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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Distinguished Citizen -

Percy B. Harrison was a man who serwed his community well.

When we took over editorship of The Herald in 1940, Mr. Harrison was town blerk and treasurer, secretary-treasurer of the public school board and treasurer of the high school board.

In a town of 3500 in those days, the newspaper was closely linked with these civic bodies and Mr. Harrison became one our closest business acquaintances. After council meetings, which were held in what Is now the treasurer's office in the municipal building, we usually walked home together, going over details of the meeting from our standpoints as employee and reporter. The building then, was much smal-Jer than now. The meeting place was also Mr. Harrison's office, heated by an old-Fashioned potbelly stove, with extra steam provided on occasion by outspoken countil members who didn't always see eye to Bye on problems.

We became associated with Mr. Harri-Son even more closely when we became a member of the public school board, when he attended meetings as treasurer.

There's Been Some Changes —

In a reminiscing mood, we think back to those days in the early forties when Georgetown was so different.

As we said, civic administration was a two-man affair, Perc Harrison handling the clerical and monetary facets and Bill Marshall the myriad other duties which a community must have.

There was little debenture debt. The town had no sewage system and most sidewalks were installed under a local improvement plan with benefitting residents baying a share of the cost on their taxes. There were few municipal employees, other than the four we have mentioned. Street tleaning and necessary repair work was usually done by hiring some part-time help, and it was mostly physical labour.

The old town hall, destroyed by fire fast year, was still in use for an odd func-Jion in the auditorium, though it had been replaced by the Gregory Theatre stage for such events as the high school commencement. And soon after, with remodelling of the arena, the Rose Room became the new blace for dances.

Main Street, though not much enlarged 4oday in number of stores, had a different atmosphere. There were many more food buutlets, and the chains, Carroll's and Dom-Jon Store, were not of today's size. Serve-self was almost unknown. Grocery stores like Farnell's and Buck's had the old counters, flour bins and spice jars. Thompson's, Reid's and Richardson's hardwares had bins of nails and what have you with

Zadders to climb up to reach these items. Professional men ran a one-man show, with physicians like Drs. Williams, McAlli-Ster, Paul and Bateman combining their of-Fice in living quarters; lawyers Langdon, Dale and Bennett in small downtown of-Fices; dentists Milne and Watson in up-

:Century of History —

This week The Herald has compiled some interesting nostalgia in a special page Cabout Georgetown's century-old Chapel Street public school.

The articles and pictures will be of interest, not only to older residents, who espent their early schooldays there, but to Those whose children have attended it as Chapel Street School.

When he retired as clerk in 1948, we continued our friendship, as neighbours on Charles St. We always enjoyed a chat with him. His intimate knowlege of the community and its residents, was often invaluable when we wanted to check some details of news. When an old resident died, it was always to him that we turned to find

Time, as it must, has taken tits toll in thirty years. He was one of the last living members of the community as we knew it then. 'Bill' Marshall, police chief, tax collector, assessor, waterworks superintendent, et al . . . Henry Marchment, his right hand man on town maintenance, night chief Bill Emmerson died many years ago. Of the first council which we reported, Joe Gibbons, Rene Cave, Norm Brown, and Tom Lyons are no longer here.

To many of our residents, Mr. Harrison is scatcely a name. We would like them to know that it was men like him who laid firm foundations for today's town. He served faithfully and well, and there will al-

stairs locations.

Socially, the Bon Temps Club, St. George's tennis club and the fire department make another effort to keep in new name. The group would wives, and much was gained provided the main dances of the year - the existence, although most Milton meet four times a year rather despite the informality. former two formal type with women in ev- bers have declared they think problems. ening dresses and many men in tuxes or the group might as well fold up. Nassagaweya will again be in for 10 p.m., councillors first extails. The Gregory was the entertainment! mecca. One stood in line for such shows as: Gone With the Wind which played for sev- monthly meeting of the urban recalled the board's formation minutes or so, then open Suneral weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Gregory lived board and for all of the 16 in June, 1954. At first, an eng. days and loitering by-laws. in Oakville and commuted each night with their reels of film. Sometimes, if there vain to join the group. The quent plans (such as the recent own existence, Although one of weren't enough people at the second show, aim was to discuss mutual recent thought of a joint plum, the items was the difficulty of and it was a stormy winter evening, they dropped one reel, to shorten their evening. i Only if one checked with a friend who had seen the show in the city, did you learn representatives in attendance vital. "We're being legislated that you had missed something.

Walter Whitmee operated a taxi from Mackenzie of Georgetown, Act- been a useful tool of governthe station to the main town, and Charlie on mayor Les Duby. Acton; ment. Esquesing and Nassagaw-Parker delivered the express. Some of his deliveries were from the Guelph liquor Marks; Milton deputy reeve "If we can't co-operate on store, closest source of supply in those Harris, councillors Gord Krantz simple thing like plumbing indays, and he always had a disapproving look for such. The Women's Christian Temperance Union was active and carried on chairman from Georgetown both discussions are worth while.

The Lord's Day Alliance was still powerful force and Sunday entertainment it might as well fold. Acton Mayor Duby and Initial plans was in short supply. The Herald editor got council had not yet discussed were made to hold it next month Georgetown's "sad experience" a terrific blast from the ministerial association, when he proposed that such sports as hockey and baseball be allowed on Sun-

Stores were open Wednesday and Saturday evenings until midnight, or until the last customer left, and store employees had a half holiday Thursday. There were no parking meters and on open nights it was first come got the best parking spots. Some farm women sat in the car and held court at the best spots - In front of Silver's or

The year 1969 is historic, for no longer will any youngster say in future that he is a graduate of the school. Introduction of a new senior school system ends education there at the Grade 6 level now, and students finish their elementary schooling elsewhere - most of the ones from that area at Stewarttown.

THE DISTRICT A GLANCE

CLARK OUT OF RACE

EXPAND RETARDED MANOR Milton Heights: About 80 res- ion that an answer has to be, Orangeville: The Good Shep-idents of Peru and Milton and will be found," he is quoted

therd Manor officially opened Heights gathered last week to as saying. two new residences on Sunday, discuss a report on their water September 28. The manor prov. supplies. The problem of water ides a home for mildly retarded for those two small communit- Nassagaweya: Nassagaweya is teenage boys and was built with ies has come to a head during in a stew over a pickle factory the financial assistance of the the past few months as nearly which has been built in the Ontario Government. Repres. 50 of their wells have been pol- township without council ever enting the provincial govern- luted. The report stated the res- knowing about it. Construction ment at the opening was the idents could get water from went ahead though a building honourable John Yaremko, Min Milton for approximately \$180 permit was denied. It was in op-Zister of Social and Family zer-per year. vices.

CONFIDENT OF ODOR SOLUTION

Bramptens Former Chingua- Acton: Beardmore general ory near the Campbellville cousy Reeve Cyril Clark an-manager Norman Braida said in nounced last week he will not an interview with the Acton pond. "We're going to have run for mayor of Brampton this Free Press last week that he is vinegar in the water," said an Dear: He was reeve of Chingua- confident that the offensive od- enraged Reeve Anne McArthur.

cousy for 15 years. Only candi or which originates with a tandates still in the contest are ning process and which has Mayor William Brydon and been an annoyance to Acton deputy reeve James Archdekin, residents for years can be overcome. "We are spending a DRINKING WATER great deal of time, effort, and

POLLUTED money, and there is no quest-

IN A STEW OVER PICKLES

eration when council learned about it two days before last week's meeting. King Calcium

Company constructed the fact-



MANHATTAN COCKTAIL

ways be a warm spot in our heart for him. Fate of The Urban Board Hinges On a New Plan Suggestion

and Georgetown council mem- than monthly to discuss mutual With the meeting beginning

Acton, Milton, and Georgetown entatives. have been asked to attend the Secretary Jack McGeachie plumbing inspections for 201 years, Esquesing and Nassagaw incer had been employed be. Last discussion, running to eya councils have been asked in tween the three towns. Subsectover curfew time, was on their problems and co-operate on bing inspector) had fallen assembling an agenda, just be-

Coats, Orval Chapman and Peter participating." Jack McGeachie

Milton councillors and the Mr. Duby countered that even their work against sale and use of spirits. reported the feeling of their The value of the annual own councils that the usefulness meeting - a dinner and dance of the board had dwindled and with guests - was reviewed by 5 per cent.

reviewing the benefits over the not recently had a social night years, all agreed to a motion to of its own, because of the succouncils that consideration be Members of parliament were

North Halton urban board will urban board, possibly under a turnout of councillors

Attendance has always been With regional government, the main problem, reviewed the need for joint action seems less Wednesday in Acton's council out of business," Mayor Duby mentioned a county incinerator, is no need for a home manager chamber - chairman Sandy thought. "The urban board has

mused Mr. Mackefizie.

recommend to their respective cess of the urban board affair. given to continuing with the guests, there was always a good

NEWS ECHOES

From the Heralds of 10, 20 and 30 Years Ago

thieves opened two safe doors to get the money.

store will be one of the largest in town with a front

age on Mill Street of 36 feet and depth of 100 feet.

Escape, designed and produced by Mr. Harley has had

marked success across the continent and many build-

ings, including the country's largest hotels have install

Georgetown was well attended. Mr. J. Carter has un-

and Jack Cantelon of Hornby tied for first place.

It will carry a stock valued at \$50,000.

led and made use of this safety device.

make it an outstanding organization.

Masterman and Douglas Latimer.

Orange Hall last Tuesday.

Esquesing and at eight and regular curfew set For 16 years, councils of vited to join and send repres changed opinions on green belt planning for half an hour, the

> Mayor Duby asked what other er things you go on to say. The question of green belt is in a pigpen.

councillors Earl Masales. Bill eya have missed the boat by not particularly had in mind the had put my dinner on and just Now it takes four years. of Acton which will encircle the creek bed. He wondered if the and Percy Barr, and secretary spection what can we do?" contractors could be required to do remedial work there, in cleaning up the land around the creek. The land, unusable for the builder, covers about 11 per cent, rather than the required

Chairman Mackenzie reported at Georgetown. Mayor Duby in their eastern end, and However, after briefly pointed out Acton council had recommended Acton "demand Duby countered that the town has a degree of responsibility; "maybe we should subsidize some of it ourselves.' An open water course would mean main-

> Mr. Krantz explained Milton hasn't had new subdivisions lately, but in most cases they took cash in lieu of land. Mr. McGeachie suggested the

own should have its plans for the creek bed all ready before building starts. • Initial action to form the Georgetown High School Dis-Latest official recommendatrict Board was taken by council Monday when a bytions, he added, are that alloca-

law was ordered prepared. The new board will take ted parkland should be beside office the first of the year when the old North Halton schools, to add to the area there district disbands to be replaced by three new districts for the use of the general pubcentering in Georgetown, Acton and Milton. At present, lic. Despite the board's previous discussions on joint plumbing

Georgetown has five men on the North Halton Board, Thomas Niven, Ernest Forgrave, James Goodlet, Fred inspections, all three towns are left with their own arrange- While Georgetown observed Thanksgiving this weekments, each reported in turn. end, thieves concentrated on the 'take' end and made Georgetown has a retired plumoff with over \$4,000 from Loblaw's supermarket. The ber, Acton the works superintheft, which police termed 'professional' was discover tendent, and Milton a new ined Sunday afternoon by manager W. Housego. Using spector on the works staff. The consensus was that

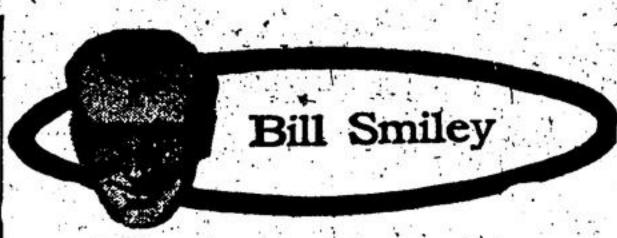
methods known only to professional safe crackers the plumbing inspection fee should be \$20 to cover costs. The present county fee is \$10 plus 50 ● Joe Martin of Georgetown, 83 years young, was judcents a fixture. "A ridiculous! ged best step dancer at a euchre and dance in Hornby price," commented Mr. Mc-Geachie.

Open Sunday discussion Georgetown's new liquor store is being rushed to combrought out the fact more placpletion and may open as early as November 15. The es are open in Milton than in Georgetown or Acton. Milton has an open theatre and bowling alley, but council had just Dean Harley, who manufactures the Harley Fire Escape rejected open billiard parlors here, just received a large contract to outfit the Walper despite a petition. House, well-known Kitchener Hotel. The Harley Fire

Milton councillors reviewed their position and the feeling open billiard parlors would increase the loitering problem. Two representatives admitted they were not in agreement with the Milton council decision. Topic changed to the loiter The meeting called last week to form a boys' band in ing by-law and in what cases it's

dertaken leadership of the band and will endeavour to used. "There's no justification for The impromptu speaking contest for the public schools nothing to do," .felt Mayor

of Esquesing, sponsored by the Halton Educational As- Duby. sociation, was held Tuesday evening in the Georgetown | Snapped Mr. Krantz, "There Public School auditorium, Joan Main of Georgetown should be more of the wood-



'PORK' IS ON THE MOVE

in this column, has not yet be en full of dirty dishes, and an gun to give local postmen the armchair full of me. blind staggers, but it will. It I can't smell, of course, not

lous column entitled: "The Kids flake out like that. Are Pathetic." She certainly qualifies for PORK and is hereby accepted as 'a full-fledged member of this fledgling organization, with all the disadvantages and lack of privileges appertaining thereto.

16 year old daughter now liv- non-PORK-ers. It's not so easy describe, right in downtown To- naive kid who is almost totally to interfere.

"Such is our society today that we have been forced accept not only common-law living amongst adults (Ed. Note: I'm not against that), but now with children of such an early age. I myself have left no stone unturned in an effort to help resolve the situation. by writing or contacting every available society from social workers to the Hon. John Yarauthority at 16.

contradicts itself by not allowing them to marry until 18 wi- run away." And she would. thout a parent's consent and signature. - In B.C., the age they know it. The only real limit for a child to break away solution, I suppose, as with real from parental authority is 18. In short, Ontario laws are driving young people to, as we used to put it, living in sin.

She goes on: "Recently in an interview with a large newspaper, a professor of plied pyschology made the following statement; "The mother in the home today is an anachronism. The role of the housewife used to have dignity and respect. There is no need any more for a home manager His remarks are more than

I quite agree with you, dear fore the meeting adjourned lady, and with most of the othtowns were going to do about tried four days of batching it' burning leaves, and Mr. Harris recently. The only place there

Acton councillor Coats, who early and caught me cold. I design and build the first Ford. subdivision planned for the east shut my eyes for a moment

The flood of applications for while the fish was cooking. She PORK (Parents of Rotten Kids) opened the door and found the which was launched last week house full of smoke, the kitch-

even fish burning. And it was In the meantime, I've rec- the nervous strain of looking eived a letter from an Onterio out for myself and the cat for women, commenting on a previ 4 days that had made me

Lady, you have my deepest sympathy concerning your daughter and the laws which create such an impassed And the kids know the law. They have us right over a barrel. It's easy enough to say: "If they want to She writes: "I myself must go, let 'em go. Kick 'em out." admit to being a parent of a This is the favorite advice of ing at such a commune as you to do with a basically good, ronto, and I am helpless by law unequipped to cope with a world that is not exactly Eden.

I've been teaching the play Hamlet this fall. Perhaps you remember the part where Ophelia's old man warns her that she is to have nothing further to do with Prince Hamlet. She was about 16 and this took place in the Thirteenth Century. She obeyed him reluctantly, but without hesitation.

I asked them what a girl of emko, with the final realization today would do if her father that in Ontario a child is free told her such a thing. They got from parental guidance and it second crack. The first student said she'd say: 'Drop dead.' "This same law, however, The second said she'd say "If I can't go out with Hamlet, I'll

It's emotional blackmail, and blackmailers, is to call their bluff. But again, it's a wrenching decision when you love the child and when you realize what will probably happen.

However, fellow - PORK-ers, thumbs up. We know there is a golden day coming, when our RK's will have matured and mellowed. And they will come and pick us up in their big car. when we are feeble and rheumatic, and take us for a drive, and stop before this big. handsome building. And they'll say: "Sorry, Mum and Dad, that I was such a worry to you.

There it is Gateways Haven, See you on visiting days, if we can get a babysitter."

PROGRESS

legislation was introduced by My wife came home a day It took 11 months in 1903 to

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