

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Advantage in Centralization

While we do not always agree that centralization is better than smaller units, we support council's move to put Georgetown's recreation facilities under one board.

For years it has seemed an incongruity that the arena should be under operation of one appointed board, the swimming pool another, the Cedarvale centre another, and the old town park under council's guidance.

With, as council plans, one board administering all these public facilities, it should be possible to do an even better job, with no more, or possibly less tax money.

If costs do rise, it will be with the hiring of a recreation director, but this is a separate question, and one which a new board and council will have to discuss. With a YM-YWCA well established, it would seem that a 'Y' director could well

be the man for the job if such is to be created.

Past experience does not indicate that a recreation director would have an easy time of it. The post-war Georgetown Recreation Commission had tough sledding and eventually ground to a halt. But part of its failure was the stumbling block of being just one of a multiplicity of organizations, with no control over any of the facilities which it had to use. And one cannot compare a town of 5,000 as we were then with an area which will soon approach the 20,000 population mark.

We don't think Georgetown should rush into any fast-action on engaging a recreation director. Consolidation of the existing board is a big step in itself, and should be given several months to work out the kinks and get into smooth operation.

Spreading Our Problem

"Pollution is public enemy No. 1," said a headline in last week's Herald.

The news item reported a speech by the Family Camping Federation's conservation chairman, warning that uncontrolled waste, exhaust from motor vehicles and air pollutants are

causing environmental problems which will be staggering for future generations.

It seems that man, with a tremendous brain power to devise intricate machines, solve mathematical problems, create vehicles which can travel on and below the seas and high in the sky, has not the ingenuity or the mass desire to keep nature in an unspoiled state.

March for Biafra

The tragic Biafra - Nigeria civil war has caused untold suffering, particularly for children in these African countries who are literally starving to death. Canadians have joined other world minded people in contributing privately to shipping food into these countries, with particular emphasis on airlifting food to Biafra. And Georgetown has a special interest in this, as two of the crew members of a relief plane are town residents.

Today (Thursday) a group of people, with backing of some of the community's churches, will bring Biafra into sharp relief when they march through town, from the

unity or the mass desire to keep nature in an unspoiled state.

We clear the land, only to defile it with harmful chemicals, dam rivers to pour harmful waste into their waters, pour smoke and fumes into our pure air.

And now, when man has topped every scientific discovery and literally reached the moon, we continue on this reckless path.

While marvelling at the moon shots and the instant radio and television communication between the space ship and earth, one little scene sticks in our mind. As the astronauts were preparing to land on the moon, they were busily packing garbage into containers. The garbage was left on the moon.

Georgetown Market Centre to the Moore Park plaza.

Their idea is to make Georgetown more aware of the problem. They hope to make senior governments more aware that there is a segment of the Canadian public which wants our federal government to take action. And they hope to persuade more district people to be concerned, to add their voice to the appeal and their dollars to continuing relief as long as it is needed.

The march will move off from the market centre at 7.30 p.m. and organizers are hoping for a large turnout.

THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

HOLD THAT LINE ACTON - Acton Hydro Commission is going to make a good try at holding hydro rates in spite of the fact there hasn't been a rate change there in 15 years. The Acton Commission and all others in the province have been notified of a six per cent rate increase from Ontario Hydro to take effect January 1. Though this will mean an increase of approximately \$1,000 per month in Acton's power bill they feel they can hold the line.

\$100,000 IN DEMANDS HILLSBURGH - Wellington County School Board has approved a \$100,000 addition to Ross R. McKay School in Hillsburgh which will include a general purpose room, two change rooms, a stage, a teacher's room, storage room, kitchen and entrance foyer. An addition at Brisbane school north of Ballinasfad a similar project will cost \$88,000.

NEW RECREATION BOARD ERIN - A Recreation, Parks and Community Centre Board has been formed in Erin. They have already made a survey to determine the recreational needs of Erin and last week held their first meeting to start planning recreation for residents of all ages. On the 13 member board are two former Georgetown residents Paul Legge and Gordon Alcott.

1,000 NEW HOMES MILTON - A plan to put more than 1,000 new homes in north Milton was unveiled before an enthusiastic council last week. The development on 240 acres

four days following a three week strike for a new contract. Then a strike by 10,000 men at the company's Kenosha and Milwaukee, Wis. plants resulted in parts shortage here, and the 1,000 Brampton area workers were laid off. Plant manager G. L. Vincent said "We'll take each day as it comes."

IN THE MAIL BAG Claim Street Vendors Hazard for Children

Georgetown, Ontario Gentlemen: It has come to the attention of the undersigned that street vendors are frequenting the immediate area around George Kennedy public school during, before and after school hours. We, the undersigned, as homeowners and residents with children in daily attendance at this school, feel that a hazard to the safety and welfare of our children is created by the presence of these street vendors.

In view of this we respectfully request that the duly elected representatives of the people take necessary action to remove this hazard by whatever means they have available to them.

- Yours respectfully, Mr. and Mrs. D.S. Brownlee, 23 Moultrie Crescent; Mr. and Mrs. A. St. Laurent, 19 Moultrie Crescent; Ian Barclay, 27 Moultrie Crescent; P. Friskney, 29 Moultrie Crescent; L. Cazabon, 30 Moultrie Crescent; Mr. and Mrs. T. Reis, 20 Moultrie Crescent; George and Myrna Brayley, 21 Moultrie Crescent.

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TROUBLE IN THE REDUCING STUDIO

OUR ECONOMY Capital Gain Tax News Low Yield Bonds Slump

by Frank Fishery Although enactment into law is more than a year away and still not assured, the government's tax proposals are already affecting the markets. Prices of low-yield bonds are off. Market experts expect them to slump still further as buyers looking for capital gains shy away from them.

Up to now a low-coupon bond selling at \$75 could be counted as an attractive investment having regard to the capital gain available if held to maturity or on resale before maturity if the interest rates fall. If the buyer happens to be in a 50 per cent tax bracket, however, it's a lot less attractive if his capital gain as well as his interest is to be taxed.

Investor decisions, based on anticipation of a new tax law, however, remain highly speculative. The law hasn't yet been passed and the final form of the tax has not been settled. In general it would appear that investors who hold low-yield bonds now selling at a discount have good reasons for holding them to maturity rather than selling for a capital loss. The case for buying them, even if prices go still lower, is questionable.

The present holder will be almost sure of getting more for his bond at maturity than he can now. Chances are he will have no capital gains tax to pay. The non-holder who buys a bond now, intending to hold it to maturity, is almost certain to face a tax on his profit.

Finance Minister Benson may have more trouble selling tax reform to his own Liberal party than to Conservatives, New Democrats and the general public. The first and by far the strongest objections registered against it came from Liberals. Other Liberals, of course, will

claim these people don't represent the party but for the time being at least they are determined to make themselves heard. Benson's first of many speeches on tax reform was delivered before a Liberal fund-raising dinner in Calgary and by all accounts there were strong objections registered by party faithful who had paid \$50 for a dinner and a speech about tax reform. The objectors in the audience were a minority but their feelings were strong. They didn't like the idea of a capital gains tax and they didn't want any curtailment of present tax exemptions on profits from mining and petroleum. One party loyalist is reported to have commented that the objections merely reflected the fact that the Liberal party in Alberta had become a rich man's party which was the reason for its low standing at election time.

Other objections, however, came from Ross Thatcher, Liberal Premier of Saskatchewan, who has had no trouble winning elections in recent years. Thatcher was in Ottawa last week dining with Prime Minister Trudeau and fraternizing with old friends in the House of Commons where he once sat as a New Democrat, and later as independent, describing himself as "a practical socialist" before joining the Liberal party. He's against a capital gains tax and against cutting down on the special tax treatment of mining and oil companies.

Thatcher is ready to argue the tax changes will be unfair to the west and to Saskatchewan, in particular. Ontario and Quebec built up vast mining industries on the basis of special tax treatment. Now the west has a chance to build up its industries in the same way and is in the process of doing so. He says there are some 200 companies actively exploring for minerals in Saskatchewan now. He fears new tax rules could send them elsewhere.

Some Canadian manufacturers will face competition from foreign countries not now actively selling in the Canadian market. The government has agreed to reduce tariffs on goods from under developed countries outside the Commonwealth. The move is a response to a program launched by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development held in India last year. The purpose is to help the poorer countries build up their export business and so gain sufficient foreign exchange to purchase more machinery and equipment for internal development.

The Canadian tariff cuts are moderate and, so far, seem to have aroused no alarm in Canadian industrial circles. The intermediate or most-favoured nation rate on goods from countries officially classed as under-developed, will be cut by a third but not lower than the present British preferential rate. The rate cut, however, will not apply to goods recognized as "sensitive" and the import of which from certain countries such as Japan is subject to quota.

NEWS ECHOES

1959 Completing his eighth term as Georgetown's mayor, and his 13th as a member of the town council, Jack Armstrong announced his retirement in a speech at a public meeting which followed nominations Thursday in the auditorium at Wrigglesworth Public School. He intimated that some day he would again like to seek municipal office.

1949 Capacity crowds filled the new St. John auditorium last Wednesday and Thursday nights for the presentation of a public school concert. Mrs. Ernest Hyde made the costumes, Mrs. W. R. S. Douglas was in charge of make up and Miss Marion Hepburn was music supervisor and pianist. In the cast of Thorn Rosa were June Oliver, Curtis Dwyer and June Lyon; In Scrooge's Christmas were Gerald Scott, Donald Cleave, William Gibbs, Carl Hill, Mary Barber, George Webster, Gretchen Bradley, Yvonne Long, John DeBeaulieu, Leona Conn, Arthur McGuigan, Donald Livingstone, George Hoare, and John Winfield; In Trouble in Toyland were Tommy Dobbie, Peter Sinclair, Glenna Doherty, Douglas Wrigglesworth, George Andrews, Beverly Hyde, Carol Banham and Jean Engleby, Pat Willson, Claudia Milne, Jacqueline Graham and Sandra Scott.

Heavy Agenda Finds 100 Seeking Divorce An Ontario Supreme Court judge continues to wade through the 100 or so divorce cases on the list for the current sittings being held in the Halton County courthouse. The divorce actions, both contested and uncontested, are being heard before Supreme Court Justice Parker without a jury. The current sitting began last Monday and will run two weeks. Court officials feel there is little hope all the divorce cases will be heard in that time. The number of divorce cases coming before the court has tripled since new and more liberal laws came into effect over a year ago. More than 100 divorces were heard at the previous Supreme Court sitting in Halton in the summer.



A REWARDING PROFESSION

Most teachers become very fond of certain students. And, believe it or not, some students become very fond of certain teachers.

This was made painfully clear to me over the weekend. I became involved with a veritable spate of my former students. They're all at university now and each was going through some part of the particular hell that that involves.

It began on Friday afternoon. Gerry appeared at my classroom door, looking like a rabbit that has just had a run in with a wolf. While the class I was about to teach chattered about what they were going to do tonight, chewed their gum, waved their mini-skirted legs, or dropped into a deep slumber, Gerry told me his troubles.

He is one of the nicest boys, and one of the weakest English students, it has ever been my fate to encounter. He's the kid who rushed about last June and bought me a bottle of burgundy and six golf balls after receiving the incredible news that he'd passed in English.

His only problem Friday was that he had three essays to write in six days. He was looking for a life belt. I was fresh out of them, but gave him some reference books, some sympathy and some ideas on how to tackle his essays.

I don't think he has a hope in heaven of passing his semester under those conditions, but he's learned something; you don't wait until an essay is breathing down your neck before you write it.

That very night, another former student called her mum, who lives across the street from us. She wanted to know if the Smileys were going to be home for the weekend. If so, she was coming home, because she had to see Mr. Smiley.

She has graduated and is attending a college of education, purportedly learning to be a high school teacher. Her problem was a little different. She had to teach some poetry this week, as part of that 20th century form of the Spanish Inquisition known as "practice teaching." This involves facing a class of strange students, with an eagle-eyed professional teacher watching from the back of the room. Harrowing is the world.

Perhaps there's a great universal truth in there somewhere. But I can't find it. However, it makes up for a lot of the frustration and nerve-racking days of teaching when the blase, sophisticated teenagers come back to see the old man when they're in trouble.

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