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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Idea for Centennial

If a district organization is seeking a moderate centennial project, one idea which has been suggested is the provision of benches in Greenwood Cemetery.

Aubrey Grant, who heads a committee which is planning a decoration day service in the cemetery this year, tells us that several people have mentioned this as a feature which could be used in the cemetery.

Often people go on foot to visit the grave of a loved one, and rest benches at strategic locations in the grounds would be most welcome.

This is something which could be hand-

led individually or collectively by one or more organizations. Good, substantial stone or painted (wooden) benches which could stand the weather, would be needed. And it would be possible to have a dignified metal plaque on each bench, acknowledging the donor.

The cemetery is one of Ontario's finest, thanks to the excellent maintenance and tasteful planning of the cemetery board and superintendent Harry Savings. Memorial benches would make it that much more attractive, as well as filling a utilitarian purpose for the public.

Welcome Industrial News

Announcement that Georgetown's Provincial Paper mill will be producing a high grade Kromecoat stock in future, is welcome news on the industrial scene.

Too often we are prone to exult when a new industry locates here and overlook improvements and additions to our long established factories which have provided the backbone of Georgetown's economy.

The papermills are particularly important, for they have been with us almost since Georgetown was any size. During depression years, when many communities were hard hit, the paper industry was relatively steady and helped this town avoid much of the heartbreak which prevailed in the province, as town after town went bankrupt.

There was one blow when the old lower mill was closed and the manufacture of paper was discontinued in town. But to offset this both coated mills, Provincial and Domter, have had steady growth, added floor space and modern machinery, to keep our reputation as the "paper town."

We look forward to continuing prosperity and a bright future for these two old industries which have kept generations of Georgetowners profitably employed.

Long Merchandising Career

Death of James Richardson ended one of the longest merchandising careers in Georgetown.

Mr. Richardson entered the hardware business here in 1928 at an age when most men are starting to look forward to retirement. And to prove the adage "Life begins at 40" he continued active until the age of 90.

He beat most merchants to work in the morning, was late to leave at night, and retained a spry step and a dry sense of humour, along with a thorough knowledge of his business. When it was no longer possible for him to go to the store, he kept in touch at home and never lost interest in the merchandising game.

His career embraced three fields. Before hardware, he had been a pharmacist, then a grocery merchant.

And despite a busy life in business here, he found time to serve on such groups as the arena board and hockey club executive.

His long life indicates that hard work never hurt anyone. There is no job more taxing on one's energy than operating a large retail store. In his eighties, Mr. Richardson was still hopping up and down stairs like a teenager, mounting a ladder to get to the bins where nails and hardware supplies were stored. When he joined the Crest organization, he converted his store from an old style hardware to a modern, self-serve, keeping abreast with modern developments.

He was a man who knew and loved his job, served the public well, and was rewarded with a continuing patronage which made his store one of the best in the community.

KERR'S COLUMN

M.P.P. Reports to Georgetown from Queen's Park

In my contribution to the Throne Speech of the Ontario Legislature last month I dealt with some of the problems of the Niagara Escarpment and efforts to preserve its natural beauty. I suggested that a Provincial agency or commission be established to plan and control quarry operations, particularly on the face of the escarpment.

I have received substantial mail regarding this subject, and I note that the Township of Nassagaweya Council has passed a resolution requesting a stop to stone extraction on the escarpment. The stone extraction has more than doubled in the last ten years, and the rate is likely to increase rapidly as available sand and gravel resources are depleted and the demand for stone increases accordingly.

Recently I received a memo from the Minister of Mines which contains some very interesting information regarding the industry in our area. The memo points out that limestone resources at the crest of the escarpment are one of Ontario's most important stone resources. Further, that mineral production in the area between Toronto, Hamilton, including stone, sand and gravel, portland cement, gypsum and clay products had a total value of nearly eighty million dollars in 1966. This is second only to Sudbury, as one of the leading mineral producers in the Province. The memo points out that urban encroachment on the escarpment

areas in the vicinity of Toronto and Hamilton has made it increasingly difficult to develop essential deposits of construction materials due to zoning restrictions and competition for land use.

The principal mineral resources for the Niagara Escarpment are the Lockport dolomite, the whirlpool sandstone and the Queenston shale. The Lockport dolomite, forms the cap rock of the Niagara Escarpment and is widely quarried as the source of crushed stone for concrete aggregate, road stone and flux stone.

There are about 16 quarries situated on the Niagara Escarpment and about 7 of them are located at the brow of the escarpment. The Minister of Mines feels that due to the importance of the industrial mineral resources of the Niagara escarpment to the urban economy it is recommended that no further restrictions be placed on their development for future construction requirements, otherwise it may be necessary to import some of these essential products.

However, I still feel the face of the escarpment can be preserved without unreasonably inhibiting the quarry industry or its production requirements. It is mainly a matter of co-operation and planning.

As the result of last week's column regarding trading stamps the cards and letters are starting to flow in. Keep them coming and I will have a report next week.

Restaurant Operator Has High Praise for Georgetown

A group of Georgetown hockey players and their adult chaperones have added a feather to Georgetown's reputation.

Recently Mr. and Mrs. Peter Snider, R.R. 3, were driving north and stopped for a snack at the Argosy Restaurant near Waubesa.

When the proprietor learned they were from Georgetown, they got a royal welcome.

Seems that on a trip to Parry Sound, the Georgetown team had stopped to eat at the restaurant and swamped the limited staff with their orders for hamburgers, for only the proprietor and the cook were on duty at the time.

She told the Sniders that mothers of the players made milkshakes, the fathers took orders and when the meal was finished the boys all lined up and gave their correct bill when paying.

And to cap it, the boys cleared the tables and helped wash the dishes.

"They were real little gentlemen" she said. "A credit to their parents and to Georgetown's reputation."

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BARREL JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS

SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

I REST CONTENT

Just the other night we had a talk at our Honor Banquet which left me rather perplexed.

It was an interesting, at times exciting, address by one of our Captains of Industry. No less than the President of one of our biggest producers of processed foods. A big cheese, one might say, in the vernacular. American owned, needless to say.

Perhaps I should explain what the Honor banquet is. It's an occasion when the students who have obtained 75 per cent or more the previous year are honored, along with their parents. Again, needless to say, it is dull.

There's nothing much to say, except that these kids are in the top 25 per cent, which even they can figure out. And the 'banquet' runs more to potato salad, a bottle of milk at each place, and cold cuts, than it does to Falernian wine, Lobster Thermidor and Baked Alaska.

But it's a gesture, anyway. The students get a banquet with cups, trophies, letters and heartiness. The kids in drama and music get applause when they perform. Least we can do is honor the bright and industrious.

Trouble is, they don't get a chance to show, at the banquet, how bright and industrious they are. Instead, they get a Guest Speaker. This would be enough to keep me from making the Honor Roll. And apparently my daughter feels the same, as she didn't make it this year.

Second problem is, the Guest Speaker feels he must inspire the kids. It's a tough audience. A hundred-odd kids, their proud parents, and about 100 teachers and spouses. I know what I speak. I was Guest Speaker a couple of years ago. What kind of a talk do you give?

Well, this chap, with the best intentions in the world, scared the wits out of the kids. If I'd been on the Honor Roll, I'd in Grade 12, I'd have walked right out of there and started swilling booze or gobbling sugar cubes loaded with LSD.

This fellow was an honest, hard-hitting, 105 per cent capitalist, and I admired him for it. I don't like pussy footers. But his talk was obviously aimed at a sales convention, with some concessions to the kids.

First, he painted a horror picture of the world they would take over — population explosion; starvation; it's all your kids. A few commercials here, about the food company.

Then he outlined a frightening pair of alternatives: produce or you're out. And he explained, with a certain amount of pride, how ruthless an executive like himself has to be, when someone is not up to scratch. (I'm probably being unfair. He is noted as a tough, but fair man.)

He talked about hitting with a sledgehammer, rather than a feather. He talked about choos-

ing goals and pursuing them fiercely. He said that if you got up Monday morning, and hated the thought of going to work, you should switch into something else.

He talked about money: giving statistics for annual earnings depending on education, from elementary to college degree. Teachers perked up a bit here, when he said \$11,000 for a university degree, and they average about \$7,000.

The point is that everything he said was ominously sensible. If you happened to be a salesman bucking for sales manager or vice president.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Minister Likes West, But Still Fond of Georgetown

Ruth Morton Memorial Baptist Church, Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Editor:

As a former resident of Georgetown and now living in Vancouver I thought it might be interesting for me to relate how a deeply rooted Easterner likes the West Coast. First of all I must be honest to admit that I miss Georgetown more than I thought I would. Its proximity to Toronto and all points East and West make it a truly desirable place to live.

As an Easterner coming west, certain things that are native to these parts catch one's attention immediately. The first thing is the abundance of evergreen trees and shrubs with varieties unknown back East. The green grass all year long is truly beautiful and I must confess I do not miss the snow. The long rainy season is offset by the warm days of March and now the first signs of spring are here with daffodils and bright crisp sunny days. This is an outdoors country with the exception of the rainy days that will keep the children confined to the home. If snow is an asset, it is in this that the children can still go outside to play.

Housing is drastically different and stucco is king with brick homes exclusively for those who enjoy luxury. I'll never complain again about Georgetown's 50 foot lots. Out here land is scarce and prices run high. Luxury homes from the \$30,000 to \$40,000 class are built on 50 foot lots and 33 foot lots are common. The shopping plaza is beginning to come of age out here but nothing like the kind we know of back east. As far as I know there is no discount store like a Towers anywhere in Vancouver.

The older type of shopping that is confined to main streets seems to be more the vogue. Highway building has not reached the proportions of back east and it is probably more difficult to cross Vancouver, Van Toronto with its high speed arteries.

But his talk troubled me. Change the terms slightly, and what do you have? It was against everything I believe, and try to teach. (And don't be surprised if you hear I've been fired!)

I don't believe, for example, in efficiency, and having a clean desk, except in a general way. That is, doing your job.

I would find it extremely difficult to say: "Baxter, your sales are slipping. You're fired."

There's nothing in this world that I hate doing more than going to work Monday morning. The only goal I've ever pursued fiercely is my wife, when I fell for her. And she's been pursuing me fiercely ever since.

There's room for people like us, friend. Today I received the supreme accolade. Another teacher who uses my room told me the girls of 10L (and they are no Einstein) said: "Mr. Smiley looks nice. But he sure has an untidy desk." I rest content.

HARLEY TO HALTON

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

THE MAIN EVENT on Parliament Hill this week was, of course, the tabling of the Carter Commission Report on Taxation. It was tabled early Friday evening as is customary for budget and financial matters. In this way the Stock Exchanges are closed and sudden fluctuations on the market are avoided. It is certainly too early to comment on the full implications of the many changes proposed in this voluminous document — (it consists of 8 volumes and weighs approximately 15 pounds). The Report is based on the philosophy that a dollar earned anywhere and in anyway should be treated like any other dollar and declared as income and be subject to income tax. This is reasonable but makes it obvious that the Commission's recommendations must be treated as a whole. It would not be fair to this basic principle or to certain groups of taxpayers to treat it otherwise in a piecemeal fashion. I am in agreement with the principles of the Carter Commission Report on Taxation.

A GREAT DEAL of my time has been spent recently in preparing the report of the Special Committee on Drug Costs and Prices. The hearings have now been concluded and the many witnesses heard and their viewpoints documented. It is now the Committee's responsibility to consider all of these varying opinions and make our recommendations for reducing drug costs and prices to Parliament. It is most urgent that this Report be presented to Parliament before the end of this session.

It is hoped, therefore, that the Committee members will consider the Report urgently and finalize it quickly.

AS CHAIRMAN of this Committee I have received many letters concerning the high price of drugs from people in all walks of life. Many include examples of prices that have been paid for drugs. One of the most disturbing letters recently showed copies of receipts for two purchases of the same prescription, a few months apart.

There was a 30% increase in the price of the second purchase over the first purchase. A note of explanation on the second receipt stated the increase was due to the recent increase in Federal Sales Tax (the increase was 1%). The purchaser was expected to believe that a 1% increase in tax at the manufacturer level could cause a price increase of 30% at the drug store level. Needless to say the purchaser wrote the Committee concerning this increase. It is sincerely hoped that the recommendations of the Committee on Drug Costs and Prices will be implemented and that a significant decrease in the price of drugs will result because of this.

Some 80 young people from abroad and about 300 young Canadians will participate in an international youth conference, called 'Rendezvous 67', at Ottawa in August. These young people are members of the world Red Cross Youth movement.

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