

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Welcome... Gage Company

It was merry Christmas news for Georgetown last week, when announcement was made that Gage Stationery has located here.

The town suffered a blow when the Dennison Manufacturing plant closed earlier in the year. The new industry, which will employ over 100 initially, already has plans to double plant size in the new year, with consequent addition in payroll, which will make it one of the town's substantial small industries.

The firm will be producing stationery and school products here. It is a branch of a company which also has plants in Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg. It's

stability is indicated in the fact that it has been in business for over 100 years.

Firms such as this, which add diversity and a medium size number of employees are the type which Georgetown particularly welcomes.

The best towns are those which do not depend on a major industry for the bulk of employment.

With Georgetown developing also into a commuter town, several industries of the size we now have, plus the diversity which occurs in commuter employment should ensure that if hard times came, we would be in the best position to weather any storm.

Service for Public

The Jaycees are to be congratulated on the service rendered in the municipal elections.

Their meet the candidate night was a success from all standpoints. It was well conducted, well planned and run on schedule. Brief introduction gave meeting attendees some information about council aspirants, each of whom were given time to present their election platform. And a later question and answer period was informative and interesting.

Those who attended the meeting are equally to be congratulated.

Their questions were sensible and to

the point. There was no heckling, no speeches in the guise of questions, and people should have left the meeting more informed about municipal affairs, and better prepared to decide which men and women they wanted to guide municipal business for the next two years.

The Jaycees, too, provided extra service on election day with their minibus service, taking voters to the polls.

That we did not have a 75 per cent or more voting record is no fault of theirs. We hope that in two years they will intensify their efforts and keep plugging for the Utopian goal of every voter using his franchise.

Some Election Pointers

The Women's Equal Opportunity Act, which became law in Ontario the first of the month, prohibits discrimination based on sex or marital status in hiring, promotion and dismissal.

Although the Act is primarily to correct discrimination against working women, it is a two way street, and provisions apply to male workers too.

Because some jobs cannot reasonably be performed by one or other of the sexes, exemptions are allowed, but the Women's Bureau must rule on this.

For newspapers, this presents a problem in the advertising columns. The Herald

must not accept advertising limited to one sex, unless the advertiser presents some proof that the Women's Bureau has given a decision.

While we are in agreement with the principle, we are somewhat confused about what proof should be asked of an advertiser that this requirement has been met, as preliminary literature issued by the new bureau does not clarify this. We will find out in due course, no doubt.

Strangely enough, the first ad which had to be changed for an advertiser last week was one where he specifically wanted a woman.

Christmas Festivities Add Charm County's Museum

The ghost of Christmas past would revel in the atmosphere of the annual Christmas Open House which began Sunday and continues to Dec. 20 at Halton County Museum Kelso Conservation Area.

An old fashioned Christmas tree and tea and cakes in front of a warm fireplace are the main features of the open house.

FOUR BUILDINGS
For over five years the mu-

seum has entertained Halton residents at Christmas from 2 to 5.30 p.m. seven days a week.

This year is the first time all four buildings in the museum complex are open to the public; the main building, the carriage house, the blacksmith shop and the craft house.

Tea will be served in the main building by the summer

tour guides and the Friends of the Museum, the museum auxiliary group.

NO CHARGE

Entering into the spirit of giving, the museum is not charging for any of the refreshments or entrance to the museum.

"We don't receive any funds from the budget for restoration of antiques," said Curator Mrs. Eria Brittain. "We appreciate donations if anyone wants to leave something."

BRICK HEARTH

Highlight of a visit to the museum will be tea near the brick hearth surrounded by relics of an earlier era in Halton County. A recent gift from a Bronte family is a dainty melodeon.

Also the carriage house will be open and heated. Old carriages, sleighs and a massive wooden weaving loom, the only one of its kind in Canada are on display.

NO CANDLES

Weekends, visitors will be entertained by local music groups and Christmas records will provide background music during the week.

Although the spruce Christmas tree is decorated with antique balls and strings, no candles are allowed by order of the fire marshal.

"No one used pine trees for Christmas in Victorian days" says Mrs. Brittain.

Several group visits are expected at the Open House. The Halton museum is located in the Kelso Conservation area.



IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

SIGNS WERE PLENTIFUL

Georgetown civic election campaign this year was particularly noted for the multitude of advertising signs which appeared in all sections of town.

Posters boosting the various candidates blossomed in every conceivable location and added colour to the roadsides with their multi-hued messages.

Now that the big day is over, it is to be hoped that the candidates will do an equally good job in removing them. Nothing is dearer than last year's election posters.

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Domtar Mills Working On Pollution Abatement

All Domtar mills have completed or are working on extensive pollution abatement programs according to a news story from Communications, Research and Development.

In Ontario, this includes plants at Cornwall, St. Catharines, Trenton, Red Rock and Georgetown.

Work at Cornwall fine papers plant provides just one example of what is being done. Some \$4 million has already been spent to reduce pollution from the plant. Another \$3 million now being spent will remove approximately 90 per cent of the solids in mill effluent more effectively in the St. Lawrence River. Mill staff and Domtar research experts, together with consultants, are also undertaking a major pioneering study. This will establish which of the various process streams may have an effect on taste and odor of fish in the St. Lawrence River so that corrective means can be devised and implemented.

"This program highlights the complexity of the environmental programs involved," Dr. Tomlinson emphasizes.

THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

NIX ESCARPMENT HOUSING

CAMPBELLVILLE — Halton Region Conservation Authority has voted not to support a Nassagaweya Township approved plan of subdivision on the Niagara Escarpment near Campbellville. The prestige, estate type, development is in conflict with the policy of the Ontario government to purchase escarpment land and make it a public open space area.

RESCUED FROM LAGOON

ACTON — Ten year old Steve Blanchard of Acton had a narrow escape from possible drowning or suffocation recently in the filter beds behind Beardmore and Co. The boy slipped into the sludge on the edge of the lagoons and was up to his shoulders and sinking when rescued by George Turkosz, alerted by the boys' three companions.

BOY DIES IN HOME FIRE

INGLEWOOD — A four year old Inglewood boy, Kevin Douglas Rhyndard died last week when fire destroyed the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rhyndard of R. R. 1, Inglewood. Three firefighters were injured in the blaze from which other members of the Rhyndard family escaped unharmed. Captain Ron Weir of Chinguacousy Fire Department said firefighting efforts were hampered by lack of water.

FIVE HOMES RANSACKED

ORANGEVILLE — Five homes were ransacked and robbed Friday in a series of break-ins which netted \$950. The rash of thefts was reminiscent of a similar incident in 1969 when seven homes were hit by a burglar or burglars. This time doors were kicked in and both articles and cash stolen. The culprit started about 6.30 p.m. and ended about 9 o'clock. It was foggy at the time and in each case the home owners were shopping.

FIRE DAMAGE AT \$7,000

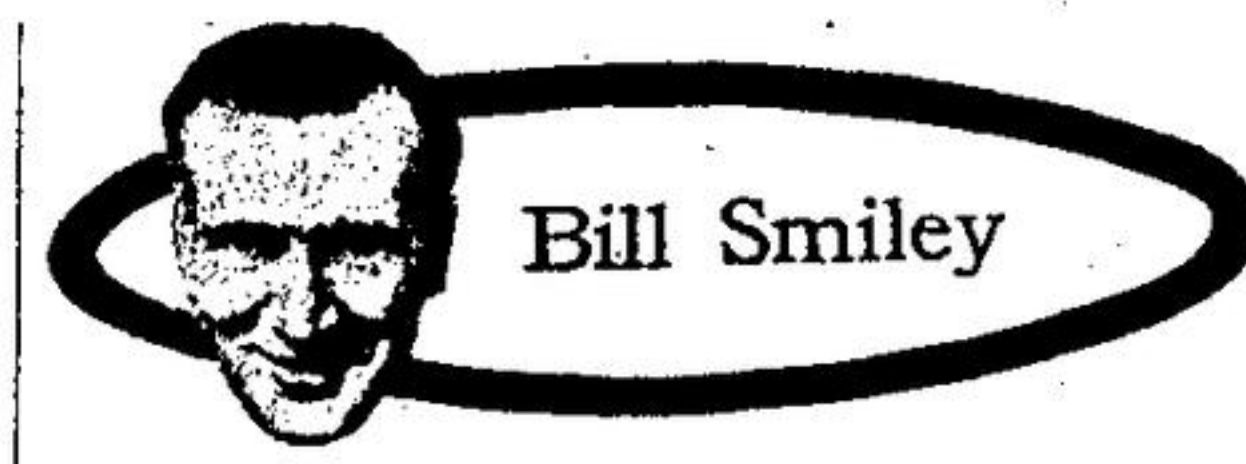
HILLSBURGH — Hillsburgh fire department is investigating a fire which caused an estimated \$7,000 damage at the farm of Kenneth McLeod one mile out of Hillsburgh. Fire Chief Cheyne said the farm building was beyond saving when firefighters arrived at about 11 a.m. Columns of smoke were seen for miles. The driving shed was gutted and several farm implements lost, as well as a quantity of furniture.

BAN STRIKERS MOONLIGHTING

MALTON — Legislation to prevent striking workers from taking temporary jobs is needed to restore the balance of power in management-labour relations, a labour relations counsellor said last week here. Speaking to 70 Rotarians, Edwin Stringer of Hamilton said Canada is "extremely strike prone" with a greater percentage of strikers than the U.S. and Great Britain. "If a company should go without income during a strike so should the workers, except of course for their strike pay," said Stringer.

ORGAN FOR BROOKLYN CHURCH

ACTON — An Acton company, Keates Organ Co. Ltd., has created and is shipping the largest organ console ever built in Ontario to an historic Brooklyn, New York, church. The manual organ console is four to five times the size of a regular console. It is going to Diocesan Church of St. Ann and the Holy Trinity in Brooklyn. This Episcopal church has a tradition of distinguished organists and the new console, one of the largest to be installed in Metropolitan New York in recent years, will complete restoration work and additions to their present organ.



THE COFFEE TABLE SAGA

It's one of those days. A wild, white yonder outside, the window, snowing and blowing as though we'd never seen the stuff before and someone was trying to impress us. And just two days after some nit of a cab driver told me sagely: "Sure looks like we're gonna have a green Christmas."

We're redecorating the living room. It's 30 x 18 x 10. Move all the junk out of that crypt to paint and there's no place elsewhere in the house in which you can draw a deep breath without caving in some ribs against an upturned chair or a book-case with its feet sticking out.

Everything's gone fairly smoothly, but my wife is slightly hysterical about one slip. For two years she's been bellowing at the kids to keep their rotten dirty feet off her new mahogany coffee table. (Nobody, of course, adults included, is allowed to put a cup of coffee on the coffee table.)

This morning she found that the painters had put a gouge about a foot long and a quarter inch deep in that virgin territory. She's suffering as much pain as though someone had taken a can-opener and put a gouge of similar dimensions in her own skin.

I offer all sorts of comfort, like "Well, now we can put our feet on it," or "Nobody'll notice that when it's covered with coffee cups, but the result is more like throwing oil on fire than on troubled waters.

The phone hasn't been working for two days. For me, this is unmitigated bliss. But the old lady is utterly convinced that all sorts of people have been calling about a death in the family, Lord forbid, or a birth in the family, Lord doubly forbid.

That's the in-calls. I never call anybody. But without the out-calls, she feels as helpless as a female with both arms in a sling, and a back zipper to be zipped.

I've got a knee like an elephant. One of my old footballer knees has decided to start me off on a merry winter, and is swollen right down to an ankle like a piano leg.

It began with curling too vigorously. But it didn't help that I went to the local ball-of-the-year on Friday night with a game leg, and danced a lot gamier than I should have.

With an elastic bandage and pain pills, I manage to get about, just lame enough so that I can't possibly help with moving furniture. You should see that wife of mine manhandling a grand piano all by herself, with me helping by grunting. I doubt if she's lost ten pounds in the last two days.

Just to make it a truly joyous day, I'm marking exam papers. This is something like the Chinese water torture. Drop by drop, it pierces your skull that you never were, are not, and never will be able to teach anybody anything more than to tie his shoelaces.

All I have learned today is that 'prostitute' is now spelled 'prosecute', that 'savagery' has become 'savagism' and that a fellow who flies an aircraft is a 'pilot.'

However, I am not complaining. The painting is finished. My knee feels much better now that the furniture is all moved back it has stopped snowing as I've written. The phone company has been able to break through. The old girl has forgotten her despair over the gouge by spotting a bump in the plaster. And I just marked an exam paper worth 90 per cent.

Because of the dance, I have a new suit, first in six years, new shoes, new gloves. Quite smashing, really.

I don't have to go back to the dentist for two days. The cat is spayed. The snow tires are on. My wife, who predicted her own death by noon, is alive and well and snarling commands.

Not a bad old life really. Better than the graveyard, though I could use some of that rest. If only it weren't eternal.

FIND IT HERE

Whatever your gift idea, you'll find Georgetown stores well stocked with gift items this year.

Shopping in Georgetown is easier, prices are competitive and the friendly service from people you know is an added bonus.

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IN THE MAIL BAG

Goldenrod Noxious? Writer Says Not So

R.R. 1, Georgetown

Dear Sir:
How disinterested in local politics can the people of Georgetown become to allow the unopposed re-election of a deputy reeve, whose platform, according to last week's press report, appears to be to declare Goldenrod a noxious weed!

Apart from the positive harm such action would entail — Goldenrods are native plants of Ontario, and as such links in the ecology which has been tampered with more than enough — there must surely be something constructive to which Georgetown's deputy reeve can contribute during the twice weekly discussions at county council.

It can now only be hoped that the rest of the members of the new county council will be sufficiently aware of the importance of their office.

Yours truly,
Charles Hildebrandt



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