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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Elms Are Worth Saving....

Driving through the Ontario countryside one is struck by man's inability to control a tiny wee grub which is playing havoc with elm trees. More than any other tree, the elm has lent beauty to our landscape. The value of a building lot or a home which possesses a few elms has been enhanced beyond figuring.

Suddenly these huge beauties have fallen prey to a grub, originally imported from Holland, which has given the scourge the name of Dutch elm disease.

Our government has been somewhat to blame in not imparting what information it has strongly enough to property owners who own elms. We have read occasional articles which tell of commercial treatments claimed to check the disease. These are expensive, but would still be used by many people if they knew they were available.

We consider the problem so acute that

the Dept. of Agriculture should allocate funds and either pay the whole cost, or at least subsidize it to some extent before our landscape is blotted for a couple of decades.

From the Chesley Enterprise, via the Dundalk Herald, we quote one treatment claimed effective by Carman Werry, a former Dundalk reeve.

The plan is to buy some 2-inch galvanized roofing nails and drive them into the trunk of the elm near ground level, three inches apart. The poison from the galvanizing assimilates with the sap going up the tree and kills the grubs at the top before they start their destructive work.

This is only a hearsay remedy, and we would warn that, if poison is injected it could kill the tree as well as the grubs, so we would advise checking with a competent authority before you try it. The treatment has one merit — it would cost only a few cents.

Racial Origin Irrelevant....

Writing to the Globe & Mail, an Owen Sound minister wonders why newspaper reports of crimes so often include the suspect's national or racial origin when he is not Anglo-Saxon.

It is something we have wondered about ourselves, and we thank Rev. Alex. Cowan for bringing the question into the open. Mr. Cowan, by the way, is not a stranger here, and was former United Church minister at Norval and Glen Williams.

Mr. Cowan wrote specifically about two youths charged with robbing a Toronto man. One was termed a "mop haired German born youth."

"There was no mention of race for the other," he says, "so presumably he was of Canadian or Anglo-Saxon origin."

He goes on to criticize the headline "Homesick Yugoslav Charged in Fires." Mr. Cowan ends his letter with this thought.

It is my conviction this practice of reporting racial origin in crimes and of suspects is discriminatory against the individual and the race of which he happens to be a member. Further, I believe such reporting, especially in a great cosmopolitan centre like Toronto, feeds group vanities, accentuates sectional jealousies and helps give support to the more serious manifestations of the race problem in racial violence and even war.

What does it matter to the public's awareness of the ever newsworthy area of crime and criminal acts, what the charged or suspect's racial or national origin is?

Never Assume....

"Just the facts, m'am," as Jack Webb used to say, which applies equally to newspaper editors as it does to detectives.

In a quarter century of reporting we have learned never to assume. Last week we did, to our chagrin.

Acton Evangelical Tabernacle was conducting a tent crusade at Delrex Market Centre, which began on July 21st and was scheduled to continue until August 7th.

The Herald had taken a picture of the huge tent and reserved a choice front page spot for the picture and details. Comes Wednesday morning we learned that the tent is being taken down. We made a fast phone call to check our story, but couldn't locate the crusade organizer, then decided that our story slanted to the con-

cluding services on Sunday would look out of date, and that a decision had been made to end the crusade earlier than originally planned.

So we changed our write-up to past tense, patting ourselves on the back for being sharp and up-to-date.

We did a double take when we drove by the plaza Thursday and saw ... the tent.

Then we learned the sad story. A wind-storm had damaged the tent somewhat and it had been taken down temporarily for repairs, then promptly erected again.

Sadder and wiser, we will be more careful of our assumptions in future, for above all else, we strive for accuracy in our reporting.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Deputy Police Chief Seeks Dismissal Reason

Saturday, August 6, 1966, Town Police Department.
Dear Sir:
I would like to state at this time that I have not received any reply to my repeated requests for a hearing, or to the August 4th issue of the Herald, regarding my dismissal as Deputy Chief of the Georgetown Police Department.

NEWS ECHOES

From the Herald of 10 and 20 Years Ago

- 10 YEARS AGO**
 - An official valve-turning ceremony allowing natural gas into the Georgetown distribution system took place this week on the 8th line south of town, Councilors and their wives, the town clerk, press representatives and a number of townspeople were witnesses to the historic ceremony.
 - Mrs. B. Park, a nurse holidaying in this area became a heroine last Saturday when she applied her life saving knowledge to revive a Brampton resident after he almost drowned at Terra Cotta.
 - A radical shift in public school population will take place in Georgetown when school opens next month. Wrigglesworth school will stagger its classes until Harrison school is ready for occupancy.
- 20 YEARS AGO**
 - At a meeting of the War Service Recognition Committee of Georgetown in the municipal building Monday night it was decided to give each Georgetown veteran of World War 2 a \$50 war bond as a gift. It is estimated there are from 250 to 300 men and women to be honored.

On June 21st, my services as Deputy Chief were terminated. Efforts on my part to learn the reason or reasons from the Chief and the Police Committee were to no avail. On June 30th I appeared before the Committee, and requested a hearing. I was told that they would discuss the matter, and I would be advised of their decision. I have not as yet received any reply. Having given the Committee ample opportunity to inform me of their decision, I felt there was no alternative but to place the matter in the hands of my lawyer.

Contrary to what Mr. Young was quoted as saying, I have not had a chance to defend myself, or to reply to any charges, if in fact there are any. Thank you for the opportunity to explain my position in this matter, I remain,
Sincerely,
Robert A. Wilson

Industrial Assessment Upped by \$126,000

A \$98,000 addition to Interchemical Preats Ltd. boosted the total of July building permits to \$170,085. Another \$80,000 was taken up by an addition to E.W. Bliss Co. Ltd. and \$20,000 for Halton Steel Joists Ltd. This company is an associate of Ferro Structural Steel, on Armstrong Ave. The new company is adjacent to Ferro.
The remaining \$44,085 are permits issued for three houses.



OTTAWA PEACE PIPE

SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

A VISIT TO THE HOMETOWN

Spent a week in the old hometown recently, and as usual, it was anything but a rest. The weather was perfect, but the hospitality was exhausting.

It's not really my hometown. I didn't grow up there, physically. But I spent a decade there in the newspaper business, and maybe I grew up there in other ways. Anyway, when you walk down the main street and every second person stops to shake hands and ask about your family, and tell you what their kids are doing now, it's your hometown.

A small town changes and yet remains the same. A few businesses have changed hands. Some of the stores have new fronts. The paint on the hotel has been changed from pasty purple to ghastly green. The shady tree-lined street on which you used to live has been razed; the stately trees cut to ugly stumps, as the street is to be widened.

But the biggest changes are in the people. The young men you used to work and play with are grizzled or bald as eggs. The young women you used to look at with some interest because of their big eyes are sagging and dentured.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Says Theatrical Groups Should Pool Talents

17 Edith Street
August 4, 1966

Dear Sir:
Mrs. Walker's exasperation at the confusion of identity between Globe Productions and Georgetown Little Theatre is well taken, and certainly each group deserves credit for the contributions it has made to local entertainment.

On the other hand, there are many performers and backstage people who work with both groups, and the confusion is understandable. Surely it is about time that the two groups worked together, at least at the executive level, to lay plans for a community theatre building, so that theatrical presentations can be held locally in a building properly designed for the purpose. The ideal site would be Cedarvale, and during the off-season, films could be shown as well. The high school auditorium while adequate for its intended purpose, has too small a stage, poor facilities or lighting, and of course no suitable facilities for set construction, rehearsals or make-up. The old town hall currently used for rehearsals by Little Theatre, is hopelessly primitive and cold during the winter months.

July Good Month for Halton Road Safety

Only 25 accidents — the lowest monthly total to date in 1966 — were investigated by North Halton OPP detachment during July. There were 14 persons injured and \$11,850 in property damage in the 25 accidents, and no fatalities. January still ranks as the biggest accident month of the year, as 37 accidents were reported that month. The same month has the highest property damage toll to date this year, \$52,490. To date in 1966 the OPP have investigated 268 accidents in North Halton. There have been four persons killed, 100 injured, and \$153,270 in property damage in the seven months.

country, and with the best prices. It's a shed on a farm full of tools and baled hay. A cedar rail extends across the front. You stand there with your farmer friend, lean on the rail and look at the lake down below. We've seen deer and bear from there, and covered local politics and talked cattle.

Got stuck in the sand at the beach, to the rage of my wife. She went flying off to find a tow truck, in a friend's car. While she was away, I was pulled out easily by a man with no arms, who had a chain in his trunk, a wife to drive his car, and a gaggle of kids to help push. Sounds like fiction but it's fact.

It could only happen in or around the old hometown.

Some of the local characters have gone to their reward, but many are still around. The local lawyer still plays his electric organ between clients. The local millionaire still lugs bags of salt and feed into the back of his '68 model and lugs it out to feed his cattle. The barber, with whom you once shared a riotous Legion zone rally, still quips with his customers, though he went off to fight in a war over 50 years ago. The canny Scot chortles as he tells you his shore lots are now going over \$4,000. The same waiter insults the same customers, in the pub. The same beer barrel in human form sits in the same seat in the same pub.

The same people still come to the same cottages. Except that the pregnant young matron was a skinny kid in bare feet last time you saw her. And the handsome young chap who works at the summer store was a tyke called Johnny-Cake last time you saw him.

However, it's good to get back for a visit. And it's never uneventful.

Kept my hand in by writing a few news stories for the paper. Took my family to the Indian reserve; some beautiful view and easy going inhabitants. Dropped in on old friends and got all the latest dope on who was going crazy, and who was running around with whom.

Had a beer at The Cedar Rail, most unique bar in the area.

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CRUSADE COMMENT

REV. BRUCE WOODS
Maple Avenue Baptist Church

How did the Halton-Peel Evangelical Crusade get started? What was the uniting force that brought so many denominations together? Who is behind the organization? These are some of the questions that people are asking as they hear of the September 18-25 Crusade in the Brampton area this fall.

The concept of united evangelistic crusades is not new. As recently as three years ago Galt and Guelph have held such Crusades. Hamilton held a successful Crusade last year, and Oshawa and Kitchener this year. Two years ago the Georgetown ministerial discussed the idea but felt the task too big for the town. Finally a group of interested ministers from Georgetown and Brampton met with Mr. James Blackwood of Crusade Evangelism to explore the possibility of bringing Barry Moore to the district. These men in turn elected a four man committee to invite the ministers of Brampton and Georgetown to participate in a united Crusade for Christ on the doctrinal basis of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to the inspired Word of God.

Those who responded were few in number but enough showed up at an organizational meeting held at Kennedy Rd. Pentecostal Tabernacle to elect the following officers: Captain Carl Bowes, Brampton Salvation Army, Chairman; Rev. Ron Stevens, Pentecostal, Co-chairman; Rev. Doug Tringer, United secretary; and Dr. Max Eagleson, a Baptist layman as treasurer.

The executive was chosen from Brampton for practical reasons but the committee that they have set up now represents, Bramalea, Malton, Port Credit, Streetsville, Mil-

ton, Georgetown, Erin, Acton, Orangeville, Bolton, and Woodbridge. To date the number of churches that have showed interest or outright joined the crusade number twenty-nine with more writing for information every week. Represented denominations include, Anglican, Baptist, Brethren, Christian Reformed, Nazarene, Pentecostal, Presbyterian, Salvation Army, United, and United Missionary.

Not every church of these denominations have endorsed the Crusade. In fact, as many churches within these denominations have elected not to join or have simply not made the effort. However, be this as it may, the congregations which have shown an interest are sufficient in number and dedication to make the Halton-Peel Crusade the most significant religious event to come to these parts for many a year.

With the kind of backing we have enlisted for this Crusade we feel confident that the opening night on September 18 will draw 3,000 persons in the Brampton Arena.

NEXT WEEK: What Evangelistic Preaching is Like

BIBLE THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

"And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." Luke 6:31

Here in the word of God is the answer to all the world's problems.

But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." Hebrews 13:16

It's too bad there is so little effort to be good.

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