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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Emphasis on Veterans

The second week in June will be one of the busiest for a major Georgetown organization — the Canadian Legion Branch 120.

Special emphasis has been placed in centennial year on National Veterans' Week and the local Branch has gone all out to make this a memorable occasion locally.

Something special is planned for every day, beginning with a Sunday memorial day in the cemetery in conjunction with Odd Fellows and Rebekah, when a cairn and a veterans' plot will be dedicated.

During the week such features as a special night for those who have contributed to the Legion-sponsored Kid Hockey league; a dinner for heads of organizations and industry, and those winning awards for gallantry; recognition of boy scout and girl guide groups, Salvation Army, Red Cross and Knights of Columbus; a Vets dinner for those who served in World War I and the Boer War, and afternoon programs for elem-

entary school children, will keep the Legion Hall bustling with visitors. A book, with a summary of Branch 120 history in the past 15 years has also been prepared.

On the Saturday, there will be a giant open house, when it is hoped a majority of residents will visit the Legion building on Mill Street and review the facilities it offers. A church service, held by the branch padre Rev. Kelvin Johnston, winds up the week-long affair on Sunday, June 18th.

The Legion has been one of Georgetown's foremost service organizations since it was established after World War I. Besides the benefits it provides for ex-servicemen, it has played a continuing prominent role in town affairs, and devoted a large share of money to community betterment.

Those who are members already know what fine facilities it offers. But there are many citizens who will welcome this chance to visit the large clubroom and auditorium for perhaps the first time.

A Wonderful Holiday

Three weeks of perfect, sunny, summer weather and a schedule jam-packed with ancient history and wonderful sights, makes it no easy job to get back to the busy life of a weekly publisher.

But get back we did last Tuesday, an hour after we arrived in town from a trip which took us from Lisbon to Istanbul, with stops enroute in Spain, Yugoslavia and Greece.

We could fill the Herald for several weeks with impressions of our trip, but this would be unfair to those who might be planning a similar journey themselves some day. In our estimation, part of the fun of travelling is to feel you are discovering new lands, though in this day of rapid transit and world travel, you are only one of tens of thousands of tourists.

Perhaps the main impression one gains from visiting any European country is the definition of age. Where in Canada, something half a century old is considered an

antique — in Europe three or four centuries is the criterion.

At the same time, one is struck by the universality of large cities today — for the downtown areas of Lisbon, Madrid, Athens, are not so much different in architecture, the stores have the same merchandise, the people dress the same as on our downtown Toronto streets. But wander a little farther afield and suddenly you reach narrow streets, exotic little stores, a few native costumes to make one realize there is a vast difference.

We deem ourselves particularly fortunate to have seen Yugoslavia's Adriatic coast before the tourist boom really hits. Hotels and motels are being erected by the dozens as this iron curtain country wooes tourists from Europe and America. In a few years it will be the top spot for vacationers, possessing as it does rugged natural beauty, fine beaches and an old world atmosphere which is being faithfully preserved.

Better Garbage Containers

The waste containers placed on Main Street, several years ago by the Chamber of Commerce, have ceased to be a thing of beauty.

Dented, lacking paint and in a generally dingy condition, they are almost as unattractive as the rubbish which they are designed to collect.

The Chamber has been in the doldrums for some years, mainly because of the lack of merchant support so necessary to keep such a group in the limelight. Only the efforts of a few faithful members have kept it from disappearing altogether, and there are no funds available to supply new waste

containers.

The town treasury, too, is taxed to the limit to pay for all the necessary improvements which a growing town requires.

A simple answer would be for a few enterprising merchants to solicit donations and instal new containers on their own. After all, it is to their advantage to have a tidy Main Street, and a few dollars from each would do the trick.

How about it, Mr. Merchant? Let's have our downtown reflect the progress and prosperity which is here and replace some of the obvious eyesores which add to the scenery.

KERR'S COLUMN

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



The Ontario Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Mr. Wishart, seems to have caused a commotion by his speech in the legislature during the debate on Premier Robert's resolution calling for a conference on Confederation.

What Mr. Wishart said is, that the Provinces should have the power to meet, discuss, and if possible, agree on policies which constitutionally belong to them and to make decisions accordingly. In other words, to act as sovereign entities in dealing with matters which under the BNA Act have been allocated to Provincial Governments. Mr. Wishart, in a later statement in the Legislature given to clarify his position, said that he did not dispute the senior position of the Federal Government or the fact that it was supreme in matters which were exclusively Federal, or matters which effected all parties, Federal or Provincial. Essential powers under the BNA Act rest with the central government.

Mr. Wishart also pointed out that he believes that the success of Confederation rests mainly with a strong central government. However, this has not been the case in recent years, and because of this the provinces have been in many areas, unable to bring about changes in laws which effect both jurisdictions.

In 1867 the main problems were railroads, roads, defence and unifying a new nation. In 1967 the main problems are money problems; education, roads, resources, health, municipalities and the Administration of Justice. Nearly all of these are Provincial matters or involving both levels of government.

I can only guess what was in Mr. Wishart's mind when he made his speech. I do know, however, that the Ontario Attorney General's Department has been trying for some time to improve laws dealing with bankruptcy, which is a Federal Statute, laws dealing with marriage and divorce, the criminal

code and other such legislation which is within the Federal authority.

The Province has been wrongly accused of not modernizing laws which deal with easy or phony bankruptcies causing great hardship to legitimate creditors, of not changing archaic divorce laws, and of not amending the criminal laws of this country to provide, for example uniformity in sentencing, modern methods of rehabilitation and parole, expunging of records of young offenders, capital punishment, charitable lotteries, etc., etc.

It is common knowledge that reputable doctors in Ontario and other provinces are performing therapeutic abortions when the life of the mother depends on it. This is against the present law as is the advertising and sale of birth control pills. Mr. Wishart has on many occasions particularly at conferences with other provincial attorneys general and at Bar Association meetings, called for changes in Federal laws dealing with these and other matters. It is the duty of the Province to administer and enforce these laws, and it is difficult when you know some of them are stupid. Furthermore, I am getting sick and tired of trying to rescue the Saturday Night Bingo.

What is wrong with such activity being operated by a local church?

THE OTHER DAY A COUPLE OF FRENCH POLITICIANS SETTLED THEIR DIFFERENCES WITH A DUEL.....



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greatly concerned the Attorney General's Department is the implementation of modern methods to fight organized crime. This sophisticated menace knows no boundaries, and therefore a nationwide network of police communication and detection has to be set up. This takes cooperation between all levels of government and requires meetings and concrete plans to make the remedies effective. Certain ministers of justice in Ottawa have not shown the necessary enthusiasm for action in this field, and no doubt this has annoyed Mr. Wishart.

It is my personal opinion that Mr. Pearson has not considered the position of Minister of Justice for Canada as a major one, and therefore needed reform has been unnecessarily delayed because of this fact.

Perhaps Mr. Wishart's remarks on Confederation were influenced by his experience and objectives as Attorney General of Ontario.

Scalding Milk Eliminated In Coolrise Baking.

Milk should be warm — the same temperature as the water used for dissolving the yeast — but there's no need to scald pasteurized milk for Coolrise baking.

Great Canucks

'Punch' Dickens Pioneer In Canadian Aviation

One of a series written by students of Georgetown District High School as a Centennial year feature:

Clennell M. 'Punch' Dickens

by Fred Harris

Dickens was born at Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, and educated at the University of Alberta. He became a World War I ace and later a pioneer northern pilot. He was an executive of the old Canadian Airways, the first in the Mackenzie River district where he made several record-breaking flights into new areas, and later in Winnipeg, where from 1935 to 1940 he served as general superintendent. In 1928 he received the McKee Trophy for pioneering in the air. During the second world war he organized the Atlantic Ferry Service, and served as general manager of Canadian Pacific Airlines, before moving in 1947 to De Havilland Aircraft of Canada, where he is now executive Vice-president.

By the time he became a bush pilot he had a series of feats behind him. He had launched the first air mail service across the prairies and had flown the first mail to the Arctic Sea. He was in charge of the Mackenzie district for Canadian Airways. In the 1920's they were fighting neck and neck with their rivals, Mackenzie Air Service. In his career as a bush pilot from 1927 to 1939 he covered eight hundred thousand miles, mostly in unmapped northern country, and often in temperatures that were close to fifty below zero.

His most memorable flight was the great trip he made across the barren lands. He had five hundred unexplored and

SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

THE ANNUAL SUCKER PLAY

Tranquility is the most elusive thing in the world. At least, it is if you have a family. There must be a few rich, happy bachelors who can put their feet up, read a book and take a trip without becoming involved in several hundred irritations.

Every spring I go through the same routine, and I can't understand why an intelligent man can be so stupid and suckered annually. All it proves to me is that experience teaches you nothing, contrary to the old saw.

Each year, May beckons like a beautiful maiden clad in the flimsiest of draperies. Every year, I pursue her, panting and puffing. And each year she turns out to be an old bat garbed in potato sacks, with a wart on her nose, falsies, and bad breath.

The worst of the winter's grind is over. And I look for green leaves and a warm

And I bridle. Yes, I literally bridle. It's quite a trick, I tell her I like the chesfield as it is. We've only had it 16 years. I ask her what's wrong with the drapes we have? I refuse to admit the rug needs cleaning. And then, as they say, the fat in the fire, sputtering in all directions and burning painfully when it hits.

And I stomp out into the backyard, quivering with rage, and fear, and glare at the "compost heap"; a pile of old leaves and stones I didn't get raked last fall. And she stomps right after me and glares at me. And I stomp right in again and blurt defiantly, "Well, have it your own way, dear."

That's the only way to settle that. And I thought everything was cleared up and I might get a smidgen of tranquility. What a hope. Our prodigal turned up the next day, and we had to kill a roast of beef. And I was expected to take him aside and have a "good talk" with him and "straighten him out."

He was tanned and fit, with a beard that makes him look like a minor prophet. Had just had a pleasant six weeks, bumming around Mexico and the Southern states. Worked for his keep, here and there, from selling fruit in a market to being a servant for a wealthy couple. He's 19.

Had broken a finger, Indian wrestling on the beach at Acapulco. A Mexican doctor set it, badly, and it has to be rebroken and reset.

How do you have a "good straight talk" with a kid who just grins, listens to the blast, and says, politely, "Dad, I have all my life to go to college and settle down to a job and raise a family. What's the rush?" What indeed.

It offends my puritan upbringing, the whole protestant ethic of hard work, and the capitalist-materialist outlook of our society. But I can't help a



HARLEY TO HALTON

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

THE HOUSE OF Commons spent two days on a Supply Motion. This allows debate on any subject and was devoted to Vietnam and the Arab-Israeli dispute. It has allowed completely free debate to continue since the opening of this session. The NDP proposed a sub-amendment which criticized the Government for falling to press the United States to stop the bombing of North Vietnam, as a necessary preliminary to negotiations to end the war in Vietnam. This was voted on and the interesting feature was the split of the Conservative Party on this matter, some supporting the NDP and some supporting the Government. The Government easily defeated this sub-amendment.

THE LEADER of the Opposition moved an amendment criticizing the Government for not giving Parliamentary time for debate on international issues and not making clear its stand on these issues. This was also defeated by the Government. Two days of debate were in fact carried out. During the Throne Debate the Opposition moved to adjourn the House to discuss these matters and were turned down. They had full opportunity to discuss Vietnam during the Throne Speech Debate and yet only a few references were made concerning Vietnam.

snaking agreement with him.

I've been hacking away for 20 years, and have wound up with a couple of kookie kids, a kookie wife, a car owned by the bank, a good-sized mortgage and a job that is draining my life away, drop by drop. What, indeed, is the rush?

Oh, well. Now the family has decided we're going to Expo, and there goes the last hope of a modicum of tranquility. And what the heck! Tranquility is for old guys. And I ain't an old guy, he said shakily.

There's always next Spring.

SOME CONSTITUENTS have written to me following my request for opinions concerning Vietnam and Canadian policy. I have not as yet had enough replies to make a significant survey of opinion but I will keep the people of Halton informed as to the results.

ONE OF THE MAJOR events on Parliament Hill this week has again taken place outside the Parliament buildings. I refer to the Farmers March which took place on Wednesday, 24th May. I was present during the presentation of the Brief to the Cabinet by the leaders of the March. They expected an immediate answer to their brief which had been in the hands of the Government for approximately 24 hours. This did not give the Government time to study and discuss the matters in the brief. I believe that while the matter of dairy prices is urgent, the Government has to look into these matters from all directions and to take into consideration the effect of suggested changes on all levels of society, including both the producers and the consumers. I have every confidence that this will be done.

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