

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Lets Get Together

With a small storm raging between Canadian Legion branch and Board of Parks Management, which operates the arena, we are hopeful that an amicable solution will be found. For if not, the end result will be a blow to a flourishing Saturday morning hockey league which includes hundreds of youngsters engaged in healthy recreation.

The matter began when the Legion received a letter from the parks board intimating that a \$5.00 per hour ice rental time would be charged this year. The league, for which the Legion provides sweaters, administration personnel and a small payment for ice scraping, heat and lights has not up to now been charged for such time. This would be a matter of some \$1,000 for the season.

A meeting was requested with the board, but with less than a quorum of board members attending, no specific action was

taken, although some revised suggestions were made. Following this the parks board request was flatly turned down at a Legion meeting.

There are two sides to every dispute. The parks board, operating on a slim budget, by which it must supplement a town grant with revenue, must try to do the best for the most with the money available. It is quite possible that it needs this extra thousand dollars and must obtain it either from a sponsoring group or from a public source.

It would appear that now, either the Legion with or without cooperation of other service-type clubs, must find the \$1,000 or the town treasury will have to forfeit the extra money — or Saturday morning hockey as we have known it will be a thing of the past. And that would be a real tragedy for all concerned.

One Solution

There is one alternative which could rescue the situation, and allow everyone to save face.

This would be for Esquing Township to offer to come to the rescue and contribute the \$1,000 from its tax treasury.

For years there has been a feeling in town that the township should pay a share of some of the municipal services provided here which are being used by growing numbers of township residents. And as Esquing becomes more and more urban, it becomes apparent that Georgetown should not be expected to pay all the costs of arena and public library, to name two examples.

The town has never made a proper approach to the township council in this regard. From time to time there has been a bit of council sniping, on both sides, but

to our knowledge the two councils have never really got together and discussed the matter rationally.

Esquing should not look on Georgetown as trying to gouge tax money from them, any more than Georgetown should regard Esquing as coasting on services which the town creates and pays for. There should be a mutual feeling of good will, with the town happy to be able to provide services which would cost Esquing exorbitantly to provide on their own. Each can benefit by some cost sharing arrangement.

As years go by, and more and more urban dwellers locate in the area just outside town limits, it cannot be expected that those who happen to be geographically in the town should continue to provide recreation facilities for more and more township young people.

Why Not Every Year?

With a Get Acquainted night Wednesday, the Chamber of Commerce is hopeful that it will again take its place as one of the town's main community associations.

Not that it ever realized its potential as it has in most towns.

The Chamber has always had a piecemeal existence and, unlike the large majority of such organizations, has had to count more on the work of members of industry and a few private individuals, than on merchants who should be its most active supporters.

From a selfish standpoint alone, a merchant stands to benefit more from an active Chamber of Commerce, than anyone else. And we have never understood why merchants, except for a very few, have expressed a complete disinterest, refusing to be even token members, let alone working ones.

Surely merchants are busy people, but

if one is too busy with his own little show to work for a collective future, he can some day be outdistanced by a smarter operator. Or, if merchants refuse to band together for their common good, a business section can go downhill.

There are dozen of ideas which, if the Chamber of Commerce, had an active, retail section, could be undertaken. Special sales promotions, encouragement of retail businesses which we don't possess to locate in town, special seasonal attractions in the main shopping areas, encouragement of those whose store fronts are not too modern to make improvements, engaging a handyman to keep the business districts cleaner and more free of refuse than they are today. We could go on and on.

We hope that a majority of merchants will get on the Chamber bandwagon and lend their efforts to making Georgetown one of the best towns in the province.



IT ALWAYS ENDS UP WITH THE WATER-BOY!

SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

MY COLLEGE CO-ED

If you think it's tough trying to get a son or daughter ready for college cooled out and settled in, you should try it with a wife, who hasn't been there for twenty years.

It's an exhausting experience emotionally and financially. All the kids want is that you should take all the stuff down, help unload it, press a large sum upon them, and disappear back to Hicksville, so you will stop embarrassing them in front of their new class-mates.

With Momma it's not that simple. First comes the tremendous decision itself, comparable to Moses making up his mind to lead the "Children" back to the Promised Land. There are surges of confidence, but they are outweighed by sudden despair.

"My brain is rusty. I'll never make it. They've probably lost my files. There'll be a rule refusing people over 30. The course is most likely a 3-1 harrier now. I'll feel like a fool with all those kids in mini-skirts and eye-shadow." And so on.

You patiently point out that rust can be removed; any hair-cut can pass fourth year; universities never lose anything, except the letter you wrote them last week; she's more mature; and the course will be a snap; she's better looking now than she was in third year, away back.

This bolstered, she sends off the application. Nothing happens. Fear and frustration mount. So father has to write a

Father points out that, with judicious borrowing, we can keep one of the family going to college. Since Hugh is no longer there, and in fact has a splendid job laying carpets, it might as well be she. This produces half a day's tears of mingled rage and grief over Hugh's quitting.


It also produces a guilt complex. She vows that nobody has ever lived as cheaply at college as she will. She's going to pig it in a grubby little room. All she needs is a sleeping-bag, card table, hot-plate and electric kettle. She'll walk miles to save carfare, hitch-hike home on weekends.

Hah! Have you tried to rent a cheap little room lately? Father took mother to the city, and while she registered at the college, poured an ale and pored over the classified ads. Best he could find was a room, share bath and kitchen, at \$20 a week.

It wasn't bad. But there was a stumbling-block, as usual. The other inmates were college girls, and the landlady had an iron rule that no men, except her own husband were allowed inside the front door. She was inflexible. So was I. I'd planned to pad down with the old lady the odd weekend, saying the price of a hotel room.

To cut a long story to ribbons, the shabby little room first suggested has grown into an apartment, furnished. And I wouldn't tell my closest friend let alone my banker, what the rent is.

She had to save face and go through with it, but not before trying one more gambit. It was impossible financially. There was no way we could manage it.



HARLEY TO HALTON

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

THE HOUSE OF Commons has reconvened and everyone has been awaiting the anticipated change in atmosphere in the Parliament of Canada. It started this way and lasted approximately 30 minutes, then reverted to its more usual argumentative state. The first three days saw attempts by the Opposition to discuss three matters of urgency, namely:

- (1) wheat prices and wheat sales;
- (2) housing situation; and
- (3) national unity.

The Government agreed to allow discussion on any topic including national unity, followed by a vote of non-confidence. BEFORE CHRISTMAS the Government will have to conclude the Budget debate and the various tariff items included in it. One of the major changes in Government structure will be the creation of a Government Department of Corporate and Consumer Affairs under the leadership of the Registrar General, the Honourable John Turner. This Department will deal with all matters concerning the consumer and as an example will make changes in the Trade

Mark and Patent Acts as recommended by the Special Committee on Drug Costs and Prices which should help to reduce the cost of drugs. The Post Office Department has been operating at a deficit of \$77 million doled out over a year and an increase in postal rates will be brought in to reduce this deficit, but will not completely remove it. This will mean an increase in first-class mail rates from 5c to 6c for out-of-town mail and from 4c to 5c for local delivery. In addition to this, the other classes of mail will be re-defined and will also be increased appropriately, in particularly third class, unsolicited mail.

IT IS EXPECTED that social legislation will be proceeded with in the form of divorce reform and changes in the laws of birth control and abortion. This topic is now under study by the Health and Welfare Committee which I have the honour to Chair. It is likely that capital punishment will once again be voted upon but I expect there will be no change from the previous vote.

There are of course, other matters which will be discussed in the months ahead, and these will be reviewed as they come forward.

NEWS ECHOES

From the Herald's of 10 and 20 Years Ago

1957

● A family business for almost 80 years, Beaumont Knitting Mills Ltd. changed ownership yesterday. Arthur Beaumont, head of the firm since 1944, announced sale of the business to three men who have been associated with the business for some time, Sam Penrice, Gord Graham and Frank Grew.

● Georgetown's population increased from 6257 to a record figure of 6,678 in the past year. Assessment has also reached an all time high of \$9,154,487. Assessment Commissioner Joseph Gibbons reported to council this week.

● Georgetown Hospital Association chairman Jack Gunn, and its solicitor John Ord, met with A. J. Swanson, head of the provincial government's Hospital Services Commission on Wednesday to request a review of the situation with regard to building a hospital in Georgetown.

1947

● Accepted the tender of the highest bidder, the Canadian Bank of Commerce, to purchase debenture issues of \$30,000 for War-time Housing and \$30,000 for artificial ice installation in the Memorial Arena.

● A new business will soon be operating when Cordaro Candies move to their basement location in Mr. Cordaro's building on Main St. which now houses Ernie's Radio and Electrical Indicators.

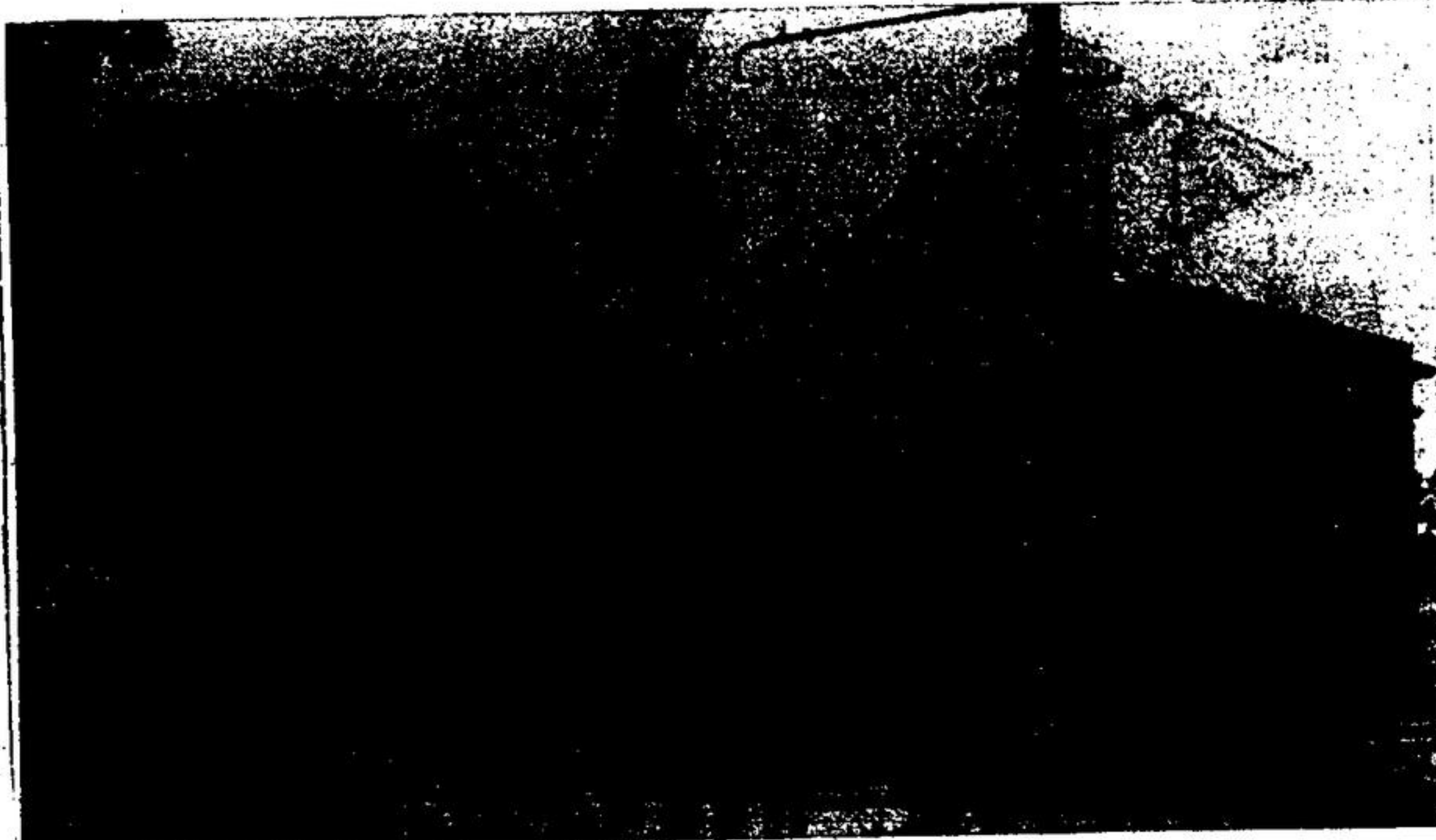
● Involved in the greatest mass trades in professional hockey history Georgetown's Bob Goldham has donned a Chicago Black Hawk uniform and will be playing defense for the Hawks this season. Bob, Gaye Stewart, Gus Bodnar, Bud Poile, and Ernie Dickens were traded by Toronto Maple Leafs for Chicago's Max Bentley and Cyril Thomas.

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Turning Back Time



RAILWAY TRACKS CROSSED DOWNTOWN STREET

THIS BUILDING DISAPPEARED from the downtown scene recently to make way for a modern office building being construction by Halton and Peel Trust and Savings. When this picture was taken, almost forty years ago, it was the Georgetown station of the Toronto to Guelph Suburban Electric Railway or Radial Line as it was familiarly known.