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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Wed Do It Too

President Lyndon Johnson's bombshell announcement Sunday that he would not be a candidate for the Democratic leadership this year, was unexpected by the experts. And yet many people in this country particularly, were not so surprised.

No man in history has taken so much abuse as this U.S. president who was thrust into office after President Kennedy's assassination, and whose path has been rock-strewn ever since.

His country became deeply involved in the Vietnam war, after being elected as the opponents of this. (His election for a second term leaned heavily on the fear that Republican Barry Goldwater would plunge the U.S. and possibly the world into another conflict.)

He has been criticized, not only by political opponents of the other party, but by high ranking Democrats as well, for U.S. foreign policy in Vietnam.

His attempt to pull the States away

from a financial crisis by higher taxes, foreign travel restrictions has been challenged by Congress.

He has been the butt of cruel satire, particularly on some of the best watched television shows, to the point where no man could be expected to take this forever.

His decision to leave politics can be taken at face value — his announced hesitation to leave his onerous task as president to campaign politically. Or one can surmise that he is the tired old man he seemed to be as he made his historic announcement on TV. Whichever it is, we think he has taken almost more than one man can stand and is wise to retire while he is still in good health.

The U.S. had one experience of a dying president holding on to office too long. Had President Roosevelt left office months before he died, and been replaced by a more vigorous individual, world history might have changed for the better in our part of the world.

Lots of Takers Here

With only a few men willing to face the task of being president in the States, the same does not apply in Canada.

There is a brisk race for the Liberal leadership which, automatically, means being prime minister of Canada. There are nine or ten serious contenders, a few who stand little chance, and dozens of others who if they thought they could swing it, would be in the race in a minute.

The difference, of course, is that while Canada's job is important, it does not have the world problems which the presidency entails.

Focus on Cancer

The current fund raising campaign of the Cancer Society is important in two ways — it raises necessary money for research and it provides necessary help for those with the disease.

There are few miracles in research. Even the Banting-Best discovery of insulin did not take place without painstaking years of research.

Cancer is not going to be licked overnight, either, but if one looks back a dozen years, you soon realize that forward strides have been made, and somewhere over the horizon the disease can be con-

quered, just as has diabetes and tuberculosis.

The money raised in the cancer campaign goes to this necessary research. And some of it is used for such things as the transportation service which, because of Georgetown's fortunate position so close to the treatment centre, allows a patient to take treatment while still being able to stay at home and lead a much more normal life than to be hospitalized for weeks at a time.

This, alone, is a good reason to share a dollar or two of your budget to help your own neighbours and friends.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Many Talents, Many Hands Made Bantam Tourney Success

Dear Sir:
On behalf of the Kinsmen Club of Georgetown, may we take this opportunity of thanking the many groups and individuals for their help in making the 1968 Georgetown International Bantam Hockey Tournament a continuing success.

Inasmuch as this was the first time that the Kinsmen Club had organized and operated the Tournament, the help received was specially appreciated and we are the first to admit that without that help, the Bantam Hockey week would not have been the success it was.

We want to thank the Legion and the Oddfellows for allowing us to use their facilities to feed the boys; the Town Council for their several contributions; and the Centenary Board for allowing us the use of the Community Centre. The arena board gets our thanks for their cooperation. They bent over backwards in seeing that our every wish was their command. The patronage received from the local merchants was second to none and their donations to our printed programme enabled us to produce a balanced budget. The coverage and assistance afforded us by 'The Herald' was indeed in the best spirit of community service.

We have received many bouquets for the manner in which we fed and housed the Bantams and we hasten to make it known

that these bouquets should be directed to Jessie Hayes and the several ladies' organizations for their capable feeding arrangements, and to Donna Moores and her helpers, as well as the many homeowners who opened their doors to look after the billeting of the boys.

The referees under the leadership of Gerry Perkins, the many clean-up boys under the direction of Don Fenley, the teenagers who manned the ticket booth and the St. John Ambulance Brigade, all provided assistance without which we would have been lost.

We have not purposely left out any names from our vote of thanks. If we have, please, accept our apologies.

This Tournament, never, has been and never will be a one or two-man affair but it is due to the unselfishness of many that this Tournament is amongst the foremost in the country.

We salute the people of Georgetown and to each and every one of you, we say a sincere 'Thank you' for a job well done.

Yours truly,

Harvey Levy,

Fred Harrison,

Co-Chairmen, Georgetown International Bantam Hockey Tournament, Kinsmen Club of Georgetown Inc.

Thanks to Refs From the 'Chief'

Dear Sir:
This is a letter to all referees who helped during the International Bantam Hockey Tournament. Without your help it would never have been the success that it was.

Special mention to the four men who took a week off work to referee, these being Paul Robinson, Kent Robinson, Mike Bowden and Junior Beaumont. Thanks to the referees who came from Acton, Hespeler, Milton, Guelph and to Brian Lewis who travelled many miles at his own expense to help out.

Many thanks to you all. 'The Chief' Gerald 'Perky' Perkins

Guides Action Sale Funds for Needy Girls

Girl Guides of 7th Georgetown company held an 'action sale' recently to raise money for the world friendship fund. This event was a great success with the penny items donated by the Guides and their parents realizing a profit of eight dollars. The company had a great deal of fun at the sale and also were pleased to know that the money will go to needy girls in the Guide movement all over the world.

The Guides in this company also have decided to place flowers in St. Andrew's United Church once a month as a thank you to the church members for free use of the church buildings.



SOME OF US ARE SLOW LEARNERS

SUGAR AND SPICE by Bill Smiley

Released From Captivity

Had a taste of utter domestic freedom and peace during the recent holidays. Daughter Kim went off to spend a few days with her Mum in the city. And there I was, all alone in the big house.

For the first time in years, nobody to bug me. Not a soul to tell me it was time to get up or go to bed. Nobody to tell me to stop doing this, or start doing that. Nobody to matter away, while I was trying to read the

paper. It was a wild, delirious feeling. Only a man who is beleaguered by women most of his waking hours can appreciate how I felt. I just decided to let her rip, go the whole hog and let the chips fall where they might.

First morning I slept right through. Until 8:30. I even lay there, grinning defiantly and said, right out loud "I won't get

up until I feel like it." And there was no argument.

Seven minutes later, instead of the usual juice, toast and coffee, I ripped the cap off a bottle of beer and drank it, right there in the living room, not the kitchen, with my bare feet up on the best chair. It gave me a glorious sense of sheer freedom. And a headache.

But I didn't care. I read the morning paper for 20 minutes straight without being interrupted. Unheard of luxury!

For the rest of the day I not only threw convention to the wind, but flouted every domestic rule that has been pounded into me in 20 years.

I read a novel instead of marking exam papers. I deliberately let my whiskers grow, right through until noon. I maliciously dirtied every ash-tray in the house. I refused to take out the garbage. I got crumbs all over the kitchen floor and just left them there, crunching happily around in them. I didn't even go down to the basement and do the washing.

I read Mad magazine. I threw a stack of exam papers on the floor and kicked them all over the room. I ripped up a couple of bills that came in the mail.

And I ate whatever and whenever I darned well pleased. Peanut-butter and jam sandwich and frozen oyster soup for lunch. With a wine sauce that I never got around to cooking. Didn't eat until some crazy hour. About 12:30.

At dinner time, I did the same. Just sneered at the big roast of beef cooked for me before the girls left. Had exactly what I wanted, pork and beans. And exactly when I felt like it. About 6 p.m.

I just let the old dishes pile up anywhere. Didn't even put them in the sink. In fact, I sneered at them a couple of times as I walked through the kitchen looking for somebody to talk to.

That night I carried right off with my orgy of freedom. Had a brandy and a cigar somebody gave me six months ago when his wife had a baby. Searched out relentlessly and watched 3 late-late on TV, including the late-late.

Did I go to bed then. Not on your life. Went down and without as much as a by-your-leave made myself a big fat roast beef and horseradish sandwich. Washed it down with four cups of my special coffee the real thing that you can stand a spoon in.

And when I went to bed, it

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NEWS ECHOES

From the Herald's of 10 and 20 Years Ago

1958

Georgetown will have a two-mill reduction in tax rate this year. A budget adopted by council last night, calls for a 58 mill rate for residential properties, and for industrial and commercial taxpayers, 51 mills. Home owners continue to benefit this year from a 3 mill provincial grant.

John Rathbone, recently named rector of St. Alban's Anglican Church, Glen Williams, will preach his first sermon this Sunday morning.

Last week, an additional 11,000 square feet of selling area doubled the size of Silver's Dept. Store. The late addition is the largest in the store's thirty years here. It doubles both upstairs departments and adds a children's department downstairs.

1948

Georgetown Raiders with the Ontario Championship tucked under their belts, head for bigger things this week-end when they meet Dillbeau, Quebec, in a best of five series for the Eastern Canadian Intermediate hockey title. The Dolbeau Castors took Bathurst, New Brunswick, Papermakers, in three straight games and should provide formidable opposition for Raiders, who won the Ontario crown by beating out Markham.

Georgetown Labour Council has elected its first officers. They are president Joseph Hall Sr., 1st vice president Ernest Hyde, 2nd vice president Duncan Tost, secretary A. J. Williams, treasurer W. Collier, trustees Roy Nelson, J. Tost and Stanley Allen.

Sammie Fong, proprietor of the Golden Gate Cafe, has sold his business to Mr. Fred Lee of Cobourg. This is the second change of ownership since the original owner, Harry Chu sold out about six years ago.

Gail Malcolm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Malcolm, Riverview Crescent, had a narrow escape from drowning on Sunday. Playing in the flats behind her home she was reaching for a stick in the river from the Evelyn St. bridge, when she toppled in. A neighbourhood boy, Billy Hancox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hancox, went to the rescue and pulled her to safety.

was exactly when I felt like it, with no nagging. It was about 1:30, as I recall. And it was about 4:30 when that snark wore off and I went to sleep.

Next day wasn't so wild or hilarious, quite. Oh, the freedom was still there. But so were the dishes and crumbs and ash-trays and exam papers. And nobody else. I must admit a small surge of pure rage went through me because nobody had cleaned the place up.

I didn't just give up, though. I went right on dirtying dishes

and paddling around in my pajamas and smoking like a pipe truck.

On the third morning, I cleaning lady arrived. She a little lacy back when I embraced her heartily. And it was even more surprising when I followed her about all morning, babbling away about rooming.

There's nothing like freedom. Wives should go away and leave their husbands alone a few days, once a year. It would save a lot of marriage

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