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EDITORIAL COMMENT Not All Good, Not All Bad

One of our newer residents has asked us "Why don't you write more local editorials?"

Somewhat of a puzzler, for with the exception of the odd one-slanted to world affairs (as this week) or to provincial and federal matters, we have always taken pride in the fact that, whatever a reader may think of when we write, it is 99% concerned with Georgetown.

A newspaper must inevitably mirror to a great extent, the image of its editor.

We are a person who does not easily get aroused. We are inclined to think before we write, and as the years pass by, some of the enthusiasm of youth has been replaced by cautiousness of age.

When we were young and untested by time, our editorials had more zip, we'll admit. It's easier to criticize public bodies before you have served on one, and after a session as a public and high school trustee, we became much more tolerant, much more aware of the problems which face elected or appointed groups.

As an editorial writer, we are conscious

of the power of the press, too — that people are inclined to take as gospel what, essentially, can be only one man's opinion.

So you can be sure that, when an opinion is expressed in this column, it is the editor's conviction, and he is definitely trying to entice readers to his way of thinking.

In almost 30 years at the helm, we haven't moved many mountains; but we haven't caused many craters either.

We have been outspoken on more than one occasion on such matters as today's 'youth power' fad, on education, on payments for council members, separate schools, government bureaucracy.

We have helped secure a community swimming pool, revive an active Red Cross when that organization was stagnant, save some valuable maple trees from the path of progress.

Of thousands of ideas propounded in a thousand editorials, not all were good, not all perfectly expressed. But they were all genuine, all original, all meant to encourage readers to think and to work for a better Georgetown!

Brightness in the Gloom

Russia's walk into Czechoslovakia cast gloom in the world last week.

For weeks we had watched the lion and mouse game, as the Czechs asserted themselves, telling Russia they were going to run their own show, while still remaining a socialist republic.

The Russian action was almost inevitable, for the mouse was challenging the lion openly, and in international politics, might is the criterion.

The brightness in the gloom is that Russia, despite the certainty that she will be chastised only with words from other world powers, is adopting an extremely cautious approach. Her soldiers are there, but instead of a fast coup and a political bloodbath, she is bargaining with Czech leaders, not all of them puppets.

The current crisis reflects on the continuing sadness of world affairs. A small action exists only on sufferance from the mighty. A big nation only acts in its own

self interest. And yet those who say others should intervene for the Czechs are the first to shudder at the thought of a third world war which could exceed in horror anything that the world has known in the past.

Can it be, then, that we are entering a new phase, where passive resistance, such as that being exhibited today, is the only way man can react to brute force? And can it be that the brave Czechs, who wave their flags under the Russian's nose, spit on an army tank, and threaten strikes and slowdowns, are gleaming with the situation much more effectively than they could with a few feeble arms?

Even dictators want to be liked, and Russia now knows that not all her satellites are happy to be mere pawns in a world game. We can hope that whatever face-saving action she takes, the Czechs have won an important victory which will set a new pattern in a world which still yearns for peace.

Familiar Face Missing

A familiar face is missing from Main Street these days.

Hardware merchant Ray Thompson's death ended a business career which had spanned some 60 years as a merchant in the same location. Until illness removed him from his store a few months before his death, there was scarcely a day that you would not find him behind the counter, in his store which still retains the flavour of past years, yet kept up with the times in its merchandise.

His life was in his business, and he belonged to the group like the late Jim Richardson, John McBean, Hyman Silver, who could think of no better life than to spend their days in the merchandising trade.

Like them, too, however, he found time in a busy life for some public service. He had been active in merchants' groups in past years, in the town band, and for years never missed a Sunday as a member of his church choir.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Attends Coaching Clinic Impressed With Syllabus

20 Baitstow Cr., Georgetown, Ont.

The Editor:
Through the auspices of Branch 420, I had the opportunity of attending The Royal Canadian Legion Track and Field Coaching Clinic on Sunday the 25th of August, at Guelph University. On arrival, I was introduced to the following great stars of track and field, who are all on the coaching staff of the clinic: Geoff Dyson, England's chief national coach for 14 years and now Director of the Legion clinics throughout the Dominion of Canada; John Dwyer of England, chief coach of the British AAA and chief coach at Guelph; Fred Wilt, USA; Jacques Bergougnous, France; Geoff Gowan, Madison, Wisconsin; Geoff Elliott, Edmonton; Albert; Lionel Pugh, Vancouver, B.C.; Peter Radford, Indiana; Bob Adams, Saskatchewan; John Dobroth, California; and Dr. John Powell, Guelph.

I must admit at this point I was taken aback by the genuine friendliness accorded me by the greatest team of coaches ever assembled in the western world. However, I soon realized why Geoffrey Dyson is referred to as the 'General'. He is a very commanding person and one of the most thorough in-

structors that I have ever had the privilege to meet. The syllabus that he has laid down for the 96 student coaches in residence covers every aspect of physical fitness from theory to practice. Courses cover hurdles, discus, triple, javelin, pole vault, sprints, shot put, distance running, hammer throwing, steeplechase, high jump, starting and timekeeping; commence at 8:30 a.m. and finish at 8 p.m. daily. So with the exception of time out for lunch and supper the student's day is planned so that he or she can receive the maximum hours of teaching.

Students are from all provinces of Canada, Bahamas, Jamaica, Nigeria and the USA. Our day commenced with a lecture followed by an introductory film that completely familiarized us with the methods and techniques of training and conditioning of a athlete. In the afternoon we mingled with the coaches and students at training sessions. Here again, I was very impressed by the overall determination and enthusiasm to learn displayed by all present.

Although all courses are conducted in French and English the excitement of the moment is apparent when one finds himself involved in a discussion

that involves four different languages. This is soon straightened out by our French interpreter who seems to speak all languages fluently. Later in the day coaches and students proceeded with track demonstrations. At this point the rains came down and I mean down! Although we were fully dressed it was a unanimous opinion that if these great stars of sport didn't mind a soaking then we had no complaints.

So soaked to the skin we bade farewell to one of the finest coaching clinics in the world, with this passing remark from John Dwyer, "Your Canadian summers are wonderful."

On leaving England on August 18th to instruct at the clinic John brought statistics that parts of England had had one hour of sunshine all summer. The Legion Clinic will be held again in 1969 at Guelph University. A day of Open House will be available to interested groups. I strongly urge and recommend to anyone in our community who have an interest in the training of athletes to attend.

Yours truly,
—Bill Rannachyn



POINT AFTER TOUCHDOWN

IN THE MAIL BAG

Hospital, Police Get High Praise in Emergency

33 McIntyre Cr., Greig

Dear Sir:
I would like to use this space in your paper if I may, to commend our very capable staff at Georgetown District Hospital.

Last Wednesday evening my son Donald and my nephew Greig Howlett of Burlington fell through a glass door and were rushed as a very serious emergency to the hospital. Donald with lacerations to the neck and arms and Greig with a severed artery. Thanks to the attendant on admittance, doctors were notified immediately and Dr. Duff and Dr. Hemming arrived within minutes. By luck the lab technician was still on duty and instantly typed Greig's blood as he needed transfusions. Being a very rare type blood, it had to be rushed from Brampton and here I would like to congratulate an OPP officer and two officers from Georgetown force for their operation and speed in getting the blood here.

Greig had to be transferred by ambulance to the Sick Children's Hospital and again I commend the two attendants on our volunteer ambulance for their speed in getting him to Toronto, also the nurse that accompanied Greig and held pressure on the artery to keep him from bleeding to death.

THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

CAMPBELLVILLE — Niagara-ways council learned Monday a plan for the village of Campbellville to set up a substation for the Milton Fire Department. Village trustees explained they had a suitable building and asked permission to put a 1,000 gallon water tank on a truck.

BRAMPTON — American Motors sources have revealed that the parts and accessories division located in Brampton has increased from \$1,000,000 in sales in 1967 to about \$3,000,000 this year. According to the company, the increase in sales is because over 200,000 AM cars have been sold in Canada since 1966.

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chest operation to repair the artery but is progressing very well. Donald had some stitches but he is pretty well back to normal.
I feel very proud to be associated with such people and would like to thank everyone involved.
— Mrs. June Greig

NEWS ECHOES

From the Heralds of 10 and 20 Years Ago

1958

• One of the first local men to appear on a national television show is Bob Hardman, 8 Normandy Blvd. He was a contestant on One of a Kind, a CBC panel show originating in Toronto, which was telecast Friday at 8:30. The secret object in his possession with which he tried to stump the panel was an authentic Churchill cigar, half smoked, and bearing the famous Briton's tooth marks.

• Corey Herrington, who operates his Ballinfad poultry business under the Sunset Farm name, came home from the CNE with some 140 prize ribbons this year. He has been showing fancy poultry at the show since 1911.

• Large scale raids on the orchards and vineyards at Notre Dame de Beauregard Farm have done extensive damage according to Miss Theresa St. Jean. The grape arbours are littered with fruit thoughtlessly picked and thrown away. Apples, knocked down before they are ripe, are also picked and left to rot on the ground. Youngsters and adults alike have been observed by neighbouring residents helping themselves to baskets of fruit.

1948

• The worst train wreck in several years occurred early this morning on the main Canadian National railway line between the station and the Main Street bridge. A Toronto bound freight plowed into the back of another which was stopped on the line to pick up some cattle cars. The noise of the impact and tumbling cars awakened residents for many blocks and the sound of the fire siren a few minutes later got most of the rest of the town out of their beds. The collision occurred shortly before 6 a.m.

The moving train suffered the worst damage as a dozen cars near the front spilled down the steep embankment on both sides of the track. There were two cattle cars involved containing about fifty head and the cries of injured and dying animals added to the confusion. Several wounded steers were shot by Constable J. W. Sheffield of the local OPP detachment. Some were trapped in overturned cars and it was not possible to reach them for several hours. Those who did escape from the smashed cars wandered from the accident scene and at press time more than 20 were unaccounted for. One steer, on three legs, its fourth completely severed, managed to stagger several yards from the wreck when it collapsed and was put out of misery by a bullet.

Three members of the train crew were injured. The engineer suffered a broken ankle, the fireman had a deep cut over his eye and a leg injury, and the front brakeman was scratched and bruised. They were treated by Dr. A. McAllister and Dr. C. V. Williams before being taken by ambulance to hospital in Toronto.

The caboose of the standing train and other car were consumed in a fire. The engineer of the standing train was in the caboose and dove through the door when he saw the second freight coming, escaped unharmed.

There was some minor looting of a variety of articles including hockey pucks, sweaters, tire chains, and tables and underwear.

Although the collision was heard for blocks, two boys Ross Dillon and Bill Doherty, who were camped in a pup tent at the base of the embankment right where the accident occurred knew nothing of it until Ross' father, Perc Dillon, woke them.

SUGAR AND SPICE by Bill Smiley

ORGANIZED LIVING

It's customary to look forward to the end of holidays with a mixture of wistfulness and despair. They were so short; the weather was rotten; and you hate going back to that job that you hate.

But quite a few people go back to the routine of every-day, organized living with something like a sigh of relief. Basically, men like work. They are not cut out for more than a couple of weeks of the gay, abandoned life of camping, swimming, fishing. These are treats to look forward to, and to look back on. But, like many of the other 'treats' in life, they lose their flavour if taken in large, continuous doses. Even a kid gets sick of ice cream if he gets it at every meal for a month.

So the boys tote their sun-burned carcasses back to the job, and fall, reasonably happy, back into the comfortable and round of daily work, the casual friendships with fellow-employees, and the good, lazy, mooch around on weekends.

For the ladies, end-of-holidays is often sheer delight. Especially those with school-age children. No more cuts and scrapes to look after. No more summer flu to cope with. No more panic at the beach when Jimmie disappears for a few minutes. No more huddling in a tent while the rain pours down.

What a joy to get everybody out of the house in the morning. What bliss to sit down with a quiet cup of coffee and taste the pure pleasure of privacy! What exquisite ecstasy to know that nobody is going to burst in with a "Hey, Mom, Billy just fell off the porch on his head."

Like many another, I don't mind the end of holidays at all. Two months of muddling and piddling around degenerates almost any man to the level of a beachcomber. Looking back each year, the sum total of my holidays fails but in September, I like it.

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