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... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

Reason to Be Proud

Georgetown District High School has reason to be proud of its graduate record this year.

Of 37 graduates of Grade 13, only one has not gone on to some form of higher education. And this, only because of returning to school to seek a better standing for university entrance next year.

In addition, the school graduated several in the special commercial, technical and vocational courses. And these young people have taken their place in business, equipped to do the job, for which they were trained.

The changing picture in secondary education is good to see.

No longer do we find the high school

course designed only for university entrance as it was in past decades. Now, in towns like Georgetown, we have a full program and a variety of courses to appeal to the talents and desires of every young person.

That it is paying off is shown in this year's picture. Every Grade 13 student had a definite goal. Those who aspired to fields other than a continuance of education had ample opportunity for trade and commercial training.

It will result in more young people being better trained for the future. And it should have a growing effect in keeping them in school long enough to get a solid education and ensure a better future.

Enthusiastic Campaign

Over 200 enthusiastic canvassers are making their rounds this week, seeking financial support for the YM-YWCA.

It is not an easy job, judging by past records.

Despite a carefully-planned program, and absence of any major building project, residents in general last year were apathetic and the response in dollars was poor. This year, a do-or-die attitude has been taken by those who believe the 'Y' has an important function to perform.

With a goal of \$9,000, they feel they can operate this fine public service. If the money cannot be raised, then it is quite probable that Georgetown can lose it. For like everything else, the Y must have money to pay for the projects it undertakes.

Where does the money go? For leadership training, rental of facilities, supplies and equipment, administration, mostly. While there are many volunteer workers, Georgetown shares the cost of a part-time director with Brampton — a happy arrangement, for it means much less overhead

than having our own full-time man on the job.

We have heard more than one person say that they would support the Y if it had a building like it does in the cities. This is backwards thinking, we would say. If the Y cannot get the money to operate on a limited scale, how on earth will it ever reach the point of building?

The local supporters have gone at it in a businesslike way, creeping before they walk, presenting the best program they can with the facilities and the money available.

Someday, certainly, the question of a building will come to the fore, but we are many years away from that yet.

Meanwhile, we should all dig in with our contributions, while looking ahead to that day.

Of one thing you can be certain. There is not a penny of waste in the Y's budget. Every dollar spent is carefully scrutinized to ensure the best value.

Too Many Promises?

With another federal election campaign in full swing, we wonder if the day will ever come when a political party will stop promising miracles.

It just isn't possible for people to believe any more that we can spend more money and have lower taxes. And yet when the election fever strikes, that's just what we are asked to swallow.

We hear of bigger subsidies to agriculture, more aid to universities, extension of youth allowances, higher old age pensions, income tax concessions to property owners. Each day the list grows, and as one party leader adds a platform plank, the others promise more, and more, and more.

Sometimes we think that if some solid citizen came up with a new political party dedicated to telling us he is going to reduce taxes by cutting some of the bonuses and subsidies, by building less new post

offices, by running government the way an average man runs his own affairs, then he might sweep the country at the polls.

It works this way in local politics. Who ever heard of a man running for mayor of Georgetown on a platform of paving all the roads, subsidizing industries, building new municipal buildings ... and reducing taxes at the same time?

If we're smart enough to get the picture on a municipal scale, how do our national politicians have to enmesh us deeper and deeper in a quagmire of national debt?

It's a dismal voting outlook for other than those committed followers of a party line. Seems that whoever wins the election, we're going to get exactly what we've been getting for several decades, higher and higher taxes, and increasing government penetration into every facet of our life.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Praises Administrator For Smooth Functioning Hospital

31 Byron Street,
September 30th, 1965.
Dear Mr. Editor:

The residents of Georgetown and vicinity have every reason to be proud of their Hospital. Not yet five years in existence, it has proved its worth in suffering and time saved in travel for those needing its services, compared to a twelve mile trip to Brampton or twenty-six miles to Guelph.

As with every other hospital, problems have arisen, serious ones too, from many aspects, but it would appear that they have been met and overcome by the judicious and conscientious approach to them by the administrator, Mr. Fred Whitaker.

To know that our Hospital is in competent hands should give assurance to the citizens that their interests are being well looked after, both as citizens and patients, and our Hospital Board no doubt appreciates that good administration relieves the Board of a lot of worries.

I am sure the readers will join me in expressing our sincere appreciation to Mr. Whitaker for his efforts to make our Hospital one of the best.

Yours truly,
— ED A. PETERS

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

H. B. DEAN
Can thine heart endure, or can thine hands be strong, in the day of wrath? Shall I deal with thee as I have done with the Amorites? Shall I break down thy tower, and will I bring down thy high wall? Shall I overthrow thy tower, and will I bring down thy high wall? Shall I overthrow thy tower, and will I bring down thy high wall?

Tells Institute of Work At Milton Deaf School

Members of the Terra Cotta Women's Institute invited guests to join them at their regular September meeting held recently at the home of Mrs. Owens MacDonald, and answered the roll call by introducing them.

Mrs. Howard Dolson, chaired the meeting which opened with the singing of the opening ode and the repeating in unison of the Mary Stewart Collet.

During the business part of the meeting the members de-

cidied to hold a euchre in the Junior Farmers' Building, Brampton, October 27, and Mrs. Clarence Anderson, Mrs. Wilfrid Leslie, and Mrs. Art McKane were appointed the committee in charge.

Mrs. McKane was also appointed a delegate to the Central Area Convention in November.

Diapers made by the members for the Health Unit were brought to this meeting and collected.

The motto, "Homes are greenhouses where plants of good citizenship are started," was given by Mrs. Eleanor MacDonald.

The speaker for the evening was Miss Lois Niven of Georgetown, a teacher at the School for the Deaf at Milton. She told the members about the work accomplished with the deaf children there and extended an invitation to the Terra Cotta W.I. members to visit the school.

Mrs. Don Dolson, sang two solos accompanied by Mrs. Roy Thompson, and following the meeting's conclusion, lunch was served by the hostess and assistants Mrs. McKane and Mrs. Harvey Puckering.

People invariably turn to newspapers for information ranging from the practical arts to the abstract sciences for entertainment ranging from crossword puzzles to comic strips.

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A Georgetown district landscape.

SUGAR AND SPICE by Bill Smiley

WE'RE ROMANS ALL

I've been reading a fascinating book about the ancient Romans. Meditating on their economy and social customs, I couldn't avoid comparing them with ours today.

Like us, the Romans of the Golden Age were nuts about highways. The Roman Empire had over 60,000 miles of thru-ways. Italy alone had about 400 major paved roads. These enabled Caesar to travel 900 miles in eight days. A messenger sent to announce the death of Nero made 300 miles in 36 hours. Today, it takes almost that long to get home from the cottage, on a holiday weekend.

Like us, the Romans were interested in things that worked. Unlike the Egyptians and the Greeks, who built massive, or beautiful, but useless structures like the pyramids or the Parthenon, the Romans were great boys for water-works and sewers and stadiums.

Like us, they were in the toils of the bankers, with all their diabolical inventions: savings books, travellers' cheques, money orders, interest and mortgages.

Like us, they had a hybrid government, half-socialist, half-capitalist. It froze the price of wheat and plunged into public works to solve unemployment, but did nothing about slum landlords, exorbitant interest rates and shady used-horse dealers. Sound familiar?

Like us, they practised birth control, and abortion was common. Unless she were hard up, a Roman woman who had had a child got rid of it immediately by turning it over to a wet-nurse, then to a Greek slave governess, then to a Greek slave tutor. We don't have wet-nurses but we have the bottle. And we don't have slaves, dang it, but we have the baby-sitter and the public school system.

Like us, they divorced each other indiscriminately. Caesar had four wives and was unfaithful to all of them.

Their entertainment was much like ours: horse races, the theatre, variety shows, gladiatorial contests. And just as today, the chariot drivers, actors and gladiators were idolized and paid 5,000 times what they were worth.

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IN THE MAIL BAG

Harley Agrees Ambulance Government Responsibility

129 Spaulding Court,
Oakville, Ontario,
September 28th, 1965

Editor, Mr. W. Biehn,
Georgetown Herald,
Georgetown, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Editor:

I read with interest your recent editorial entitled "Government Services Needed." I agree completely that government assistance is needed in this matter. Georgetown is indeed fortunate to have the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service — a well equip-

ped, well trained body of volunteers who do this service toward their community as a public service. I congratulate them.

I feel personally that the Provincial and Federal governments should share this responsibility in the same manner they share hospitalization and that emergency ambulance services should be paid by the Ontario Hospital Services Commission.

Yours sincerely,
— HARRY HARLEY, MD

NEWS ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald 1965 and 1945

10 YEARS AGO

• First residents in the new Delrex subdivision, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Smith and their two young sons received the key to their new home from Rex Haslop this week. The Smiths occupy one of 600 houses which are being constructed on the former Craig Reid farm.

• Local councillors, civic officials and representatives of other industrial firms joined visitors from the American parent company in Palo Alto, California, and the government in touring the Varian Associates plant and viewing the klystron tube which will be manufactured for Canadian and American customers. The factory opened Friday.

• At a high school field day this week Sandra Scott and Kerry Jepsen were senior champions. Barry Jeffrey and Sandra Scott were intermediate champions, and Barbara Lusty and Fred Harrison were junior champions.

20 YEARS AGO

• Does Georgetown want a sewage system? The answer was emphatically yes when the property owners and tenants went to the polls yesterday to vote. The vote was not a heavy one, roughly half of those entitled to cast a ballot took advantage of their franchise, but when tallied there was a seven to one majority in favour. The votes for a sewage system were 542 to 76 against.

• Under the convener'ship of the president, Mrs. Fred Braisby, the Legion WA held a chicken supper for some 35 men who have returned from overseas and a number of World War I soldiers who had served in this war with the Veterans' Guard. All were members of the Legion or sons of Legion members and had been on the WJA parcel list while away from home.