

EDITORIAL COMMENT

This is a Clique?

If some of Georgetown's newer residents, or older ones for that matter, have the idea that Georgetown's municipal business has been conducted by a 'clique' as one council member mentioned last week, forget it.

We thought the mistaken thought that the older part of town conspires to keep control among the natives had long since evaporated.

It is possible that a decade ago, when Georgetown mushroomed rapidly and council members were mostly from the older sections of the municipality, board appointments tended to be weighted to people they knew something about and newer residents were ignored for a year or two.

That this has changed is quite evident in a list of retiring members of various boards which appeared in the January 7th issue of the Herald. At that time Mayor Bill Smith told the Herald about council's new policy of letting the public know what positions would be vacant and asking those interested in serving to make their intentions known.

Seventeen men and women whose term were expiring were noted in the list. Reviewing it, four of these could be termed Georgetown natives, four moved to town ten to twenty years ago, and nine are relative newcomers in the past four or five years.

Hardly an old Georgetown 'clique.'

Store Hours a Dilemma

A change in the store hours by-law seems imminent.

The retail community is presently being circled for an opinion on revising the present by-law and results will be conveyed to a council meeting on Thursday. Council plans to finalize a new by-law at its February meeting.

The closing by law first came into being at the request of a merchant majority. Until then, each merchant was independent, and while most adhered to certain closing hours there was a lack of uniformity which a majority felt was not good for them or the shopping public.

After the birth pangs, some of which were bitter, the present five days and two nights weekly seemed to find favour and the system was successful for some years. Then came plazas in other communities which had no such by-laws. And local stores which departed from the pattern without challenge.

Some merchants feel that to meet competition, they must now revise their thinking. Others, particularly the one-man type of operation are loathe to see a change which can tie them to their business, for longer periods.

We wouldn't relish being in council's position, for whatever happens, there will be criticism.

The easiest way would be to throw out the by-law altogether and let merchants police their own affairs.

But for the sake of the merchant majority and the general public, it is better to have some system where everyone knows where they're at.

With merchants now having an organization to speak for them, and council receptive to a majority view, something good should come out of their discussions and the town will have a new by-law satisfactory to shoppers and suppliers.

Remember When?

The history of the English language is that of a living, evolving organism and certainly every age has had its own slang, much of which over the years has come to be accepted as proper usage.

But has there ever been a time when the language has been shaken up in the way that it has these past few years? It has its amusing side and we are indebted to some unknown grammatical purist for the following witty contribution, in rhyme: Remember when 'hippie' meant big in the hips,

And a 'trip' involved travel in cars, planes and ships?

When 'pot' was a vessel for cooking things in,

And 'hooked' was what grandmother's rug may have been?

When 'acid' etched metal, instead of man's mind,

And 'grass' was ground cover—normally green?

When 'groovy' meant furrowed with channels and hollows,

And 'bird' were winged creatures like robins and swallows?

When 'union' meant marriage of two hands in-hand,

And 'pickets' were used to fence in one's land?

When 'fuzz' was a substance real fluffy like lint,

And 'bread' came from bakeries — and not from the mint?

When 'roll' meant a bun, and 'rock' was a stone,

And 'hang-up' was something you did with the phone?

It's crazy, man, crazy—But English it's not. Methinks that our life style is starting to roll.

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Seek More Separate School Supporters

The Halton County Separate School Board will conduct a campaign to gain more assessment in Georgetown.

Finance chairman Michael Noonan has told the board total assessment income from Georgetown is \$52,000. Total operating expenses are \$281,000 with provincial government grants paying 80 per cent — or \$221,000.

The board therefore pays \$80,000 of the total, which means that Georgetown assessment income is \$8,000 short of the Georgetown separate school costs.

OLD DEBT

Board chairman Leno Braida says the board will have to conduct a campaign to find more Georgetown separate school supporters. "We must try to get Roman Catholics without children in the system to support the separate schools in their taxes."

The board has also learned the old Georgetown RC board debt of more than \$100,000 is costing the Halton RC board \$8,000 a year in interest payments.

Separate French School Goal of District Group

Georgetown separate school supporters haven't given up their fight for a separate school for French speaking students.

Ed Hayes of Esquing Township last week asked the new Halton separate school board if it would again consider building the school. The ratepayers had asked for the school two years ago, but after study the project was scrapped.

VERY DISAPPOINTED

"We were very disappointed at that time when it was announced that another school was being built in Georgetown," Hayes said. Construction of the new RC school, St. Francis of Assisi, will start this year.

175 FRENCH

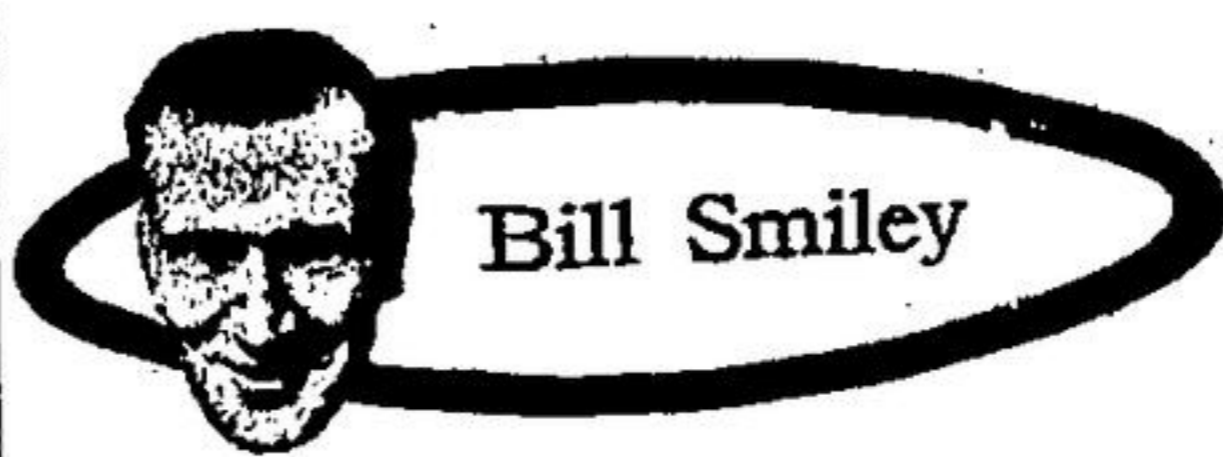
Hayes said later there are about 175 in the Georgetown area. "In a mixed school there's too much exposure to English. The children don't speak French enough."

He said French-Canadian youngsters currently attend Holy Cross school, and are taught in both French and English. "One day they'll be taught, say math, in French, another day in English. But they don't speak French outside of classes conducted in French. At recess, at Scout meetings, they speak English."

CONSIDER IT

Hayes urged the board to again consider building a separate school for the French youngsters. No action was taken by the board on the matter, although chairman Leno Braida said the board would certainly consider it.

Only recently has public concern mounted about the threat of pollution. One facet of the problem which is not widely realized is that litter presents a traffic hazard; many accidents are directly attributable to newspapers, bottles, cans and other litter left on roadways.



Bill Smiley

Wonderful Machine But Need Some Sense

Even a winter saurpuss like me cannot but be affected when we hit one of those rare and perfect winter days.

Today is one of them. Snapping twelve degrees. Sun grinning down like an old yellow lecher as fresh snow lifts virginal, blue white, pleading hands. Sky as cold and blue as Mr. Benson's heart.

Ugly, fallen down fence in back yard has vanished until spring. Picnic table is a loaf of white bread rising. Big spruce by the garage holds with dignity, in sagging, blue green arms, the big lumps of heavy white cotton.

In the country, evergreens are startling black clumps of contrast. Ancient rail fences with jaunty, snow-capped posts run their erratic charm thru the bluish drifts. So do the snow-shoers.

Skiers whiz down like gulls swooping for scraps. And the damned snowmobiles grunt and bellow about like bulls in a chaste china shop.

There, I know something would spoil it. Don't worry. I won't go into a diatribe about the stinking things. I consider them beneath my dignity. I wouldn't ban them if I had the power.

They're a wonderful machine for farmers, trappers and others who need to get places they couldn't before. Some of the kids at our school, who live on islands, 'way out in the bay, cross the ice on the things, catch the school bus, drive forty minutes to school, then make the return journey in the afternoon. You can't knock that.

And they're fine for recreation, too, if they're used with some sense. But there's the rub. As a cabinet minister remarked recently, on the subject, "You can't legislate against stupidity." And some of the most stupid people I know own snowmobiles. (Not you, gentle reader, not you).

You don't go flying solo after an hour's instruction. And you have to pass a fairly stiff test nowadays to get a car driver's licence.

But it seems that any nyrup of a kid (or adult) who can get one of the THINGS started, and not necessarily stopped, is free to go out and commit mayhem or suicide.

When I see some kid belting along at full throttle, on an icy road, or trying to pass a car on the right, I shudder. And when I see mature, middle-aged people attempting climbs and jumps and crossing thin ice that even an intelligent ape would shy at, I shake my head sadly. It seems every third person you meet has a twisted ankle or a sprained shoulder.

Then there are the Gangs. The only difference between a motorcycle gang and a snow-

NEWS ECHOES

From the Heralds of 10, 20 and 30 Years Ago

- 1961**
 - Chances for a road from the 7th Line of Esquing into the new Georgetown hospital dimmed a little after Esquing council meeting, Monday, P. Breithaupt, assistant district municipal engineer for the Dept. of Highways wondered if there was really a need for the road since there is an approach to the hospital from the opposite side. He said the cost to the Township would be high.
 - Edwin Wilson was named chairman of Georgetown Public School Board for the seventh time when the 1971 officers were elected at the board's inaugural last Wednesday.
 - Georgetown Junior Chamber of Commerce officially became a member of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, Friday. National vice president Gino Petrocco presented the charter to local president Bob Burke midway through a charter night in the Legion Hall.
- 1951**
 - Jim Martin of Normandy Boulevard was elected president of Georgetown Recreation Commission at a annual meeting last night at the Municipal Office. Former president, Alex Maclaren was made honorary president. John Malcolm is first vice president; A. M. Baxter, treasurer; and Mrs. Joe Emmerson, secretary. The commission is currently advertising for a replacement for recreation director Rev. J. L. Self who moved to Midland.
- 1941**
 - Fire destroyed a barn on the William Hunter farm at Terra Cotta early Sunday evening. The fire gained considerable headway before it was discovered by Mrs. Hunter. She was alone at the time as her husband is in hospital. A bucket brigade was formed by neighbours but they were unable to save the building. Two horses and two young head of cattle perished, while two other horses and three cattle were saved. The barn and contents were valued at \$4,000.

THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

NO HORISING AROUND . . .

INGLEWOOD — Signs may soon be placed on several Chinguacousy Township roads warning motorists to drive carefully around people riding horses. Council has asked the Chinguacousy Country Club and Caledon Pony Club for information on what roads are most used by horse riders, with a view to posting signs urging drivers to watch for horses and riders.

WONDERING WHAT'S NEXT MOVE . . .

TERRA COTTA — Residents of Terra Cotta are annoyed at the number of 50 ton trucks thundering through their village and the Terra Cotta and District Conservation Committee is at a loss what to do about the problem. A gravel pit operation north of the village is threatening the scenic area and its surroundings, says committee chairman John Agg.

AID FOR CHELTENHAM PARK . . .

CHELTENHAM — The recently bought 250 acre Cheltenham park was given approved park status by the province last week. It means the province will contribute up to \$100,000 for the buying and development of the park. Near Cheltenham, along the Credit River, it was bought for \$145,000. Plan includes camping, hiking, trails and winter recreation.

FIRE STATION AT VICTORIA . . .

VICTORIA — Chinguacousy fire department is planning to establish a fire station in Victoria and has issued a call to arms to local men to man the facility. A minimum of 12 volunteers from the Victoria area is needed. The station would be equipped with one pumper truck and related equipment. Snelgrove fire department located six miles from Victoria is manned by 18 volunteers.

TRAPS FOR SNOWMOBILERS . . .

ORANGEVILLE — A recent decision by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority to ban snowmobiling on their property at Orangeville reservoir has brought strong objections from snowmobilers here. Reports of deadly traps being set for snowmobilers in the 400 acre area prompted the CVCA executive committee to declare the ban. Orangeville snowmobile club president Larry Kain said he is quite shocked by the ban.

BAN HANDBILLS ON CARS . . .

BRAMPTON — A bylaw setting out regulations for parking in municipal lots was approved by Brampton council last week despite objection to one clause by Reeve Nance Horwood. "I don't like the idea of banning handbills and advertising on cars in the lots," said the Reeve. "Nothing annoys me more than someone sticking bills on my private property," replied Cr. Hugh Chamney.

324 WANT STOPLIGHT . . .

SNELGROVE — A petition to have traffic signals installed at the intersection of 17 Sideroad and Highway 10 has been urged by 324 residents in the Snelgrove area. Chinguacousy council has decided to ask the Dept. of Highways to study traffic problems at the intersection to find out if the signals are needed.

LABOUR - MANAGEMENT CO-OPERATE . . .

ACTON — The Acton plant of Building Products of Canada has been cited for its forward looking Labour Management Consultation Committee by a government publication called Teamwork in Industry. Published by the Labour-Management Consultation Branch of the Dept. of Labour, the publication devoted a page from its four page January issue to an article on the LMC at BP in Acton. Principals in the article are former plant manager E. J. Arnold and Norman Elliott, president of Local 603, United Rubber, Cork, Laminoleum, and Plastic Workers of America.

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TURNING BACK TIME



BARBER MILL WAS GEORGETOWN'S ANCHOR

This historical picture taken just past the turn of the century shows the Barber Paper Mill on the Credit River at River Drive, once Georgetown's major industry.