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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Two Full Houses....

While an auditorium of teenagers were thrilling to the music of rising folk-singer Gordon Lightfoot Friday, a full arena was absorbed in gloom as the hockey Raiders ended their season with a sound trouncing by Aurora.

While this Friday will not go down in Georgetown's permanent history, it will last in memory for some years.

The Lightfoot concert brought a touch of the big time to town, for Lightfoot is next scheduled for a concert in Toronto's Massey Hall and hovers on the verge of the big time. It had little advance publicity, and was restricted to students and guests.

The Raider game was the climax of a season which gave Georgetown one of its best hockey years. Aurora and Georgetown finished neck and neck in the schedule and it was a foregone conclusion that they

would lock horns in the finals. They dead-locked in the first four games, each winning twice on home ice, and it was bad luck that the pattern would change with a Raider loss on home ice.

Despite the abbreviated season we think this years team will be remembered as one of the classiest. A different tip of the scales and we might well have had an Ontario championship, for we predict that Aurora will clinch this now.

Crowd support has been particularly good as indicated that, even with hundreds of their fans at the high school, there was still a turn-away crowd at the arena.

It recalls those days when it was the rule, rather than the exception, that the arena was jammed for every hockey game and seats were always at a premium when playoff time came.

### It's All Free....

With a Red Cross financial blitz planned next Monday, it is timely to remind readers of the many good things accomplished by this fine organization on the local, national and international scene.

Georgetown is particularly fortunate to have a dedicated group of workers who never falter in doing their best, be it blood clinic, help in times of fire and flood, promotion of water safety and the many facets of the work.

Erroneous stories sometimes are circulated and one of these is that the blood collected at clinics, such as was held here on Monday, is sold. The Red Cross executive is anxious to refute such stories and has asked

the Herald to reaffirm that this is never the case — every pint donated is given free to hospital blood banks for use when required.

It is also pertinent to note that while the national Red Cross organization must, of necessity, have an office and officials on a full time basis, and thus are paid salaries, local volunteers are just that — unpaid humanitarians who give their time and talent without fee.

Not a penny is paid, either to executive members, or to those who assist at such things as the blood clinic. It is a total contribution to man's welfare and one which deserves the gratitude of the community.

### Trust Company Success Story....

Halton County can well be proud of a firm which started only a bit over a decade ago and has had a steady increase in business and assets.

Halton and Peel Trust & Savings Company, which recently opened its eighth branch in Georgetown, is the brainchild of O. E. Manning, Mr. Manning, who had successfully managed another such firm, realized the possibilities in this part of Ontario and started in a modest way in Oakville.

Today there are branches in Brampton, Cooksville, Burlington, Milton, Simcoe and Delhi as well as Georgetown. An indication

of its success is the recent announcement of a 2 1/2% per share bonus in addition to the regular 10c per share quarterly payment to shareholders.

The new Georgetown office location, while temporary, has added a brighter touch to one of the downtown streets, with attractive window displays. Eventual plans call for a building on Main Street north on the site of the old radial station, last occupied by the Christian Reformed church.

Halton-Peel will play an important part in Georgetown's future, and has been a definite asset to the town in its short career already.

this gigantic sham, and that government regulation is the answer. The food industry, faced with such control, will do something about the problem themselves.

Frankly I have my doubts. I don't think the large food chains will get the message, mainly because there are too many people who are indifferent about all those cruel things being done to them. Fortunately or unfortunately, we can't change human nature.

More important, Government legislation could never be effective. In the three provinces that ban stamps (they stopped them before they ever became available) there are just as many other gimmicks to bother and distract the customer. I am told that \$10. will buy just as many groceries in Ontario as it will in Alberta where stamps are against the law.

### THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

**MILTON** — Three hundred United Auto Workers' members returned to work at the Ontario Steel plant here Thursday following a dispute Wednesday which halted production for 9 1/2 hours. The Milton workers refused to cross picket lines set up by 11 Chatham Local 127 protesting a contract take-over by the Milton plant.

**OAKVILLE** — Oakville's off-again on-again municipal airport was stalled again last week for at least four weeks while town staffers study the proposal and present council with a detailed report on the uses and financing of the airport. Two dozen Ormish area residents whose lives would be affected by the airport managed to stall the deal.



### SEED CATALOGUE TIME

## SUGAR AND SPICE by Bill Smiley

### KIM'S THE GREATEST

My daughter had a birthday this week, her sixteenth. That's quite a milestone in a woman's life. Rather like the fortieth milestone, except in reverse. Life is beckoning not waving.

I'd give my right arm for that girl, even though it's ready to drop off from bursitis and I've already offered it to the highest medical research bidder. And she'd take it. I can still write cheques with it, and it still works well enough to reach for my wallet.

Ab, I shouldn't be cynical about my baby. She's the only one I have. Thank God.

She's been causing me painful pleasure since the day she was born. Any normal kid, as you know, is born at 4 a.m. Kim popped, literally popped, into the world at noon. And my wife has never forgiven me.

The Old Girl began to grunt and groan about 4 a.m., but didn't want to disturb the doctor's sleep, and told me it would be about 24 hours before anything happened. She knew all about it, having already had a son, who took about 36 hours getting out of the nest. I knew from nothing.

So we drove sedately to the hospital about 9 a.m., and booked in. She suggested I go to work, as there was no point hanging around hang-doggedly. I said, fearfully, but with the utmost relief, "You're sure you don't need me?" She retorted, (bitterly, I learned later), "This was about 10 a.m."

I phoned the hospital at noon to ask if it was OK to drop in on my wife and hold her hand. The nurse chortled "Congratulations! You have a fine baby girl." And the kid has been getting me in dutch ever since.

There's nothing basically wrong with Kim. Except that she's too much like her mother, as far as I'm concerned. And too much like her father, as far as her mother is concerned. Aside from this she's a perfectly normal, infuriating teenager.

That is, she inhabits the bathroom only about five hours a day. She hates school, but her whole social life is centered there. She loves privacy, with some infernal machine blating beat-music. She thinks her parents are the square root of two, the only concession she will make to mathematics.

She doesn't like liver, oysters, mushrooms, vegetables, salad, onions or curry, which makes a bland diet at our place. She likes steak, imported cheese and any fruit that is out of season, which makes for an expensive grocery bill.

Like all teen age girls, she gets along beautifully with her mother. They agree on everything. Except just about anything you can name.

Like all teen age girls, she is not temperamental. You can re-

can shout. Especially when she's in the wrong.

As you probably gathered, I dote on my daughter. I wouldn't trade her for a brand new Cadillac. I'd have to have somebody offer me a Rolls-Royce.

Speaking of cars, I guess I've no kick. She's been 16 for two whole days, and still hasn't asked me when she can get her driving license. A real scatter-brain.

### THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

**ACTON** — A record of about 550 books were taken out Monday of last week when the new Centennial Library opened its doors. The hundreds who came to try out the new quarters were fascinated, but it was a hectic day for the librarians who stayed until after 11:30 p.m.

**ORANGEVILLE** — It costs money to stay clean shaven in Orangeville during Centennial year. Orangeville Firefighters are operating the beard growing contest. Anyone who wants to shave must buy a \$1.00 license.

**COOKSVILLE** — Education costs will push Toronto Township taxes up by \$4,000 this year, the biggest increase in 15 years.

**CHINGUACOUSY** — Chinguacousy township will be faced with an outbreak of rabies if arrangements for the control of animals in the area are not made soon. Dr. Robert Williams long, she'd look like a Zulu warrior. But she sure as hell

## NEWS ECHOES

From the Heralds of 10 and 20 Years Ago

1957

● A resident of town since last summer when he purchased the Wilfrid Ford house on Maple Ave. W., Walter Pope has opened a public accounting and auditing office in part of the Hewson and Ord building, 39 Main St. S.

● After forty-six years of service in the Georgetown Provincial Paper Mill, Len Marchmont retired March 1. He is the proud possessor of the record of being the employee with the longest service in the whole of the Abitibi firm.

● Tom McNamara, 17 Henry St., is eagerly looking forward to the running of the Irish Sweepstakes. He learned this morning he had drawn a ticket on one of the favourites.

● Major-General George Pearkes, VC, MP, stayed at the Georgetown home of Sandy Best on the week-end. Gen. Pearkes returned to Ottawa last Saturday night to resume his duties in the House of Commons.

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● The five houses of the new Veterans' Housing subdivision have been allocated. They went to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rayner, Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Cook, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen. There are still 45 houses to be completed in the subdivision.

● Smith and Stone are making an addition to their present building with the construction of a time office, beside the entrance gate.

● McNally Wood Products are demolishing the remains of their old shop on William Street. The plant was moved to its present location near the CNR station after a fire last winter.

● Al Norton is working hard to have his new bowling alley in the Mackenzie Building on Mill St. ready for opening in early May.



## HARLEY TO HALTON

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

I THOUGHT I might review in this column some of the aspects of the drug industry in Canada. The Drug Committee hearings have now been completed. The Committee is now faced with many decisions which could significantly alter the drug industry in Canada. Our report must bring in a programme which will maintain a proper balance between the interests of the industry and the interests of the drug consumer and will also have to take into consideration the importance of increased scientific research in Canada.

IT SHOULD be pointed out that most of the Canadian drug industry is under foreign control. Just recently the last large Canadian firm, Frosts of Montreal, was purchased by an American company. The question of international control, therefore, enters the picture and Canadian subsidiaries pay patent royalties to their parent companies outside of Canada. Most of the drugs manufactured in Canada are actually imported from outside of Canada in their raw state and very little manufacture of raw materials takes place in Canada itself. Most research of drug companies takes place at the Head Office and as these Head Offices are located mostly outside of Canada, there-

IT WAS FULLY realized from the beginning that there would be no simple or single recommendation that the Committee could make that would automatically lead to a reduction in the cost of drugs to the consumer. This can be brought about only by a variety of measures and it was for this reason that the Committee studied all aspects of drugs — the manufacturing level, the wholesale level and the retail level.

THE RECOMMENDATION made most frequently to the Committee was that the Government should remove the 12% Federal Sales Tax on prescription drugs. However, to do this alone and do nothing else would not significantly reduce the cost of drugs to the consumer.

IT IS MY sincere hope that the Committee's Report will be available in the very near future and at that time I will go into details of the Report itself.

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## KERR'S COLUMN

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



My mail regarding trading stamps has been quite substantial. Letters range from "haven't you got something more important to worry about" to "Please, please, please support the bill to outlaw them." I have received more letters from people opposed to stamps than from people who like them and use them!

Opinions are in three categories

1. Those who like stamps and continually collect them. These shoppers say that the prizes and gifts they obtain are worthwhile items that they would not normally buy. Some admit that it is their gambling instinct that gives them satisfaction, although they claim the store catalogues are sometimes misleading. They accept the proposition that the gimmick costs money and therefore must be added to the cost of food. However, they are resigned to the fact grocers must advertise and promote and if not with stamps then in some other way in which the customer may not be able to participate. Customers have a choice they argue, therefore it would be contrary to our conception of a free democratic society to ban this choice. Would we trade this for the drab old days of bulk merchandise and homespun garments.

2) The second category are those customers who don't really care as long as they have a choice. These people indicate that they know the system is costly, think it is silly, but op-

pose Government legislation and regulation of principle.

3) People who support the idea of banning trading stamps are more vocal, and quite vehement. They think, quite rightly in my opinion, that stamps are just one item that has made the whole food industry such a controversial one. "Toys and dishes in soap packages, mostly in oatmeal, tins in cereal, mostly items that are unnecessary and add greatly to the cost of the product.

Large packages that say "10c off" (10c off what?) and contain less of the product than a smaller package of the same brand without the "bargain". The Hardware store and the drug store does not "gimmick" their customers to such a degree; Why then the grocery store when food is so essential and prices continue to rise. The main reason of course is that there is little or no difference in the quality of products sold in grocery stores. Because many women today do not take adequate time to shop they are more susceptible to the "something for nothing" principle. Large convenient stores with elaborate packaging, wide choice of merchandise and fast service has made real marketing a thing of the past. Merchants really don't have to sell, the manufacturer does that for them with the contest and the giveaway.

The "Ban the Stamp" supporters therefore feel that something should be done to correct