

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Second Chance

A second chance for high school dropouts is available according to a new program being initiated by Sheridan College in Brampton.
White this has always been available in high schools, there is usually an age barrier which deters a man or woman from attending classes with teenagers.

Not a Happy One

A policeman's lot is not a happy one, mourns a Gilbert & Sullivan character, and certainly the job has more than the usual occupational hazards.
If he does his job too faithfully, he's in trouble. If he shirks some of the minor duties, he's liable to a reprimand from his boss.

Hope for Sunny Skies

For on Saturday, hundreds of people in Georgetown district are joining with other groups in various Ontario centres to raise funds for OXFAM, which is dedicated to helping feed the world's hungry.
The 30 mile walk is scheduled, rain or shine, but inclement weather will, of course, have an adverse effect.

JIM SNOW REPORTS



THE LEGISLATURE went back to work with vengeance on Monday, April 22 with the three night sessions scheduled for each week. Normally these night sessions conclude about 11 p.m. but this is not always the case, for example, on Monday evening the House did not rise until 30 minutes to 2 on Tuesday morning.

ON TUESDAY the Honourable Rene Brunelle, Minister of Lands and Forests announced the establishment of a new 7,000 square mile Provincial Park to be established in the James Bay - Hudson Bay area which will become Ontario's first primitive provincial park.

THE HONOURABLE William Stewart, Minister of Agriculture announced further extensions to the Ontario Crop Insurance program whereby now after a test period carried out last year, forage crop insurance will be made available in all counties in Ontario.

I WAS VERY pleased on Wednesday evening to have the Honourable John Roberts, Prime Minister of Ontario, visit the Riding of Halton East where he was the guest speaker at the annual real estate night of the Oakville Real Estate Board.

ON THURSDAY evening I was very pleased to have the opportunity of attending the Lions Club of Oakville annual dinner and presenting on behalf of the Prime Minister and the Province of Ontario a Provincial Scroll to the recipients of this award, the Oakville Citizens Band.

THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

NASSAGAWEYA
The Humane Society will be called in to help Nassagaweya Township council rid the township of packs of wild dogs which are roaming the area endangering livestock and residents.

MILTON
Record spending of \$1,208,750 is reflected in Milton's 1968 budget that will increase taxes on a \$5,000 residential assessment by \$35. Council, in a special session, adopted a mill rate of 85.54 residential (up 7.07) and 93.94 commercial (up 8.59).

ACYON
A 250 house subdivision plan in Acyon including a small shopping centre is being considered by Acyon planning board. Mrs. Matthews of Starr Real Estate representing Gellany Builders of Weston presented the plans last week.

ORANGEVILLE
Orangeville residents and all service clubs and organizations in town have been asked for assistance by the Recreation Committee in preparing a Recreation Plan for Orangeville. A circular has been sent out asking for opinions on what kind of a recreation program should be carried out within the next 10 years.

BRAMPYON
Canadian Kodak Limited has offered to buy 200 acres on the northern Brampion boundary. The land they are seeking is bounded by Highway 7, Brampion's northern limits, the CP&E track, and the First Line - West Chiquacousy. They plan a factory that could eventually employ 1,800.

ROCKWOOD
Fire last week destroyed at least 80 head of cattle on the farm of Joseph Hindley, R. R. 1, Rockwood. Hindley is now leading efforts to saving two nearby houses when they arrived to find the barn engulfed in flames.

SUGAR AND SPICE by Bill Smiley

TAKE THAT, MR. WHIPP!

Somebody is reading this thing, anyway. Letters have been coming in sheaf-like lately. Keep it up, chaps, whether you agree or not.
A recent column on high taxes seemed to touch a sore spot. I didn't hear from the Minister of Finance, but I did hear from a number of people who are getting hot under the collar.

Mr. Gagnon of Tillsonburg dislikes compulsory benefits. He says the needy, after a means test, should be looked after, but those who just don't want to work should be given public handouts. He also protests the costly commissions established to investigate tax and other problems, and whose reports, after a cursory examination, are shelved.

G. MacDonald of Toronto, with a terse Scots sense, says: "The government is becoming top-heavy". Mrs. M. Ferguson, also of Toronto, tells of the incredible cost per day for a hospital bed in a public ward in that city - from \$45.15 to \$52.50 a day, for those who do not have provincial hospital insurance. And many don't.

Wm. E. Smith of Oakville writes: "Just wanted to get my two cents worth in to support your views." Fastened to his letter were three pennies, with the postscript: "Why the extra penny? Tax."

The Whipp affair. You remember Mr. Whipp, editor of the Petrolia weekly, who warned me to stop writing about education and teenagers, or he'd cancel. Buckets of letters exhorting Mr. W. and encouraging your hero. It seems that there are a lot of people of all ages who are interested in these topics.

Many of them run to two or three typed pages, but I'll quote excerpts from a few which are representative.
David Bell of Preston: "Your column swings with its own sweet suburban rhythm. Keep telling it like it is."

Mrs. Mina Wesley of Georgetown: "Felt impelled to write as per invitation. I never miss reading you. Does that mean anything? Think you are kinda good." Thank you ma'am.

Sometimes I'm kinda bad, too, but it usually makes me feel kinda good.
Mary McCaughan of Keswick swings into rhyme:
"Tell that managing editor to jump in the lake; I subscribe to the Era mostly for your sake; As to teenagers, call 'em young adults. Perhaps then, by semantics, you'll get better results. As to education, you're in it, well brother, so are we, And besides, as you mentioned, it certainly isn't free."

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Advertisement for Red Shield Appeal. Text: 'Earn a place in someone's heart Give to the Red Shield Appeal'. Includes a photo of children and a list of names: WALKER - CURRIE, CORBETT, McBain and Hulme, ROBERT R. HAMILTON, L. M. Brown O. D., Can. Imp. Bank of Commerce, Georgetown.

NEWS ECHOES

- Georgetown's oldest established retail business marked another milestone last week when a new self serve shopping centre was opened. The J. B. Mackenzie and Son Ltd. firm on James Street just off Main was founded 58 years ago by the late J. B. Mackenzie in Acton and over fifty years ago bought the Henry Lawton planing mill in town. The new addition consists of a modern one storey building adjoining the mill.
Norton Floral now has new branch store to serve Georgetown gardeners. Norton Floral Garden Centre had its official grand opening last weekend. It is located on Guelph St. opposite Dominion Seed, and is managed by Tom Reed.
Georgetown Lions won first prize and \$100 at the Rpg. 10th & 6th Rally at Credit Valley Golf and Country Club, Erin, on Wednesday when they were announced winners of the Regional Visitation Contest. Georgetown Lions members have travelled an aggregate total of 70,000 miles in visitation since September 1st.
Demolition of the old Georgetown high school will be delayed because Milton High School is overcrowded. As many as sixty South Essex students will be transferred here next term and space in the old school will be needed.
Members of the St. George's Tennis Club officially opened the 1948 tennis season with a social evening in the clubrooms Friday. George Walker welcomed those present, and Max Hughson reviewed past history of the club and future plans. Four work groups have been formed headed by Doug Sargent, Max Bradbury, Max Hughson and Bob Smith.
Bruno Scisizzi, centre and left winger with Milton Intermediates last year is Georgetown's newest businessman. He has purchased the Lillico Beauty Salon business from Mrs. Donna Ryan who has been operating it since she came to Georgetown a year ago.
Clerk-treasurer of the Georgetown Hydro-Electric Commission since shortly after its installation in 1913; Miss K. D. Ryan, retired at the end of April. Her position will be filled by Mrs. J. P. Reid who has been assistant in the office for the past few years.

DID YOU KNOW?
The St. John Ambulance home nursing course consists of eight two-hour classes, is taught by Registered Nurses, and teaches simple nursing procedures. The course includes the most recent patient care procedures for home accidents, care of the chronically ill, emergency child birth, and disasters.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Grid of business advertisements including: CHIROPRACTOR DONALD A. GAY, D.C.; BARRAGER'S Cleaners-Shirt Launderers; WALLACE THOMPSON 3rd Division Court; GEORGETOWN ANIMAL CLINIC; WALKER - CURRIE OPTOMETRISTS; CORBETT Chiropractic Clinic; McBain and Hulme Ontario Land Surveyors; ROBERT R. HAMILTON Optometrist; L. M. Brown O. D. Optometrist; MONUMENTS POLLOCK & CAMPBELL; Koller Construction.

FIRST OF A SERIES Assessor is Responsible For Valuing Property

When valuing properties, the Assessor is interested in whether each property is assessed equitably. Or, to be more specific, that each ratepayer pays his fair share of the tax burden in his particular Municipality.
When a property owner in Georgetown looks at the assessed value of his property he realizes that the value is only a percentage of actual market value. As long as the Assessor can value all properties at the same basic percentage of market value, he is obtaining the equity which he requires.
In some communities in Ontario the system of assessing properties has been changed in order to show an assessed value which is equal to, or almost market value. In these communities the mill-rate has dropped to a very low figure. However, the net tax bill to the ratepayer has remained the same, other than normal increases which must be collected to run these communities. So, as you can see the larger the assessed value the lower the mill-rate and vice versa.

versus, however, the tax bill remains the same.
In the next article we will deal with values as they relate to the Sale Price of houses and touch on today's market for property.
We would appreciate any letters with questions and comments which could be dealt with in future articles.

Continue Tree Planting in Credit Watershed

Tree planting in the Credit Valley Watershed is going ahead at full speed. Superintendent N. J. McMahon reported last week. Planter and crew are working near Terra Cotta and Erin and will move to Meadowdale next week. It is essential that all the trees ordered be planted within the few best weeks in the spring. During the season trees will be planted on Authority and privately owned land in the valley. Over the last eight years the Credit Valley Conservation Authority has planted about two million trees in the Watershed.

DID YOU KNOW?
In 1967 the 11,000 members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade gave more than 800,000 hours of voluntary public service across Canada.