

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Two Sides

A merchants' protest that vigorous enforcement of parking meters downtown is bad for business, puts council in a dilemma.

There are only three courses to follow to keep a stringent eye on parking offenders: to allow the police discretion in issuing fines or to pull the meters out altogether.

The latter would be going against what seems to be part of modern living. Even those who originally were opposed, have come to accept meters as a necessary evil, giving everyone fair treatment in using the limited parking space available on busy streets.

There are those who say that to use discretion is unfair to the police. And no one can argue that there would not be complaints of favoritism if only a percentage were fined for infractions.

And yet, this would seem to be the

only solution if downtown business is not to dwindle.

Discretion in by-law enforcement is not new. It is used on highways where every speeder is not necessarily stopped.

Parking meters are not meant to trap the unwary shopper who is a few minutes over his hour. They are designed for those who would repeatedly tie up parking spaces with disregard for others.

We would make two suggestions, then. The police could be instructed to go a little easy on meter infractions. The public could be asked to park on Main Street only when making a few purchases, and otherwise to use the large area behind the stores where they are free to stay all day at no charge.

This combination should surely work in time, and overcome the constant bickering which has taken place since the meters were installed.

The Great Debate

Sunday's two hour television debate between Canada's three political parties was a dull as dumplings would have us believe, nor would it push Bonanza's ratings downward were it to compete in that time slot.

The results were almost predictable. Tommy Douglas was the shining star. His comments and answers were direct, lucid and clear.

In ultra-conservative dress and hair style, and Bob Stanfield, were the soul of propriety. They skillfully hedged on most major issues as befits leaders whose parties have the best chance of forming a government after June 25th.

Bringing in Real Caouette for the last half hour was meant strictly for laughs. He did his best, but his Creditiste party is so unimportant on the national scene that no one could take his comments too seriously.

What did it accomplish? Our view would be that the Progressive Conservatives would benefit on voting day.

Douglas' masterful presentation could well swing votes to his party, and these would tend to be Liberals. On the other hand, Trudeau, who this time was slanting his presentation away from the bobbysoxers was much more appealing to those of voting age, the ones who matter when the ballots are counted. Stanfield continues his image of a solid, dependable man, who thinks before he speaks, and is well schooled in parliamentary procedure and the business of government?

What did we learn? That whatever the result, Canadians can only hope, with no guarantees, that taxes will not go higher — that abortion laws will be broadened — that Quebec will get more concessions, but not a free hand to operate as a separate state — that we have unemployment, poverty, and suffering senior citizens, in more or less degree depending on which Party was speaking — that we need more houses, lower interest rates, and less bureaucracy — but no one seems to have the answers at present.

Another Kennedy Assassination

Another assassination — another Kennedy, and the world was shocked last week.

Senator Robert Kennedy, a shining star in the U.S. political scene, and potentially a president, was struck down just after his triumph in the California primaries. His death, so soon after his president brother and Dr. Martin Luther King, touched the world, and Canadians shared the mourning for a man with such promise, such ability.

The fact that political prominence in our southern neighbour can lead to violent death is hard for Canadians to realize, steeped as we are in a much more placid atmosphere.

Could it happen here? Of course, but not likely, for we are fortunate in being a small land in the world puzzle. Our politicians are important at home, our decisions serious parochially, but we are not the all powerful nation that the States has become, with men like Kennedy, guiding not only a country's destiny, but that of the whole world.

Canada has tended through the years to emulate the U.S. in clothing, fads, entertainment. Let's keep it at that and continue to be non-violent, politically, with our public men free to enjoy life without the fear of sudden death.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Blames Poor Planning For Town Water Shortage

17 Chelvin Drive, Guelph and Moore Park, but I suppose that planning is not underway for that contingency. Why should it. Nothing was ever planned before.

Dear Sir

It is not that people will not, or prefer not to co-operate with the authorities but I think that the latest insult to our intelligence, perpetrated upon us by those who guide the affairs of our town, is final and conclusive evidence that the municipal elections in December of this year, should be used by all of us who pay municipal taxes, to return the town to active, efficient management, by electing a leader!

I refer, of course, to the water situation. How many dollars have we paid in the last three years to perfect this system? The water tower, the iron removal plant, which obviously had nothing to do directly with any shortage, but could have been delayed and the funds therefrom used to build in ADVANCE a 4th well. No, instead, and as usual, we suffer from the malady of some of the poorest planning imaginable.

Now after the worst May in 101 years we are faced, not only with by-law 68-40, but with the Police Dept., running around town depriving us of our privileges even under that make-shift arrangement. With those words, make-shift, and poor planning in our minds, let us ask ourselves why, when they knew that the present system was inadequate, did the town continue to issue residential building permits 'ad infinitum', to the point where, perhaps we will be faced with the largest increase in population in recent years? To the point where, indeed, rumour has it, that should a fire hazard be presented, there is inadequate water to ensure control? Is this evidence of thinking ahead?

I can remember, in the not far distant past, when we, in Georgetown, confidently and smugly, forecast industrial advancement coming here, if only because we had water and lots of it, when Brampton for example, suffered acute shortages. What a ridiculous situation, for while we continue under our present leadership, watching, incredulously, a million dollar organization, stagger under its own weight of inefficient management, the mayor, sneaking at his own cleverness at his most recent, and most cutting remark at the Reeve.

Such behaviour in the boardroom of a private corporation would result in the representatives of the shareholders, immediately, and without argument dismissing the person responsible, so that normal business could continue. Here though, such action is not permitted, by that equally incredulous move of some time ago, wherein this administration, guaranteed its own existence for at least two years, by going directly against the wishes of the electorate, and voting its own term. The opportunity to erase past mistakes and correct the situation methodically, as a franchise, which comes in December. All of us, should be thinking how best we could be protecting our investment in Georgetown right now.

While we are thinking along these lines, we have some other samples, which should not be overlooked.

On Chelvin Drive, and of course in the other new areas, we have paid for curbs, sidewalks, full services, and they have recently laid the first skin of asphalt. With the wide boulevards, and these other items, it is a pleasure to see the effort of everyone in complementing the picture. What use is a smooth Chelvin however, when if one drives to the plaza, through the subdivision, one must face the hazard of 'Sneaker drive'! All the plans that have been made regarding this eyecore, and the danger have amounted to nothing, for it, and others, remain a blot on the town, supposedly an efficient and progressive town. Never mind past agreements, let's get on with it, the entire road program, seems bogged down, within the bureaucracy of the town hall. Take for instance, Sargent Rd., one of the longest and oldest streets in the subdivision. Why, after 10 years, has this not been properly paved, with the boulevard in the centre cared for by the town, with trees, grass and flowers? How frustrating it must be for the ratepayers who bought there originally, to have seen nothing done to eliminate the weed ridden curbs, and sidewalks, and then, with the years of tax payments deserve?

Take the situation regarding traffic lights at Guelph and Mountainview, and Guelph and Dorset. Have you any doubts as to the need, when you try a left turn at either intersection. A your body has no natural resili-

ence, if you can't tough your toes, you are a candidate. Put that in your throat and lump it!

Perhaps the worst thing about Kim's condition is that her sleeping schedule is all out of whack. She can sleep until two p.m., and about nine o'clock she begins to come alive and pads around the cage until the tiny hours, switching lights on and off, flushing things and playing records. Gets to sleep at five a.m., and is dead for 12 hours.

However, that's enough about mono. Just wanted to give you, the symptoms, in case your kid has it. Normally in Spring, we tip-toe among the tulips. This Spring, we tip-toe around the ti-tress.

This is not enough. My wife is about to undergo an operation, and even though she has not had it yet, she's an expert. She has talked to about twenty women who have had it, and entertains me with gay little details about ovaries and uterus and stuff daily. Usually at meal hours.

Every time the phone rings, she breaks into a cold sweat and palpitations. I called from work at lunch hour the other day, to ask whether it was worthwhile coming home for a corned-beef sandwich, and she almost fainted dead away, thinking it was the hospital calling.

She has her bag packed, her

Picture a crazed titress, eyes burning with yearning for a good bite out of some of that life walking by the cage, and you have Kim. Then picture the same titress toppling over on her side and rolling up her eyes until only the whites are showing, and you also have Kim.

It's a most peculiar business. It seems to occur to those who become run down, physically and emotionally. A lot of college students incur the thing in the Spring, when the pressures are heavy, exams are looming, and they are generally pooped.

Some of my best friends have weakened conditioned from eating my cooking all winter. This is a dirty lie, she put on weight.

One of the frustrating things about it is that there's no medication or cure for it except time and the body's natural resilience. I would suggest that, if

that is efficient business development.

Finally have any of you noticed how a local resident, a land owner, was trampled on when he attempted to build on that land, a legal, conforming and attractive apartment building? For weeks he was passed from one committee to another until he had to turn to the Law to achieve his right. Is this efficient development? Yet, strangely enough it seems easy enough to get rezoning for apartments, as for example at the corner of Campbell Gate and Mountainview, where commercial zoning is in force, but where without too much trouble an investment company, managed — to get through at least part of the way — and one wonders what would have happened if the local residents had not got wind of it. This is the taxpayers' watchdog? This is efficient development?

It's time, high time, that things began to improve, for all of us. There is only one way. In December for once, let us all throw aside the spooly that has allowed us to let this situation occur. Let us plan now, to elect a leader, more in tune with the times. One who will accept his pay because he is not ashamed of the job he is doing. One who will cast aside his 'Nero' button, and not let Georgetown burn.

By the way for the critics, my name will not be on any ballot. My name is on the assessment rolls, just like yours. That means I pay, just like you, for the nonsense that goes on. I don't like it do you?

Sincerely yours, Hugh Powell

45% School Children Need Dental Treatment

The dental division of Halton County Health Unit has been busy inspecting school children's teeth during the past nine months, and presented some figures on its work to the recent Board of Health meeting.

A further 622 children were treated at the half-day topical fluoride clinics.

SUGAR AND SPICE by Bill Smiley ME AND CHARLIE

NEWS ECHOES

From the Herald of 10 and 20 Years Ago

1958 ● A new Georgetown industry, P. Graham Bell, Associates has leased the old Dolphin Craft plant on King Street from the Royal Bank and has already started production of a line of architectural porcelain and metal products.

● The provision of sewing for Georgetown public schools was the project shouldered by Georgetown Kinsmen Club when they held their first regular dinner meeting Monday. It is the first project taken on by the new service club since their inauguration a few months ago.

● "I Live in Georgetown — You'd Like It There Too" — that's the slogan seen on many Georgetown car bumpers these days. The bumper sticker is a joint effort of the North Halton Builders' Association and the Chamber of Commerce.

1948 ● A petition signed by eighteen local garage owners influenced council to pass garage closing hours regulations. The petition was signed by Sage Motors, Bowers Motor Sales, Sinclair's White Rose, Harley Motors, Scott Motors, Georgetown Motors and Cain's Garage.

● A crowd estimated at 3500 jam packed Georgetown park for the annual motorcycle races jointly sponsored by the Toronto Motorcycle Club and the Georgetown Recreational Council.

and kids with mono. I'll be an expert, and might as well cash in, if I have to do the cooking and housework anyway.

Some people tell her she'll be a year getting over it; others three weeks. This makes summer plans rather uncertain. I'm seriously thinking of setting up a nursing home. Limited, of course, to post-operative cases.

I guess I shouldn't kick. I haven't the guts to keep a dental appointment. I am turned to stone at the sight of a hypodermic needle.

But it looks like a tough summer ahead for me and President de Gaulle.

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ONE OF A SERIES Three Types of House Depreciation

by Marshall Bain Georgetown Assessment Commissioner

There are three basic concepts of depreciation, the Accountants', the Engineers', and the Assessors' or Appraisers'. The Accountant views depreciation as a set percentage to be charged each year to absorb the building's historical cost. The Engineer views depreciation as the physical condition of the components of the building. How much useful life the physical building has. The last concept is that of an Assessor or Appraiser. This concept states that the building would cost so much to replace today, and also has a market value as of today. The difference in these two values is caused by various types of depreciation. For example, a house built 25 years ago would cost \$100,000 to replace new today. However when this house is sold on the open market it brings \$16,000 to the owner. The difference of \$7,000 is depreciation.

There are many types of depreciation which come from many causes. The most commonly referred to form is physical deterioration. This is depreciation which is caused by fire, hazards, insects, weather and man. To further explain if you will visualize 3 similar houses in a subdivision. 2 of the 3 have been properly maintained but the 3rd has been let go and has had excessive wear from the people living in it. The 2 houses with normal wear and normal maintenance would be worth more on the market than the other ill-maintained house.

Another type of depreciation is called functional obsolescence. This is created by poor layout of a house, rooms that are too small, or ceilings that are excessively high.

The last type is called economic obsolescence. This is depreciation caused to a building by something not inherent in the building itself, causes from outside factors like a new factory moving into an area that creates a smoke nuisance and causing the market value to decrease.

Federal Loan for Town Sewer Project

Announcement of federal loans for two sewage treatment projects in Milton and Georgetown has been made by Hon. Paul Hellyer minister responsible for Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

The loan to Georgetown is for \$79,640 and will assist in the installation of 1,946 lineal feet of 24 inch and 1000 feet of 12 inch diameter sewer. Total estimated cost of the project is \$110,400.

The loan will be repayable over 20 years with interest at 6 7/8 per cent interest. The Milton project involves the installation of 607 lineal feet of 42 inch trunk sanitary sewer and a sewage pumping station. The loan of \$133,333 is based on an estimated total cost of \$266,666.