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Downtown On the Move

Creation of a huge, paved parking area behind a block of Main Street and Mill Street stores is a major factor in the gradual revitalization of Georgetown'sdowntown shopping area.

The land has been used for some time for public parking, but despite a few improvements it left much to be desired. Sale of a property at the north end recently, gave impetus to the Parking Authority to. proceed with plans. A new entrance has been added from Main St., surfacing completed, and later parking strips will be painted on to give the maximum usage. This is the first of what is hoped will be parking areas behind all the downtown blocks, and is a forward step in keeping pace with modern times.

The advent of shopping plazas, which provided their own free parking, was somewhat of a blow to the old established area which had done business in the same way for generations. There was some initial hard feeling, and little rapport between the older and newer merchandisers. When parking was first talked about downtown, plaza people rightly were indignant that they should provide parking at their own expense, while the downtowners expected it to be provided by the public treasury. Now a happy solution has been found-

Lightning Strikes Twice

Human beings have a habit of reacting in a set manner to a given situation. And after last week we believe fate plays its part with inanimate objects too.

In our case it was a dining room

A' few weeks ago our sister, who lives on a farm, had an opportunity to sell and planned to move to town if and when. Among other things which would have to be disposed of was a treasured dining room suite, the one from our family

As it happened we had been talking of replacing our own suite, and with the sentiment attached, said we would give it a · home.

Now the suite in question has a history. Back in depression days in Windsor, many wealthy men fell on hard times and there was a profusion of auction sales with bargains galore for those who could scrape a few dollars together. Father became a sale addict, and we were never

Dad was an auction bug.

but he had a gambling instinct too, and always thought he was going to hit a pot of gold, whether in penny stocks or in merchandise for resale.

sweated and strained as they carried in,

was still there years later.

after awhile and Venus became an accepted part of the dining room. So accepted, that we often forgot, when seating a guest opposite, until someone noticed him keeping his eyes on his plate, to avoid staring

major-shopping centres. There is one factor which, is sometimes overlooked, even if a bit of public

the money will come from downtown park-

'ng meter revenue, so in effect those who

shop in the stores will be paying the park-

covered from their initial reaction and

there is a much friendlier feeling now. The

downtowners have come to realize that

there is going to be competition, and bet-

ter that it be in Georgetown, than with

some other community. A trading area of

over fifteen thousand people can certainly

support additional stores, and there is now

a healthy rivalry among the two's three

Merchants, for the most part, have re-

money is spent downtown. There is a large tax revenue from commercial buildings, which, in effect, helps to subsidize residential faxes. A prosperous merchant community, therefore, while of direct benefit to the participants, indirectly benefits every householder by helping stabilize his

. We look forward to a gradual increase in both downtown and plaza areas as Georgetown grows, for it is a well known fact that the more good stores in a town, the more people stay home to shop, and the more people come here to do their buying from the surrounding areas.

quite sure of what might be arriving home at the end of a Saturday afternoon. Late one Saturday a moving van stop- table, on back lawn. Feet plant- watching the squirrels at play,

ped at our house, there was a rap on the door, and a man announced that our diaing room suite was here. Mother must have been used to the unexpected, for as we remember she hardly flicked an eye, but commanded me to help and the dining room was cleared in jig time, and the old blue. Twelve feet of my new suite installed.

fence has fallen on my side. So what happened last Tuesday morn-

A moving man, etc. etc. and the Biehn sagging. My wife is in a vile! household sprang to life as dishes, linen and furniture flew in all directions to make because she doesn't have a waiway for the same old suite. We almost detected a snicker as we once more helped clear a path for the familiar table, chairs ing up, my bursitis is throbbing. as much like the reality as the and buffet.

Maybe fate was kind after all for had yet. we known the night before, it would have been an evening's work to prepare. stead, it was scarcely fifteen minutes be- difference between the beautifore our dining room was bare to the walls

More About Auctions

We weren't fooling when we said

Not only could be not resist a bargain

So even more startling was the day a truck arrived from a sale, and four men first a pedestial weighing several hundred pounds, and then . . . a life-size, white marble statue of a One-armed Venus.

Our home was not a large one, nor did it have too suitable a location for this type of art. But our dining room had a bay-window type of protrusion and for the time being Venus was installed there. She

Dad had the statue valued at various amounts from a thousand dollars up. (He paid somewhere in the vicinity of \$75 for it, or so he said.) but who had a hundred dollars, let alone a thousand in those

The family got over the initial shock

at the bare beauty.

There were times Venus was draped of paradise. in tea towels or what have you, particularly; when two maiden aunts were visiting. ty close to it. These are the un-There were facetious costumes too, leaving various parts of the lady exposed.

Dad contacted art teachers in the the apartment, pick up their schools, and brought them over to view his treasure and it became a real part of our household.

There was always one fear that we were going to have a new location. The room was not designed for such concentrated weight and the baseboard in that corner of the dining room went down a fraction of an inch at a time until there was a sizeable gap in the corner and a definite list to the flooring.

When Dad passed on and mother broke up housekeeping, times were better but there still didn't seem to be many buyers for an imported Italian Venus. Besides we had some sentiment and we couldn't picture this member of the family in just any old house.

The Walker distillery family had many years before given their estate to the city and the house had become a library. And it was there that Venus found her proper abode-on the landing of a handsome wind- Halton-Peel crusade is ever hymn. This has to be experiening staircase.

jailed in the Peterb-rough Til-

co Plastic strike.

Called in support of the On- this week. An invitation has been sent Crusade. The relly is sponsored by Anti-injunction Campaign, it is by the Oakville L bor Council Congregational Six (continued on page 5)

president of the Oakville and written in glory to God nev people from other denomina-District Labour Council, said er dies. This is the kind of tions and unitedly singing the music that you will bear at the praises of God.

for last-minute help with yearbook. Stayed til 3.00. At 4.00. had to sally forth to launching party for new lawn umbrells, in friend's backyard. Home at 6.30. At 8.00, twelve miles to visit friends at beach cottage. yak, Home at 1.30 a.m.

HI DIDDLE DIDDLE

THE COW JUMPED

AND THE DISH

WITH TH- SPON!

AND SPICE

Glorious summer morning 'ranch, pulling a weed here and

early. Writing this at the picnic there, listening to the birdies,

ed wetly in dewy, three-inch smelling the summer morn.

The hedge needs trimming. The pot of coffee.

flower-beds need weeding. The

garage is still half-painted from

last summer, though the new

green is fading nicely into the

neighbour's rotten old board

crushing shrubs. The barbecue

is broken. The clothes line is:

tress's job, like all her pals.

In short, it's a typical day of

my summer helidays. It's the

ful illusion and the sordid real-

who are not taking a summer

two long, golden months of sum-

mer stretch ahead like a glimpse

married ones who don't have a

home to maintain, and have sa

ved all year. They simply close

And even the rest of us make

plans. Oh, how we make plans.

I did it again this year, and on

paper, it's beautiful

tickets, and bend for Utopia.

RAN AWAY

SUGAR

by Bill Smiley

Eng

OVER THE MOON

THE CAT and THE FIDDLE

SEE SUCH SPORT

Then to work. Nine till noon at the typewriter. Lunch. Game golf. Take family to beach for swim, Home for leisurely drink and barbecued steak Quiet hour in lawn chair wit book. Bed. Then, up and at it again, fresh and fit.

By summer's end, a healthy,

Promisings

ECONOMIC NURSERY

temper for all the above reasclear-eyed constitution, a book ons. And my daughter is moping ready for the publisher, and the estate looking like something out of a women's magazine. In addition, my piles are act-That's the illusion. It's about

my golf has gone mor, and I Venus de Milo is like an oranghaven't got my snow tires off outsart. There are several flies in the such things as bone laziness.

my wife dreams up. One of the big ones is the late For the few school teachers movie. All winter, there's no time to watch them, I know. It's course, or marking papers, the stupid. You might as well be on junk or bosse. But who can pass up Cagney and Cooper and Bo-

the heat, and 140 chores a day

And for a few they are prel-Result: instead of a clear-eyed attack on breakfast and type writer at nine, there's a bleary eyed retreat from both, at el-

wart in their prime?

Second big difficulty is people. Here's a typical day. fact, it happened this week. Old friends, with children, dropped in at 10 a.m., on their way through town. Stayed for lunch, Up early, stroll about the match. At 1.15, students arrive



REV. BRUCE WOODS Maple Avenue Baptist Church

One of the thrilling aspects; the thrill that comes when of any great evangelistic crus- 3,000 voices blend to sing to ade is its music. Long after the gether a grand old Christian people will still be singing the ced. I frankly admit that about tunes and the words of the the best that I can do is make songs and hymns they heard at a joyful noise, but in a throng of people I can go off key to the tune of "Guide Me O Thou What makes music great? Great Jehovah" and do it to The rally and other action Why is it that modern funes the glory of God. While hymn on the part of organized labor are quickly forgotten while singing has always been a is attempting to abolish the Easter and Christmas carels great experience for me, there A huge mass rally of 11,000 the Club Galaxy, Oakville, use of the injunction in peace never die. The wer is is semething very wonderful Oakville union members, will which is owned by the United ful labor disputes, G.G. Heym, vious. Great music that is about joining in with God's

> Chair Singing Another great aspect-of the (continued on page 5)

Yes, the grass needs cutting, strawberries, bacon and eggs, drying out.

dead and buried.

But I'm not really complain- championship meet and intering. I did get up early this mor- national ski jumping competining, for the first time this sum- | tions near Ottawa; an internatmer. The birds are singing in ional air show at Abbotsford the trees, and one flicker is ba- B.C.; international motorcycle burnt offerings; I will pay the thing under the sprinkler. The races near Toronto; world hydro my vows, which my lips han squirrels are frolicking. The plane championship races eaks and elms and the maples Valleyfield, Quebec; and a waare looking down at me benev- ter skiing world championship elently. The sun is shining. The meet at Sherbooke, P.Q., Breakfast. The works. Fresh sky is blue. And my feet are mention a few.

It beats hell out of being one who can't afford that trip hand. Don't forget Christ to Montreal should be disapter the crises.

Centennial [Report

year. But I just don't have the city.

budget to do that

can't make it to Montreal will exhibits of Canadiana and the be able to see some Centennial own community Centennial spectacular in the nearest city. ents, will be gay attractions du Canada's leading events are shaling 1967. red by all parts of the country. It could be a performance of the Canadian Armed Forces own homes - even shut-ins Tattoo, one of the largest spec. the year 1967 will be a specia tacles of its kind ever to be one. With our coast to coast presented in North America. It radio and television communic could be the touring Centennial tions of today all will be at air show with thrilling flying to witness or listen to the gre by the Forces' formation sero- sporting events, see or picked for the 1967 celebra- the 4,000 mile cance race batic team of pilots specially

able to see impressive naval ation has great plans for Cer assemblies of the majestic ships tennial coverage and so have of Canada's forces and the nav- the magazines and newspaper ies of a number of other coun- of Canada.

dazzling performances on stage going to be left out of the pe by top artists from Canada and ty. There will be something for abroad. There will be art everyone-young or old shows and there will be sport- do, to see and to be happy a ing events such as the Pan Amer- out. Not the least importaican games at Winnipeg and the event to be happy about is the winter games in Quebec. Proposed international events

in Canada next year include a balloon race across the prairies; world snowshoe championships: a North American ski

The point I make is that no your life in the palm of H

I wish the Centennial Com- pointed about Centennial ye mission could buy a ticket and In the realm of spectacular the travel fare for every person ents there will be something in Canada to see Expo 67 next see in every major Canadi

The small towns as well, wi Millions of Canadians won't visits by the touring Centeral see Expo but most of those who Caravans carrying fascinating

For those unable to leave the Centennial performers, follo fact, they will be able to enic many of the events I mentione Those living on or near the above by electronic means. The coasts and waterways will be Canadian Broadcasting Corpo

It's going to be a big birtl In major cities there will be day celebration and no one this young, vigorous country moving into its second centur of Confederation with a bright future ahead.

Weekly Bible Though

"I will go into thy house wi uttered and my mouth ha spoken, when I was in trouble -Psalms 66: 13, 14.

It is a risky thing to brea a promise to the one who hole

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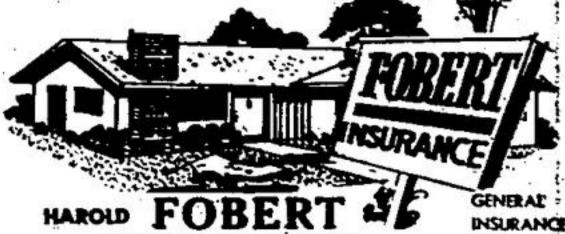
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