

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Bridges Underway

Decision of council to proceed with at least one bridge project is one which will meet approval of a large number of the town's population.

The Mountainview overpass across the CNR tracks harks back to the horse and buggy days. A narrow bridge, with obscured vision for motorists on both sides, it has been a danger to pedestrians and motorists alike.

Particularly since the station crossing which connected one part of town with Smith and Stone and the papermills was closed, the bridge has been more extensively used, both by commuters to work and by transports taking supplies to and from the mills. There has been an increase in residential building in this part of town too, which means more children using the bridge to get to school.

That the job must be undertaken at a time when Georgetown is trying to keep its tax rate stable and make living here

Big Industry Kaput

News that a large industry which contemplated buying 35 acres of land and talked of an eventual 2,000 employees has not picked up its Georgetown option, is a reversal of the optimistic upbeat in the town's industrial picture.

But, with the town owning this choice block of land, and able to sell it at an extremely reasonable price, it is not the misfortune that it might have been a few years back.

Perhaps, in some ways, it might all work out for the best.

Ideally, Georgetown would be best off with a number of smaller firms which would diversify industry. When a town counts too heavily on one large plant, business recessions and labour trouble can be formidable disruptions to the municipal economy.

7 Days Getting Tiresome

The reams of publicity about television's 7 Days program controversy are getting tiresome.

Decision to drop the show's two commentators sparked a situation where CBC producers threatened a strike, induced a parliamentary investigation, and riled up the public which apparently enjoys the sensationalism so often featured on the show.

From what we have read, the situation seems to be whether CBC producers are to be given a completely free hand to foist whatever they want on the viewing public, or whether there is to be some control exercised by the broadcast authorities.

We cannot argue that a good portion of the 7 Days shows have been of high calibre. But there have also been some serious flaws — discussions which should never have been aired, and some flagrant

attractive for both people and industry is unfortunate. But it is a job which must be done and cannot be indefinitely delayed.

A second bridge, over the tracks on Main Street north is of almost equal importance, and will become more so if a planned shopping plaza is built on the Moore farm. Here, streams of highway traffic must funnel through a narrow bottleneck barely two car widths wide. However, pedestrians are protected with a separate footpath, so danger of injury to them is minimized.

One impetus to replacing this bridge in the near future is the warning sounded at a town council meeting by Cr. Harrison that if a new highway by-passes this in future, there will be less government grant available.

While it cannot be considered this year, certainly next year's council should take a good look at an improvement plan here also.

It is not as if Mr. Pringle's mystery factory were the only one on tap either. The Dennison firm is interested in a town location. And at least one more firm has indicated it could favour a site in town.

Georgetown's new water tower and the assurance that an ample water supply is available for the foreseeable future, is a strong attraction to potential industrialists.

With top school facilities, well organized sports activities, attractive homes, and an ideal location near enough and just far enough from large cities to give us their advantages while still enjoying smaller town living, Georgetown can't help but attract industry.

Now we must continue to promote, individually and collectively, our good points, which are many.

errors of taste which interesting as we all find them, should not be condoned.

Employees of the CBC must realize that they are subject to control just as anyone employed by a firm. Television is too commanding a medium to allow even one crackpot idea to be disseminated to millions of viewers.

If performers become so arrogant that they will not subject themselves to the restraints of other businesses, it is time action was taken to stay on the right track with the millions of dollars in public funds which we pay for public entertainment. And even if we seek scandal and sensationalism, we must be protected from ourselves by a responsible authority, in this case the appointed commission which controls broadcasting.

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SUPERMAN'S CAPE

SUGAR AND SPICE by Bill Smiley

It's Been a Tough Week

We've been a pretty lucky crew around our place this year. All winter, friends, neighbours and relatives have been coming down with everything from the ordinary stuff — pregnancy and insanity — to exotic items like oriental hepatitis and whooping mumps. We haven't had so much as a sniffle.

It was too good to last, and we got the whole bundle this week. Nothing serious, physically, but mentally and emotionally, a shattering period.

First it was the dentist. Kim's was her regular six-month check-up. It's a breeze. She waltzes in blithely, has her gums frozen, and the dentist pumps a little concrete into a pit-hole you couldn't see with a telescope.

It's a little different for father. I also go regularly to the dentist. Every three or four years. When I have a broken tooth or two, and have wild stabbing pains from several of the other old stumps, and have postponed my appointment about six times, I go down for my regular check-up.

Sweating, trembling, and condemning all dentists and their insane questions to the murkiest depths, I sit there trying to tear the arms off the chair. Too gutless about needles to have the freezing, I go through the agonies of Prometheus as the poor man-prods about among the snaggles of porcelain, looking for a piece of genuine, human tooth he can drill.

And then there's always that excruciating moment when he steps back, with some kind of chisel cocked in his hand, shakes his head more in pity than in sympathy, and says "Hmmm."

A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS OF DESPAIR



A BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The gospel is the only guide capable of leading the world out of the darkness and into the marvelous light of Christ. "It is the power of God unto Salvation."

map cannot exist on pain pills alone.

I've mentioned what a yellow streak I have about needles. The doc said as he took out this elephant-syringe, loaded with cortisone, "You'll feel a slight pinprick as the needle enters." The cold sweat stopped flowing. Nothing to it.

Then he started to lean on the needle. Have you ever had a pinprick with a crow-bar?

The only comparable experience I've had was one time in a veterans' hospital. I was wheeled into this room for "tests." Flat on my back. Two nurses held a hand each, one on each side of the bed. Decent of them, I thought. Comforters. As I was smiling at them, in

turn the doc rammed this huge hypodermic in my chest and shoved down. Then he started to suck (marrow out of my breastbone, as it turned out). In the next three seconds, those nurses wound up on opposite sides of the bed, without touching the floor. I was told later that I had been a volunteer for a research project.

Well, I won't bore you with a lot more sick detail. Suffice it to say that my wife and daughter went to the eye doctor. Kim, who wants glasses like she

NEWS ECHOES

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

10 YEARS AGO

A 12 acre park at Hornby, which will be jointly administered by Esquesing and Trafalgar Townships is rapidly taking shape. Neighbouring residents have been generously donating their time and equipment on the week-ends. Tractors, bulldozers, chain saws and hand labour have been used in this fine community endeavour.

A new alternating "whisper switch" has been introduced by Smith and Stone Limited, Georgetown. The new quiet "no-click" switch is ideal for hospitals, invalid rooms, rest homes, institutions, kiddies' bedrooms and in fact anywhere a noiseless switch is desirable.

Terra Cotta CNR station was razed by fire Wednesday morning. The building, which also contained the living quarters of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker and their four year old son was levelled within an hour after the fire was noticed.

20 YEARS AGO

Under the direction of Harold Newmap, Georgetown's recreational director, a program of sport, handicraft and hobbies for the people in town is gradually taking shape. Since his appointment a month ago Mr. Newmap has made a questionnaire survey among the younger folk and using this as a guide has arranged a program for the summer which includes organized baseball, softball, a GRC sports day, art classes, hikes, camera clubs, stamp clubs and archery.

Smith and Stone employees through their Overseas Active Service Fund Committee tendered a dinner to company ex-personnel at the Oddfellows Hall Wednesday. The following ex-servicemen were presented with pen and pencil sets by Miss Helen Ritchie and Brigadier Wallace: Jim Collier, Bill Collier, Frank Connelly, Tom Golden, Joe Hall, Bruce Harley, Ray Harley, Herb Harlow, Ray Harlow, Ed Hill, Gordon James, John Keir, Clarence Kennedy, Jim King, Alex Korzack, Bob Martin, Bruce Mossop, John MacDonald, Don McPhail, Larry Ritchie, Bill Schultz, Albert Simpson, Keith Spence, Albert Stapleton, Russell Valey, Dave Wood and Dick Forster. The following were unable to attend: Jack Bailey, Jack Young, Dave Bryden, John Wilson, John Emerson and Bob McMenemy.

wants a hair lip, got them. My wife was sore as hell because she paid 10 dollars for the ex- glasses.

Just to cheer us up, we phoned Hugh on Sunday. We knew he was starting to write his final university exams on the Monday. Wanted to wish him luck. A croaking wreck who sounded more like Edgar Allen Poe's raven than our jolly boy, informed us that he'd been sick as a dog with the 'flu for three weeks.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Grid of business advertisements including: CHIROPRACTOR DONALD A. GAY, D.C.; M. E. Manderson, Q.C.; Robt. R. Hamilton Optometrist; WALLACE THOMPSON; O. T. WALKER R.O. D.O.Sc.; JOHN B. LOVE ARCHITECT; HAROLD FOBERT INSURANCE & REALTOR.

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

THE BUDGET DEBATE has been completed without incident. Later in the session specific recommendations of the Budget Committee will be presented in Bill form and debated in detail by the House of Commons. The last two days have been devoted to various pieces of legislation and at least ten various items have passed.

THE PRIME MINISTER has introduced a Resolution which will give the Civil Service bargaining rights and in some cases the right to strike. The Resolution was discussed briefly, passed and now will appear in Bill form which is very technical and detailed.

In addition a Special Committee of the Senate and House of Commons has been set up to hold public hearings into this matter and to hear representations from interested parties.

ected on the grounds that the Bill was unconstitutional. In that it took away a Royal prerogative. The Speaker ruled that the Member had the right to introduce such a Bill, that no Royal prerogative was at risk until the Bill was in the last stages of being passed. The Leader of the Opposition forced a vote on this issue, which appeared rather strange for a man who so strongly supports the rights of Parliament and its Members. I certainly do not agree with this bill and will vote against it if it comes up, but I feel the Member was within his rights to introduce it.

TWO RELATIVELY MINOR Bills concerning the construction of a bridge and a railway line in Ontario passed the House. In addition the following Bills were passed...

An Act to amend the Export and Import Permits Act to extend its operations for another 3 years. An Act to amend the Farm Credit Act will give more money for farmer loans.