a pioneer work in Africa building a hospital in a pagan hostile world in order that he might alleviate the sufferings of his fellow mankind.

His example has been followed by others and it would be a mistake to assume that Dr. Schweitzer was alone in his pioneering work. A few years ago when Dr. Schweitzer received the Nobel prize he magnanimously received it on behalf of his fellow doctors who were doing a similar work.

Another such doctor is a Canadian from Toronto, Dr. Bob Foster, trained to nurse the Koonde,

who was here in Georgetown speaking three years ago. The son of Canadian missionaries to Northern Rhodesia, Bob Foster was the answer to his own father's prayers who for 30 years prayed for the hospital in the Koonde area of Northern Rhodesia, which was 800 miles away from the nearest hospital. When Bob graduated from Medical school in Toronto, he turned down the lucrative opportunities that Canada afforded to pioneer a hospital that now treats more than three times the patients that our local hospital handles, and mostly the more serious type diseases. When one considers that this was done by volunteer labour without the aid of government grants, and that the hospital had to be designed and engineered by Dr. Foster, the proportions of such a feat become monumental. Add to this the factor that when the hospital was opened that a staff of African girls had to first be

Hospital becomes a modern miracle in the superlatives.

Today this hospital is headed up by Dr. Alexander Henderson from St. Thomas. Dr. Foster is in the process of establishing a second hospital some 300 miles away in another location.

Dr. Schweitzer is gone, but there are others, mostly from the English speaking world, who have taken up his work and Canadians may be justly proud that two of these men are Canadians.

These fine Christian men are doing a stand-out performance to relieve the pain and suffering of thousands who without their faithful aid, would be left in the torments of suffering and death with not so much as an aspirin to ease their pain.

Your truly
Bruce Woods (Rev.)
Maple Avenue Baptist Church



POOR OLD FERDINAND

NEWS DESK EXTRAS

by Terry Harley

I'M A NWSED

Speed has become an essential ingredient in just about everything we earthlings undertake in this age of rocket missiles and instant coffee and it has occurred to us that the news writer, if he doesn't pull up his socks, might become the laggard of the business world.

Everybody else has found a shortcut — a way in which his particular job can be done in a fraction of the time it used to take and with a fraction of the effort. In this business there are now high speed typesetting machines, and high speed presses and when the paper reaches the reader he may have even taken a high speed reading course by which he can absorb the contents of a paper before you can say, "Put that down your diner's getting cold."

But pity the poor copywriter whose speed is still a matter of panicky pokes at the alphabet soup of his typewriter keyboard — a clack laser in the race with type machines and whirling presses that accelerate faster and faster.

At least that's the way it was until out of desperation we contrived a new method of news writing which we have labeled OPRYN CATCH UP.

Actually the system isn't entirely new — we stole the idea from the Toronto business directory. Examples — I'm a nwsed. My wife (as the business directory would say) is a hawf. I live in Grgetwa, and work for the Hrd.

That's it in a nutshell, so polish your contact lenses you speedreaders, we copywriters are going to make a race for it.

pick up your paper and read stories in the following form: The pic chf has arrsd 3 pplle after a hawl in the Cxy Ctge Rstrnt last nght. Invd a mn and a tadr. The mn who is a plmbr, and his wf, a bkkr, got in a argmt with the wr at the rstnt after he splid their drnk dwn the bck of the wmn's drss.

The wr called the mngr who called the plm, and they were all hstid dwn to the local pic stn, whr the agt in chrg asked for an explnt. The plm r refused to tk without seeing his lwyr frst.

The mngr ltr explnd that it was all a mlk, but the wr stck to his stry, pnchd his boss in the ns, and became vnt. The plm was trml for a whl as everyone became invlvd, however the pic chf finally rtrd ord, and put the plm, his wf, the wr, the mngr, and the lwyr, as well as a bystndng tadr, into the cooler.

At prs tm they were still thr, but had apprtly rslvd thr dfrnce as they were gathrd arnd the cil dr angnz. Frndshp.

FALL FAIR GETS 'EXTRAS'

A joint venture of town council and the fall fair board will again place two "Johnny-on-the-Spot" rentals in the park during the Oct. 3 fair.

Council has agreed to pay half the rental bill for the conveniences supplied by the well-known city firm.

DID YOU KNOW?

The distance from Halifax to Vancouver by rail is 3,400 miles.

NEWS ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald 1955 and 1945

10 YEARS AGO

Georgetown N&G's advanced one step closer to an Ontario championship in lacrosse when they won two games with Oshwekin last week. This concluded a series in which Georgetown won four of the six games played. Bennett, Beaumont, Hillson, Caruso, Evans, McCandless, Savage, Louth, and Wilson were scoring standouts in the series.

New links in Canada's electronic industry were forged this week with the signing of an agreement between Decca Radar (Canada) Ltd. and Smith and Stone, Georgetown. Under the agreement Smith and Stone will manufacture the British Decca equipment for the Canadian market.

A spectacular blaze destroyed a large barn and driving shed on the 10th Line farm of F. C. Brunskill on Saturday afternoon. A cow and a heifer, some 200 cackerels, and the season's crop of grain and hay were lost.

20 YEARS AGO

Still more Georgetown men home from service overseas — Lt. Frank Cleave, AB Bob Goldham, QMS Bill King, Lt./Cpl. Clarence Winfield, Pte. Robert Connely and S/Sgt. Clifton Moreton.

Last Friday evening in the Municipal Building, a public meeting was called by Mayor Cleave to lay plans for the local clothing collection next month in conjunction with the national collection for relief in Allied countries. Ralph Ross was chosen as chairman with Mrs. Cleave, vice chairman.

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