

# Georgetown Herald

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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Friday... and He's Through

This Friday is an important one in the life of one of Georgetown's best known residents.

When he sells the last item at an auction sale near Norval, Frank Petch will be officially retiring from a profession in which he has participated for over half a century.

Following in the footsteps of his father, Ben, from whom he learned the intricacies of the trade, Mr. Petch has lent his voice and auctioneering skills to countless sales. Livestock, furniture, antiques, farms and houses have changed hands under his experienced guidance.

He has gathered speed as the years went by — in fact, the past two or three years, have seen a new record in number

of sales, and he has been in demand, not only in this district, but towards the lakeshore, where he has conducted dozens of sales in the Oakville and Burlington areas.

Mr. Petch has served his community well in other capacities too — as a town councillor, secretary of the fall fair board, and, most important, as a kindly, respected citizen always interested in community welfare.

He will be greatly missed in his retirement, although it is not inconceivable, that he might be pressed into service assisting one of the district's younger auctioneers. Fifty-three years of experience is not to be discarded lightly, and we imagine he will be chafing at the bit when the next sale comes around.

### Big Time Entertainment

An ambitious attempt to bring big-time entertainment to our doorstep is being made by the Rotary Club.

The club has booked the Riviera for the Don Cossack chorus and dancers for a one night stand in March. Following on the heels of another successful show recently, featuring singers David Whitfield and Ruby Murray, which played to a full house, the

March concert will undoubtedly be equally popular.

We are lucky to have the facilities available to house attractions of this calibre of the Don Cossacks. The troupe has played in almost every country in the world, has had many engagements in Toronto at Massey Hall, Maple Leaf Gardens and the Royal Alex. It is something which no music lover will want to miss.

### Include Church in Your Plans

The Christmas season, in its many festivities, sometimes tends to make us lose sight of the basic reason for all the celebrations — the birthday of a man whom Christians revere as their religious basis, and people of other faiths recognize as one of the world's most famous men.

On the secular side, it is a time for gaiety — gift shopping and exchange of presents, parties for children and adults, concerts, decorated trees, outdoor lighting. Surely one of the happiest times of the year.

In Christian churches it is a happy time also. Beautiful carols are sung, many have

candlelight services and Christmas trees. Regular churchgoers are joined by those who miss some of the regular services. There are handshakes and greetings of goodwill. The communion service is even more mystical, more meaningful as it is administered in a church crowded with worshippers.

Include the church in your plans this Christmas. Attend services in the church of your faith and join in the celebration of the birthday of Christ.

Church attendance is a prerequisite to enjoying Christmas day to the fullest, with all its varying pleasures.



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tion to alcohol or narcotics with failure of treatment for these disorders. Separation will be granted for divorce where the petitioner has been unable to locate her marriage partner for three years or where one of the marriage partners deserts the other for at least five years. It was pointed out that most divorce laws in Canada were over one hundred years old and as such had little relevance to today's conditions. All of these speeches to date in the House of Commons have been in favor of the Bill and it would appear at this time that it should pass quickly.

THE NEW BUDGET will be debated over the next six days and will provide the Opposition with further opportunities of voting non-confidence in the Government.

IT IS EXPECTED that the Minister of National Revenue, the Honourable Mr. Benson, will be making a statement in the House of Commons concerning the various cutbacks that the Government are making during the current year to limit Government spending. It is anticipated that these cutbacks will affect every Department of Government. It is difficult to say at this time whether any of these cutbacks will have any influence on the programs currently under way in the County of Halton.

### SLIPS THAT PASS IN THE TYPE

To err is human and sometimes slips that pass in the type give everyone in this newspaper a hand-grip expression for days on end. Sometimes they can cause much concern.

Thankfully, we haven't yet had a string of errors like the one recently reported made by a small daily newspaper in the southern United States.

It started with the following ad in the classified page on a Monday:

FOR SALE: R.D. Jones has one sewing machine for sale. Phone 958 after 7 p.m. and ask for Mrs. Kelly who lives with him cheap.

On Tuesday — NOTICE: We regret having erred in R.D. Jones' ad yesterday. It should have read: One sewing machine for sale. Cheap. Phone 958 and ask for Mrs. Kelly who lives with him after 7 p.m.

On Wednesday — R.D. Jones has informed us that he has received several annoying telephone calls because of the error we made in

his classified ad yesterday. His ad stands corrected as follows:

FOR SALE: R.D. Jones, has one sewing machine for sale. Cheap. Phone 958 after 7 p.m. and ask for Mrs. Kelly who loves with him.

Finally, on Thursday — NOTICE: I, R.D. Jones, have no sewing machine for sale. I smashed it. Don't call 958 as the telephone has been taken out. I have not been carrying on with Mrs. Kelly. Until yesterday she was my housekeeper, but she quit.

Indeed to err is human—but to forgive, in this case was divine.

It makes us feel a little better anyway.

### WORD OF THE WEEK

ABJURE — To command on oath under pain of penalty; charge solemnly; entreat earnestly.

Next week's word: Abnegate.

### THE MAIL BAG

#### Says Student Paper Unjustly Censored

Kingston, Ontario  
19 Baker Street,  
December 2, 1967

Dear Sir:

On November 16th, an editorial entitled "Censorship Necessary" appeared in your paper as a comment on the Valedictory speech by Roger Smith at Georgetown's Commencement Ceremony. In the following issue, a number of letters appeared in protest to that editorial. Since I am no longer a resident of Georgetown, these letters were slow in reaching me, but as an ex-student of Georgetown High School, I feel compelled at this time to add my opinions, belated though they may be.

Last year, as was mentioned, the students of Georgetown High organized a school newspaper. It was, to be sure, a total failure, but through no fault of the students. A great deal of work went into its preparation. The articles included such "provocative topics" as the question on High School exams and "What is your opinion of the war in Viet Nam?" And yet, these articles along with many others, were censored without any explanation. The resulting publication read like the sports page of the Toronto Telegram, and it was even less interesting.

The bitterness over this censorship was only compounded when, in your editorial, this paper was compared to the "obscene and offensive" articles printed in two university newspapers. From this comparison it would appear that either your sources of information were totally erroneous, or there is a double standard of censorship, that for entertaining adult magazines like "Playboy" and that for totally unprovocative student efforts, such as Georgetown's students attempted to publish last year.

In answer to the questionable platform which Roger Smith chose in order to voice his complaint, the fact is that the Commencement Exercises

were the only place where he would not have his opinions censored before they were brought to the attention of the public.

In conclusion, before you accuse students like Roger of being "immature" and "scatter-brained," I suggest you take another look at the adult censorship such as that exercised by the administration of Georgetown High, and if this is an example of maturity, then maturity must be a regression, not a development.

Very sincerely yours,

—RICHARD ENRIGHT

#### By Any Name Santa's The Same

He's Santa Claus in America but he has many different names around the world. He is called "Father Frost" in Russia. Children call him "Kris Kringle" in Germany. "Nice Old Father" is what the Chinese children call Santa Claus and in Norway children expect gifts from an elf called "Jul Tonten".

"Pere Noel" is who the French youngsters receive presents from and in Holland the name is "Sinterklaas".

The world has many more "Santas", but whatever his name, wherever he exists, he brings happiness to children.

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### THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

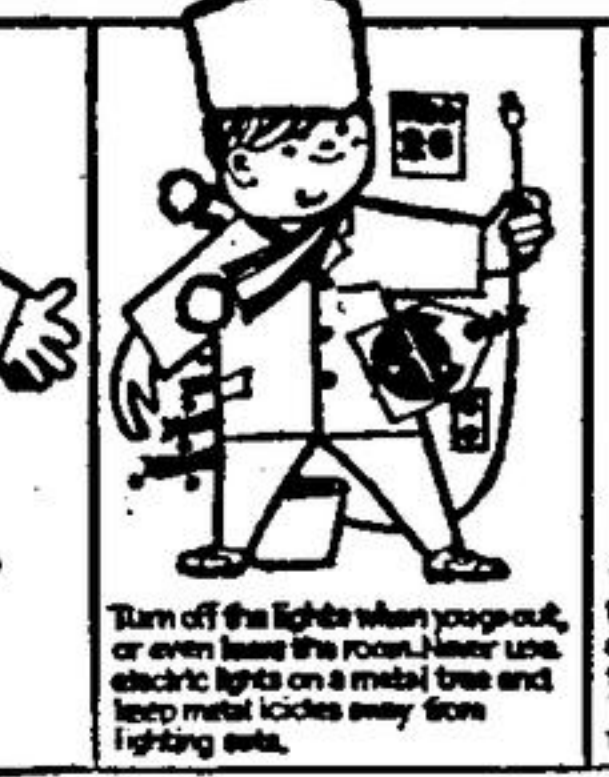
ERIN — Mrs. Alvin Galas rescued her two small children and saved herself from a fire which completely destroyed their Erin Township farm home. Trapped by flames Mrs. Galas smashed a window, pushed her children through and climbed out of herself bleeding and burned.

HILLSBURGH — A provincial grant of \$2,363, to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority was approved last week. The grant to be used for acquisition of old farm equipment for the Hillsburgh Conservation Farm.

HUTTONVILLE — Truck driver Robert Scott of Huttonville was admitted to Sault Ste. Marie hospital in critical condition after fire destroyed three units of the Antlers Motel. Mr. Scott a truck driver was on the north-trip.

BRAMPTON — The town's back-up firefighting force will be halved in 1968 and they'll be called part-time firefighters instead of volunteers. Phasing out of volunteer firemen has been going on for months. Chief Matt Gowland explained.

### a bright and merry Christmas



Don't put the tree up too early — but do take it in a cool place.

When you put it up, keep it in a well-ventilated container and place it where it will not block an exit.

Turn off the lights when you go out, or even leave the room. Never use electric lights on a metal tree and keep metal ladders away from lighting sets.

When the holiday is over take the tree down as quickly as possible and store the lights in a dry place. Wet or lighting sets deteriorate quickly from the effects of summer heat and frost.

## SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

### Beware Tiny Kim

Maybe it was the approach of Christmas that got me thinking about money. Maybe it was Kim asking me what "collateral" was. In trying to explain, I got into gold reserves and depreciation of the pound and inflation, and we both wound up refreshingly bewildered.

Only thing of any value that came out of it was the ridiculous nature of modern money.

Money, or some form of it, is as old as man, whether it be wampum, bits of elephant tusk or fancy sea-shells. Gold early became the favourite, because it was heavy, malleable, decorative and hard to get hold of. Silver and copper made up the unholy trinity, and we were in business.

But from early times, and even into the last century, money was real. You could feel it, bite it, smell it, heft it, look at it shine, and listen to it ring. It had weight substance.

You could put it in a sock and feel like a banker. You could bury it in the ground when you heard the tax collector was coming. Try that with modern currency.

What fun it must have been to go into a tavern with friends, spin a gold guinea on the table and shout: "Landlord! Three game pies, a haunch of venison and three gallons of your best brandy." And get ten jingling shillings in change.

My host stirs the fire, cooks bustle happily offstage and waiters scurry tugging at their forelock and brimming up the tankards.

Compare. Today you go into a tavern with friends. Half an hour later, when your eyes have adjusted to the gloom, a waiter, either surly or insolent, hands you a large piece of paper. This, eventually, produces a very small drink at a very large price.

After a suitably lengthy period of anaesthetisation, in preparation for the coming shock, another waiter this one morose or bellicose, hands you another large piece of paper. Eventually, this produces

platter of something which you're lucky it's too dark to see.

Later, he brings another very small piece of paper with a figure on it which you're also lucky it's too dark to see. In turn, you show him a piece of plastic, called a credit card, and sign a paper. Or if you're just a peasant, you hand over a number of pieces of coloured paper.

He takes it away and comes back, promptly this time, with a little tray. All your paper is gone and there is a quarter and four pennies on the tray. He grunts, snatches it and departs.

On the way out, you fork over the quarter to ransom your overcoat. You are left with four pennies. They don't exactly jingle.

Point is, no real money has changed hands. There is no personal contact, and therefore no satisfaction in it.

Every month, I receive a piece of paper with figures on it. The figure, at the extreme left, is fairly substantial. The figure at the extreme right bears no relation to the first one. It is one jump ahead of the old-age pension. This is known as a pay cheque.

I take it to a large building, write some figures on another piece of paper, present both to a nice lady, and she gives me back some other papers, green blue and brown, with figures on them. My wife gives them to another nice lady, in exchange for a big basket of groceries and maybe three pieces of real money, coins.

Once a month we sit down and write things on some different paper, put the paper in envelopes and send them to all sorts of people who have previously sent us pieces of paper with figures and the words "Please!" or "Last Warning!" on them.

It's all very logical, of course. And the crowning piece of logic is that the whole thing is based on digging gold out of a hole in the ground in Northern Ontario and burying it in another hole in the ground at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

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