

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Litter, Litter Everywhere

Many Ontario communities are known by pseudonyms — the forest city, royal city, garden city, to name a few.

Georgetown — the Industrious Town is what our highway sign says. The late Mrs. Art Scott can be credited with this designation, we believe, and it is a pleasing one for a town of our size, so well supplied with diversified industry.

But we fear that this is going to be replaced by something else unless residents band together and decide to do something about the disgraceful conditions which exist almost everywhere one looks.

Travellers are going to tag us as Georgetown, the Litter Town, unless we all open our eyes, look around and make an attempt to clean up the rubbish and garbage which abound, pay a bit more attention to our boulevards, eradicate the dandelions from our lawns, and make a real attempt to have our town look as prosperous as it is.

At long last the town council is taking action. Two new trash cans appeared at the downtown four corners last week, and a couple more are slated soon. The town also cooperates with regular sweeping of the main thoroughfares.

It is here that merchants, particularly, can cooperate. All too often the main streets are clear of trash on Monday morning, only to be littered an hour later as merchants sweep sidewalk garbage into the road.

if each would gather this up and place it in his own garbage, the street scene would be more pleasant for a longer time.

On many residential streets, people keep their own property in reasonable condition, but many ignore the boulevard in front. This is town property, granted, but unless a larger work force is engaged, with a subsequent higher tax rate, it is impossible for the town forces to look after this.

The boulevard can be likened to a picture frame — no matter how attractive the picture, it is enhanced by the proper frame. An extra few minutes' attention to the boulevard and you have the perfect picture.

As long as there are humans, we won't avoid litter altogether, but it is not impossible to train our children, and ourselves, not to drop chocolate bar and gum wrappings on the street, to place disposable bottles in trash receptacles. A cigarette package can be carried in one's pocket until you reach a proper container.

A visit to any of our shopping plazas is equally painful to a walk along Main St. on a Saturday afternoon. Here, too, there should be more trash containers to get at least a percentage of the litter, and more attention paid to daily cleanups.

There will never be perfection. But if each of us resolve today to help beautify Georgetown, there is nowhere to go but up.

Abounding in Talent

As one whose talents do not run to painting and design, we are always envious of those who seem to have a natural affinity for art. And perhaps because of this lack, we have become interested in things artistic.

The visit we paid on Thursday to the art show at high school was thus a pure delight. We hope it will become an annual attraction.

The quality of work was exceptional and the variety speaks well for the instruction which Mr. McDonald gives to his pupils.

Sad Statistics

Statistics rarely are exciting, but those we received from the Canadian Red Cross Society recently make rather sad reading.

Last year, 1,186 Canadians died because of drowning accidents. This is a horrifying number when we know that many of these deaths were unnecessary — quite unnecessary — because they were caused by carelessness.

Lack of adult supervision was a factor in the death of 212 children, of whom 159 were under 6 years old.

Last year, 361 people died in boating accidents, and again, many of these deaths could have been avoided. It is the stated law for all power boats and sailboats to carry one government-approved life jacket for each passenger on board.

However, the law can't compel a per-

Besides the more formal type of training — oils and watercolours, there were the new art forms — collages, record cover designs, cartooning. There were illustrations for novels, original portraits, sculpture. Name it and it was there.

And adding a touch from other fields of art was a fine folksing group providing background music, and the high school orchestra welcoming guests in front of the school with musical comedy selections.

With so many budding artists in our schools, the future of the town's Palette and Pencil club seems assured. T

son to wear the life jacket when he is in the boat.

June 1st to 7th in Water Safety Week. And this week, as well as year-round, the Red Cross is telling people how to enjoy safe water activities. Through a broad programme ranging from beginners' swimming courses to instructor training, the Red Cross teaches the basic rules of safe swimming, boating and skating as well as artificial respiration and simple rescue techniques for emergency situations.

What is your life worth to you — or the life of a member of your family? Only you can answer this question. All we ask is that you make sure that no one in your family becomes a drowning statistic through carelessness. As the Red Cross puts it so aptly — be water wise! Think! Don't sink!



OUR SUPERSONIC PRIME MINISTER

MALTON EAST M.P.P.



JIM SNOW REPORTS

Again, this week the Legislature has been considering departmental estimates.

The Dept. of Mines estimates have now been completed and we are currently working on the estimates on the Dept. of Transport.

The Minister of Transport, the Hon. Irwin Haskett has also announced the issuance of special license plates for historical vehicles at an annual fee of \$10. These plates are specially marked to identify the class of the vehicle and to indicate limited highway use for such vehicles.

The plates are issued only at the Queen's Park office of the Dept. of Transport in Toronto, and are similar to standard plates but with a red stripe on each side, carrying the words "Historic Vehicle". To qualify, historical vehicles must be at least 30 years old and substantially unchanged and modified from the original manufacturer's product. Commercial motor vehicles do not qualify. Historic motor vehicles can only be operated on a highway for the purpose of exhibition tours or similar functions organized by properly constituted automobile clubs, or for the purpose of parades, repair, testing or demonstration for sale.

Statistics released this week by the Hon. Stanley Randall, Minister of Trade and Development, show that Ontario exports for 1967 reached a new high of over 4.6 billion dollars, an increase of 23.7 per cent over the 1966 total. The Ontario export per capita figure of \$655 in 1967 was one of the highest in the world. By comparison, the exports per capita of Canada were \$552, West Germany, \$406; United Kingdom, \$272; United States, \$169 and Japan, \$112. Mr. Randall's figures show that Ontario's most important trading partner is the U.S. which accounted for 75.1 per cent of Ontario's exports. The United Kingdom was second but accounted for only 9 per cent. The export of motor vehicles and parts valued at over 1.5 billion was the single most important item.

On Thursday, the Hon. Robert Welch, Provincial Secretary, and Minister of Citizenship made a further announcement as part of the on-going review of Ontario's liquor laws and regulations.

Mr. Welch announced that approval has been given to the issuance of full club privileges to clubs presently holding restricted licenses. This extension will be granted upon application to all licensed veterans' clubs, Royal Canadian Legion Branches, Labour clubs, and where applicable to social clubs provided they meet the standards of the Liquor License Bd. of Ontario.

Also, lounge privileges will be extended on application to licensees of dining lounges, din-

ing rooms and taverns, subject to a formula to be determined by the LCBO related to the overall seating capacity of the licensed premises. These announced changes will become effective July 1st, 1969.

The complete session of the Legislature on Thursday afternoon was devoted to a special debate on the motion by the New Democratic Party relating to the operation of the Indian Development Branch of the Ontario Dept. of Social and Family Services. Representatives from all parties participated in this debate and many worthwhile suggestions were put forward for the improvement of living conditions for our Indian people. In summing up this debate, the Prime Minister stated that this must be a three way partnership with participation by the Federal government, the Provincial Government, and most important, by the Indians themselves, and assured the Legislature and the people of Ontario that he intends to proceed with such a program.

On Wednesday, Barbara and I had the opportunity to attend the annual meeting and ladies' night of the Oakville and District Chamber of Commerce. I would like to congratulate the

retiring president, Mr. Lester Whiting for the great contribution he has made to the operation of the Oakville Chamber, and also to congratulate the new president, Mr. E. L. Morris, on his election to carry on this progress.

DID YOU KNOW?
The beaver was featured in Canada's first postage stamp in 1851.

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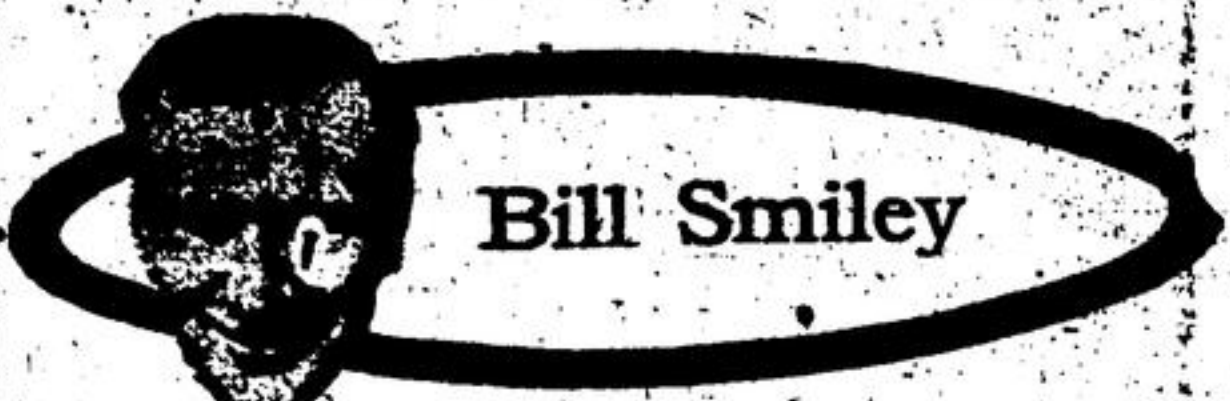
NEWS ECHOES

From the Heralds of 10, 20 and 30 Years Ago

1959
A military trophy to a military leader from a military family. That was the story at Georgetown high school cadet inspection in the park Tuesday when Cadet Lt. Col. Tom Barber received the Col. Barber Trophy as best all-around cadet during the presentation of awards in the armory. Only fitting was the fact that the trophy was presented by the man for whom it was named, Lt. Col. John R. Barber, who reviewed the corps. General proficiency awards went to Cadet Capt. Walter Dixon, and Cadet RSM John Cummins, while Cadet Sgt. Ron McGowan earned the honourable mention medal. Cadet Capt. Sandra Sproule was awarded the plaque and trophy for best girl with honourable mention medals going to Cadet Major Virginia Walker and Cadet Lt. Beverly Little. Cadet Sgt. Paul Marko was the best first year boy with honourable mention medals to Cadet Cpls. Dave Rawson and Dave Smith. Cadet Barbara Stokes was best first year girl.

1949
A Booster Party in the park Friday night was a great success. It was sponsored by the Lions club to raise funds to send the Girls Pipe Band to the Lions convention in New York city in July. Both the Lorne Scots and the Girls Pipe Band marched to the park and took part in the program which was under the direction of Riley Brethour and Jack Gunning. On the program were, a soprano solo by Mrs. Leslie Tomlinson, accompanied by Mrs. John Barber at the piano; a tumbling act by Jim and Clare Burns; the Rhythm Rubes. Mr. and Mrs. Bill McDonald, Dave Williams and Jim Valentine; Dan Norton and Jack Puckering on guitar and violin; a cornet solo by Vic Carter; and bagpipers Mrs. Scotty Patterson, Inez Scott and Helen Shelbourne. Lion president J. L. Lambert opened the program and introduced Mayor Jos. Gibbons who officially opened the new bandstand constructed by the Lions.

1939
Arrangements for taking our public school children to Guelph on June 6 have been completed by the committee in charge. The special train will leave Georgetown at 11.30 a.m. Parents are again advised they will not be permitted to travel with their children. The school staff with suitable assistants, under the direction of principal Mr. Howard Wrigglesworth will have complete charge of the children from the time they leave Georgetown until they return. Adults may travel to Guelph on June 6th by the special train, but not in the cars provided for the children. In Guelph, adults will be permitted into the Georgetown enclosure after the children have been placed to see King George and Queen Elizabeth during their visit.



Week-End With Smiley

I never want to wish my life away, but some weekends could do without and be perfectly happy to have my life cut short by three days.

It started Friday. Somebody called the principal at the school at 8 a.m. and said there was a bomb planted in the building.

Very sensibly, he kicked all the students out of the plant, and kept all the teachers in it. It was a rather brutal, but efficient way of pointing out who was dispensable in the system.

Hordes of police and firemen added to the excitement. The teachers were twittering like swallows, making bad jokes about ticking brief cases and other hilarious objects.

As an old fighter pilot, who had bombed, and had been bombed in more ways than one, I thought I should set a good example, so settled myself in a corner of the staff room and read poetry. Not a soul was impressed, which was rather depressing.

The kids had a ball. It was like being locked out of jail. The smokers gathered in their outside smoking bay and reeling away on the weed as though it were going out of style. A number of young ladies, locked out of the school on a cold windy day and lightly clad, climbed into cars with their boy friends to "keep warm". The poolroom crowd headed straight downtown.

Eventually, the school was cleared and we got a sort of half-holiday, while the police searched the building. Everyone rather enjoyed the break in routine except myself. To someone who is perfectly organized, such a disruption is very disrupting.

It was a fairly hair-raising day for the teachers in charge of the school's annual musical comedy, to be presented that night. Would there be any audience, with the local radio station, announcing, hourly that there might be a bomb in the school?

Needless to say, there was no bomb and there was a huge audience and the musical, fortunately, was anything but a bomb. Happy ending.

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School Segregation Harmful for Juniors

R. R. I.
Georgetown.

Dear Sir:
In response to the article in your issue of May 8th concerning religious teaching in the schools, may I present some observations.

We deplore segregation in the schools south of the border on colour lines, then it is just as wrong to segregate on religious or other lines.

As ex-prime minister O'Neil of Northern Ireland reminded all and sundry on a recent TV program, one of the saddest factors contributing to his country's severe troubles, has been that the churches always insisted on operating denominational schools. When large or small groups are thus isolated, jealousies, confusion, misunderstandings result.

If and when we don't have the opportunity to meet people, get to know them, deal with them, then the cause of unity and harmony always suffers. Thus, if this handicap overshadows our early years, it is most regrettable.

— James Green

Revised School Levies Drop Taxes \$368,000

Revised education tax levies will be calculated by Halton County Board of Education this week and sent to Halton's municipalities without further delay.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Trash, Garbage Poor Advertising for Town

15 John St. E.

Dear Mr. Editor:
This letter is in protest of the trash and garbage littering our streets.

One excellent example of the disgusting condition existing is the four corners at Guelph and John Streets. What a view for any visitors from out of town attending a function at our arena or turning off the highway to shop on our Main Street.

There are papers and bottles six inches deep and increasing by the day. Surely we can expect more competent action from our town workers than this disgrace.

— D. Smith.

Director of Education James Singleton told board members last week, "It is unfair to delay setting the levies any longer because of the unnecessary strain put on the municipalities."

The board has been waiting for the department of education's final regulations on the amount of additional provincial subsidies for each municipality.

The subsidies, promised by Education Minister William Davis to relieve communities beleaguered by huge education tax increases, were announced by the board recently.

Basing figures on the department's verbal approval, board officials calculated Halton County will receive about \$368,592 to reduce 1969 regulations from its municipalities.

Singleton told trustees that the department's final subsidy figures may not be known for several weeks yet.

What matters is the strain put on the municipalities by any further delay."