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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Value of Local Names

With Georgetown's sixth public school now underway, one of the school board's chores is to select a suitable name.

This is in one way a minor, but in other ways, a major task for a board. For a name is even more permanent than the bricks and mortar. These can be repaired, but it is seldom that, once named, a building ever changes.

There are two schools of thought. One is to avoid parochial designations and stick to the memory of national and world personages and places. The other, and more difficult, is to honour the memory of a local person or family. And difficult as this makes the job, we incline to the latter idea.

Present schools are a mixture. The original public school was named Chapel by necessity when a second school was built. While this is the street on which it is located, there is some history in the name, too, as the street took its name from the Methodist chapel which adjoins the property. The new school honoured Howard

Wigglesworth, highly respected public school principal at the time of his sudden death.

Later came Harrison, aptly named for a family long associated with Georgetown education, the father a principal, daughter a teacher and son school board secretary-treasurer and town clerk. Park School was simply named for its location, adjoining the municipal park. George Kennedy school took its name from the town's first settler. The town, itself, was named for the first Kennedy.

There are names which come to mind when considering a name for the new school. Miss Annie Ryan was principal of the old public school for a lengthy term, and her family was closely associated with town affairs. The Barber family is one linked with Georgetown's industrial roots, as is the Dayfoot family.

It has always been our hope that such people would be remembered and honoured as new buildings and new streets are added to Georgetown.

### Forecasts Huge Expansion

Civic officials attending a dinner last week heard a forecast that within ten years Georgetown would add 15,000 new residents and 75 million dollars in property development.

Bruce McLaughlin, president of a firm which has acquired the bulk of the Rex Heslop - Delrex Developments holdings was the speaker.

Introducing his firm, Metropolitan Halton Development Company to officials of Halton and Peel Counties, Mr. McLaughlin predicted a glowing future for a town which has been poised on the brink of expansion for some time.

The new future began in 1954 when Mr. Heslop acquired a large Esquing acreage, later incorporated into town limits, which has doubled our population in a decade, added a large area of serviced industrial land, a number of new factories, housing subdivisions and a shopping plaza. Mr. McLaughlin, while revealing no specific information, hinted at a major food store, trust company and bank as interested in locating here, and said negotiations

### Honours for Georgetown

While Georgetown Little Theatre missed out in being chosen to compete in the Western Ontario drama festival, members can be justly proud in the honours accorded Vera Macdonald. Mrs. Macdonald, who plays a starring role in the next production was chosen best actress for her performance in "Oh Dad".

And while the honour now belongs to Owen Sound, Tony Lloyd who directed many Georgetown productions in past years, received a similar accolade for male actors.

Little Theatre, since its inception some years ago, has steadily progressed and, as the adjudication reveals, is of professional calibre. One play has been in festival competition, and Lynne Hyde, who is directing this winter's show, was a prize-winner for set design.

There is one thing which has been lacking. Although audiences have been adequate, and there has been general appro-

val of the plays to date, there are always vacant seats. There shouldn't be.

A town of Georgetown's size, which lacks a cinema, should support such entertainment to capacity. The latest play, for instance, is not long gone from Broadway, has successfully been performed at the Crest Theatre in the city, and should be a good example of modern theatre.

Upcoming is "Arsenic and Old Lace" a tried and true farce on stage and screen, which no one will want to miss.

A theatrical production is the result of months of hard work by actors, director, designer and backstage workers who must coordinate their efforts into a couple of hours of skilful make-believe. For a play to be at its best, demands a large and receptive audience. We hope Georgetown will give this in good measure when the lights go up later this month in the high school auditorium.



## HARLEY TO HALTON

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

SINCE THE CONCLUSION of the Throne Speech Debate the House of Commons has been considering the estimates of various Government Departments. To date the Department of External Affairs has been concluded and the Dept. of Transport has just begun. The debate on External Affairs was a far-reaching debate covering such topics as Viet Nam, Rhodesia and the Organization of American States.

CONTROVERSY HAS arisen on the question of Channel 3 on television. An application has been made to transfer the Barrie station on Channel 3 to the Toronto area. There is a great

deal of fear that if this is done reception on Channels 2 and 4 might be affected.

THE PROBLEM is being investigated at the present time. I understand that there is enough business to justify the presence of a third TV station in the Toronto area.

THE RULES of the House of Commons have been finalized. These do represent substantial changes from the previous ones and should prove to be of considerable value. The hours of sitting are as follows: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday the sittings start at 2:30 p.m. and go until 10:00 p.m. with no official

dinner hour — the Members arrange among themselves what hour they will take for dinner and in this way make sure that an adequate number of Members are present in the House at all times. Between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on these days private Members hour when private Members may present Bills and Resolutions asking the Government to do a certain thing. These matters are usually talked out — if they are talked about the full hour and do not come to a vote, the Bill or Resolution then goes to the bottom of the list and must then wait until it again comes to the head of the list before



### THROUGH THE LOOKING-GLASS

## SUGAR AND SPICE by Bill Smiley THE BALTIMORE ORIOLE

In last week's column, I mentioned that son Hugh had failed to keep a Saturday rendezvous with Kim and me. He was supposed to meet us and come home for a weekend of skiing. When he didn't show up, we didn't work, thinking he'd come involved elsewhere. He was.

Tuesday night following, the Senior Tutor of his college phoned, long-distance. Was Hugh at home, ill? Nobody in his residence had seen him since Friday night. He'd missed a test in Psychology.

How would you go about telling your wife that her first-born is missing? It would have been easier to inform her that I had cancer and three months to live.

There's nothing more fun, on a night, in mid-winter, than sitting around with your wife wondering whether your son has eloped, has been kidnapped, has become a junkie, is on a drunk, or is lying dead in a ditch.

Thus speculating, we took turns. She'd be white with apprehension. I'd be red with rage. Then we'd turn red and white, simultaneously, she with anger, I with fear.

And while we were thus engaged, do you know where he was? Wining and dining, playing a Steinway grand piano, in a swank apartment on Park Avenue, New York City.

Next night, I phoned his roommate. Yep, Mr. Smiley, he'd had a card from Hugh, Green-wich Village. Having a ball. Next stop, Baltimore.

This threw the whole family (Kim was in on it too, busting with excitement) into one of the finest frenzies of rages and relief we've ever enjoyed.

Suddenly, I had one of those rare flashes of insight which make people who don't know me think I'm a genius. "Baltimore!" I cried. "Ah-ha! Baltimore!"

I reminded the Old Girl that it is discussed again. As there are many such Bills and Resolutions this effectively kills it for the whole session.

ON WEDNESDAY the sittings are from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the hour of Private Members from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. as it is on Fridays. On Friday Parliament sits at 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 with no official lunch hour. The question periods in the House of Commons are now limited to one hour on Monday, thirty minutes on Wednesday and forty minutes on other days. This has been in effect since the opening of this Parliament, and is well accepted by all Members of the House. I have not heard of complaints that questions have been cut off because the time is limited. The Speaker of the House has good control to date and this certainly tends to keep the question period an interesting and informative period with little waste of time.

she has a cousin studying at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. She said I was crazy, he wouldn't dare go there, and if he had, Cousin Pat would have phoned.

I insisted. She called, got Cousin Pat and his wife in jig time. My wife didn't want to sound like a complete moron and ask if Hugh were there. So she asked, gaily, "How is the boy?" (They'd had a baby boy a few months previously.)

Cousin Pat retorted, "Yours or mine?" And the Baltimore Oriole, as he is now known in the family, was in the net. Almost.

He came on the line. "Hi, Mom, how are you?" Gay as an oriole. Innocent as a novice nun. When his mother was able to talk, she told him, for 20 minutes, how she was, and what he was. Finally, Kim and I wrestled the telephone from her and I spent 45 seconds telling him to be home by the weekend.

He was. Large as life, cheerful as a cherub. During the weekend, when he wasn't sleeping, eating or skiing, he regaled us with his tale.

He'd caught the urge to travel late Friday night. Struck off at 3 a.m., in ski jacket and jeans. Hitch-hiked. Caught rides with university students, Negro ladies, hillbillies.

Arrived New York with 20 cents. Went to coffee-house to keep warm. Ordered coffee. Waiter said, "Sixty five cents." Hugh said, "I've only got 20." Waiter took it. Read French novel and talked to junkies, stu-

dents and assorted characters all night.

Sold pint of blood in Times Square for \$5. Ate. Later phoned gentleman musician he'd met in his summer job on cruise boat, who had foolishly said — "Any time you're in New York look me up." The chap and his wife met the ski-jacketed teen in jeans with warmth, fed him, enjoyed a musical evening together, gave him

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## NEWS ECHOES

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

### 10 YEARS AGO

- A tragic accident on icy Norval hill at midnight Saturday snuffed out the life of a young Toronto resident while two companions in the car escaped without a scratch. Bill Munro died of loss of blood after the vehicle skidded into a hydro pole. The three were coming from a dance in Georgetown arena.
- Georgetown will be a city of 25,000 within twenty years. So said Dr. H. G. Faludi of Town Planning consultants in presenting a zoning report to council Thursday.

### 20 YEARS AGO

- This week Georgetown and district welcomes home from overseas: Gnr. Ronald Kay, Sgt. Bernard Cowtan, Sgt. Bob McMenemy, Pte. Albert Stapleton, Gnr. Walker Glassford, Pte. John Barber, Cpl. Lorne Hunter, Gnr. Norman Barber, Cpl. Ernest Coles, Lance. Cpl. Larry Ritchie, Pte. Clayton Bradley.
- Burning of a \$1,500 mortgage, the last payment of which was made by the Women's Association, featured the annual meeting of the congregation of Georgetown United Church which was held on Monday evening, Feb. 11th. The mortgage was incurred in 1933. Rev. R. C. Todd, Dr. A. McAllister, Mrs. Fred Sinclair and Mrs. Howard Kentner officiated at the burning.

### 30 YEARS AGO

- The Bell Fire Brick Co. of Toronto has leased the Georgetown Foundry property and are putting the building into shape for the manufacture of their products. They expect to employ fifteen.
- At the annual meeting of the Georgetown pipe band last week the following officers were elected: Honorary executive: R. B. Foulis, J. B. Mackenzie, D. Crichton, vice-major Alex Stewart, president E. R. Magloughlin, vice-president Ted Frazer, treasurer Ed Francis, property Dave Bowman.

quarters, and sent him on his way with \$15 cash.

Hitch-hiked to Baltimore. Had pleasant evening with Cousin Pat and wife Stephanie. Immediate plans to head for Florida and visit with friends of ours, then meander to New Orleans, where he knew a couple of girls he met at music camp, but foiled by parents' phone call.

Returned home with \$7.88, cash. Disgusted with parents' attitude. After all, he's sent us a card from New York. (We got it the day before he arrived home.)

He's back at school, but there is still one thing bothering us: Kim can hardly wait to get started on her first trip.

### A BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"And the Lord spoke to Manasseh, and his people: but they would not listen."  
2 Chronicles 33:10

God is calling and every man sooner or later will answer.

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