

PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN Lizette Swalick, Robin Switzer, and Christine Cleave listen intently to Mrs. Peggy Treahy of the library staff during story time.

The world of books is being brought to those too young to read by a new service introduced at the Georgetown Public Library.

Story time for preschool children will be held every Friday in the Junior section of

the Library from now on, and a period each Saturday will be set aside for older children who are not yet readers.

Librarian Miss Marjorie Nazer told the Herald mothers may take their pre-school children to the Library at 2 o'clock

Fridays for story time which lasts until 2:30. Saturday's sessions run from 2 to 3.

Favourite stories are read to the youngsters by a member of the Library staff.

Miss Nazer said the story times are part of the Library's

program of helping Georgetown and district children to get to know their library.

Recently some public school teachers have begun taking their classes to the library for one period a week to exchange books and do research.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Graduate is Disappointed With Commencement Procedure

409 Montford Drive, Dollard Des Ormeaux, P.Q. November 7th, 1966.

Dear Sir: This past week-end, November 4-6, which I spent in Georgetown, is one that I shall not forget. Never in my life have I been as disgusted and sickened as I was by the utter hypocrisy that can pervade even a town taking such pride in its friendliness as does Georgetown.

I am a 1966 Georgetown District High School graduate, and I have been led to believe that the presentation of an Honorary Graduation Diploma is a momentous occasion, the purpose of five years of study. The high scholastic record cited by the principal in his remarks is a noteworthy achievement bringing honour to the school, and one would assume that this would be the basis on which the graduation ceremony would be marked. For this reason at 4:00 a.m. on Friday morning I left my home in Montreal, Quebec, for a 380 mile drive to Georgetown.

I have never been so completely disappointed.

My graduation ceremony was prefaced by a shuffling parade of teachers and assorted, but unidentified, dignitaries, and their competition for the back row seats on the auditorium stage. A round of mutual back-slapping followed, as the members of the school board, the Principal and the Mayor attempted to surpass each other in praise of the new staff, the new programmes of study, recent additions to the school and the council's record of educational financing. While all of these are, no doubt, commendable, they are scarcely the concern of myself, my fellow graduates and former staff members, many of whom had travelled some distance for the specific purpose of viewing a graduation ceremony.

The "ceremony" was merely a monotonous procession of the graduates, and the presentation of awards was reduced to a confused shuffle of unmusical chairs as each prize was presented by a separate official who in some cases had been unaware of this role before the official announcement was made.

As a result of this lack of planning, what should have been a dignified presentation of awards took on the appearance of a line-up for handouts. For me, this portion of the program was even further strained of meaning by someone's "cute" idea of suggesting that prizes were earned on a family basis.

This was in the poorest taste imaginable and since it destroyed some of the pleasure in the presentation of the prize, was totally unappreciated.

A dance for the graduates was held in the cafeteria and would have been a wonderful gesture of welcome but for the fact that so many students from the lower grades arrived that there was no room for the graduates. Since any refreshments available appeared to be intended for staff members, most of the graduates left.

This is a far cry from the dances and banquets held on commencement night of many high schools in Ontario and Quebec, and also at GDHS in earlier years. It has been suggested that the Students Council, supported by the lower grades, should not be expected to finance the graduation of senior students.

Perhaps this is so. In that case, however, I would recommend that, for further saving, graduates be requested to provide the school with a stamped, self addressed envelope to facilitate direct mailing of the diploma to the student.

This would be the last step in the apparent, although undeclared, objective of the high school board and principal of reducing GDHS to a colourless, spiritless, "brain factory". It is a cold prospect for graduates, indeed, but at least it would spare them the hypocritical farce staged for our benefit on Friday night.

Yours truly,
—Marion C. Burt.

Watch Drinks in County Building, C.A. Warns

Halton crown attorney Peter McWilliams has asked police to watch out for illegal drinking by members of the county council at the council building.

The move is one of many in growing outcry against extravagant "fun fund" spending by the council.

Mr. McWilliams said "no comment" to inquiries about his actions. It was understood he has warned members of the council about his police request. The county building is unlicensed.

The "fun fund" controversy was brought up again by Mayor McLean Anderson of Oakville. The Mayor said he would favor an inquiry into Halton's use of public money for financing con-

vention trips, parties "and a host of other extras, including liquor."

Mr. McWilliams has said council members will be prosecuted under the Liquor Control Act if they drink or serve liquor in the administration building without first obtaining a banquet permit.

Among the expenses listed in the county auditor's report were liquor charges for people attending "quarterly report sessions" of the warden totalling about \$700 a year.

Ex-Warden Herb Merry indicated that the facts would show council any spending could be justified. Mr. Merry was Halton warden during 1965, the period under dispute in the audit report.

LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

BY BILL COATS

Here is a problem on defense that occurred last week at the Action Bridge Club. I'll only show you West's cards and dummy. You take the West cards and see how you defend.

You are vulnerable, the opponents are not. The dealer is East.

Dummy
S-Q 10 9 5
H-10 9 3
D-A 10 9 8 3
C-2

You
S-A K 8 6
H-J 5
D-J 6 5
C-J 10 7 5

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1 H Pass 2 H
Pass 3 H Pass 4 H
All Pass

This type of bidding should tip you off to the fact that this is going to be a close contract. Both South and North sound like they are pushing the bidding a bit.

You decide to make a safe lead, so you select a club. After dummy goes down, you wish that you had led a trump, but really it makes no difference. You notice dummy spade and you should decide now what you are going to do if declarer leads a spade later.

Declarer wins the club with the ace and ruffs a club. He leads a low diamond and wins with the king. Now he ruffs another club and leads a trump from dummy. He takes two rounds of trump with the ace and king and leads a low spade.

This is what you have been waiting for. Without hesitation, you play... what? You assume that your partner has a trump trick and you need three others to set the contract. Declarer must have three spades, else he should have bid diamonds differently.

If you read declarer's mind, you will see that he is going to finesse the spade nine. You should play low without hesitation — neither too fast nor too slow. If declarer does play the queen, I suggest that you hold your cards closer to your chest. Here is the complete deal:

North
S-Q 10 9 5
H-10 9 3
D-A 10 9 8 3
C-2

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For All Occasions
WEDDING ARRANGEMENTS
Cakes and a Specialty
Cut Flowers and Funeral Designs
"We Wire Flowers"
ROSEDALE FLORAL
32 Albert St. - TR. 7-2952

Complete Sale Of Last Lots

The last of a number of town-owned building lots on Princess Anne Drive were sold on Monday by council to buyers John Modema, Streetsville and William Pacholik.

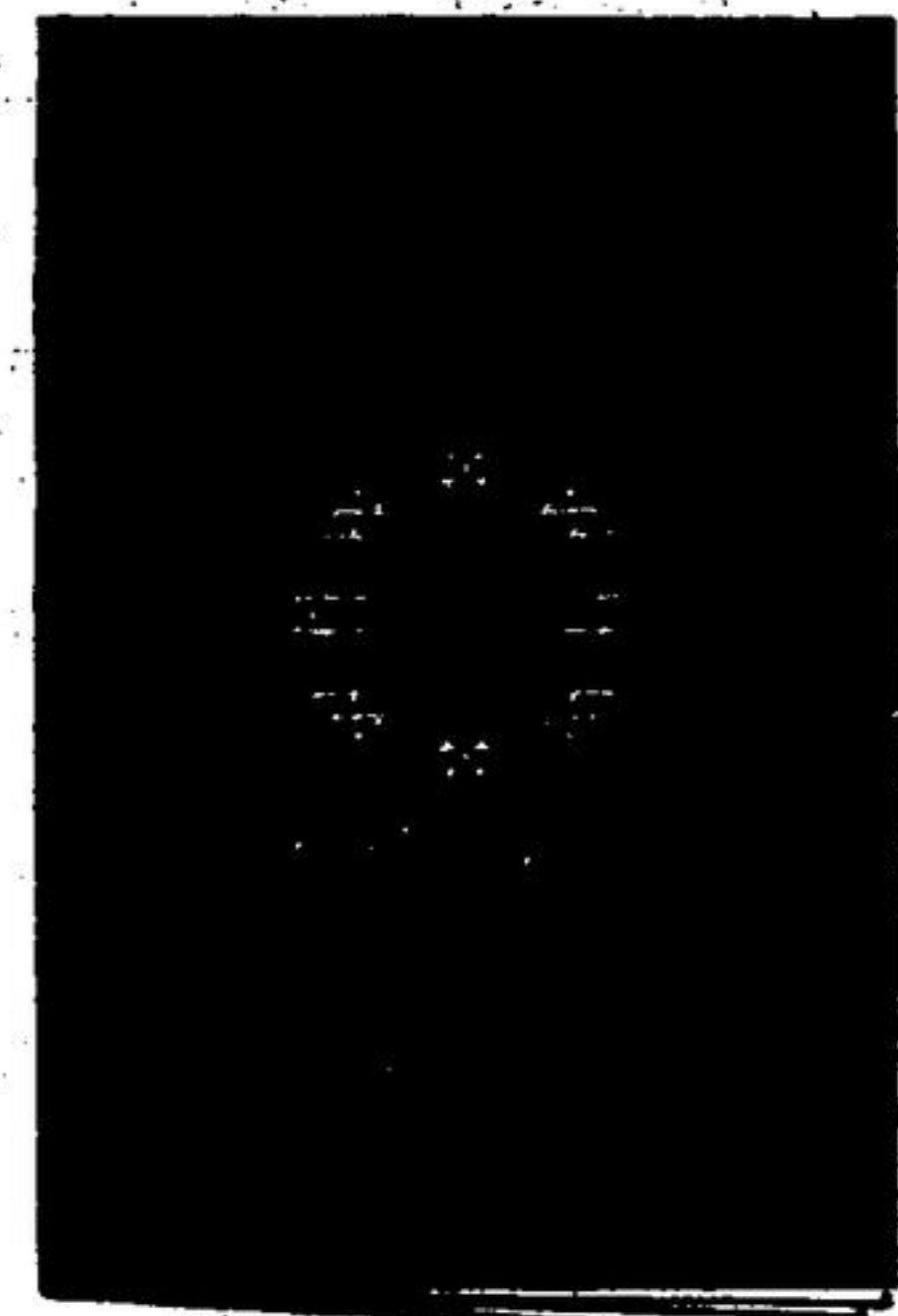
When Cr. Erv Hyde balked at the sale of one lot, saying that it should be retained as a future access to the town park, he drew a blast from property chairman Steamer Emerson.

"These lots have kicked around for years and we have the opinion of a valuator that they are worth an average of \$2200. We're down to the last two, so why should we start arguing now?"

He also blasted Reeve Hunter when Mr. Hunter said prices have gone up and the lots are now worth at least \$3,000.

Deputy Reeve Jim Young joined Hyde and Hunter in voting against the sale, which carried on 6-3 vote.

TOWN OF GEORGETOWN NOMINATION MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1966
IN THE AUDITORIUM OF
WRIGGLESWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL
FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICES OF:
Mayor, Reeve, Deputy-Reeve and 6 Councillors, 2 Hydro Commissioners, 8 Public School Trustees
NOMINATIONS from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m.
PUBLIC MEETING AFTERWARDS
C. G. BENHAM, Returning Officer



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