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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Half a Century of Service

Though the Kinsmen Club of Georgetown has hadonly a brief 13 years of existence, it could almost quality for the half century which it is celebrating with other Canadian clubs.

So active has been this group of go-getters in a short baker's dozen years, one could believe that it had been here much longer.

Perhaps its most outstanding achievement is in sparking the senior citizens apartments, well on the way to completion on Hyde Park Drive. It was a Kin-conceived idea, and the club acquired land and did much of the preparatory work, before it was taken over by a senior department of government. Future residents of these fine new homes will be strong boosters for the Kinsmen.

The international bantam hockey tournament, an original project of a private group headed by 'Red' Asseltine, received much assistance from club members, and when Mr. Asseltine decided to retire from the job a few years ago, it became a Kin project.

The club operate girls' softball league each summer. It created an attractive parkette on Edward Street as a neighbourhood playground. And its members, with the Kinettes, are an integral part of a Christmas welfare project which assists many needy families in the district.

Kinsmen and Kinettes have proved their worth many times over in these thirteen years. We salute them, acknowledging their value to the community they serve.

A Sport Spectacular

Georgetown plays hosts to the nine top Legion curling teams this week, as rinks arrive on Wednesday to compete for provincial honours.

Extensive preparations have been made by Col. G. B. S. Cousens branch to entertain the visitors. And we expect North Halton Curling Club will be filled with spectators to watch the teams seek the Ontario championship and a chance at the Dominion title.

The visit came about when Harv Chappel's rink copped the champ ship last year. As with other Legion sports events, the winning club is host the following year

Unfortunately Chappal did not have the same success this year, and was eliminated before reaching the finals, so there will be no local touch to the games.

Curling has become one of Canada s most popular sports in the past decade, and there is much interest in the matches here. We hope our visitors enjoy their stay in town, and that, win or lose, they will go home with warm memories of Georgetown's hospitality.

Sunday Fair Worth Considering

Extension of Georgetown's fall fair to include Sunday is an interesting possibility which directors of the agricultural society discussed at their annual meeting.

Proximity to three major cities, and a large urban population, could make Georgetown ideal to experiment with a new idea which few small towns have tried.

The day could bring a large influx of city dwellers to absorb a rural atmosphere.

If the idea were adopted, it would take even more attractions for the grandstand viewers.

The light horse show, steadily increasing in popularity, is already an attraction for city folk. The fine cattle and heavy horses are something to draw large crowds, and it might be possible to talk more of our district cattle breeders into showing at their local fair.

Perhaps our churches would be interested — with a service specially slanted to city visitors, a coffee hour afterwards, where they could meet some of their country cousins informally before proceeding to the fair grounds.

CONSIDER ALTERNATE ROUTE

Defer Plans to Widen Terra Cotta Main Road

There are no plans at present to widen the road through Terra Cotta, Peel's good roads committee has been assured.

The committee also agreed last week to delay any decision about "The Forge" until a report on whether the building can be moved back and if the land can be split.

County engineer Bob Knight will also prepare a report on an alternate route to the Terra Cotta Conservation area that would avoid going through Terra Cotta itself.

"The Forge" was purchased last year by the county to allow for widening of the road through Terra Cotta, which gets a large amount of traffic to the conservation area.

SHOULD RETAIN BEAUTY

Chinguacousy representative George Gardhouse suggested the road be turned back to Chinguacousy township on the basis that it can be retained as a scenic road. An alternate route to the conservation area could then be found. "We should be prepared to retain the esthetics of the area," he said.

Mississauga Mayor Bob Speck suggested part of the Forge lot be sold to recover some of the $35,000 cost. The Ontario Department of Highways paid half the cost and this grant would have to be returned if the property is not used for road purposes.

HAD PETITION

Prospect of widening the Terra Cotta road, requiring demolition of historic buildings along the road, has led to opposition and petitions from residents who want to retain the character of the area.

"We're quite pleased at the way it's going at the moment,' said John Agg, of the Terra Cotta and District Preservation Committee. "But we're going to stay in business."

JOHN AGG

He termed the suggestion for an alternate route to the Terra Cotta Conservation area, "a logical move that would help save Terra Cotta."

"I don't really see that The Forge would have to be moved but I would rather see it moved than destroyed," said Mr. Agg.

NO REASON TO WIDEN

Another Terra Cotta resident can see no purpose in widening the road.

"If the county fixed up the present road, they'd be just as far ahead," said Walter Asseltine, owner of the Terra Cotta General Store. "People are not in a hurry when they go through here. They are out for a drive and looking at the scenery."

SMILE

Lenny: I can do anything you can.

Fenny: Can you see the back of your neck?

IN THE MAIL BAG

Newfoundland Education Systen Pleases Religious

11 Ewing Street.

Dear Sir:

In company with many interested people I attended a meeting at Evangel Tabernacle, Acton, February 12 to listen to various speakers on the question "Should we retain or abandon Bible teaching and prayer in our schools."

Guest speakers were Mr. B. Heillma, St. Catharines, subject, Mackay Report; Rev. A. G. Vaters from the Stone Church, Toronto, subject, Origin of Christian Schools in Newfoundland.

Rev. A. G. Vaters gave a most enlightening address and information that was most interesting to me.

I learned that in Newfoundland they have five denominational schools, Roman Catholic, Anglican, Methodist (United Church) Salvation Army and Pentecostal.

We further learned that many of the children were allowed to go to schools of their choice, sometimes miles away from home, in order to learn more of their Christian beliefs.

Each child of every denomination has a government grant of $100. with no special privilege for any denomination.

How very different that is to what is being proposed by many people here under the pretext that a child is discriminated against if he is allowed the freedom to be absent from class during religious exercises.

I only wish someone would allow me the freedom of paying my taxes. I sure would not mind that discrimination and I feel that this excuse to ban religious teaching in our schools is wrong.

Someone said that we can legislate religion in the schools out. But we can not legislate it in. Let us make sure it is not legislated out.

Sincerely

Katherine Cordaro

"I WANT A PAPER DOLL THAT I CAN CALL MY OWN"

IN THE MAIL BAG

Says Petitioners Want Return to Horse and Buggy

Terra Cotta, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Do petitions stop progress? If they do, then let us go back to the horse and buggy years and then we in Terra Cotta will have use of the Old Forge which seems to be the biggest issue of the road widening. But then again where would we find a blacksmith to shoe our horses. If we did then it would be the only blacksmith shop around with a fireplace in it.

Is it really preservation you people want? If so why did you not act when the new road went up to the conservation park. Did it not occur to you that they would link this up with road improvements they have made throughout the township.

If I stand alone on this issue then I shall gladly sit down. So if petitions stop progress then those that want road improvements will be glad to sign the petition that will be circulating shortly to get Progress Rolling Again.

T. R. Zillo

P.S. —

In regards to Mr. Elwood's letter of last week, he said he was lucky to be one of the ones to live in Terra Cotta. Where have you been in the last two or three years Mr. Elwood?

IN THE MAIL BAG

Old People's Home For 'Good Old Days'

R. R. 1, Norval,

Dear Mrs. Cordaro:

I've just read your letter, Haa Haa Hall! Very good. I appreciate a joke like that now and then. It helps me take my mind off the pressing problems of today's society. Please don't get me wrong now, Mrs. Cordaro. I'm not one of the "misguided youth." I've turned 21 — the day before my birthday, I was a punk,, I couldn't drink or vote, I wasn't accepted by my elders. But that's all behind me now.

Seriously Mrs. Cordaro, I would like to explain some of the ideas behind the 'misguided youth," but it would take pages and pages; I'm afraid that in the end, we still would not agree.

It sounds as if you haven't had much fun in your life, Mrs. Cordaro. Perhaps we could build an old peoples home — something akin to that school you say is being built for those children whose parents abhor evolution and sex education programs. The old peoples home could provide all the comforts of the olden days and perhaps a film or two every Friday night having something to do with "the good old days" That way everybody would be happy. They could stay there for the rest of their days, until they peacefully and naturally passed away, well protected from the "meek that shall inherit the earth". Thinking of you always,

R. DeSylva.

THE DISTRICT
AT A GLANCE

INGLEWOOD SELLS STATION ONCE THRIVING CENTRE

INGLEWOOD: The second and last railway station at Inglewood will disappear sometime this year. The station, a solid brick structure, has been put up for tender by Canadian National Railways. It was built in 1918 to replace one burned in February 1914. It was closed a few years ago.

MANAGEMENT CALLS STRIKE POWER PLAY

MILTON: A strike by 42 employees of the Milton Brick Co. Ltd., has been called "a power play by one man" by a spokesman for the company. Local president Bill Corp said the workers have been trying since September to get a raise from the $1.92 basic wage. A company spokesman blamed the strike on the local president who he said 'enjoys exercising power.'

BANDITS GET $6,000 HAUL

OAKVILLE: Oakville police put out an Ontario-wide alarm Saturday after a 60 year bank messenger was robbed of $6,000 Friday afternoon. Bank messenger Alfred Irwin fired 2 shots at the fleeing bandits after a cash container he had been carrying was grabbed off the front seat of the car he was driving.

CLAIM PUPILS ARE BEING RAILROADED

ORANGEVILLE: - Residents of Mono and Mulmar Townships are up in arms about what they feel is a railroading of their children into school-courses they do not wish to take. A delegation said last week they are willing to withhold their children from schools at Orangeville and Shelburne if they are forced into accepting "a lower standard of education."

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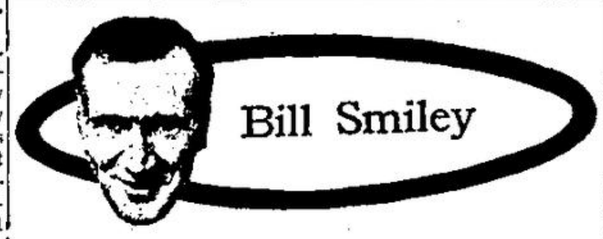
CANVASSERS NEEDED

Help is needed at our local Red Cross Branch now. Volunteer canvassers, 16 or older, are wanted to help out in the 1970 Campaign-for-Funds.



CRESCENDO OF CATASTROPHE

Isn't it odd how troubles come in batches? You can sail along for as many as two whole weeks with everything going as smooth as cream. Then the roof falls in.

Ours almost literally did last week, when the ice piled up nearly two feet deep behind the eavestroughs, and I couldn't find anyone to chop it off.

Your run of calamities, however, usually begins with a few minor things, like a toothache, or the flu, then builds steadily to a crescendo of catastrophe.

That's the way it's been with me in my latest bout with the fates. Knobs coming off doors. A broken tooth. Coming down and finding the front door open with the temperature ten below and the furnace straining to keep up. Wipers on the car broken down, which is a fairly easy route to suicide the way it's been snowing around here this winter.

Then my car, on which I recently spent $63 to remove the problem of its not starting in the morning, started not starting again. My gimpy curling knee got gimpy and I've been limping around ever since like a sailor with a wooden leg.

But these things you are used to, and cope with, one by one. Got my tooth fixed. Got a chap to hack the ice off roof. Got the door-knobs working, the wipers working and the knee wrapped in an elastic bandage that cuts off the circulation so badly my face is purple.

It's the things over which you have no control that hit you right between the eyes. Like Sunday noon, when we got a call from my daughter announcing cheerily, though with a touch of trepidation, that she was calling from the hospital. With infectious hepatitis.

You can't say that the kids nowadays don't live dangerously, at any rate. Kim left for the city at New Year, having quit university to live in a commune.

I don't have to go into the commune bit again. It's the method some young people use in today's society to escape from the latter. A commune is an idealistic utopia in which everyone shares the work and the food. Just one big happy family, with no nagging parents, and nobody stopping one from doing one's thing.

The commune has vague links with the early Christians and the modern Israelis which is a nice touch of irony. There have been hundreds of attempts to form such communes in the past. The only thing wrong is that they don't work, unless they are rigidly authoritarian, like the communities of Mennonites.

Kim spent a (presumably) happy week in the commune, then caught hepatitis from one of the other inmates, and lay sick, self conscious, without eating for about two weeks. She had too much pride, feeling she had let us down, to call. We didn't have any phone number and were waiting for a letter. We finally wrote.

She staggered out to the emergency ward of a general hospital, where they gave her a shot of penicillin and threw her back into the snowbanks.

On a Thursday night, one of the members, who had lately been getting a bit weird (going on a big religious kick), dressed himself in his best, went to his room, and set the house on fire. The others barely got out, into a winter night, with the clothes they were in, and nothing else. He was burned to death. The house was destroyed.

Somehow, Kim got into hospital. All she'd saved was her Christmas present, a radio. A friend loaned her some clothes. She's feeling better.

But, and there are some big BUTS, we don't know yet what damage has been done. Her liver is affected. Its normal thing is 35 to 50, whatever it does. A doctor told here that the worst case they'd ever had in the hospital was 3,500. And then told her that hers was 6,000.

Give us a prayer if you have a moment will you?

NEWS ECHOES

From the Heralds of 10, 20 and 30 Years Ago

1960

- A Georgetown man died Saturday when his car was struck by a westbound CPR passenger train at a level crossing near Hornby. Mr. Aubin was driving to work in Burlington where he was employed at a restaurant as a chef.
- A rare honour was bestowed on Diane McColgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. McColgan last Friday night, when Mrs. W. A. Filer, Hamilton Area Commissioner, awarded her the Badge of Fortitude for her cheerfulness and determination throughout a prolonged illness. Mrs. Filer led Diane through an arch of colours up to the stage in an impressive ceremony. Rev. K. Richardson, praised Diane's attitude and Mrs. E. C. Reed, divisional commissioner, presented her with a horseshoe shaped cake with Good Guiding written on top.

1950

- Many friends from Georgetown attended a piano recital last Friday in the Heliconian Hall, Toronto, by Miss Margaret Bradley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Bradley of town. It was an official debut as a concert pianist of this talented young lady who has been studying concert work for several years, of late under the tuition of B. Hayunga Carmen.

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