



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH BECAME GEORGETOWN LIBRARY

THIS IS WHAT Georgetown Public Library looked like before it was one. The altar and pews of the Congregational Church are decorated for a harvest home service in this photo taken in 1908. The minister was the late Rev. Bertrem Willoughby, brother of Mrs. Harry Stockford, 18 George Street.

SUGAR AND SPICE
by Bill Smiley

Modern Ponce de Leon

Did you read in the papers recently about some drug, developed by a Rumanian doctor, which keeps you young? Apparently it works wonders. Old Konrad Adenauer, who packed it in not long ago well into his nineties, was a regular customer.

Wish I could get my hands on some of that stuff. In fact, I don't be surprised if you hear that I'm off to Rumania this summer. It's appalling what they expect us old guys to do these days.

When I was 30, I knew I couldn't keep up the pace much longer, and looked forward to life beginning at 40. When I hit 40, I found myself running faster than ever, still in circles. Now I'm wondering whether they let you out of the rat race at 50, or whether you just keep going until you run all those other rats into the ground or fall flat on your foolish face. Dead.

Trouble is, there are always new young rats joining the marathon, which makes it rough on us mature rats, even though we've got our second wind.

It's not the regular work week that gets me. No, I come from hard-working peasant puritan stock, and know that you have to work hard to get rich and/or to heaven. It's the other week piled on top of it that makes me come out an 80-hour loser, red-eyed, frazzled and fractious.

It's when they expect me to be, in addition, as a bonus culture vulture, a social butterfly, a dedicated community worker, a fine husband and father, and a general handy man, that I rapidly become a damn' old grump as my daughter succinctly puts it.

Last week was a doozy, and not untypical. Monday, I rush home write column then straight off to music festival. Set on hard chair from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. when daughter played. Worth it, when she look highest mark in the festival, but had sore bum all next day.

Tuesday, taught my own classes and gave guest lecture. Grade 10 is "doing" the invasion of Normandy in history, since I was the only available living relic of the battle, was asked to tell them some high lights. Like how our air force bombed our troops at Caen. Like how my squadron dive bombed a German bridge three days in a row, 60 tons of bombs, three aircraft lost and never knocked a chip of concrete off the thing, though we did kill a lot of fish in the river below.

This is known as living history and I had to do an encore the next day with another grade. A pack of "old sweet" lies, but they ate it up. It wasn't in the book.

After school, acted as judge in speaking contest. Wednesday night final concert of marathon, which makes it pick rough on us mature rats, even though we've got our second wind.

Library Board Meeting. Friday afternoon, presented prizes to winners in speaking contest. Friday night school band concert, with daughter playing drums and another hard chair. Pain in rear slightly eased by post-concert party which produced pain in head.

Saturday. Open House at school. English department display in my room drew much attention. Ketchup on floor indicated last scene of Hamlet, which we did in the fall, and small pile of ashes on floor indicated remains of Saint Joan, which we finished last week. Visitors deeply impressed with new realism in teaching of English.

Saturday night fought all evening with wife and daughter. Latter wanted to go to

Forgraves Send Greetings From Northern Alberta

Box 629, Mayerthorpe, Alberta, May 2, 1967

Dear Mr. Biehn:

We hope we aren't presuming on your good nature too much, when we attempt to use the Herald's "Letters" column to convey greetings to all our friends in Georgetown and district.

While southern Alberta is under tons of wet snow, we are enjoying pleasant spring weather in the northern part, even though it has been a late spring. The farmers in our area won't likely be on the land for at least another week and longer if it rains.

One of the communities we serve, Whitecourt, is in the midst of a tremendous boom after the announcement last week that a \$50 million pulp mill will be built nearby. 600 men will be busy building it by next summer and it will employ 300 when it begins production in 1970.

Over the rest of the area, oil activity continues. South of Mayerthorpe a cracking plant has brought the first real industry to the area and further east drilling teams are tapping the rich reserves. All three of our main communities are hard pressed to supply teen dance, despite fact she had trouble staying awake because of afternoon and evening rehearsals all week. To every one of which I drove her and picked her up.

Spent all day Sunday looking for receipts to send with income tax return one week late.

Here it is Monday and col- umn night again. And the lawn isn't raked. And tomorrow night I have to play for the Russian Billiard Championship of the curling club, which closed three weeks ago.

And hours to go before I sleep. And hours to go before I sleep. Please pass the Rumanian Gerovital or whatever.

Harold Henry Will Assist Set Up "New Approach" School

Formerly principal of Chap- of Street and Harrison Public Schools, and a resident of Georgetown until 1963, Harold J. Henry has been appointed to a position which may be unique among elementary ed- ucators in Ontario. He has been granted a year free from academic responsibility to assist an architect in planning a prototype school, to select staff and to involve the staff in organizational and curric- ulum planning.

House Condemned No Place To Go Family Makes Plea

356 Dundas Hwy. West Oakville, Ont May 4, 1967

The Editor, Georgetown Herald.

Dear Sir:

May we appeal to your for help?

We are one of the two fam- ilies completely burned out near Milton just before last New Year. After a desperate search we located a house on the Dundas Highway in Oak- ville for our family of seven and moved in with furniture, furnishings, clothing and food provided by the people of the Milton area.

Now however, this house is condemned and we must move, but no suitable housing can be found. We have covered many miles, using money badly needed for other things, in a useless search. Our income, from driving a brick truck, is small and very variable, de- pending on the number and distance of trips given. Hence we are unable to pledge our- selves to a high rental.

To complicate things, our oldest boy, Ricky, as a result of the fire, suffered his third attack of rheumatic fever and was in the Sick Children's Hos- pital since mid-January until he was recently moved to a rest home. He can come home now if a house suitable for his care can be found and he can re- main where he is for only a few weeks more. If we fail to find a suitable house by then the Children's Aid may have to take Ricky into their custody and so prolong his absence from his home and family. What this may do to his out- look on life worries us.

We were wondering if you could help us by making known our plight to your readers in whatever way you see fit in the hope that someone may be able to come up with a solution. We should be most grateful.

We have received much help from the Oakville Welfare Of- ficer, the Halton County Health Unit, and the Halton County Children's Aid Society but they cannot help us in this problem.

We are being helped in writ- ing this letter by the Rev. J. K. L. McGown of Knox Presby- terian Church, Milton. (170 Main St. E., 878-6066 or 878-2652) who will be glad to give you further information if you need it.

Sincerely,
Marg and Tom Forgrave

Anxiously,
Mr. and Mrs. Ricahrd Neve

NEWS ECHOES
From the Herald of 10 and 20 Years Ago

- 1957
- Council accepted the recommendation of Georgetown Planning Board Monday that a residential-zone area on Guelph Street be rezoned as C1 commercial. The area involved comprises the eastern highway strip from Maple Ave. to Normandy Blvd. The change left council free to okay a building permit sought by Canadian Oil Co. for construction of a service station at the Nor- many Blvd. - Guelph St. corner. Plans call for removal of two houses owned by Chester Stevens and Bob Ray- ner to make way for the service station.
 - Two Georgetown high school teachers are leaving the staff in June and two replacements have been engaged. Carl Schenk and Margaret Bourke are bound for new positions. The board has hired Tom Beer and Arthur Dobson.
 - Three more Smith and Stone Limited employees have joined the 25 year club. Nellie Fox, Edna Cole, and Jim Russell were presented with watches from the pres- ident, Col. W. E. Phillips, when the club gathered May 10th at the Royal York Hotel.
- 1947
- Drama enthusiasts are looking forward to the second presentation of Apprentice Productions which is slated for the Old Town Hall later this month. Encouraged by the success of their Laff Revue last fall two performances have been arranged with Jack Thompson again in the director's chair. They have chosen a three act comedy 'Look Who's Here' and 'Good Night, Please'. The cast will include Hal Newman, Lena Emmerson, Mary and Renee Diggins, Gertrude Dann, Neil McLennan, Jean Mackenzie, Margaret Hoare, Ethel Anthony, Ken Butler and Bill Diggins.
 - A unique feature of a long distance race planned by members of the Gladstone Athletic Club this Saturday will be exchange of greetings from Toronto's mayor Robert Saunders to Mayor Joseph Gibbons of Geor- getown. The last runner in the marathon-relay will de- liver the message in a water proof tubing to the Geor- getown mayor. Local men on the Toronto club's running team include Bill Collier, Bruce Harley, Jim, Bill and Johnny Emmerson.
 - Hit parade records available at McClure's this week - Tallahassee by Vaughn Monroe; Tumbling Tumble- weeds by Sons of the Pioneers; Green Eyes by Desi Arnez, Cool Water, by Sons of the Pioneers, Cecilia, by the Three Suns; I'm So Right Tonight, by Phil Har- ris; Come to the Mardi Gras, by Freddy Martin.

BRIDGE WINNERS

Winners at Acton Bridge Club Monday: George Soly and Bill Wandell, Tom Warnes and Charlie Renwick, Bill Barbour and Clay Barbour.

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