

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Ridiculous Project

The more we see of the Maple Avenue reconstruction, the more we are amazed at how a seemingly simple engineering project can turn into a major disaster.

Maple Avenue needed resurfacing, a side walk to protect pedestrians walking up and down a three block hill.

Besides this, they are getting a wider road up the hill, many beautiful maple trees have disappeared, a new entranceway to Main Street, installed just a year ago, has been completely torn up, and many beautiful grounds in the area have been lost to public property.

And what will it accomplish? A wider 'county link' road to ferry more and more traffic through a completely residential neighbourhood, encourage speeding and destroy much of what has been a fine residential area.

### Liquor Plebiscite Sensible

We were somewhat surprised at the antics of some council members last week when the question of a liquor plebiscite came up.

As Councillor Morrow pointed out, a plebiscite vote does not force any person to voice his personal feelings about whether he does or doesn't approve licensed lounges within the municipality. It is rather a decision vote, with the electorate deciding what they should or shouldn't do.

Provincial law demands such a vote before this type of liquor outlet can be established. Which today seems rather foolish in a town which allows the sale of beer at three locations within town and others nearby, sale of liquor in three private clubs, and a one-time liquor bar for any group which can fork over the necessary fee with an application.

### The Joy of Books

In our occasional blasts at people who say there is nothing for children to do in Georgetown, we have failed to mention one of a human's great joys — reading.

This is perhaps the ultimate pleasure which providence has provided for human beings to separate them from the animal world.

And Georgetown is fortunate in having one of the best libraries possible with an obliging staff and a plenitude of good books — fiction, biography, technical and constructive.

In our childhood days there was never a dull hour which couldn't be filled with Tom Sawyer or Huck Finn, the Bobsey Twins and the Horatio Alger books. Tomorrow, try a book!

Surely the necessary things could have been done with a minimum of uprooting and a fraction of the tremendous expense to town, county and province.

What's done is done, of course, and residents will have to lick their wounds and look on the bright side.

But perhaps we have learned, and as a Queen Street resident we will be keeping a wary eye on future road projects.

Queen is another of our older residential streets, a main thoroughfare for railway station and Glen Williams. With traffic to and from some industries, the parking allowed on one side only, there is just room for two passing cars. It, too, is lined with lovely old maples.

The street needs resurfacing — and that's all.

As one resident, we will be on the alert for the woodsman's axe when our time comes.

There was a day when liquor was a red-hot topic from which any politician would shy.

It has today become so much a part of life, that it seems a throwback to three decades ago, to have politicians worried about their image if they hint they might be in favour of cocktail lounges.

We don't say that today's wholesale distribution of liquor is good.

We do say that if we, through our senior governments, have accepted that liquor is a part of life, and one from which a large tax revenue is derived, then we must be consistent and allow it to be sold like any other product. The law provides policing powers so that its distribution should not be abused. If this is correctly handled, there should be few who would oppose such outlets in the town.

Tom Burgess provided endless delights with his nature tales. Edgar Rice Burroughs kept us enthralled with the Tarzan tales. Edgar Allan Poe, Mazon de la Roche, Sir Walter Scott wrote tales which are timeless. Today's children get an even better grounding in reading than we did. They have regular classroom visits to the town library. And our high school, itself, has a beautiful library abounding with books to whet every appetite.

There is such a wide choice of reading material that we cannot believe any young person, even with a minimum of formal education, cannot find enough books to suit his taste that he should never be able to say "There's nothing to do."

Next time, try a book!

### EATON'S JOINS BRAMALEA CENTRE

BRAMALEA — Plans were announced jointly this week by Eaton's, Steinberg's, and Ching-uacousy council that negotiations have been completed and the two stores will open branches in the Bramalea city centre complex. It will be the largest store in the centre, at the corner of Highway 7 and Dixie Road.

### FALL FAIR

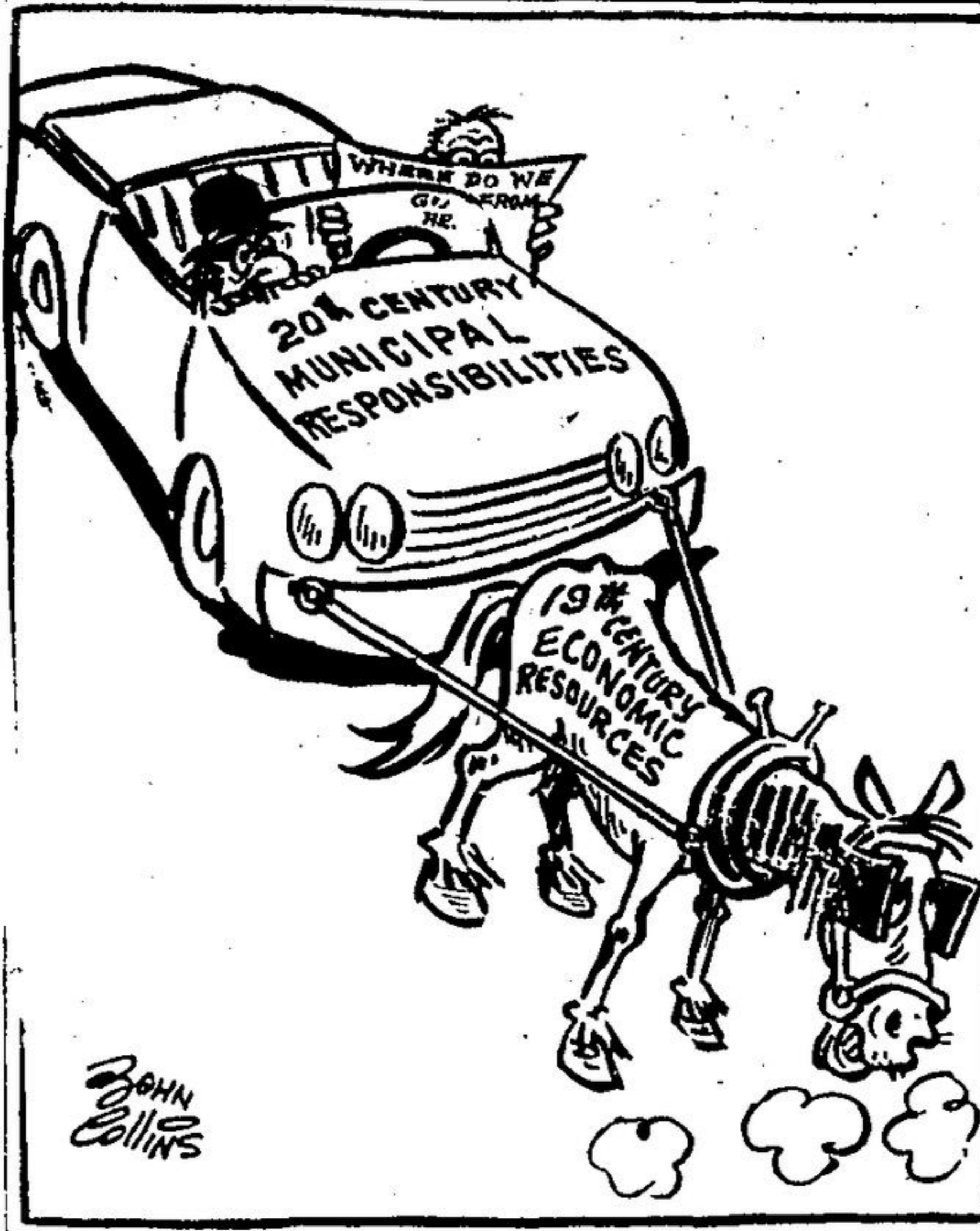
Friday and Saturday, October 2 and 3 are the dates for this year's Georgetown Fall Fair which will be held as usual in the town park.

## Visited Duke: No Close Ties: Snow

Haltom East MPP Jim Snow of R.R. 2, Georgetown has denied any close connection with alleged Mafia associate George Clinton Duke but admitted that he had visited the Oakville millionaire's estate several times.

Snow's statement to the Legislature last Wednesday followed charges by High Park MPP Dr. Morton Shulman of alleged connections between Duke, the Mafia and the Ontario Provincial Police. In the legislature, Snow said that he first met Duke in 1968 or 1967, when he was called to the Duke home to advise on extensive renovations.

Snow said that his Oakville construction firm had built



ONE HORSE POWER

## IN THE MAIL BAG

### Deplores Poor Surface For Arena Roller Skaters

June 15, 1970

To the Editor:  
In the June 11 issue of The Georgetown Herald, you carried a picture and a caption, stating the start of the fifth season of roller skating in Georgetown. It states "roller skating has consistently outdrawn ice skating."

Well, I have a feeling the attendance may drop this year because of the appalling state of the skating surface. People with their own skates are not going to take the chance of ruining them on certain parts of the surface which look rather like a washboard.

I, for one, have attended roller skating the first and last time for this year and shall not go back again, until something has been done with the skating surface. Most people with their own skates and transportation now patronize rinks in Kitchener, Orangeville and Acton, where the skating surfaces are of a better quality.

So, now I say, if roller skating has been so popular in Georgetown, why do they not replace the skating surface, and keep it popular.

Yours truly,  
Steve Lawr

### LOCAL HOLSTEIN IS RED SEAL PRODUCER

Bondairew Annie Inka, a purebred Holstein cow bred by Clyde T. Bond, & Son, St. Thomas and now in the herd of A. H. McKane, Georgetown, has recently been awarded a Red Seal production certificate by the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada. In five lactations on twice a day milking, Annie produced 101,348 lbs. milk containing 3,489 lbs. fat, average test 3.44% butterfat. In her latest lactation as a seven year old, she produced 22,026 lbs. milk containing 834 lbs. fat, average test 3.64% butterfat. This record has a Breed Class Average of 193% for milk and 191% for fat. Annie is classified "Very Good" for body conformation.

### Says Editorial Misconstrues Function of Town Council

15 Park Ave.,

### Paid Recreation Director Investment For Any Town

38 Edith Street,

Dear Mr. Editor:  
After reading the editorial on recreation in today's Herald, I find that I cannot accept your stand on the issue.

Too often, most of us do feel that local government does exist only to provide for "essential" services such as police, fire and water. But we also need to get beyond this limited view of local government and recognize the importance and value of other services which a local council should be attempting to provide.

Chief among these is a full time director of recreation who can help to stimulate activities and functions in a community that will give the municipality a name for peace and stability. People will want to live here and raise their families here. The activities are those cultural assets that add that extra something to a person's life and increase his zest for life.

While the results of a developed recreation program, tailored for any interest group in the community prove to be not directly measurable, I believe that police statistics can prove the effectiveness of an organized recreation program in curbing some of the trouble that our youth encounter with the police. Our youth should not need to turn to drugs or to hanging out along Main Street. Such profitless type of activity could be replaced by a different form of recreation that is much more wholesome and much more satisfying for the individual. While a recreation program should not be seen as a panacea for all the problems of our youth, yet it could prove to be an effective remedy in stemming the notorious reputation that seems to surround the youth of this town.

A recreation director may then be seen as an investment for the future of all people of this town. Where should local government act? Is not a recreation director just as "essential" as the other services provided by your local municipal government?

— Donald Young

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Every school and day camp and recreational facilities give children a social conscience and widen their experiences. If such a program is professionally guided and enlarged to meet the needs of the people of this Town, surely that is a worthwhile expenditure just as good roads, sewers, water, police and fire protection are and just as surely, meeting the needs of a village community several years ago cannot now be related to meeting the needs of a Town of over 16,000 people.

Those of us who have become residents of this Town most re-

cently care no less for the town than those of you who have been residents for a long time. People who attempt to improve the quality and the function of their residency in this town are not attacking a community that older residents are attached to and to place such an interpretation upon it is both unfair and parochial. Change is not always a bad thing nor is it destructive. It is for the most part an expression of the concern that people have for the way they live or want to live.

Yours very truly,  
R. R. Dodokin

## NEWS ECHOES

From the Herald of 10, 20 and 30 Years Ago

- 1960
  - Construction of Georgetown's third Baptist Church will start sometime next week it was decided at a meeting of congregation officials last Tuesday. The new church will be located on Mountainview Road south of Sinclair Avenue. The chairman of St. Paul Baptist Church steering committee, George Tracey, will turn the first sod at a sod turning ceremony this Sunday.
  - Despite a drizzling rain, and a wet swirling mist, The Hon. Ray Connell, Ontario minister of public works cut the ribbon signifying the official opening of Terra Cotta Conservation Area on Tuesday afternoon June 14. The area, first of a number to be established by the Credit Valley Authority, sprawls over 310 acres and includes five ponds.
- 1950
  - The first drowning in the district in several years claimed the life of a 13 years old Toronto, girl, Doris Cronkite, who drowned in a swimming hole at the bridge on the far side of Glen Williams. The girl and her sister Shirley, 12, were on a picnic with their uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Shaver of Clarkson.
  - A banquet and presentation in St. John's church hall last Wednesday honoured two members of the public school staff, Misses Hazel Harrison and May Langan who retired this week after teaching for over 40 years. Miss Harrison received a wrist watch and Miss Langan a radio from the school board, and both were given electric kettles from fellow members of the staff.
- 1940
  - C. J. Hart, popular accountant at the Canadian Bank of Commerce for the past five and a half years has been moved to the Sarnia branch of the bank. Mr. and Mrs. Hart, David and Peter, left Thursday morning for their new home. Replacing Mr. Hart in his duties will be Mr. C. Dobie who comes here from Waterloo.
  - In response to the call for volunteers by 'C' Company, Lorne Scolls, 35 recruits passed the medical examination at Brampton and left this week for training in other centres. Local boys included in the group were Bruce Harley, Ted Hicken, C. H. Mills, R. F. Paterson, T. H. Parry, Albert Reeve, Tom Warnes, E. E. Zimmerman, Clarence Winfield, Bud Hill and J. F. Mileham.

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## THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

### BEAVERS TOO BUSY TO BE REMOVED

MEYER — The famous beavers are busy again. Former township reeve Stan Smith told township councilors the beaver had been busy in the area of his farm and had flooded a bush and extended the water into the corner of a field. "The Department of Lands and Forests put the beaver in Nasagaweya in the first place. They should come and take them out," Mr. Smith observed.

### PLAN 106 HOMES ON SEYNUCK FARM

MILTON — Draft plans for 106 homes plus town houses on the Seynuck farm were shown to planning board at their Thursday meeting. The plan includes single-family houses, semi-detached houses and town houses.

### ERIN RATEPAYERS TAXES UP A THIRD

ERIN — Erin village taxpayers will be hit by a 33 per cent tax increase on their 1970 tax bills. The increase is mainly due to the unreasonable cost of education in the county. The 1970 rates have been set at 20 per cent and 21.74 commercial.

### ORGANIZE FIRST HOME AND SCHOOL

WILSON — The first

### HILLSBURGH HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING HELD AT ROSS R. MACKEY PUBLIC SCHOOL ON JUNE 12

Eighteen attended and heard Ray Bernard of Erin describe the function of a home and school organization prior to an election of officers. Mrs. Sandra Parkes was named the organization's first president.

### MILTON STORES OPEN SIX DAYS WEEKLY

MILTON — Milton stores should be open to serve their customers six days a week plus Thursday and Friday nights until 9 p.m. directors of Milton Chamber of Commerce agreed at their June meeting. They approved a resolution recommending just that. The policy would go into effect on Monday August 17. Some stores in Milton close on Monday and some on Wednesday. Only a few are open Thursday evenings.

### ALL IN READINESS ANNUAL CARNIVAL

ROCKWOOD — Two days of fun and games for everyone at the fifth annual Rockwood carnival will start Friday, June 19 with a variety show organized by Eramosa Junior Farmers. Theme of this year's carnival is "Around the World" which organizers hope will be reflected in the wide variety of booths and other attractions in Rockwood ball park. Saturday's program will start with a parade at noon.