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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Approaching 13,000

With Georgetown's population at the end of September 12,623, one can assume that today there are close to 13,000 residents.

New subdivisions at the east and west ends of town have been briskly selling homes, a new apartment building is rapidly filling up, and the census figures are out of date even as they are released.

The town is now over five times its size of a quarter century ago. Located as it is in the industrial hub of Ontario, it will continue to expand rapidly and will soon be reaching city status.

The newest growth has not brought the problems which the first postwar influx did. In those days, Georgetown had little to protect it from subdividers and drainage and road problems occupied a giant share of council's attention.

It was also a period when the town changed character rapidly from a very small community where people knew each other

intimately, to more of a city atmosphere. There was some resentment, not so much from the older residents, as from the newer ones who had moved from cities for a rural atmosphere, only to find the city pursuing them here. The oldtimers, for their part, were caught up in the excitement of change. It's different today.

Once you pass the five or six thousand mark, a town loses its small town character. Another few thousand people do not essentially change the character.

The town now has better subdivision controls and there is a minimum of problems for home owners in newly created residential districts.

And new residents, moving to a community of this size, are not looking so much for the bucolic, rural life. Used to cities, they do not expect to be welcomed too heartily by their neighbours and are content to get in the swim of community life more gradually.

### Practical Education

Things like the model United Nations which Georgetown high school hosted recently are an important part of secondary schooling.

For too many years, extracurricular activities in the schools focussed too much on sports, and cultural pursuits tended to take a minor role.

Now, without underplaying the physical side, other activities are coming to the fore, and rightly so. For it is not our duty to prepare our young people as well as

possible for their adult years, with the proper combination of education.

Those participating in the Model U.N. and those who attended the sessions, could not fail to benefit by the training received. The students were getting a living lesson in debate and discussion, in human nature and how to handle tricky situations.

Such things rightly deserve the attention of school authorities and should share equal billing with football and other recreational activities.

### Dangerous Corner

Changing of the through traffic flow at the Main and Maple corner has created a temporarily dangerous situation, especially for local drivers who have grown accustomed to Maple being the stop street.

Maple has now been made a through street, and motorists approaching it on Main Street should use particular caution in coming to a full stop. At the same time, one should not regard Maple as a throughway and barrel up or down the hill without a cautious eye on what the Main St. motorists are doing.

One day this week we paused on Ma-

ple, luckily, as two motorists drove right through. From the savage glance we got from one, as we started to cross, it was obvious that he had not yet seen the new stop sign and was cursing us for breaking the law.

We would suggest further improvements at the corner. A large warning sign 'Stop Ahead' should be used on Main South, farther back from the corner. And 'Warning, Dangerous Intersection' should be posted on both sides of Maple to slow down those who have no way of knowing they are crossing a busy street.

### \$1,049,538 Addition For Milton School

Milton District High School Board last week accepted a bid for a proposed addition to the town's high school. The addition will include four

classrooms, two drafting rooms and library, office practice room, business machine room, accounting and book-keeping room, marketing and merchandising room, electric typing room, lab, sheet metal shop, auto shop, gym, occupational shop and cafeteria.



THE SEASON IS OVER BUT THE MEMORY WILL LINGER ON

## "Lest We Forget"

### The Honour Roll

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Pte. G. H. Spires  
Pte. S. Stawicki  
Pte. E. Cornish

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F/O Norman Baily  
Lt. John Bowman  
Lt. Bruce Zimmerman  
Dvr. Carman Sutcliffe  
P/O James Louth  
P/O William Murphy  
F/Sgt. Lawrence Beaumont  
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Cpl. Carl Hyde  
Rfm. J. Davis  
Pte. Harry Dickenson  
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Dvr. Claude Dillon  
Pte. Edward Doyle  
Pte. Ervine Hills  
Pte. Fred Kidd  
Pte. John O'Kane  
Pte. John Oliver  
A/B Victor Millar

KILLED IN ACTION IN KOREA ... 1951  
Cpl. Ron Edmunds Pte. Ken Norton

"THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE"



Georgetown and district will honour its war dead Sunday at Remembrance Park.

## SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

### Give Cops a Break

As Gilbert and Sullivan humorously pointed out a good many years ago, "A policeman's lot is seldom a happy one."

And it certainly hasn't gotten any happier in the interim, as the newspapers will tell you. Everywhere, policemen are unhappy. In the cities, they're like a flock of sheep, they resign right and left, usually in a cloud of recrimination.

Why are they fed up? For a whole lot of reasons. It's only surprising so many of them stay at it.

First of all, they are poorly paid. This fine, old tradition probably dates back to the days when a cop was a 'dumb flatfoot,' lucky to get a job with some security involved. During The Depression, the town cop was envied because he got a pay check, be it ever so humble, every week.

Secondly, they must cope with continued interference from elected officials, or local big shots. It might be the Chairman of the Police Commission, more concerned with paring his police budget than with the quality of the policeman. Or it might be the fellow who belongs to the same service club as the mayor, and expects special treatment, whether it's a parking ticket or drunk driving charge. This is hard to take.

Another thing that bugs them, even those who like the work is the hours—working holidays; special details; calls in the middle of the night.

And, of course, there's the job itself. Much of it is routine,

even boring. Everything is triplicate. But a Saturday night can be a nightmare. How would you like to cope with a drunken fight at a dance? Or a stolen car, driven by a kid at 100 miles-an-hour? Or a couple of plastered prostitutes belting you about the head and ears with their handbags, cheered on by the mob? Or a call from delighted neighbours, at 2:00 a.m., telling you that Joe Scheiss is beating the brains out of his wife?

And that's on top of the ordinary stuff: petty thefts; gang bunnies; car crashes; street beatings; jeering hoodlums.

But I think all these things are secondary. There's something else that has turned the placid policeman of even 20 years ago into a mean cop. And that's the attitude of the people. It's fairly new and very nasty.

I notice it, with dismay, among teenagers. Even the decent ones sneer at "The Fuzz" as they term our stalwart guardians of the law. I don't know where they got it—perhaps from movies and television—but they seem to think the policeman some brutalized Gestapo type looking for trouble.

A few policemen, of course, foster this attitude. There are always a few bullies in uniform who release their own psychological perversions. But they are a tiny minority, usually curbed by their peers.

Even more disturbing, perhaps, is the number of adults who will stand around and watch a policeman being beaten up, and enjoy it.

There's always, of course,

been war between the police and the populace. But it used to be a good natured, fun-war. You tried to circumvent the law whether it was swiping apples or beating the speed limit. If you were caught, you grumbled a bit, lied like a trooper, and probably got off with a warning. And everybody was happy.

Now it's open and blatant: battle. It's vicious and ugly. It is fanned by newsmen and television. They always seem to be there when the cops are manhandling some screaming punk, but are never present when some constable is being kicked into jelly.

I've met a lot of cops in my day, some in the line of my duty, and I hasten to add, some in the line of theirs. A few of them were real hoods, but the vast majority were decent, ordinary chaps who would go out of their way to be helpful.

It's a rotten job, but remember, men, somebody loves you!

NEW OUTLOOK: Despite almost impossible growing conditions at the White Sands National Monument near Alamogordo, N.M., a few desert plants do survive. These determined specimens, constantly struggling to maintain their crowns above the surface of the shifting gypsum dunes, keep lengthening their stems. Some have been found to have stems as long as 40 feet.

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## DISTRICT NEWS AT A GLANCE

### CAMPBELLVILLE

The Red Baron's cousin has been shot down — by the federal tax people. Wolfgang von Riechhofen of Campbellville, a cousin of the famous German air ace of WWI, Baron Manfred von Riechhofen, nicknamed the Red Baron, has had his appeal against a revenue department assessment on the \$22,887 profit from the sale of a farm in Nassagaweya rejected by the tax appeal board.

### ORANGEVILLE

Eight cars in a funeral procession were involved in a series of rear end collisions just north of Orangeville. One pallbearer never reached the cemetery and six cars were unable to complete the journey. The cars had to be towed off the highway after one of the cars behind the hearse stalled causing the collisions.

### BURLINGTON

James C. Holloway of Burlington has laid claim to Admiral Sir Cloudesley Shovell's long-lost fortune. Shovell died Oct. 22, 1707, when his ship Association went down off England with all hands. Navy treasure hunters recently discovered the ship and its gold and silver valued at \$3 million. Holloway claims to be a direct descendant.

### ACTON

The CNR vice president has answered a letter by Dr. Harry Harley, MP for Halton, concerning the proposed closing of Acton station. R. T. Vaughan said in his reply that the station will be closed permanently only if a trial period shows the new 'master agency' plan to be preferable.

## PORT CREDIT

St. Lawrence Starch Company has announced a probe will be undertaken to try and halt the periodic 'sickly smells' coming from the plant. It occurs usually when corn is being processed. The probe is being carried out by air pollution experts from Niagara Falls.

## STREETSVILLE

Two juveniles will appear in court this week charged with possession of marijuana. The purpose of trafficking. The Streetsville police chief and a Toronto Township detective worked all night before making the arrests. It is believed the drugs came from the Yorkville area.

## OAKVILLE

The former Erin post office will be renovated and reopened as a gift shop. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ledger have purchased the building and intend to make it an addition to Erin's shopping centre specializing in pottery and ceramics.

## OSPRIDGE

Fire crews from Hillsburgh, Erin and Acton battled a blaze that did extensive damage to a large building on the milk farm of Len Buck on Hwy. 24 just west of Ospridge Wednesday. Mr. Buck has operated the well-known milk farm for 17 years. None of the 5,000 milk were harmed by the flames.

## ROCKWOOD

Rockwood Centennial School was officially opened Friday evening. A large crowd heard S. D. Oates, assistant to the regional superintendent of education deliver the official opening address in the new school's modern auditorium.

## BRAMPTON

Brampton parents have charged that pediculosis — lice in the hair — has broken out among Brampton school children for the fourth year running because of inadequate health services. Edward Conover, school board vice chairman, said "the situation is not good and the school board is looking into it."

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