

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Downtown Improvements

Announcement that a new business block will be constructed this summer at the north end of Main Street is another forward step in Georgetown's commercial progress, and an indication that a growing population is having a salutary effect on the business community.

Instigator of the move is Sid Silver, owner of a store which has been one of the town's leading businesses since it was established by his father, the late Hyman Silver.

Mr. Silver purchased the adjoining Corrado block last fall, with the provision that it be demolished so he could proceed with building plans for this choice property. Now he has announced that a new building will house a number of retail stores and business offices.

It is one of a continuing series of moves which have helped the downtown area through the years and follows construction

of another building last year on the site of the old White Rose service station. This venture, which Mr. Silver shared with another businessman, Sam Mackenzie, now houses a bank, law office and barber and variety shop, and the main part of the building is being leased by the town for an extension of the municipal offices.

Also in the cards, is conversion of the old Christian Reformed Church into offices for Halton and Peel Trust Company which is located in temporary quarters on Mill St. The building was originally the station for the suburban railway, then was used as a dairy until it was acquired by the church.

Next logical step for downtown would be the return to use of the old Roxy Theatre building which has stood empty since a fire closed out the theatre several years ago. The location is a choice one, in the heart of the downtown commercial area with access to a free municipal parking area at the rear.

### And Elsewhere Too

The downtown area is not the only one in which changes are contemplated.

Plans of the development firm which purchased the Delrex holdings are for an enlargement of the plaza area to accommodate more stores and there is a possibility too of a theatre sometime in the future.

With Murray Motors moving to a large new building on Mountainview Road, two brothers have taken over their former highway location as well as the Stonehouse site and this will be combined into one large garage and car dealership.

The IGA added a large area to its property in Georgeview Plaza a few years ago to boost this part of the town's commercial expansion

And there will doubtless be commercial growth at the north end of town where Wimpey Construction is developing the Moore farm into a major residential area.

It is an exciting and stimulating time for Georgetown as it emerges from small town status to that of one of the district's major communities.

### Home Town Triumphant

With Georgetown Bantam winners of the 7th International hockey tournament Saturday, the cup was full for those who have worked so hard to establish this as one of the town's major attractions each year.

No one can say Georgetown has been a tournament hog. Local teams have always given a good account of themselves, but this was the first win in the seven years of competition.

It seemed particularly fitting that the win should occur in the year 'Red' Asseltine was retiring as head of the organization — a position which he has filled since the original organization. He is leaving the future in the hands of the Kinsmen and Kinetics who are well trained and enthusiastic. We should have no worries that the tournament will continue to function smoothly under their guidance.

The week was not without its worries. With ice failing one day, a terrific shuttle service had to be hastily organized to Acton. Games were played there that day, with players bussed back and forth to town for their meals. But next day things were back to normal and the tournament continued to its grand finale Saturday night with no further major disruptions.

Georgetown homes again welcomed the young visitors for varying periods of time, depending on their success in the games. The billeting of the players has always been accomplished with maximum cooperation and usually there is a surplus of homes offering their hospitality during the week.

The many hard working volunteers did their jobs well in the catering, officiating and transportation departments to make the seventh tournament another successful milestone.



"SMILE, HAVEN'T YOU HEARD IT'S A FUN STING"

## SUGAR AND SPICE by Bill Smiley

### UNIFICATION: PART THREE

Remember? It's 1987 and we have Uniforce, alias the Canadian Cobras, 100,000 strong. It's obviously a second Cuba in the making.

Joe gets a call from the White House. He states his terms and hands up. He knows his man, LSD, president of the U.S. of A., is a tough cookie. He came up through the unions like Joe, but owes his position to the huge wealth of his wife, Mary Warner, of the hideously rich Boston Warners.

Twenty minutes later, Joe's telephone rings. We don't want trouble. We paid eight million for Alaska and I think five million for the Louisiana Purchase. Yeah, yeah, we know 'there's inflation, after tax.' You want ten? Don't be ridiculous. We won't go a nickel past nine. After all, we own most of the country, anyway. A deal. Right. Take over."

It wasn't quite that simple, of course. Joe had to call a meeting of the War Council. This group had supplanted the Cabinet, which was relegated to such tasks as studying the Immediate Housing Bill, introduced in 1968, and the Old Age Unemployment Act, prepared in 1969.

But it didn't take long. Joe had hand-picked his senior officers. Marshal-Admiral Louis

Business as usual. Most Canadians were starting their holidays.

A few noticed that there were a lot of new radio and TV announcers and newspaper columnists, but they figured the new guys were just vacation replacements.

Then the good news started coming. Corporation, income and sales taxes were all to be reduced. Farm subsidies were to be raised. Food prices were to be lowered. Free housing for everybody making less than \$5,000.

I guess I don't have to tell you the rest. Popular movement demanding a republic and 'Joe for President.' Joe's sincere statement that he had no ambition except to serve the Canadian people, through the democratic process. Big convention. Only stipulation for delegates was that they be members of Uniforce. Joe elected unanimously. You had to hand it to him. From President of the Destruction Workers' Union to President of the great Republic of Canada in a few short years.

That's all. Only a few people disappeared quietly here and there, but that was because of the new Relocation Act.

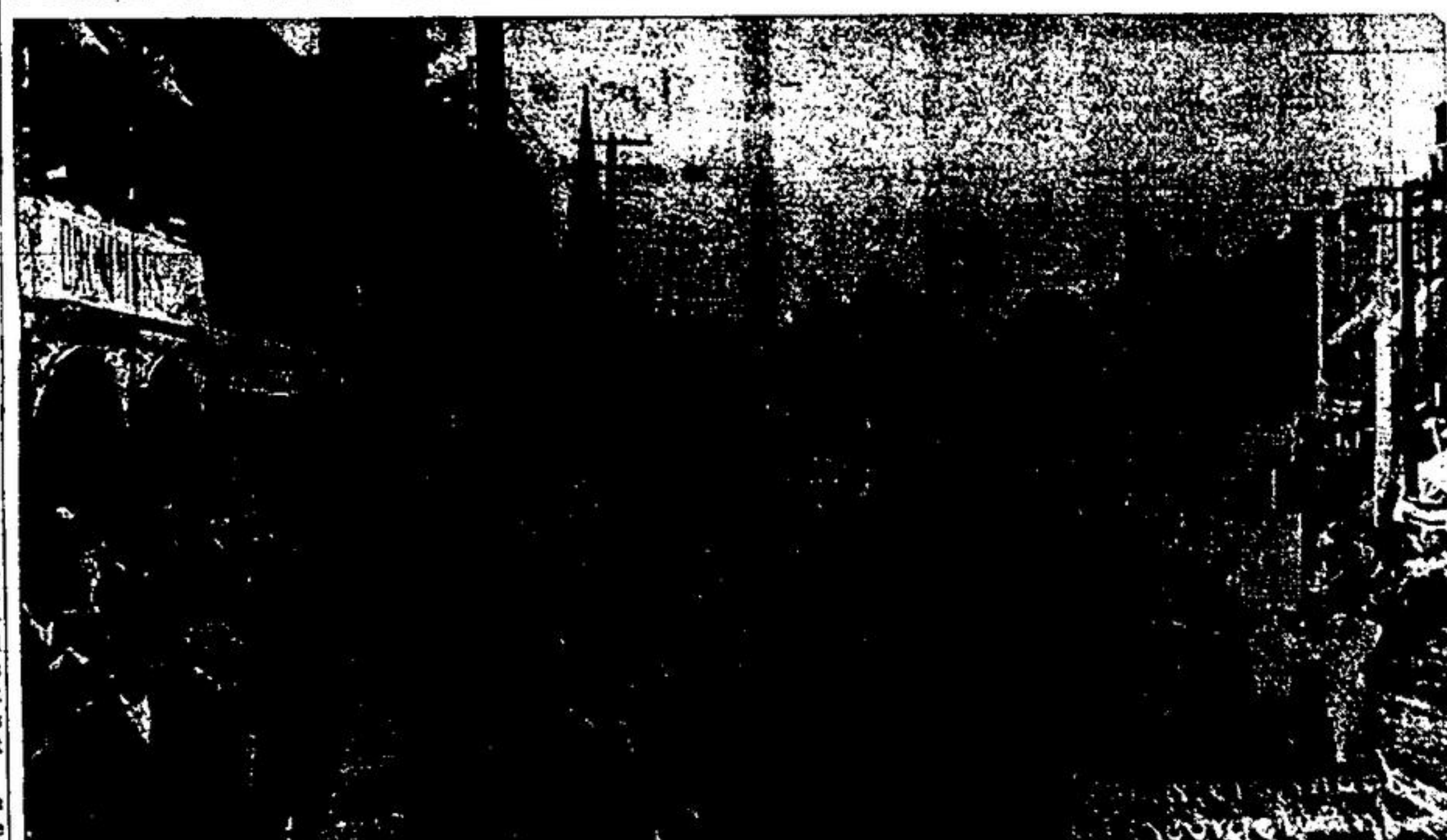
IN THE MAIL BAG

Asks Will We Get Value for Our \$10?

Dear Mr. Editor: Now that our grab what you can council has voted itself \$10 per committee meeting one wonders whether the old yardstick of past performances holds true that such meetings rapidly degenerate into a farcical rumbulo at which little or nothing is accomplished.

I for one and a good number of Georgetown taxpayers would like to see every member of council get up on his feet and

### TURNING BACK TIME SERIES



### DRUMMERS' SNACK — BIG DAY IN A LITTLE TOWN

THE BUNTING IS HUNG and the local folk are dressed in fine style as the annual Drummers' parade moves down an un-surfaced Main Street in Georgetown sometime during the early 1900s. The occasion was the Drummers' Snack a very big day marked by a parade, and convention of 'drummers' as travelling salesmen were called then. The photo was taken at the downtown main corners looking north.

## NEWS ECHOES

From the Heralds of 10 and 20 Years Ago

1957

Elmer the Safety Elephant arrived at three Georgetown public schools last week to start a safety campaign sponsored by the Rotarians and the Police Safety League. Elmer Flags were presented to principals Val Stein at Chapel Street, William Kinrade at Wrigglesworth, and Harold Henry at Harrison schools.

A disastrous fire early this morning wiped out an entire herd of registered Jerseys slated for the auction block today at the 5th Line farm of Fred Ruddell. Two large barns, 115 head of cattle, a milk house, milking machinery, feed and various items of smaller equipment were all destroyed.

Henry Helfant is the owner of a 1957 Chevrolet and the Community Swimming Pool Fund is closer to the \$50,000 objective as the result of a Georgetown Lions Club 444 draw. The ticket pulled at the Main St. four corners Friday night. On accepting the car, Mr. Helfant announced he would share his good fortune by contributing \$200 to the fund.

1947

Cost of operating the Norval open air rink last winter were defrayed Wednesday night when the Norval Recreation Centre sponsored a dance in the parish hall. Committee in charge included Hartley Cameron, George Brown, Jim Clarke, and Nels Robinson. Lucky spot prize winners were: John Bird, and Isney Kean, and Horace Barnes and Mrs. Vern Barnes.

For the first time in over 100 years shoes are not being manufactured in Georgetown. The closing of the Day-foot Shoe Co. plant on John St. marked the end for Georgetown of a business established here in 1845 by John B. Dayfoot. Edgar B. Johnston, who purchased the business in 1945 is moving it to Campbellford.

Changing hands for the second time in five years, the Hollywood Hotel at Norval has been sold to Mr. J. G. Hawkins of Lindsay and his son William Hawkins, of Oshawa. The new owners have taken over from Mrs. E. F. Ward. The Hollywood is the last licensed hotel between here and Toronto as Peel County is 'dry' under the Canada Temperance Act.

state publicly and in plain language what he himself has done to stop the abuse of the little man.

As for the suggestion that councillors ought to get \$8,000 per year let me say that this cal-

ibre of man is far too smart for the good of the town of Georgetown and we'd do better to elect councillors with some common sense.

Yours truly,  
Albert A. Tuelch.

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**THIS SPACE FOR SALE**

### IN THE MAIL BAG

#### Seek Volunteer Drivers For Cancer Patients

April 6th, 1967  
15 Rexway Drive,  
Georgetown, Ontario.

Dear Editor:

I would appreciate your allowing me space to write a most urgent need in our community, for a service that, for obvious reasons cannot be publicized, and that is the great need for drivers to take local cancer patients into Princess Margaret Hospital for treatment.

Drivers receive compensation for all trips on a mileage basis, and they are insured in case of accidents while driving patients.

At the present time we have nine drivers listed but because of shift work and other reasons they are not always available. From January 1st to March 31st 30 return trips, involving four patients were made. From February 1st to now, 7 return trips involving two patients. These figures are much above those of last year and we must therefore have more drivers.

This isn't an unpleasant task, and if any reader has even one day a month that they could spare it would be appreciated. This is Cancer-Fund Campaign month and if you are not in a position to donate dollars perhaps you can donate some of your time. If you can, please call 877-8196.

If any lady at home could devote a little time too to help get a small child for a few hours while the mother takes her

treatment, it would be greatly appreciated, please call the above number.

Thanking you for the valuable space, I am ...

Yours truly,  
Mrs. Barry Timleck,  
Chairman Transportation,  
Canadian Cancer Society.

Dear Mr. Editor:

**This Ratepayer Favours New \$10 Committee Fee**  
17 Edith Street,  
March 30, 1967

As another taxpayer who is both interested and involved with Council business, I would like to refute the smug opposition of Albert Porter, John Hole and Hugh Powell to an increase in Councillors' salaries. They imply that the 'glory' of working for Georgetown should be payment enough.

Considering the long hours, the vast amount of detail which must be attended to, the restrictions of the Ontario Municipal Act, the indifference of citizens at the polls, and the constant carping of amateur economists the glories of public office must seem very imaginary indeed.

It is long past the time when Georgetown's affairs could be handled by a jolly crew of retired shopkeepers chuckling around the cracker barrel. The complexities of town business require a more professional approach. The only way to attract men and women of the necessary calibre for this thankless job is

to offer them a reasonable reward for their services.

By all means let the town be run like the million dollar corporation it is, and let there be suitable compensation for the job.

Sincerely,  
Jim Warren.

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Everything was perfectly calm.