

## School Board Gets Letters But New School Still ? ?

Georgetown's partially-constructed senior public school is still nameless. Trustee Gudni Sigurdson who advocates a name incorporating a reference to Canada's Centennial tabled a motion at a school board meeting Wednesday night proposing Canada Centennial Public School as the new name, but he later withdrew it, so the board could give due consideration to suggestions from thirty-six letter writers.

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Thirty-two Harrison Public School children appended their signatures to a letter proposing the school be Mountainview Senior School.

Another, wants it called Centennial '67 Public School.

Reid Public School should be the name according to another writer because of its location on the former Reid farm.

Harry Dayfoot Public School was another suggestion, after the late prominent local industrialist, and one writer offered four names for the board to choose from, Delrex Senior School, Mountainview Senior School, Georgetown Senior Public School, and George Harrison Public School, presumably derived from neighbouring George Kennedy and Harrison schools.

You have probably read of the serious disruption caused by the poor sales at the tobacco auctions this past winter, apparently because of the controversy between the buyers and sellers. The government has decreed a 40% reduction on acreage. Why? Is it to save lives? No? It is to maintain the price structure considered best by the Marketing Board. If the Marketing Board can be so ruthless just to keep prices up, we should not shed tears if farmers gradually have to switch to other crops in Western Ontario.

Let me tell you of a personal experience. Someone who is very close to me has a small farm near Leamington. Following a scare from cancer of the lip he voluntarily gave up his tobacco acreage after thoroughly examining his conscience several years ago. He feels that he has taken the right step. Moreover, his farm has thrived in spite of it.

In a world chronically short of food I am not too worried that the great tobacco-land-holdings in the Southern States will have to be turned over to the production of food. And, turning to retailers, I cannot help but admire Timothy Eaton who became a multi-millionaire without ever allowing the sale of a flake of tobacco in his department stores. Perhaps there is a lesson in his example.

These problems all have solutions. They begin with the individual person, spread to the family, to the church and to society in general. Seldom have we met with an easier and more obvious way of combating a moral wrong at the personal level.

What of our responsibility to the thousands of persons whose livelihood depends in part or completely on the tobacco trade? In the USA this is an \$8 billion industry. Several states depend for their solvency almost entirely on the growing, processing and sale of tobacco. Even in Ontario, a large number of farmers from Brantford to Windsor make their living (or part of it) from tobacco.

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## GEORGETOWN'S 1966 AFFAIRS IN THEIR HANDS

THE ANNUAL OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF GEORGETOWN'S Municipal council was taken at last week's meeting. At the council table from left to right are: Councillors William Smith (Ward 3), Arthur Speight (Ward 2), Ernie Hyde (Ward 1), Reeve William Hunter, Mayor Joseph Gibbons, Deputy Reeve James Young, Crs. Wheldon Emmerson (Ward 1), Fred Harrison (Ward 2), and Roy Ballentine (Ward 3).

### IN THE MAIL BAG

## Wants Teenagers Know Facts of Smoking Habit

15 Hazelton Ave., Toronto 5, Ont.

Dear Mr. Editor:

I note on the front page of a recent Herald, the news item "Discuss Smoking Area for School Students." As a former resident of Georgetown and a teacher of many years experience, this situation is very distressing to me.

I wonder if these teenagers have been given the FACTS regarding the ill-effects of this habit. I enclose a discussion of this subject by a scientist who is evidently competent to speak about the matter.

If you or any one else can make use of this for the benefit of these young people and the community in general, I shall be thankful indeed.

Your truly  
(Mrs. C.B.) Catherine Dayfoot

A medical man's viewpoint  
by John V. Basmajian

You may well be asking "What has conscience to do with cigarette-smoking?" In fact, you may resent my presenting this whole matter from the point of view of Christian conscience.

But this is a grievous moral problem. Only by turning over the rotten planks of our society can we hope to bring the sunshine of truth to what lies beneath. The time has come to turn the plank on cigarette smoking.

The knowledge — low noticeable — is that this addiction or habit is killing more fellow citizens than all the dreaded infectious diseases together. In Canada, in 1962, lung cancer killed 418 more persons than did all the infectious diseases (including TB) combined. As the Canadian Medical Association says in an official editorial, "This statistic becomes the more dreadful when it is noted that lung cancer still has a case fatality rate of more than 85%." I might add that incidence of lung cancer caused by cigarette smoking is rising rapidly so that it has become the leading cause of death from cancer and sur-

passes the death-rate from car accidents. Except for a very small group, lung cancers are caused by or are closely related to, smoking cigarettes.

Non-smokers, pipe-smokers, and cigar smokers hardly ever develop lung cancers. Persons who quit smoking radically improve their prospects of not dying of cancer. All the research studies confirm this. This also answers the plaintive question of those who smoke and shrug fatalistically that there's nothing they can do about it. There is. And it can save their lives.

Up to now I've only referred to cigarettes causing cancer, which is serious enough. Unfortunately, cigarette smoking is an important cause of several other fatal diseases. Most important of these is coronary artery disease. Fatal coronary heart attacks are three times commoner among cigarette smokers than non-smokers. Recent studies have shown that smoking ranks at least as high as cholesterol in the causes of serious heart diseases. A young man (or woman) who starts smoking regularly may not live long enough to die of cancer because his chances of dying in his thirties or forties can only be described as shocking.

I don't tell you this to frighten you, although it is almost inevitable that it will. My concern is to examine what our moral obligations are as professed Christians. Do we just stop smoking and feel self-righteous? Do we obnoxiously run around scaring everyone and acting holier-than-thou? Do we organ whose livelihood depends in part on programs within the church to combat this obvious evil? Actually, is it any business of the church? If it is what should the church do in particular, what should the United Church Women start doing?

Owe it to family  
If you, like 50% of women, are a non-smoker, in good conscience you owe it to your family and yourself to continue to avoid abusing your body and

necessarily bring by premature death, for I have often preached against such fears as being pagan. What I ask is that you avoid bringing unhappiness through your carelessness, just as I might warn you not to drive in the wrong lane of a superhighway.

For those who already smoke the lesson is obvious and the choice is yours. I only pray that you are not misled by the cigarette-company propagandists. All the ads are trying to discount the medical evidence. Twenty million dollars was spent last year in Canada to lull your fears and even to deepen the grip the habit may have on you. If you are one of the true addicts to nicotine, then you need medical assistance, and I earnestly ask you to see your family doctor about it. If you are only a social smoker let your conscience guide you. If you listen to your conscience, you will quit easily and not miss smoking. Of course you can switch to cigars!

### Influence children

Studies by two American public health experts, Salber and McMahon, showed that one of the leading causes of early smoking among children was addiction to smoking of one or both parents. If the mother as well as the father smoked, twice as many high school students (about 40%) reported they were smoking themselves. I will not go into all the figures, but an appreciably smaller proportion of high-schoolers smoked if only one parent smoked.

The lesson to be learned here is obvious. Your pleasure in having a cigarette influences your children's decisions. If you and your husband smoke, the chances are about 50:50 that your daughter will be smoking in the middle teens. If so, her chances of reaching age 45 alive are about three times less than they would be if she never took up the habit. Again, let your conscience be your guide.

Obnoxious or not, it is our Christian duty to our brother to inform him of the truth and to persuade him away from deliberately harming himself and his children. We cannot, in good conscience, leave it up to him to learn the slow way (and the tragic way) that his path was wrong. But how do we do this in the face of blandishment from the vocal and well-paid opposition? How do we avoid the mocking stigma of "do-gooder"? These are problems that face the United Church.

Last September, the proposed resolution urging the General Council to record its oppositions to smoking was not reached, partly because of the limitation of time. Can we not push for an early reconsideration of that resolution? Surely, a clear-cut stand is now called for. I hope that such a stand will influence more than the members of The United Church of Canada. But if the influence goes no further than our own ranks it still will be highly effective.

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## LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

BY BILL COATS

When you suspect a bad trump split, it is often advisable to try to make your trump separately. If you are lucky you can often force a defender to ruff his partner's tricks and give you a free finesse. Just such a hand occurred last week in a rubber bridge match. Here is the hand. Dealer was South and neither side was vulnerable.

North  
S-A 5 2  
H-A J 8 6 4 3  
D-A  
C-J 10 6

West East  
S-K Q J 8 4 3 S-10 9 7  
H-Q 2 H-K 9 7  
D-K J 9 8 2 D-10 6 5  
C-void C-K 8 4 3

South  
S-6  
H-10 5  
D-A Q 7 3  
C-A Q 9 7 5 2

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 C 1 S 2 H Pass  
3 C 3 D 3 H Pass  
4 C Pass 4 H Dble  
5 S Pass 5 S Pass  
5 C Pass Pass Dble  
All Pass

The only thing that I'd say about the bidding is that our friendly rubber bridge matches are quite aggressive.

West led the king of spades and declarer took stock. To take 11 tricks seems to be quite a task but since declarer can take three side aces all that can be done is to take eight tricks 'n trump. This will include all six clubs in declarer's hand plus two ruffs in dummy.

So here we go. Win in dummy with the ace of spades and lead a diamond in dummy and ruff a spade back to your hand. Ruff another diamond and lead dummy's last trump. When East plays low (it doesn't matter if he covers) you duck too. Now lead dummy's last spade and ruff in your hand. Lead a heart and if West plays low you finesse. Must not let West get the lead. The best that East can do is return a heart.

Just to make East feel badly you ruff a heart and lead your last diamond. West beats your card but East must ruff his partner's good trick and lead trump. You take the last two tricks with the queen and ace of trump.

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