

EDITORIAL COMMENT

A Definite "Yes"

Georgetown voters next Monday will be asked to state their preference whether the water department should be administered by a separate commission, rather than as presently, solely a council function.

We are in definite agreement with a commission, with hopes that if this is established, water and hydro could eventually come under the control of a public utilities commission as is the case in several other towns.

Water is all too often the subject of municipal politicking. It is too important a commodity to be used in this way, where costs and revenue are part of the tax treasury. A separate commission should ensure that it, like hydro, is supplied at cost to ratepayers, and the necessary rate structure established to maintain a top system.

The importance of a good water supply has been dramatically pointed out this year when a neighbouring community has suffered an industrial setback as well as personal hardship on residents.

A full-time commission, whose members can devote their energy to only one problem, should be the most efficient method. And it can relieve council members of this phase of municipal operation which should help develop more efficiency in other departments of town affairs.

It will remove for all time the possibility of the tax treasury being augmented at the expense of water users, or on the other hand, subsidizing waterworks at the taxpayers' expense.

... And Not So Definite

Another plebiscite question next week is that of returning to election by general vote rather than the present 3-ward system which has been in existence for several years.

We are inclined to favour this, although there are disadvantages which shade our opinion somewhat.

In generalities, we do not believe Georgetown is large enough yet to make a general vote system unwieldy. In practice, there is very little ward politics evident in present or past councils, and it is not until a town grows to city status that areas are definite enough to demand individual representation.

Nor does candidate interest seem con-

stant in all parts of town, so that the possibility exists that several good candidates could contest in office in one ward, with acclamations in others.

The chance of having the best council, if one interprets the best as representing the majority, is undoubtedly in general voting.

The disadvantage to the public is the possibility of having council members from one part of town only, who might favour their own living area, consciously or not.

There is also a disadvantage to candidates who must canvass for votes over the whole town instead of one-third of it.

We think the advantages outweigh the disadvantages, and are going to cast our ballot for the general vote.

East Still East

An editorial last week, which attempted to explain driving regulations, had a serious error.

Explaining that motorists should never enter patches of angled white lines, we talked of the approach to town from the west.

It should have been from the east.

It became obvious as one read the editorial what we meant, as we talked of left turns into Delrex Blvd. and the shopping plaza.

The editorial, incidentally, has sparked more than one discussion, and we aren't the only one who was confused about the meaning of the striped lines.

Nor does everyone agree with the idea of circling them and returning to the lane in which one is driving.

However, in the cause of consistency, everyone should follow the rule which the highways department has laid down, otherwise highway driving can be even more hazardous than it is at the best.



LOOKS GOOD ON THE SHELF-

SUGAR AND SPICE by Bill Smiley

Marriage: A Tough Task

What is the most difficult thing in the world to do? Climb a mountain? Swim Lake Ontario? Get through to a teen ager? Face death with poison? Be a real Christian?

Nope. All of these can be done, if you have trained long enough and hard enough to prepare yourself for them; or if you have certain qualities of character.

Hilary climbed Everest. Marilyn Bell swam the lake. They began by climbing small mountains, swimming little lakes.

There are a few recorded cases of adults with great patience and insight, getting through to teenagers. But they probably practised on little teenagers, the 13-year-olds, not yet battle-hardened.

One can face death with poison, if one has learned to face with poison all the little deaths that make up life.

One can even become a good Christian by starting on the little things like generosity and forgiveness and working up to the big hurdles, like humility and love.

The most difficult thing in the world today? To make and maintain a good marriage.

There's no place to train, for one thing. How do you get in

We are the ones with the illusions. And delusions. For us, marriage is like that cotton candy you buy on the midway. It's whipped together out of hot air and sugar. It's pink and fluffy and you can hardly wait to get your teeth into it. And the first mouthful is sweet, delicious.

But pretty soon it's gone, and you're a little sick, and it's all over your face and in your hair, and you're left with a little roll of soapy paper. That's when marriage really begins.

Well, Mr. Diefenbaker has a favorite saying: "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." And that's what marriage is like. Those who last think they're tough get going.

HARLEY TO HALTON

Weekly Observations by HARLEY TO HALTON

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS has been continuing to debate detailed spending of various Government Departments. It is expected that all of Government spending will have been dealt with by Friday, 25th November, 1966, and that the House of Commons will eventually vote its full trust to legislation. It is anticipated that the following matters will be dealt with and probably in the following order:

- 1. Medicare
2. Guaranteed annual minimum income for senior citizens.
3. Transportation Bill dealing with the railways.
4. Armed forces Unification.
5. Collective bargaining for the Civil Service.

I WOULD LIKE to outline some of the features of the White Paper on Immigration recently tabled in Parliament.

And keep right on going. But we really tough ones dig in our heels and stay with it. And stay and stay and stay. According to all the propaganda from movies, television, and the Ladies Home Journal, marriage is one big wonderful, massed of giving and taking, of sharing, of total togetherness.

Oh, these things are there. You give and your wife takes. She's willing to share everything you have, from your bank account to your booze. Not necessarily equal shares, but she'll get total togetherness. You'll get total togetherness until you look in the mirror some day, when you're 65, and realize with a shock that you look more like your wife than she does.

It according to us old wives, marriage is mostly a matter of staying power. Stay out of jail, stay on the job, stay away from other women, stay on the wagon, stay healthy until your pension begins, and stay out of her way when the old lady gets steamed up.

Which I plan to do when mine reads this column.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Quarry Blasting Raises Ire of Esqueving Resident

Highway 25, Milton, Ontario November 26, 1966

Dear Mr. Editor: On three or four occasions I have called Reeve Leslie. I specifically asked if any action would be taken by the council to investigate the blasting at Dufferin Quarry. Each time he answered "No". Although the first time he did go to the quarry to tell them of my complaint, they in turn sent out a stenographer as has been the practice in most complaints cases. This offers little consolation for cracked plaster, windows and mortar, with the promise of more blasting and more damage in the future.

During my last call to Reeve Leslie, he suggested that I come to the council meeting. He said he was only one man and I should complain to other members of council. After telling him each time I telephoned that all my neighbours were all so offended by the blasting, he never bothered to call any of them. In my opinion, the Reeve has accepted the responsibility of leader in the community and in council. If there are complaints from voters, the directive for investigation of such matters should come from him. If a man lacks administrative ability for such of his should vacate his office.

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IN THE MAIL BAG

No Future Fears With This Record by Teens

81 Prince Charles Dr. Georgetown, Ontario - November 24th, 1966.

Dear Sir: The following letter was recently received, addressed to the "Georgetown Youth Productions", a group of young high school students which is now disbanded. I know that many of them read the Herald and would appreciate sentiments expressed in this letter from the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded.

It reads, in part: During the course of the year we have received a great deal of help from the many members of our community, but none was more appreciated than the contribution from your Youth Group.

I feel we have little cause for concern about the future when young adults, in the face of criticism, are willing to give of their time and talents to help their less fortunate contemporaries. Your efforts will also reflect on young people generally, for your reviews were excellent and this may be a fringe benefit second only in importance to your group's gain in maturity and stature.

Please accept the thanks of our students and our personal request to continue your fine work.

Yours truly, K. A. Kanerva, President

This group the "Georgetown Youth Productions" was sponsored by Branch 120, The Royal Canadian Legion, and presented their review "Showcase '65" in high schools in Milton, Brampton, Acton and Georgetown. The money realized was sent to the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded.

NEWS ECHOES

From the Heralds of 10 and 20 Years Ago

20 YEARS AGO

- Lt. Col. C. T. Sharpe, ED, has been appointed to command the 10th Light Infantry, succeeding Lt.-Col. Powell. Change of command was effected in conformity with a new army policy which requires that all commanding officers shall have served overseas in World War II.
● Countess of Strathmore IODE Wednesday night entertained a number of British girls who married Georgetown servicemen overseas. The party was held in the arena's rose room. Guests were Mrs. J. Cotton, Mrs. E. Schofield, Mrs. Thomas Parry, Mrs. William Cheplin, Mrs. William Tennant, Mrs. Reg Broomhead, Mrs. Herbert Brown, Mrs. Charles Boyle, Mrs. Bob Rayner and Mrs. J. D. Cross were unable to be present.

- One of the last district servicemen to return from overseas, Gnr. Eddie Stapleton came home last Thursday and was met at Toronto by his wife and baby daughter, and his parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stapleton, Norval.
● At the Georgetown High School Commencement Thursday night Honour Graduation Diplomas were presented to Doris Brownridge, Darrel Dawson, Jean Dickie, Jane Early, Joan-Main, Mary Moyer, Brenda Robinson, Dirk Van Vliet.

10 YEARS AGO

- A problem which will face next year's council at its first meeting came to light when a letter from Harold C. McClure notified them that the ambulance service which had been operated by his firm for some years, will terminate January 31st.
● Arena remodelling came one step closer when council gave separate reading to an \$111,000 debenture by-law to provide money for alterations to the building. Voters approved the debenture issue by 2 to 1 majority at the polls.

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