

... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

Depends Where You Sit

Whether you like the heavy snowfall and the gusty gales which have given us the traditional 'real Canadian winter' these past two weeks depends a lot on where you sit.

The commuters, to a man, have frosted windshields, snow shovels in their car trunks and long faces as they face the daily drive and the hazards of blowing snow and slippery roads.

Most older folk huddle by the fire, reading the travel pages luring people to a southern holiday and dream of lolling in the Florida sun.

Those who must earn their livelihood at outdoors work — carpenters, TV repairmen, milk and bread deliverymen, postal carriers, add another layer of snuggles and go about their jobs with resignation.

And the overworked road crews, philosophically spread another covering of sand over the roadway they have just ploughed, prepare for an around-the-clock session, hoping that just once someone will toss a compliment instead of the flood of irate 'you ploughed-in - my driveway'

and 'how about getting our street plowed out' call which always abound in emergencies.

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The ill winds always blow somebody good. Garage towing services get a boost in favour of the snow, and wherever there is a suitable hill, the sleighs and toboggans appear. People supplied with coal, oil and gas for furnaces which seem to run endlessly, stocks of winter clothing, snow shovels, soups, disappear from retailers' shelves.

Television viewing takes an up, and people again discover the joys of the printed word as they spend an evening in a comfy house, safe from the stormy outdoors.

Like all Canadian seasons, it is a mixture of the good and bad — the very factor which makes life so good in a country of temperature extremes.

A mail bag letter this week compliments the Georgetown works staff for snow clearance and garbage collection during winter storms.

Excellent Public Service

We agree, and add our pat on the back to the yeoman service performed.

There are few Ontario towns, and even fewer cities, which act so promptly to keep traffic moving in times of emergency.

Snow plows and sanders are out as soon as a storm begins, main traffic arteries are cleared as fast as possible and it is seldom that there are any major bottlenecks to trap motorists for any lengthy period of time.

It is in snow removal that the Georgetown works department really shines.

A week ago, for instance, when there was the heaviest snowfall of the year on a Saturday night, downtown Main Streets, Queen and King Streets among others, were

cleared by Monday for normal traffic.

And during the week, the works department cooperated with hydromen in an extra service downtown where heavy icicles hanging from roofs in one block created a danger for pedestrians. The icicles were knocked down, and in order to remove any hazard from the street, were shovelled into a waiting truck. We are always prone to criticize when something displeases us, but rarely take the time to say thanks for a job well done.

Mail bag writer Bob Francis is perhaps more aware of this, having served as a town councillor. We hope that he is not alone and that most residents share the spirit of his letter.

Night Classes An Asset

For some years Georgetown has had a distinct asset in night school classes which have operated at the high school.

Georgetown has been most fortunately situated, in having excellent instructors in arts and crafts in, or within easy access of, town. And besides the academic subjects taught by high school teachers, there has been a fine variety of training available in such fields as leatherwork, oil painting, aluminum work and hat making.

The high school board has become concerned, however, about keeping on with the variety offered, in view of small numbers of students, and has ordered a study which

could see a curtailment in future.

It is not sensible, of course, to operate a course unless there is sufficient interest to justify the time and expense of an instructor. The fee charged for a course is only a token, and one cannot expect that too large an amount will be paid either by a local board or a senior government.

We would hope that the end result will be a pairing of courses where interest is lacking, and a possible offering of courses only every year or two. But we would hope also that night school will continue to be an attraction in a town where it has been of so much benefit.



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE "NEW" PEARSON

SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

A Red-Eyed Teacher

Ever been on shift work? Most nurses have. Many industrial workers have. Farmers, executives, merchants, office workers — and until recently, teachers — have not had that delightful experience.

First time I ran into it was on my first job, when I was 17 — back in the middle ages, sometimes known as the Dirty Thirties. I have been a stalwart champion of the working man ever since.

It was on a steamboat on the Great Lakes. Seven days a week for a dollar a day.

I worked the graveyard shift. Except that in those days it was a shift and a half, from midnight to noon. And it seemed to be rolling a little every midnight. Just enough to make you queasy.

Sick at heart, sick at stomach, we groggily made our way to the galley, about 11:30 p.m. for "breakfast."

The night cook was a jolly Oriental gentleman called Sing. He couldn't sing. But his heart was in the right place. He knew we needed sustenance for the 12 hours ahead.

THE MAIL BAG

Suggests Highway Stretch Improvements

116 Mountainview Rd. S. Georgetown, Ont.

Dear Editor,
Thank you for your kind words about the new signboard on Guelph Street promoting Georgetown's Industrial Park. Your readers may be interested to know that this was an all-Georgetown effort. In addition to the leadership provided by last year's Industrial Commission, the sign was renovated by R. Kramer Construction, and painted by Jerry Avery to my design.

A similar refurbishing might be effective at the eastern entrance to town, where the Jaycees' welcome sign might be combined with the service club crests to provide a striking invitation to industry and other visitors.

Unfortunately, this most heavily travelled part of town is also the most unsightly. What is needed is a major tree-planting programme between Norval hill and the Delrex Plaza, combined with removal of the starkly ugly hydro poles. If wiring could be placed underground, and the car lots made a little neater, this critical spot could be made as attractive as the rest of the town.

Sincerely
Jim Warren

This number is based on 4.5 persons per car. There were 5,174 campers during the summer, in spite of poor camping weather. Fifty seven buses loaded with picnickers visited Terra Cotta's group picnic areas.

Chuckling merrily, he'd pile our plates with greasy eggs, greasy ham, greasy fried potatoes. Sometimes, for a change, there'd be greasy sausages and bread fried in grease.

Even a 17-year-old stomach, the human organ that most closely resembles a cement mixer, couldn't take it. We used to push the greasy gob around the plate, and settle for some greasy coffee.

But the clincher, the thing that really made our stomachs heave, that made us rush from the galley to the lavatories, was the desert.

Triumphantly, Sing would sing out, "You like nice Boston Cream Pie? I got." Now, as you probably know, Boston Cream Pie is a rich, nauseous concoction of custard topped with cream. Almost 30 years later, I still gag when I see it on a menu.

As you may have gathered, I didn't like shift work then, and it hasn't improved much during the intervening years.

This year at our school we're on a double shift. A combination of post-war baby boom and bureaucratic red tape have produced a situation in which the populations of two entire schools, some 2,000 students, are sharing a building intended for half that number.

The school board had two alternatives. They could have each student hold another student on his or her knee all day,

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NEWS ECHOES

From the Herald of 10, 20, and 30 Years Ago

JANUARY, 1936

At Council meeting Monday night, Mayor Armstrong asked the road committee to secure an estimate on cost of linking Maple Ave. west with Maple Ave. east by building a road from Main St. South to Guelph St. a step which he feels is of prime importance this year. In 1954 the Department of Highways had verbally agreed to paying 50 per cent of the cost.

Frank (Bud) Kentner succeeded Arthur McAllister as president of Georgetown Anglers and Hunters Association when members gathered at the clubhouse at Hickory Falls Thursday. Don Thompson is vice-president, John Koloski, secretary and Bob Jepson, treasurer. Directors are Stan Lyon, Fred Spies and Art McAllister.

JANUARY, 1946

William Wurch, 24-year-old war veteran, was instantly killed when the car he was driving plunged off the highway and overturned at McCullough's corner early Monday morning.

Six new Lions club members in the persons of W. E. Nodwell, Bob Caldwell, Art Scott, Joe McMenemy, Joseph Gibbons and Ray Whitmore were initiated Monday, and a member who had been overseas, Jack Watson, welcomed back.

JANUARY, 1936

At the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Young People's Society, the following officers were elected. President Gord Martin, vice-president Jack Cunningham, secretary Doris Kean, treasurer Janet Henderson, pianist Jean Mackenzie, convener of educational committee, Miss McMurphy, devotional M. McDougall, missionary convener Betty Kean, social Jean Mackenzie, recreation George Henderson.

And that's why your faithful reporter lurches out of bed at 6:15, wildly groping for the alarm clock, has a coffee break, if there is one, at 9 a.m., and eats lunch about 10:30 in the morning.

In theory, it's wonderful. Teachers have all afternoon to sleep, golf, curl or hunt, and the evening to prepare lessons. Good for the students, too. They have their homework all done by dinner time, and can watch TV or wash their hair, or go to the poolroom. All we have to do is get to bed a couple of hours earlier than in the good old days.

In practice it's horrible. Wives persecute husbands in the afternoon with shopping, scrubbing, nagging. If you sleep in the afternoon, you lie stark, staring, insomniac, at night. If you work or play, you fall asleep in the middle of dinner, baked potato, half chewed.

Nobody goes to bed any earlier than they ever did. And what we wind up with is a pandy of red-eyed teachers, frayed at the edges, facing a gaggle of yawning teenagers, some of whom were up at 5 a.m. to catch the school bus, every morning at 7:45.

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HARLEY TO HALTON

WEEKLY OBSERVATIONS BY DR. HARRY HARLEY, M.P. FOR HALTON

AS EXPECTED, the Throne Speech has to date produced three votes — one on the technicality of who should speak next, and two votes of non-confidence in the new Government. In both of these latter votes the Government was able to survive with the support of the five Social Credit Members from Alberta and British Columbia. On neither of these votes, despite their closeness, (the last vote was 134 to 128) was there any suggestion in the atmosphere of the Green Chamber in the House of Commons that the Government was in any danger of defeat. The House of Commons was relaxed and this was evident even in the calmness of the packed galleries, where no one was anticipating in any way the defeat of the new Government.

TWO MORE VOTES will take place before the Throne-Speech debate ends and it is anticipated that the voting pattern will repeat without any serious problems. These votes do concern confidence in the Government and a loss of these supporting votes would in all probability precipitate a general election, which certainly no one wants at this time. Immediately following this a supply motion will be called which normally takes two days, and allows the

Government to consider the Budget estimates of various Gov't Dept's. There is no indication as yet as to what particular legislation the Government will propose first, on completion of the supply motion.

I HAD THE opportunity last week of participating in the Throne Speech. During this time I spoke on medicare and car safety and the need for changes in Canada's divorce and birth control laws. I have been receiving much support for the views I expressed that in both of these latter matters our laws at present are grossly out-dated and cry out for

New Entrance and Car Lots For Terra Cotta Area Park

Regular visitors of Terra Cotta Conservation Area will be happy to learn of the recommendations submitted by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

A new entrance roadway is to be constructed into the area away from the swimming pool and picnic sites. The roadway will lead to two new parking lots which will provide parking

changes to bring them up to date in keeping with modern day life. It is expected that one of the first measures brought forward for debate will be capital punishment. As I am sure everyone is aware this will be given time for debate by the Government and a free vote given by Members of the House of Commons in keeping with the views of their constituents and their own views on this vital and important matter. As far as Halton is concerned my mail and conversations I have had with many constituents is in favour of the abolition of capital punishment by approximately three to one.

for about 400 cars. It was recommended that this work be done with winter works labor completed before May 15th, 1966 so that traffic in the park would not be disrupted. Trees and shrubs are to be planted along the township road boundary to eliminate dust and noise.

Superintendent N.J. McMahon reported that 86,999 people visited Terra Cotta during the season and 29,307 visited Belfour