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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Promote Cycle Safety

The YM-YWCA Co-Ed Club is to be congratulated for its efforts in traffic safety. In making instruction available for motorcyclists.

The highways department, which has stringent rules for those who would drive an automobile, has been remiss in not having similar rules for cyclists. At present, all that is needed for a person to appear on the highway with a motorcycle, is the money to purchase it and a beginner's licence. A physical examination, or knowledge of traffic laws, is unnecessary.

This has been a contributory cause to the statistics which show that nearly 5% of all motorcycles in Ontario have been in serious accidents. The rate for all other registered vehicles is 1.3%.

The Co-Ed Club's aim is to give each

entrant basic knowledge of how to operate his machine, which can contribute to his own safety and to the safety of others. The Yellow-Jackets Motorcycle Club is cooperating to provide tuition.

Safe driving will be emphasized, the highway rules will be studied, during the three-day course, and there will be two written tests. Prizes are being offered for most improved and safest drivers, and the course will end with a street dance.

Everyone owning a lightweight motorcycle is urged to take advantage of the course. Georgetown is lucky to have a group of teenagers interested in such an activity with the foresight to do something about a situation which can increase in seriousness as traffic increases on our highways.

Theatre in the News

The Herald Mail Bag has had a slant to the theatrical these past two weeks.

The editor's tendency to confuse in print the Little Theatre and Globe Productions finally led an irate Globe member to point out the difference. Which, in turn, gave another reader an opportunity to suggest that the two theatrical groups combine efforts. Which then led to a member of the Little Theatre announcing a fund raising plan with hopes of building a future community theatre.

With live theatre in the news, it was a coincidence that another member of the community should write this week, pointing out Georgetown's lack of movies, and the opinion that we are now large enough to support such a venture.

Both ideas have merit, both are difficult to envisage in the too-near future, but neither are beyond the realm of possibility. The cost of a suitable building for amateur dramatics is one which could defy the hopes of those (ourselves included) of the limited audiences which Little Theatre has attracted to date.

A movie theatre differs. It is strictly a commercial proposition for one or other of

the big chains which control film distribution. We have heard that the development firm which owns the shopping plaza is attempting to arouse some interest in that direction, and we would doubt that any petition of townspeople could have any direct influence. Naturally, it would be easy to induce any resident to sign a petition saying he would like to have a movie theatre here. But judging from the closed theatres in every Ontario town, the trend from TV's viewing hasn't quite swung back to the place where a firm would risk a large investment, even in a town of Georgetown's size.

Perhaps the two ideas could mesh. Assume amateur theatrics supporters raised a fair sum of money but were short of their goal. It could be possible that an arrangement could be made then to contribute this to the cost of a movie theatre, with the proviso that it be made available for rehearsals and a certain number of performances yearly.

The important thing is that there is an awakening interest in drama, both live and filmed, which should be encouraged in every way possible.

On the Verge

Impending opening of a new bank and a trust company branch in Georgetown can only be good news for the town's economic future.

Such locations are made only after careful study by the firms involved, and means that we are on the verge of the long anticipated commercial and industrial boom which has been predicted for the last decade.

With factories like General Fireproofing, Economy Form and Dennison on the horizon, and with house building on the move again, we seem to be emerging from a period of suspension. It hasn't all been bed, for it has given us an opportunity to consolidate the rapid growth which, for a few years, had municipal officials out of breath keeping up.

We are well equipped now with major public works for water and sewage. Our streets are not perfect, but have been kept in reasonably good shape. Some necessary storm sewers are in operation. Schools have been able to meet the student load. And we have learned what to expect and what to demand from residential subdivisions.

We can now anticipate a steady growth in population, in factories, in commercial establishments. It won't all be rosy. Each jump in population brings its own problems. Future town councils, planning boards and civic officials will not have too much time to spend twiddling thumbs.

The next decade is one of challenge, which will tax us to the limit and require wise decisions and action from those who guide our town's affairs.



HARLEY TO HALTON

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

The first session of the Twenty-Seventh Parliament of Canada has recessed. This session was as important as any previous session of the Canadian Parliament and indeed in terms of far-reaching legislation was a very significant session and will affect Canadians for years to come. I would like to summarize the major pieces of legislation for the people of Halton and review matters considered and under consideration.

Canada Assistance Plan
To authorize the making of contributions by the Federal Government towards the cost of programmes for the provision of assistance and welfare services to aged persons in need. (The Government also has announced its intention to bring forward legislation to provide a guaranteed income of \$105 to those who will only benefit partly, if at all, from the Canada Pension Plan.)

Health Resources Fund Act
A \$500 million fund to assist Provinces in the acquisition, construction and renovation of health training facilities and research institutions.

Company of Young Canadians
For the establishment of a Company for the encouragement and development of social, economic and community programmes in Canada or abroad through voluntary service.

Student Loans Act Amendment
An \$18,000,000 increase in the Student Loan Fund.

ARDA Act Amendment
To extend scope of this Act to included rural towns and villages as well as farms.

Farm Credit Act Amendment
To increase from \$600 million to \$1 billion the amount available in loan funds for new equipment and more land.

Implementation of the Automobile Agreement
A major step in strengthening the Canadian automobile and auto parts industries, and of special importance and significance to Halton, where the automobile industry is one of the major employers.

Fund for Rural Economic Development Act
The provision of a \$50 million fund for the economic and social development of special rural development areas.

Canadian Dairy Commission
A Commission to advise in such matters relating to the production and marketing of dairy products.

Science Council of Canada Act
The establishment of an advisory council for the co-ordination and efficient exploitation of Canada's scientific potential. (continued on Page 5)



ENTER THE MATADOR

SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

Bigtime In The Bigtown

Burning desires of most city people in the blazing heat of mid-summer is to flee from the concrete canyons and head south, where there is cool, blue water and golden sand and you sleep under blankets.

Well, we live in the north, comparatively, and usually it's just as the city denizens picture it.

But this summer, after sleep-jog under nothing but a film of sweat-for three weeks, we decided to seek refuge from the heat.

How do you get it? Head farther north? Nope, you head south for the city and check into an air-conditioned hotel with a swimming pool.

It was done on impulse, with no room reservation. We were lucky. After four phone calls, we found ourselves ensconced in a fine big room, cool as a tomb, overlooking the swank swimming pool. And yet it was right in the heart of the city.

Very pleasant. Free parking and free ice cubes appealed to my Scottish strain.

We called a few people, and by 8 o'clock the joint was jumping, room service was on the gallop, and the room was filled with everything from teenagers to a grandmother who had just knocked off her 79th birthday and was prepared to celebrate the event till dawn.

Fortunately, cooler heads prevailed, and by 11 p.m. all had gone their various ways. What to do? Too late for dinner or a show. Too early for bed.

My wife, who turns into a Go-Go Girl when she gets into a hotel room and hasn't any meals or dishes or laundry to worry about, suggested we hit the coffee-house circuit. My daughter, whose foremost desire is to do just that, but by herself, demurred.

"Who wants to go there with parents? And besides, I hear they don't allow old people in to them."

CRUSADE COMMENT

REV. BRUCE WOODS
Maple Avenue Baptist Church

What is evangelistic preaching like? What is there about revival preaching that fires the imagination and stirs the soul. On the week of September 18 to 25 you will have the opportunity of finding out for yourself as the Halton-Peel Crusade gets underway in Chinguacousy Arena, Bramalea, this fall. (Note: Location change due to repairs on the Brampton Arena.)

on something or other. So I was hooked for another 24 hours of pretending to be a millionaire.

We loafed, swam, watched the real rich people spoiling their kids, and had an Italian dinner, and took in Eric Nicol's comedy, catching three seats in the second row by pure luck. Enjoyed it, but I'm afraid it will hit Broadway about the same year I win the Nobel prize.

And home Sunday, up the highway north, rested and refreshed, and laughing all the way at those sun-burned, exhausted vacationers pouring south, on their way back from the sizzling north to the tropical city.

Within five minutes, we'd been spotted by one of my students, who seemed delighted to catch Mr. Smiley in the act, so to speak. We took refuge in a cellar joint.

Maybe I'm getting old and crusty. But the coffee houses have changed, early, and for the worse in the five years since I've been there.

Then, they were run by enthusiastic amateurs, you could spend a whole evening for a dollar and a quarter, and the music was provided by young folk singers, some lousy some good, but all serious and rather sweet.

Now they've gone commercial. There's a stiffish cover charge, coffee is 50 cents a wallow and rotten, and the music, provided by groups whose sole purpose seems to be to drive you right out of your skull is one great blast of electronic noise and shouting.

Ironically, the places have become too expensive for most of the young people they were originally intended for. Perhaps that's why they walk up and down outside in one vast rolling crowd that is always potentially a mob.

Oh, well, it was a good week-end. We had budgeted for one night only. But we didn't wake up until checking-out time, it was still steaming hot outside, and the girls came up with some of that weird feminine logic which proved that we could afford it if we cut down.

NEWS ECHOES

From the Herald of 10 and 20 Years Ago

10 YEARS AGO

Completing the roster of Georgetown's five man police force, Harley Lowe, 29, of Toronto, was hired on Monday by council as a probationary constable. He is a native of Bridgetown, Nova Scotia.

Originally designed to produce klystron tubes in Canada, Varian Associates of Canada Ltd. on Mount Pleasant Road has begun to branch into other lines in the electronics field. A new Graphic Recorder has been placed on the market and is finding favour in industry and universities. The machine records pressure, light intensity, temperature and a number of other physical qualities.

Some concern was expressed at council meeting last night about the Maple Avenue extension, which was promised as a roadway for public school children when school opens in September. If the Maple Avenue section between Main St. and the highway is not completed, park district children would have only the Mill St. - Guelph St. route to Howard Wrigglesworth school, a long dangerous walk.

The home of Clarence Heslop, Reid Court, used natural gas yesterday, marking the first use of gas in the town's history. Mr. Heslop, sales manager of Rex Heald Homes, is one of many local householders who will be using the new-to-Georgetown fuel. Being closest to the distribution system, his home was first to be connected to the system.

20 YEARS AGO

Construction will start by September on the fifty veterans homes to be built on Cedarvale farm property, purchased by the town last spring. This was the message given to council at a special meeting last Wednesday night by Mr. J. V. Macintosh of the architectural department of Wartime Housing. Mr. Macintosh had architect's sketches of the new development which will be a decided addition to the residential area of town. Some houses will be of wood siding, some of asbestos slate, and the colour scheme of cream, white, brown and grey with varying roofs of red, green, blue and grey will blend in a harmonious colour scheme. The town clerk has some seventy-five applications on hand for the homes.

Mr. William Cunningham of town is one of a group of men working on the recently started super-highway from Toronto to Barrie. He is employed as a foreman with the Wallace A. Mackay Construction Co. and is in charge of the work of clearing the land preparatory to the construction of the roadway.

Place 415 in July in District Jobs

The Brampton office of the National Employment Service placed 415 persons in employment during the month of July 1966, said the new Manager Mr. H. W. Fullard. These figures cover vacancies within the area served by the Brampton office, including Bramalea, Georgetown, Orangeville, Shel-

burne and surrounding areas. This figure shows an increase of approximately 14% over the previous month's figure, as the healthy employment situation continues to prevail in this area.

Altogether 1946 persons were registered for employment in the Brampton office at the end of July, including 450 students who are seeking summer work.

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