

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Need Informed Voters...

Each year the Herald reminds readers of the importance of their vote at the municipal elections. Results have varied in percentage of votes cast though, on the average, our town has always expressed its interest by registering a good percentage.

This year has all the elements to set an all-time record in interest.

With the exception of the public school board, there is a vote for every elected office. Each voter can mark his X for mayor, reeve, deputy reeve and hydro commissioner. In each ward, voters can choose two of four potential candidates. And separate school supporters will have an extra ballot to select the four men they want as their school trustees.

The Herald this week has election advertisements from a majority of candidates, many of whom have made definite statements of their proposed actions if elected. There is a news report which gives the highlights of speeches made at last week's nomination meeting. And candidates are busy knocking on doors, circulating cam-

paign literature, and trying in every way possible to line up the voters they need to put them in office.

It is up to every voter to be as informed as possible when he goes to the polls on Monday. This is not meant to be a popularity contest. It is possible that you might not vote for your best friend, because you do not consider him the best potential candidate. It is not essential that you even like a man personally. The criterion should be what he can do for the town, what stand he takes on important civic issues, and how effective his voice will be as a councillor, a school trustee or a hydro commissioner.

Town business is important business these days. It calls for dedicated men, with the ability to tackle big problems and successfully solve them. Your vote, if it is an informed one, is an important cog in our democratic system, for it is the sum total of votes which select the winner. An uninformed voter can thus be even more a hindrance than one who takes no interest and doesn't vote at all.

Art Has Its Limits...

The news media is full of quotes from a variety of public figures these days following conviction of a Toronto art dealer for exhibiting obscene art.

Not having seen Dorothy Cameron's Eros '65 we cannot comment on the validity of the charge. But we can severely criticize those who have rushed into print, not for defending her, but for their expressed way-out views on what should be allowed in the art expression.

It is perfectly true that today we are living in a world which has allowed movies, television and the written word to go much too far. It is equally true that censorship of any sort is difficult to set on a rigid basis. But we must still strive to have some rules, or else the free thinkers will have every moral code broken with their anything goes philosophy.

If washroom art and barracks room talk is to be not only condoned, but promoted by people who would pose as public leaders — we are in for one of two things — a completely unmoral world where one's

conscience is the only guide, or a return to the puritan days when a higher tribunal enforced an unnecessarily rigid standard of public behaviour. Both are repugnant, though if a choice had to be made, we would have to cast our lot with the latter.

Surely those who are interested in the arts, be they written, spoken or depicted, would be better advised to get together and impose some sort of self-censorship, instead of howling for a free expression and a no-limits code.

Or are we to reach the point where the sex act, already much too prominently discussed in the ladies magazines and in much of our supposed better literature, is to be plastered on every billboard and viewed at every art exhibition.

Those who so hotly defend the Eros exhibition would be much more helpful if they banded together to persuade authors to clean up their novels, television to get away from their Peyton Place type of program, magazines and newspapers to soft pedal their emphasis on sex, violence and deviation.

One Tiny Step...

Sunday's evening service in St. George's Anglican Church was an historic one. It brought together members of two of Georgetown's Protestant denominations for an initial discussion on the proposed creation of a new church embodying the main elements of the faith and ritual of both.

Following the service, members of the two congregations attended a question and answer period in the parish hall when the two ministers expounded on the broad outline which is being considered and discussed specific questions relative to the proposal.

If Sunday's meeting were to set a pattern, then there should be no major impediments to the eventual union of the United and Anglican churches in Canada. Questions were well presented and intelligently answered. There was a warmth of understanding and an air of good will evident among those attending. And, most important, a realization that each could not expect to retain every element of its present form of worship.

The union was likened to a betrothal which, when a marriage occurs, means that each partner must consider the other, and be prepared to arrive at a mutually agreeable way of life.

Perhaps it is one tiny step towards what should be the goal of every professed Christian — one church, or an association of churches which, instead of competing and arguing doctrines, could band together for the common good of the world.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Jaycees Express Pleasure With Nomination Turnout

Dear Mr. Editor:

It was very gratifying to see such a large turnout at the nomination meeting last week. If this is an indication of the interest in the forthcoming election it would appear that there will be a large turnout at the polls next Monday.

It was also good to see so many candidates nominated for office, preventing any acclamation this year. It is now up to us, the voters, to make sure that we take the trouble to find out what each candidate stands for in order to ensure the best possible Council to carry forward our wishes in the coming year.

The Jaycees feel that some major areas which need attention in the coming term of office are:

1. A concerted effort on the part of Council to improve the image of Georgetown both in and out of town. In this we feel that each individual citizen also bears some obligation.
2. A long look at our town's future growth potential and planning initiated to avoid haphazard growth and last minute crash programs.
3. Improvement in the physical appearance of the town through such things as paved roads and curbs etc. which, we suggest, can be accomplished with a long range plan without raising taxes.
4. The necessity of maintaining a stable tax rate which will invite future growth and encourage present homeowners.
5. The Jaycees are not suggesting that the above list covers all of the town needs, nor are we intending to imply that there

are no other specific projects worthy of Council consideration. We do, however, believe that the foregoing are of urgent importance and any Council who will think and act along these lines will, we suggest, be one in which the whole town can feel pride and confidence. Municipal Affairs Committee Georgetown Jaycees

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HERE WE GO—ON THIN ICE AGAIN

SUGAR AND SPICE by Bill Smiley

THOSE BUSY YEARS

My wife had just given Kim a five-minute blast because she wasn't working hard enough. This is almost a daily occurrence at our house. The results are usually the same: rebellion, hot words, rising voices, tears, sulks, and me wishing I were out in the booklocks.

This time, for some inexplicable reason, the Old Girl softened, after the daughter stalked off in a cold fury. "Poor kid. She does have a lot to do." Then she began to remember her own high school days, and to compare. The results were sobering, almost frightening.

When mother was in school, there were about 150 students. Classes began at 9. Teachers moved to the classrooms, at end of each period. There was a 15-minute recess morning and afternoon, in which the kids wandered the corridors at will, or fooled around outside, in good weather. There was an hour and a half for lunch. School ended at four p.m. That's five hours of class time.

In daughter's school, there are about 1,200 students. Classes begin at 9. She moves between periods, harassed and hurried.

Compare the kid. After school there's orchestra practice or French.

NEWS ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald 1955 and 1945

10 YEARS AGO

A barn fire early last Wednesday evening attracted hundreds of people who saw the red glow in the sky as far away as Acton. The barn on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Wagstaffe and their son Paul, was totally destroyed by the flames in a few hours, while Georgetown firemen worked to save neighbouring buildings and houses.

Frank Prashink was the big gun as Georgetown Raiders gave Milton a 10-3 trouncing here last night. Other Raider scorers were Dixon, Beaumont and Bill Chard.

Completing two years service with the air arm of the navy, Paul Barber has received his discharge and has returned to Georgetown.

Excavating has started on a new hydro building on Water St. The building is being erected on property beside the post office purchased by the hydro commission from the Lions Club and last used as a lacrosse field.

Plans for Georgetown's third public school have reached the specifications stage, five of the contemplated twelve rooms are already booked for children currently attending the other two schools. Overcrowding has necessitated classes being set up at Knox Hall, St. John's Hall, the Fire Hall, and the Wigglesworth auditorium. The third school will go on Rexway Drive.

20 YEARS AGO

Main street shoppers are welcoming back Mr. Jack Watson who resumed his position as manager of the Dominion Store this week after a lengthy absence on active service overseas. During his absence management of the store has been in the capable hands of Miss Ethel Ellis.

Word has been received as we go to press that the Lorne Scots Regiment will arrive in Brampton on December 16th and 17th. The regiment is now enroute from England aboard the Monarch of Bermuda. Only three Georgetown men are coming with the unit, Capt. Bob Early, Pte. Howard Anquith and Cpl. C. H. Boyle.

NEWS DESK EXTRAS

JUST A SMOTCH OF SCRIGGLING

When humans put pen to paper, whether it's to set down the happenings of a meeting for their home town paper or just to jot a few lines to their cousin on the west coast, they as a rule, stick to words of the dictionary. But you've probably noticed the old Oxford word book is often left way behind when they turn on the spoken word.

The interesting part is that whenever we're talking with

"But, Dad, I just got..."

"Don't bug me, kid. I gotta write a column (or mark papers, if not an exam). Got to work. Never mind. It's too late. Better get down and get the hamburgers ready. And when are you going to get your practicing done?"

Go downstairs. Mornsey make hamburgers. Mom emerges from piano lessons "Kim, how much practicing have you done, you lazy little bum!"

"Mom, how could I practice? You are using the piano and anyway, I just got..."

"Never mind the excuses I, don't see why you couldn't help with the ironing, when you know I'm busy. And stop stabbing that bun with the butcher knife."

Evening Three hours home work and two hours practicing ahead. Father off curling. Mother muttering over the dishes about kids no matter how much you do for them they don't appreciate it and you'll never get anywhere with that attitude and when I was your age I didn't have any of the opportunities you have.

It's a wonder more of them don't creep down of the basement in the night, get the axe, and do their parents in. They probably would, if they weren't so utterly whacked.

one of those synthetic verb — adjectives we get the moment loud and clear. For example, one person we were speaking with on the weekend in describing a hockey game said the player — skated right at WHIFFLED the shot just wide of the top corner. Another man recently told us he... ran out of gas on the MacDonald-Cartier Freeway and had to THOG part way up No. 10 for help.

"We decided last week to keep an ear cocked for these meaningless yet very meaningful words. The third just swooped in low and SNAZZED it right out of my hand," said one contributor. "Before I could catch him the baby grabbed the mustard dispenser and SMERSHED the stuff all over my sweater," said another.

The collection grew faster than I thought it would... so I got back to the parking lot to find another car SCRUMMED right up against the back bumper."

"...well I might as well borrow your pen and SCRIGGLE it down while I'm here."

"If you get a minute would you mind WIZZLING this across the street?"

"...not too much cream please just a SMOTCH."

"...there was no use trying to untangle the wire it was all BRUNGLED together."

"...when the line broke the stuff just SPRATTED all over the place."

You won't find them in Fowler's English Usage, (more likely in Usage's English Fowler), but for sheer communicating these illegitimate verbs and others like them come through like anything in the book. As a matter of fact we've STRIPPLED these away for future reference.

When visiting a patient in hospital make sure that the fruit, candy or other food taken him has the approval of the doctor or the nurse.

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