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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Is Two Years Better?

. A large majority of the present town council favour a two year term, although four members question its inauguration without an indication that voters favour it.

They argue that in 1959, voters gave a decisive 'ho' when asked such opinion. The proponents say times have changed, that voters would now approve, that Georgetown lags behind its neighbours, many of which now elect their councils on a two year basis.

One can not quarrel too much with the theory that nine men holding office for two years instead of one might not be able to do a better job. There is admittedly a month or two when a new councillor must familiarize himself with the details of civic administration. And one year moves so fast that many plans, conceived in good faith, are left hanging in the air at the year-

On the other hand, if one argues that a good council can be better if elected for two years, the same reasoning must say that a poor council will be worse.

The urgency of getting things done in a limited time is gone, and it can be even easier to shelve a job, realizing that it can be done next year.

Most of all is the fact that a two year council could so irritate voters, rightly or wrongly, during such a long term of office, that it is conceivable there could be a complete turnover at the end of a period. Rarely if ever does this happen in the short space of a year.

It would thus appear that elections every year provide the very safeguard which boosters of a two year term are looking for - a council with share of men versed in municipal procedure.

No Really Bad Council

Aside from the question of length of term, in our quarter century of reporting we have never seen a really bad council.

. The average man elected to office has a true desire to do a job for his community, and must devote even more time than he can afford to the complex job of helping to run a growing town.

Certainly councillors must temporize at times. For no man can do anything for the town unless he has support at the polls. He must try to keep a reasonable number of voters happy while doing what he feels is in the town's best interests.

. The Little Theatre's production of Rash-

omon was a total triumph of stagecraft -

e perfect blending of acting, set design

and lighting, and one which was enthusnas-

Though ostensibly an ancient Japanese tra-

gedy, its ideas were thoroughly up-to-date

and one was left in no doubt about the sa-

tire on every man who shapes a story to

the skill which is heading him in the direc-

tion of a professional career. Veterans Vera

- Macdonald, Ron Hill, Chris Fisher, Eric Ming

and Gord Hunt carried their demanding roles

with skill and were ably supported by oth-

Stage settings by Lynne Hyde showed

The play was a good one, to start with.

Good Theatre

tically received by its audience.

put himself in the best light.

er cest members.

had a completely professional appearance.

Those who took in the show should be il; Scott, Dingo; Frayn, The does it? Well, I'm going to

It requires a thick skin, for people are prone to criticize and slow to praise. Decisions cannot always be popular with everyone, for individual toes must sometimes be stepped on for the good of the majority. Too often people criticize councils,

individually and collectively, for the very actions which they, themselves, would be taking in the same position. They forget that the arguments around the council table are part of the game of politics, the spice which is sometimes necessary to offset routine which can be dull, the window dressing to gain some popularity for another term of office.

The play involved a tricky blend of lighting as the scenes shifted to three sep- NEW LIBRARY arate stage areas. Some opening night difficulties were overcome in subsequent per-BOOKS formances and by Saturday the company

Best test of good theatre is in audience attention during a performance. One heard few of the coughs and chair scraping which Stevenson. The Smouldering signify that spectators have not really en- Fire; Gordon, Love and tend the action onstage. And comments in the Hills; Lambert, Norman's at intermission were uniformly laudatory. Letter; Leasor, Passport to Per- problem of writing this column

constant attenders in future. Those who did Wings: Walker. Come Back you aren't a swinger, you can not should make it a point not to miss the Geordie; Innes, The Land Gave stop reading this and turn to next production. The Georgetown play- to Cain; Tuely, Supreme Court; the grocery, ads, which are ers are every bit on a par with groups in larger cities and deserve a sell-out when they produce a show.



HARLEY TO HALTON

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

ed easily. A further amendment proposed by a Quebec Independent would have allowed change in defence policy, was Quebec to have its own plan the proposed development of a and be payed out of federal well-equipped, well-trained, mofunds as though they were in bile force and the acquisition the federal plan - this too was of aeroplanes and ships to

defeated. concerning integration of the adian national interest. Armed Services. I am pleased to do this and I am in favour of this plan. Prior to this change the three services each reported separately to the Minister of Defence or more prehad the right to report directly. of Defence Staff, and one func-Chiefs of Staff Committee for the material from the three gle unified defence force for wise neither de the aged un Services. They could report di- Canada

the debate has continued on all services could base their amendment to the National Hunt of the Sun; Schieler, medicare. Two amendments plans. In another respect, too, Defence Act in 1964. Since the, Three Plays; Bond, How 007 tures really pay off. Three days have been proposed by the Op- the Canadian taxpayers were re-organization has been im- Got His Name; Abrams, Eng- later, for no better reason than position. The first proposed by not getting the best value for plemented in a step-by-step, lish Romantic Poets; Baker, Sethat a tap in the bathroom has the Conservatives asked that their tax dollars. There was a planned manner - the over- lected Poetry & Prose of Percy been dripping for six weeks, five conditions be met before great deal of duplication and all policy established by the Shelley; Stauffer, Selected Po- she yanked the fading flowers Medicare was introduced - triplication among the services Government but the detailed etry & Prose of Samuel Cole out of the vase, beat me around this would have delayed Medi- - this was in fact pointed out implementation by the services ridge; Brereton, A Short Hist- the face and ears with them,

THE SECOND fundamental zation. It was agreed that we would integrate our Defence Headquarters and replace the three : Chiefs of Staff and their tionally oriented Defence Staff FOR THE WEEK as that first step towards a sin-

to seems dies. There quarters, command and base ness of God.

care indefinitely. It was defeat- by the Glassco Commission. as it should be. The next ory of French Literature; Phil- thorns and all, and hurled the THE PIRST fundamental semendment to the National De- lips, Spring Board to Victory; rosewater over me, I came up fence Act will again be permisted. The Economics of Suc- smelling like a yellow rose and sive legislation: This time to cess; Bolitho, A Summer in she came up to the bathroom allow the creation of a single Germany; Marsh, Black Beech helped me wash off the blood, armed force.

> transport it to any of the legislation is passed this Fall, What?; Waler, To Conquer Teenage girls. Somebody sent rushed programme without

suitable planning.

rect to the Minister and they THERE IS NO clear dividing There is such a thing as be- and Back Streets is one of the the refusal to compromise dis-The net result was line between integration and ing great in man's eyes and few free downtown parking played by unions this year, there was no real unity unification. They are part of little in God's wisdom. No one areas in existance in the area. How about you? districts Different services one plan. The integration of is self made. The greatness of Most other area communities



I'm going if it kills me. If this

Flowers aren't much use to

good-looking widow with two

And don't grieve or sing sad

songs. Just muse, "Well, he

went the way he always wanted

to go, smelling strong of Dr.

Walker's cough syrup and danc-

But that doesn't solve the

uivalent in cash to my

kids to educate,

AND SPICE by Bill Smiley

Ever try to think, let alone; But don't expect a sparkling write, when your nose is drip- column this week. Along with ping like a tap in a tenement, those symptoms, my brain you are barking up chunks of about as agile as a basketful lung, your body is crawling of wet kleenex.

you could fry an egg on your But, by golly, tonight is the they care about things. with hot and cold needles, and

Yep, I've got the flu. Don't space is blank next week, with worry, I won't go on about it. a black border around it, don't Every virile, red-blooded Cana- send flowers. Just send the eq dian knows all about the flu.

Adult Fiction

Booth, Sprint from the Bell ing what he thought was the O'Connor, The Blue Guitar; Watusi with the smashing young blonde who just joined the English Department." Launcelot; Walker, The Ranger Russian; Greig, Doctor on swing in all directions, to Traver, Laughing Whitefish;

Steinbeck, The Pastures of find these days. Heaven; Rankine, Interstellar; Friel, The Gold in the Sea; McGuire, The Day Television Died; Burchardt, Shotgun Bottom; Mair, The Douglas Affair; Mann. The Keys of Heaven; Gordons, The Undercover Cat Prowls Again; Friedberg, flash a bar of gold bullion. The Revolving Boy; Norrie, Quentin and the Rogomills; Drury, Capable of Honour.

Adult Non-Fiction

Greece; King, Afghanistan: when I told her I'd paid for Cockpit in High Asia; Sartre, SINCE THE LAST column was no agreed strategy on which levels was authorized by an Two Plays; Snaffer, The Royal joint account.

& Honeydew; Hall Henry and fixed the tap herself. UNIFICATION, assuming the Moore; Nicol, 100 Years of

world's trouble spots where will not become a total reality Loneliness; Steine, A Senti-me a London, Ont., paper for IT HAS BEEN suggested intervention of one or more of until approximately 1970 when mental Journey; Nichols, How teens. One columnist, obviuosly that I make a few remarks its units would be in the Can- all the planning and implement to Operate Excavation Equip a girl, was sounding off, in distation is completed. Thus the ment; Renier, The English Are gust with her sisters. This was whole process will have taken They Human?; Adler, Dear In her pungent observation: "Toternal Revenue; Denis, Taboo; day's young female goes kookchange was in defence organi- about seven years. This can Croft-Cooke, The Purple Streak is over something that walks Wellman, The Indian Wars of around in high heels, tight the West; Salinger, With Ken- pants and long locks of hair

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for different kinds of the three Services at the Head- a man depends on the good- have gone to parking meters in their downtown lots.

again. I think he should have ee retired, full of years, honors, and malarkey, long since. But I can't help admiring the old wolf as the pack tries to drag him down. He is a fighter, and there aren't many left. _

Advertising. I don't agree with the speaker, but I found the following, coming from a big advertising man, the most refreshing statement I've read

"The simple truth is that people don't give a damn about advertising. They never have and they never will ... People don't care about advertising, the night of the staff party, and

"They care about things that

NEWS ECHOES

20 YEARS AGO

- An impromptu Hallowe'en party in the Old Town Hall saw most of the public school pupils on hand to enjoy themselves. The following won costume prizes: most: beautiful '- Barbara Boyle, Shirley Dobbie; characters Billy Bettke, Joen Tuck; original: Brock Bradley, Anne Bedell. Pie esting contest winners were Bill-Hewitt, Bud Varey and Bill Hillier.
- · Georgetown council received a letter from the county clerk Monday advising that since Georgetown has 1032 municipal electors the town is entitled to a deputy-
- In conjunction with Education Week the Herald has offered six one-dollar prizes for the best editorials submitted for publication by Georgetown high school students. Prizewinners are: Bill Ostrander, Clifford Taylor, Jean Chester, Doug Latimer, Gerard Wilcox, David Lucas.

10 YEARS AGO

- One of the old landmarks on the 10th Line of Esquesing. was destroyed by fire on Hallowe'en night. Two barns on the farm presently owned by Eccles and John Mc-Clure were destroyed by fire late the same night. Both barns were almost completely burned down before the fire was discovered due to the dense fog...
- Growth of the Scout movement in Georgetown is evidenced in the formation of the 3rd Georgetown Cub pack this week. Thirty-six young members will meet in St. George's Anglican Church under the leadership of Jim Schofield and Jim Sargent.
- A native of Georgetown, Mrs. Harold Bell, will soon be better known to the reading public by her maiden name, Anne Mathews. Her first novel,

West Wind", will appear some time this month. make them happy or beautiful profit them. But they don't or fat or sober or drunk or give a tuppenny dama about alive or human; things that en- ads."

enrich them, protect them or human race. Do you agree?

tertain them, transport them, A melancholy picture of the

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Wedding anniversaries. bought 20 yellow roses for my wife on our twentieth anniversary. She squealed with ecstasy in It was very romantic, especially them with a cheque on our

But these little romantic gos-

hanging to its shoulders. Girls today are robbed of their sex in more ways than one." Ain't

Strikes, I have always been a union man, but I am fed up, Georgetown downtown park- right to the ears, with the aring lot bordered by Main, Mill regance, the lawlessness, and

she right?

Loaders. The perennial game called "Dump Dief" is popular

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