

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Congratulations, Doctor....

Georgetown's senior physician, Dr. Arthur McAllister, marked a milestone last week with celebration of his ninetieth birthday.

A general practitioner here for over half a century, the doctor belonged to an almost vanished breed of men who were on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to minister to the needs of the community.

Georgetown had no hospital then, and house calls were part of the daily chore. Hospital visits, when they were made, were to Guelph and Brampton. Minor operations, and some major ones too, were performed when occasion necessitated, in the doctor's office or the patient's home.

It was a rugged life which men of Dr. McAllister's generation chose for their life's career. They had to possess a great deal of

medical knowledge, and be able to carry on with little sleep. There were country calls on winter nights, before we had today's rapid snow clearance. With office and home in one location, a doctor's day was never quite ended, for if the office was closed, people knew they could always contact the doctor by knocking on the other door.

As the doctor looks back on those years, he must have a good feeling. He can see people passing by who might not have been alive were it not for his skill. Many of the younger ones who pass his door were brought into the world by his hands.

And it is nice to know that he has been blessed with good health through the years and was able to enjoy a family party and the congratulations of his friends on a day which only a few of us are blessed to reach.

### Dynamic Minister....

The inspiration and leadership provided by Rev. Bruce Woods in his six years in Georgetown is evident in the fine church on Maple Avenue and the crowded congregations at Sunday and other services of this Baptist group.

Now Mr. Woods is moving to another field of endeavour, in Vancouver, and he will be greatly missed in the community, not only by his church people but by the many friends of other faiths that he has made.

Mr. Woods is a dynamic preacher, a tireless worker, and has the leadership qualities so necessary to spark the building of a church the size of Maple Baptist. Just recently it was decided that more space was

needed and a building program is presently underway to increase and add facilities needed.

He has brought noted speakers, such as Sacred leader Robert Thompson to special services. He helped spark the visit of evangelist Barry Wood to Brampton recently, sharing with many other denominations in the many arrangements which such a large scale event entailed. He provided Christian entertainment and instruction for hundreds of children during Easter weeks. Whatever he undertook he did well and carried through to a successful conclusion.

His Georgetown friends wish him well as he takes up his new duties in western Canada.

### Worthy Of More Support....

Public response to the annual Y.M.-Y.W.C.A. fund campaign continues to be discouraging, with a good share of the needed \$7,388 still missing.

The Y is such a force for good in the district, provides such a variety of activities for residents, with a minimum of overhead, that a much better contribution should be forthcoming from the public.

While the Y is an international organization, money must be raised locally to subsidize activities which might otherwise prove too expensive for the participants. Activities here vary from clubs for youngsters to senior citizens and handicapped

groups. Summer day camps, badminton, judo, teen dances, slimnastics, ski club, nature study are among the variety of things offered under the Y banner.

Someday, it is the hope that Georgetown can have a suitable building to centralize activities as is common in many cities. Each time a fund campaign has such poor results makes one wonder just when this day may come.

In the meantime, a dedicated group of men and women carry on as best they can, making the best use of every dollar and hoping that the public will gradually realize how much better a community Georgetown is, for having a Y organization.

## NEWS ECHOES

From the Herald's of 10 and 20 Years Ago

### 10 YEARS AGO

- Contract for an eight room addition to Georgetown High School has been awarded to the local McNally Construction firm. The \$138,000 McNally bid was the lowest of four received by the North Halton High School District Board.
- Thelma Hunter, a Norval girl in her final year at Queen's University, will be guest disc jockey on Cross Canada Hit Parade on CBLT Channel tonight. She's the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hunter.
- Georgetown firemen and their ladies were presented with a plaque on Saturday when the Lions Club gave a dinner in their honour at the Odd Fellows Hall. The presentation was made by Lions president Jim Jones after he remarked on the tie of friendship which has always existed between the two organizations.

### 20 YEARS AGO

- Another new business has come to Georgetown with the announcement that Lincoln Auto Body is now open. Proprietors Harold Barnes and Al Zeravlev have purchased the former O'Neill blacksmith shop off Wesleyan St. beside the Odd Fellows Hall.
- The annual election of curling club officers was held at a meeting in the arena Friday. Named to office were: president Percy W. Cleave; vice president James Ritchie, secretary-treasurer Leslie Ellis, general committee — Claude Kettner, Jack Williamson, Ern Thompson, Roy Parrot, Chris Sargent, Calvin Clark; social committee: Norman Verdec, Fred Spiers, Gerry McCallum, Norton Nelson, Clara Wilson; ice committee: Harvey King, Fred Thompson, Frank Petch; publicity W. G. Bell, Garfield McGilvray.
- Lots of construction in the downtown area these days. Goodie's Hardware have almost doubled their floor space with a new department built on the rear of the original store; alterations are being made to the Georgetown Dairy building on Main St. N.; and the outside construction on the new Mackenzie Building on Mill St. beside the theatre is almost completed.

### IN THE MAIL BAG

#### Conservative Socialists Would Draw Away From United States

Georgetown, Oct. 26, 1966

Dear Sir:  
Why a Conservative Socialist Association? This question has been posed so often in recent weeks that a public statement seems to be called for.

Our nation standing on the threshold of its second century of nationhood ought to step off the coasts of Uncle Sam on which we have been hitching a ride for too long. The urgency is paramount since it is apparent that the US is racing with a suicidal passion towards disaster. Already there are grave doubts, that are well founded, whether the North American mentality can return to sanity without violence.

Hogwash a good many will say, but look at recent history. A highly developed nation, respected and civilized was transformed into a short lived fiasco of capitalist hysteria from which it emerged a cultural and moral heap of ruins as well as in the physical sense.

The key to this debacle was the foolish use of great power. I can hear the outcry: It can't happen here! However, a political nation is easy prey to manipulation by a benevolent leadership whose mentality remained stuck in the last century or when the omissions of past decades culminate, in a crisis even worse.

Cataracts are forming on his eyes, and he will enter St. Joseph's Hospital, Peterborough, after New Year's, for an operation. Does he complain? Not on your life. He can even joke about it.

The reason he wrote is that he had promised to send me a book, and wanted to get it off before his sight failed completely. It is based on a Yank's experience in World War I, and typically he adds "I believe it to be authentic and not a lot of Yankee bull.... when you have read it, you might lend it to some old great at the Legion Hall, particularly if he served in the "P.B.L." Short for Poor Bloody Infantry.

History bears witness that an ignorant public under strain is apt to pick the noisiest dog from the litter. What now has the conservative socialist association to offer? Prime reason for its existence is the fact that capitalism has not accommodated the human element adequately in society. This is substantiated by the multitude of upheavals such as wars, civil wars, revolutions and counter-revolutions during the last century. Communism does not intend nor attempt to accommodate the human element in society. The emphasis is on changing human nature which I venture to say is doomed to failure. It is conceivable and to judge by available evidence likely that we are heading towards another crisis in our search for the most adequate accommodation of the human element in society.

In historical perspective, when the shortcomings of a present social and economic or-

der come to a head and the majority of us rejects an impractical alternative the makings of a historical tragedy loom very large.

Our purpose is to be a political alternative for the good of the nation and humanity. The question was asked, you want to revamp society, the answer is yes, radical change? No.

Yours truly,  
Albert A. Tuche!

**BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**  
"And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, what manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him." Mark 4:41

The elements recognize what even the elect have failed to see, that He is almighty.

## SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

### A Day To Remember

Another Remembrance Day is in the offing. As I write, two things evoke the particular mood that day always holds for me, or rather the combination of moods.

Outside, it's a gloomy fall day. The lowering cloud weeps a desolate drizzle. A handful of oak leaves cling to the stark branches and no bird sings. A typical Remembrance Day atmosphere.

But on my desk is a letter from an old friend, and the warmth, courage and indomitable spirit contained in it defy the feel of death and sadness outside.

His name is Alexander Forbes, Cannington, Ontario. We've never met, but have corresponded. We are both lovers of the printed word and about once a year, he writes a long letter, filled with reminiscences, wit and goodwill. His letters always give me a lift.

He has been in poor health in recent years, like so many of his old comrades. But this has not dimmed his spirit. His writing becomes increasingly difficult to read, not because of infirmity, but because he is going blind.

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der didn't run. And they came home, those who were left. And they suffered their rotted lungs and their crippling arthritis. And they didn't complain much.

There aren't many of them left, but I hope I'm there to drink a toast to them on Remembrance Day, after the parade, as they swap lies at the Legion Hall.

Alexander Forbes is one of them. May he be reading his beloved books 10 years from now, and I hope some of my other friends among the old sweaties will drop him a line. It's lonely when you can't see.

But they fought, and they didn't run. And they came home, those who were left. And they suffered their rotted lungs and their crippling arthritis. And they didn't complain much.

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"MY BOOMERANG WON'T COME BACK"

## HARLEY TO HALTON

Weekly Observations by Dr. Harry Harley, M.P. for Halton

SINCE OUR LAST column the Medicare legislation has been approved in principle. Next week it is expected the detailed clause by clause examination will begin of the Medicare Bill. During the debate on Medicare many speeches were made which were quite critical however, when the vote was called most Members of the House of Commons voted in favour of the Bill. There were about 20 Members who voted against the Bill and they were Conservatives, Creditistas and Social Credit Members. It is likely that during the detailed debate on Medicare many attempts to change the Bill will be made. These will include attempted changes in the rendered (many non-physician groups wish to be included such as chiropractors and optometrists) and the question of compulsory or universal coverage.

AT PRESENT THE House of Commons is discussing some proposed changes in the National Housing Act. The major improvement will be the extension of National Housing Act mortgages to older homes. This will allow purchasers to purchase, and improve older homes which has not been possible prior to this time. The exact details have not been discussed but it appears that such loans will be available through the conventional lenders or, if these are not available, then through direct loans from the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

FOR THE VETERAN who wishes to buy a home, I would like to review the Veterans Land Act as it is coming to an orderly end. The size of lot must be one half (1/2) acre (21,780 sq. ft. The only exception to this size is the case of a pensioner who may be allowed to have a smaller lot. The Veterans Land Office is extremely busy, probably due to the amendments of 1965. Loans to commercial farmers have a maximum of \$40,000. Small

family farmers have a maximum of \$18,000 and money can be re-borrowed up to the maximum after a reasonable portion of the principal has been repaid. Small holders, who are part-time farmers have the same \$18,000 maximum.

THE VETERANS Land Act benefits are drawing to a close. This is being accomplished in three stages: —

- (1) 31st October, 1966 — the veteran must have issued by this date a qualification certificate which projects his eligibility for assistance.
- (2) 31st March 1974 — by this date applications must be made for financial assistance for new establishments.
- (3) 31st March, 1974 — after this date no applications for any loans will be received.

IF THERE ARE any veterans in Halton who are interested they should acquire now at the Veterans Land Office, National Revenue Building, Hamilton, Ontario.

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