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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Lots of Hoopla

Quick to adopt most American customs, Canadians have never gone in for the gimmicks and hoopla always associated with U.S. political conventions.

Last week the Progressive-Conservatives did, and caused more furor and got more television and press coverage than the last dozen elections all put together.

The convention had all the necessary ingredients — a colourful leader, fighting for his political future, nine others from various sections of the Dominion, most of them well-known, and including two provincial premiers; a lady dark-horse to make it the first time a woman has sought such high office, and a new declaration of party policy for a two-world Canada, hotly opposed by a few, roundly supported by another few, and politically accepted by a majority.

Despite a slim chance of making the grade again as the national leader, John Diefenbaker succeeded in stealing the show right to the end. He kept his plans a close secret. In a terrific speech Thursday

he indicated he might quit when he said he could not accept the leadership of a party espousing two separate nations in one Canada. Friday morning he allowed his name to stand for nomination, while saying at the same time that this was only to allow him freedom of movement. Saturday, with all the odds against him, he stood for office, left the convention centre dejected after the first ballots showed him trailing dismally, then rallied to return and make a final speech which brought him a standing ovation.

Despite his defeat, who was it got at least an equal share of the press reports next day with new leader Robert Stanfield — Dief, of course.

Even his bitterest enemies will miss him when, as it must now happen, he no longer continues in a major political role.

There were few who watched the drama who did not wish that, with a perfect opportunity to bow out still on top, to always feel in later years that he might have won, he succumbed to that last temptation and saw his world tumble.

Nails No Good

A simple treatment for elm trees infested by Dutch beetles was relayed to Herald readers last year. This was to drive galvanized nails around the trunk, approximately an inch apart. The theory was that the nails would poison the sap, eliminate the feeding beetles and save the tree from further damage.

Ewing Street resident Ern Hyde tried the remedy which seemed to work, but found that in any old tree wound, sap was weeping and killing the grass where it dropped.

He wrote the Science department at the University of Guelph for an opinion, and has been informed that experimentation with the nails has found them to be useless for preventing Dutch elm disease.

There are other preventative measures but they are very costly and not too long-lasting.

While Mr. Hyde's hopes were buoyed by the fine appearance of his trees this year, the university tells him this is probably due to the heavy rainfall this season.

The letter concludes: "If your trees are isolated from others they may escape the attention of the bark beetles and so escape the disease. If the trees are still vigorous they are not as attractive to the beetles.

If there are weak, dying, newly dead or storm-damaged branches that might attract beetles for egg laying purposes, such wood should be removed by an experienced tree expert. On some sites it may pay to water the trees during the dry part of the summer and to apply commercial fertilizer to maintain the trees in good vigour. All prunings, dead wood and fallen branches should be burned."

New Sidewalk Needed

With the season rapidly passing the stage when sidewalk repairs can still be made, there is one glaring spot which we hope the road committee can still consider.

The sidewalk from the old post office to the highway is so pockmarked and uneven that it constitutes a definite hazard to pedestrians, particularly women in high heeled shoes, and those pushing baby carriages.

On many occasions we have noticed women walk along the roadway rather than risk a broken ankle in negotiating this tor-

tuous route. Which replaces that hazard with the danger of being struck by an automobile.

Last year the sidewalk around the old post office was replaced with a new surface.

The same should be done immediately with the remainder. It is one of the town's most-used walks, one which can help form a stranger's opinion of our town, and a place where we should put our best foot forward to show Georgetown is an up-to-date, attractive community.



OOPS — ARE WE FORGETTING SOMETHING?

THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

ORANGEVILLE — The Orangeville Agricultural Society has staged another successful fall fair, the 109th, and although attendance was slightly down from last year, it was more than double the 1965 figure, Robert Nixon, leader of the opposition at Queens Park, officially opened the fair.

HILLSBURGH — A Hillsburgh' Cyril Clark said voters in Peel would never allow the county week when hydro linemen removed the ancient elm tree from the Presbyterian Church property. The 150 year old gl- ant stricken with the dreaded Dutch elm disease.

CALEDON — An Australian, Mel Stevens, has bought a Cal- edon ranch which he intends to convert to a teen ranch. A similar project in Australia op- erated by Mr. Stevens pulled in hundreds of youngsters during the vacation periods.

BRAMPTON — County Warden, SNELGROVE — Straw being put into a barn on the farm of Harold Cunningham got so warm during the process that it had to be removed quickly. The incident occurred Satur- day. A Chinguacousy fire de- partment platoon chief helped empty the barn after the it was becoming extremely hot.



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NEWS ECHOES

From the Herald of 10 and 20 Years Ago

1957

● Parking meters begin official operations in Georgetown Thursday when the police force will begin handing out tickets for violations of the 5c an hour change now being levied for downtown parking. The meters were installed the latter part of last week.

● A large crowd was on hand both Friday and Saturday where celebrations were going on heralding the opening of Stonehouse Motors, Georgetown's newest car dealership and service station and the introduction locally of the new 1958 Edsel.

● Fred Harrison and Lorraine Garvin took top honours at the high school field day Wednesday, scoring 24 and 26 points respectively to win top honours. Intermediate Ken Beam had 23 points and Lynn Scott 18. Juniors Peter Townsend and Marlene Kemshead each counted 22 points.

1947

● Georgetown will soon have a new industry when Henry Davis Woods Products Limited, begins making nursery furniture next month. The company has leased the Diggins building on Main St. and expects to be in production by October 1st. It will employ about 25.

● Rev. Charles Gower of Waterford has accepted a call as minister of First Baptist Church, Georgetown, and will take over his new duties in mid-October. He succeeds Rev. J. E. Ostrom, who with Mrs. Ostrom and Bobby, is now making his home in Port Arthur.

● A memorial tablet containing the names of Georgetown servicemen killed in World War II will be placed by the town on the cenotaph at the corner of Main and Guelph Sts. A balance of \$200.53 from the now defunct War Services Reception Committee has been turned over to the town for this purpose and any extra expense will come from the public treasury.

● Announcement was made last week of the acquisition of the Gregory Theatre in Georgetown, Acton and Oakville by Odeon Theatres of Canada Limited, the sale taking effect last Monday.

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IN THE MAIL BAG

Boost Youth Centre as Answer to Teen Problems

Sept. 11th, 1967
Dear Sir:
We hope after you have read this letter you will understand the problems of teenagers growing up in Georgetown.

Teenagers — what are they? In the words of Rev. Ken Allan "a teenager is the happy medium between puberty and adulthood." The youth of today are tomorrow's doctors, lawyers and possibly Indian Chiefs. They are the most contradicted individuals in our society today — for example, our music, our dress, our speech and our ideals. Teenagers are more informed and concerned of the many problems facing the adult world. How did this come about? Who or what can be blamed? We feel that the medians of television, radio and the newspapers have brought this situation about. In the following paragraphs you will read our expressed opinions respectively.

Take the town of Georgetown for a good example. Rapid growth in industries, housing complexes, and most of all factories. What has this brought about? More jobs, therefore more money in which to buy homes in order to raise families. Most of the families will have teenage sons or daughters. What has Georgetown got to offer them? Let's face the fact we rank first in juvenile delin-

criticisms from the adults. We will repeat, criticism is cheap. Through the organization of a youth centre the door between the adult and the youth of today will be opened.

We feel the town will benefit by a youth centre through equal cooperation between the teens and the adults, good loyal citizens, and a general sense of pride for the town of Georgetown.

You as a reader of this letter are asked by us to express your views and comments.

Signed,
Jim Egerton,
Norm Cloutier.

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