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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Township Should Share

From time to time, mention has been made of the facilities which a town pays for and operates for a large number of citizens other than its residents.

This week we heard a complaint that a Georgetown man was unable to register his child in swimming classes because they were already filled. He feels that Georgetown people should either be given priority, or the township should pay a share towards upkeep of the community swimming pool.

The problem has two sides, of course. Georgetown people will argue that they create and pay for such facilities and if used by others there should either be a higher fee, or the township should contribute a yearly amount from its tax treasury.

Whenever this is proposed, township residents will argue back that they, through their shopping, indirectly help to raise Georgetown's taxes by helping to keep merchants in business.

This latter argument, we feel, was more valid a couple of decades ago when motor traffic was not so common, and when farmers tended to combine a once-a-week trip to town with a social outing.

Today we have a growing number of rural residents who are not farmers and who travel farther for their purchases, not necessarily restricting these to our town. And as they increase in numbers, our recreational and cultural facilities are becoming overtaxed.

Our library board seeks higher and higher grants, we offer a swimming pool in summer and an arena in winter. There is no reason why Esqueping should not share in costs of these, the same as they do for high school costs and fire protection.

Rural residents should not feel that they are being taken advantage of if Georgetown insists on this. It should be strictly a business proposition, an equitable arrangement with mutual trust on both sides towards a proper sharing of costs.

Courtesy in Emergencies

Humans are curious, and tragedy always draws a crowd.

Sunday was no exception, and cars streamed to the Norval Hill, drawn by the small fire truck and ambulance, as they sped to the scene of a drowning fatality.

Unfortunately, some people are thoughtless, and they tended to drive to the scene, park their cars along the highway or in any convenient spot, without heed to the traffic congestion it causes.

An ambulance volunteer has asked us

Welcome New Plant

Although not yet a large employer of labour, Georgetown's newest factory is a decided asset to town and will be even more so in future.

At present the Dennison building is mainly a distribution centre for the wide variety of products which this old established firm produces in its Quebec factory.

However, when company officials entertained civic officials last week at an official opening ceremony, they indicated that some manufacturing is planned in Georgetown, and that before the year-end the plant staff will be augmented.

to remind readers that they can quite innocently hold up rescue operations and says that as the ambulance hurried to the hospital, siren sounding, many motorists declined to veer to the side and allow its best speed on the errand of mercy.

It would be well for all of us to keep in mind, if we visit the scene of a tragedy, to park our cars well away, to stand aside and let those who are trained for their job, work to the best advantage. A little thoughtfulness on all our parts and we are doing our bit to aid those in trouble.

Certainly the firm's new building on Todd Road, and the extra land which has been purchased, indicates that Dennison is considering a permanent and growing future in Georgetown. The plant is spacious and well constructed, with plenty of room for expansion when the need arises.

Meanwhile, from Georgetown's standpoint, our industrial balance has been increased, a well known name added to our growing industrial list, and our future made more stable with addition of a sound and prosperous business in our industrial park.

New Library Books

ADULT FICTION

- The Eighth Day — Wilder
- One Summer in Between — Mather
- The Sand Pebbles — McKenna
- The Sea for Breakfast — Beckwith
- The Ballad of the Sad Cafe — McCullers
- The Intruder — Fowler
- A Summer Place — Wilson
- Death of a Spinster — Duncombe
- Maggie-Now — Smith
- Wide Sargasso Sea — Rhys
- The Hills is Lonely — Beckwith
- Gideon's Wrath — Marrie
- A Change of Heir — Innes
- Glad Tidings — Warren
- All the Millionaires — Rackowe
- Miss Mamma Aimee — Caldwell
- The Carpenter Years — Cohen
- The Hochmann Miniatures — Fish
- Run for the Trees — Rand
- The Last of the Crazy People — Findley
- The Old Man Dies — Simenon
- Martin Merriewood — Borden
- Computer Takes All — Bourne

ADULT NON-FICTION

- Canada in the Twentieth Century — Bradley
- All about the Months — Krynthe
- Tennessee Williams and Friends — Maxwell
- Cooking for One and Two — Wile
- The Gentle Art of Smoking — Dunhill
- Animals of the North — Pruitt
- The Effective Executive — Drucker
- Songs of Joy — Untermeyer
- Inside South America — Gunther
- What About Mutual Funds? — Straley
- Dag Hammarskjold, The Statesman and His Faith — Van Dusen
- The Enlarged Devil's Dictionary — Bierca

JUNIOR BOOKS

- Barbecue Cook Book — Sunset (ed.)
- Three Little Kittens — Golden Press
- My Book of Dick Whittington — Carruth
- Hey, There - It's Yogi Bear! — Hanna
- Little Majorette — Gridler
- Hooray for Henry — Bethel
- Toby Tyler — Kaler
- Green Eggs and Ham — Seuss
- Michael and the Ok — Dadda
- A Kinkajou on the Town — Montgomery
- Key out of Time — Norton
- The Man who was Magic — Gallico
- The Timid Dragon — Selridge
- The Little Mermaid — Andersen
- Star Born — Norton
- The Tailor of Gloucester — Potter
- The Tale of Benjamin Bunny — Potter
- The Groober — Byars
- The Boat Book — Kaufman
- Grandpa — Borack
- 101 Dalmatians — Disney
- Moon Man — Ungerer
- The Black Opal — Bird
- The Space Ship Under the Apple Tree — Slobodkin
- Mias Fix-it — de Lecur

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A CENTURY OF PROGRESS

SUGAR AND SPICE by Bill Smiley

IT'S A GREAT COUNTRY

Since we are 100 years old this week, I should be grinding out an ode to Canada. But it's so hot, the very thought of it makes me feel about 100 years old. (Come on, Smiley, it ain't that hot.)

Instead, let's have an honest look at ourselves to find out what kind of a tribe those ten decades produced.

Trying to pin down the Canadian national character is like trying to thread a needle in the dark, blind-folded and half-stoned. Trouble is, any way you add up the individual characteristics, they come out spelling schizophrenia.

For example, the experts tell us that we are an extremely articulate people. That means we don't talk much. Maybe it's because we haven't anything worth saying, and are too proud to show our ignorance. But at the same time we are the world's biggest yackers. According to the telephone companies, Canadians spend more time on the blower than any other nation proportionately. Yes! Jack, my wife does too. Undoubtedly this is a backlash from pioneer days, when women often went for weeks without a chance for a good talk with another woman. They're trying to catch up.

Another contradiction. In pioneering, exploring, wars, we have shown ourselves bold, adventurous, brave. Yet we are timid about investing our money in Canada, and we also buy more insurance, per capita than any other country. Why this caution, the desire for security? There's something Freudian about it: mother-country; breast-fed too long; return to the womb or something. But we haven't time to figure that one out today.

We are as materialistic as we could be and, with some reason it takes more than a century to get from sod planting to sonata from bar-raising to ballet. At the same time we are extremely culture-conscious, and are secretly delighted with the Stratford Festival and the National Ballet and our sprinkling of symphony orchestras. As long as we don't have to attend.

Despite our reverence for culture, we refuse to read. The quickest way to lose your shirt in Canada is to open a book store. In a population of 20 million, a new book that sells 10,000 copies is a runaway best-seller. It must be a hang-over from the pioneer attitude that a person should be doing something and that reading doesn't come in this category. Or is it because we have too much money and too many toys?

Something else we refuse to do is walk. Europeans enjoy walking. Englishmen love it. Why won't we? Our trouble probably is, in equal parts: too far to anywhere; wanting to get there in a hurry; car-worship; and plain laziness.

We are heavy boozers, as the

HARLEY TO HALTON

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

THE HOUSE OF Commons has continued its studies of estimates of Government spending apart from one day devoted to the Cape Breton Coal Mine Bill. This is a Bill which will allow the Federal and Provincial Government of Nova Scotia to take over the coal mines in Cape Breton and gradually phase out their activities over many years. This is necessary because of severe economic problems that will result in Cape Breton if immediate assistance is not provided for the coal industry there.

EACH DAY ON Estimates generally sees a different Government department under examination. This is not new policy but government spending programmes on policies that have already been debated in the House of Commons, some times within the past year but perhaps many, many years ago.

AT THE PRESENT time in this Second Session of the 27th Parliament the hours of the House of Commons have been changed slightly. The hours are as follows:

Monday 2:30-7:00 and 8:00-10:00
Tues. 2:30-7:00 and 8:00-10:00
Wed. 2:30-6:00 no evening sitting
Thursday 2:30-7:00 and 8:00-10:00
Friday 11:00-1:00 and 2:30-6:00

ACTUALLY THE House of Commons usually sits after 10 p.m. until 10:30 or so. This is called the Late Show and during this time Members can

bring up questions that were not answered to their satisfaction during the question period. Visitors to the House of Commons should try to visit at the opening of each day's session for the question period when the Cabinet answers questions put to them by the Opposition. Government Members can also ask questions if they wish but generally do this more privately as the period is usually considered to be for Opposition Members.

THE TIMES WHEN the House of Commons is not sitting are occupied by Committees work and correspondence and Government matters undertaken on behalf of constituents. My largest amount of correspondence continues to be with matters of immigration. The Departments that seem to most concern the people of Halton are the Post Office, Canada Pension Commission, Veterans Affairs, and Health and Welfare. Depending on current issues the volume of mail between Departments varies, but generally speaking the total volume of mail does not change greatly, although most mail comes early in the week.

It is now expected that the House of Commons will not recess before the 7th July, 1967.

TIMES HAVE CHANGED
In 1920 half of all college students in Canada were women—today men outnumber women two to one in institutes of higher learning.

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