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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Close to Schools?

"Close to schools and shopping" a familiar term in real estate advertising is fifty per cent outdated in Georgetown,

There was a time when a house close to an elementary school, commanded a better price and sold more quickly. New residents with young children wanted to live near a school for obvious reasons. And if they could locate in a district where both elementary and high school were in a few blocks' range, they were happier still.

Now that an elaborate transportation system has followed the trend to specialized schools, the 'close to schools' advertising is relatively meaningless. It is now quite possible to live right beside a school, and have your one, two or three children shoot off in different directions each morning.

We can't quarrel with the theoretical advantages of the new system. More specialized teachers, more reference books and teaching aids are certainly possible with the trend to lower, middle and senior public schools.

But aren't we overlooking the advantages we have eliminated with this modern development?

Wasn't it always an advantage of living in town to have Four children home at the noon hour, back home within a short time after school ended for the day?

Aren't we depriving our young people of the feeling of belonging which attendance at one elementary school gave our generation? That fierce loyalty to school and staff, an anchor which lasts late into

As our Noival correspondent said last week, discussing the possible closing of the Norval school: "The old way would do much for the community spirit," loday we hear much talk of young

roots," of "feeling insecure." Could our forward steps in education be backward steps in another direction?

people being 'alienated' of not 'having

Forty Years of Service

The Lons Club of Georgetown will toon marks its 40th year as a Georgetown institution.

The hundreds of men who have passed through its ranks have made major contributions to the town.

The community swimming pool is one recreational asset for which the club was solely responsible. The Lions were heavy contributors to the memorial hospital when it was built. The Santa Claus parade has become a traditional part of the December scene. And Joseph Gionons Memorial Park, now in process of creation, will be another public feather in the ciub cap.

For these alone, Georgetown can be grateful to Lions past and present.

But there is much more.

While major public works are part of Lionism, ev in more important is the unpubficized part, the helping hand which entities the Lions to be called a service club.

The ticket selling, the work in refreshment booths, the money-raising events the Caledon Hills The hills are which require hours of the members' time, are not all designed for large community enterprises.

Behind the scenes there is much that goes on which won't and can't be public- of humans apple and pine wood

adult. An operation in the days when there tracks of mice and chicadees was no medicare. Food and clothing for a firestruck family sommer camp for a chief if you drive threuch the town whose dad couldn't afford the holday, you have to travel slowly be Good works of which only a small commuttee might know the details.

These are the stuff of which ser, he a lot, others do not. crub work is made. These are me realisms why Georgetown can be proud to have such an organization.

Efficient Works Department

Bill Smiley

The efficiency of Georgetown's works department was never more evident, than after last week's snowstorms which crippled many municipalities.

The town force railed quickly to the sehare of keeping roads open and there was fittle inconvenience to motorists. The downtown commercial area and the main thoraughfares were not only ploughed, but snow was removed as fast as possible, and a few days later one would hardly be conscious of the fact that one of the heaviest falls of snow in years had occurred.

We've had a dandy around

here - day after day of be-

low zero temperatures. Even

though they have been bright,

the sun and about as much ef-

fect on the atmosphere as a

enuple of days of such a spell.

We all feel like hardy pronects

when we stomp in out of the

and exchange such inanities as,

"That's a real snapper" and

begins to get to you. You be-

about people who go mad in

the rainy season, or when the

"cold nuff fer ya?"

sirocco is blowing.

they join it.

fried egg, sunny side up.

Sometimes we are too, prone to take for granted the work which men in the it was built in 1859. public service do.

our daily routine will not be interrupted.

It takes a storm to realize that, while we hole up snugly in a warm home on a winter night, others are out doing their job so we can drive to work next morning

Men who earn their livelihood this cent interview "It's as simple as les are fed to see how import way are often criticized, seldom praised, that, his shelsed until county and it is to the people of Ont-They deserve a pat on the back now and

rescue her. I think she died.

hated winter and made no bones hed, from Rebecca, Sister, a about it. It was Depression times, and the coal bill was an albetross around his neck. He was a mild, gentle man, never pulation wondered why the Winters of Memory All the Colder known to say anything stronger county wanted the force. than 'shoot'. But inside him was some of the wild despair of his ion men like Cedric Greenfull. There's nothing like a solid lifs the ordinary, simple avirish forefathers. stretch of really cold weather eryday householder like me who

room redecorated, and know it's going to cost \$30 to have it England, with archaic and often at county council meetings, dechopped off, And finally, when non-existing heating equipment manding that the road be preyour downstairs facilities don't except in the pubs. Sheer, clam- served as a historic and scenic Everyone enjoys the first work, and you realize with hormy misery, except in the pubs. route through one of Ontario's or that even in this day of oil I spent another in Germany on oldest and quaintest communitfurnaces, inside pipes can freeze the Baltic Sea, with very little jes. And the oil man cometh, food and almost no heat, Not

cold, eyes and noses running. And cometh and cometh. This is the time wen you Then I got married. Our first countryside and a modern, should stop and realize how luc- place had two wood stoves. I'd straight highway taking the ky you are, instead of bending hop out of bed, plank my free place of the narrow, winding But after a week or so, it everybody's ear with your petty zing haby in with his warm road.

wees. You should remember mother, and rustle up two lines. aln to remember those stories how it used to be. Like most Canadians, I was paper into the cellar, set fire to brought up on cold winters. Ear. it, and univerze the water pipes; liest recollections are midwinter which froze solid every night. Jence and frustration my father It doesn't affect the kids. Sunday morning. My mother, Then off through the zero to had twenty years before. They love it, bundled to the would take my kid brother and the newspaper office, which nose and full of warm, red me into bed with her where boasted one of the last wood blood. Most of the elderly hate we'd help ourselves to the burning furnaces on the contin-santly oil-heated house. I realit, and visibly shrink. It doesn't breakfast in bed she always got ent. You could see your breath lize what a piddling little cold bother the outdoor enthusiasts, Sunday mornings, and listen to in the place until about 11 a.m. spell we're having now, and albecause they keep warm doing with fear and fascination to We graduated to a coal fur- most feel like going out in the

best was about the time Lady, ilicians the dainty little mare, went through the icc, and the dreadful time they spent trying to

to remind you that Nature begins to feel the pinch, and When he'd go down to fire Bill Doule, a journalist, and still packs a mighty wallop, des- develops a deep gloom. When up the furnace, I'd get my ear John Agg an artist with a galpite all man's ingenuity in try- you turn the key in the car and up against the furnace pipe and lery in the town, found out that ing to keep his chin covered. it just groams like a wounded listen with delight to language the forge was to be torn down buffelo, before expiring. When that should have given me curty to make room for a better you look up at the ever-thicken- hair, interspersed with the ac- road ing ice on the roof and remem- easional clang, when he'd belt. The men formed the Terra-

much lay there.

Then I'd take a roll of news-

MY INCOME TY DEPARTMENT



INFORMATION CANADA IS AIMING AT THE YOUNGER

GENERATION WITH AN ADAM AND EVE POSTER

OTTAWA POP ART

SIMILAR EFFECT ON AN OLDER

PART OF THE POPULATION

FOR QUITE SOME TIME

Pros and Cons of Terra Cotta Road

Mr Zilio who has a stone

quarry, is one of the men who

originally asked that the road

"They may have shelved the

around and I'm use they'll fix

ful her at part any more. The

Credit and it stinks in the sain

GAVE MORAL SUPPORT

However, he would not say if

his department had any direct

hand in the shelving of the

county's plans to change the

ways, had more to say.

you to run been over.

that road soon "

TERRA COTTA (CP) - It's winners and Tony Zilio is one just a narrow, winding road in of the losers. a valley beside the slopes of studded with mapie trees and the banks along the waters of be fixed. the Credit River are over hung

In the winter there's a smelfrom the fireplaces of the town A pair of glasses for a child or needy and along the inter and under the log trees there are little

with big cridats.

It's a sleepy soil of place and cause the road is narrow and wings a lot. Some people like roads that are harrow and word people in the town want the

The read from outskir's to outskirts of this community anout 40 miles northwest of Tor, people have runnel it. You can't saim in the water of the onto is 2 + miles long. At either end it is joined by a modern, Rule Toad.

If the stretch in between to thing about the poliution and minds one of an old wagon class?" trail then that thought from Canada's part 13 correct for different views on the food that is what the read was shen

It has been surfaced and pate. A. F. Bray, deputs, minister We expect that, whatever happens, ched since then but its shape is of the Ontario department of basically the same and Peel tourism and recreation said County's engineer Bob Knight, his department had lent moral says that is how it will stay support to the people who wan

"Public pressure has stopped ted to keep the road as it is us from going ahead with plans. "You only have to drive that to fix the road" he said in a re-road in the fail when the map council brings it up again." ario," he said.

WANT ROAD AS IS

That leaves the entire que ! ion in the hands of the local pol-

The first indication that the county had plans to reconstruct the road came in 1969 when it purchased an old forge, perch-Then there was my dad. He ed about 10 feet from the road sculptor, for about \$35,000.

Several of the town's 350 po-

After some initial investigatowner of the Terra Cotta Inn.

ber you've just had your living the furnace out of sheer rage. Cotta and District Preservation I spent a winter in northern Committee and began lobbying

> They dreaded the thought of bulldozers gouging out the

SHOULD BE FIXED

For the meantime, they are

When I think of those days, jand step out of bed into a pleasomehing. They can't lick it, so her tales of winter on Calumet nace, which did nothing but snow in my pyjamas and doing, Island, in the Ottawa River, The produce in me the same vio- some push-ups, Almost,

"We're well aware of the situation in Terra Cotta because it points out the prime responsolutive of this department. "We are economists We have

responsibility for the King's "to the fall you can't move Highways but after that it is upatound here the said "There are cars parked all over and. "The main point here is that the people, walk down the mid, the quality of life . The

the of the read a most daring theters of an area-is the spossibility of the elected officuals in the area concerned It's project but five seen surveyors not our responsibility?

RIFT WIDENS

Meanwhile the rift between Mr Zaho who gives up in the copoling groups in the Terra Cotta and the mator to of community gets wider.

Mr. Zilio says one must go factiver north now to find the "This place used to be becat; beauty of nature,

Mr. A.12 Says:

"P is completely inhuman to de ign all roads by means of mer The elms are all dead traffic counts and slide rules."

Why gidn't comebody do some He says Outario must preserve its greenland and historic sites in the face of encroaching Government department had enviloration or as others put at, urban sprawl.

> And Mr Greenhill who has thougands of visitors each year. people like Sein Usawa, form er conductor of the Toronto Symphony, Pierre Berton, and British royalty, says a more modern road would probably bring him more business.

"But it's more important to me that the beauty of this land be preserved" he says.

14' MILLION SALES

Dollar volume of sales trans acted through Brampton Real Estate Board in 1970 was over 14 'a million dollars.

There were 556 sales through A. T. C. McNab deputy min the Board, of which several ister of the department of high- Georgetown realters are mem

NEWS ECHOES

From the Heralds of 10, 20 and 30 Years Ago

1961

- At Monday's council, meeting deputy reeve John Elliott reported a bid of over \$2,000 aireary for opening frozen water bies. Many people are without water, pointing out that the frost had penetrated deeper than usual, this winter. Town engineer G. R. Bligh said that as of that day 33 were without water because of freeze-ups
- The Brewer's retail store is moving from Georgetown's downtown area to Delrex Plaza, Sod was broken Monday for a modern 3565 sq. ft building Revwill Construction is building the new store which will open in April.

- Sketch plans for Georgetown's new public school are expected to be ready by the middle of February. John B. Parkins Associates, Toronto architects, are working on the plans now and hope to present them to the pubhe school hoard at their meeting next month. The new school will be built on property on the highway which is being bought from Jack Tost.
- An increase in salary of \$200 a year was made to the 20 high school teachers at Georgetown, Acton and Million at a meeting of the North Halton High School District Board last Wednesday. The teachers had asked for a \$500 increase. Starting salary for teachers is now \$2,300 with \$3,700 the maximum.

● Monday night was a gala night for the Georgetown Lions | Georgetown will be a mecca Club when a hanquet and social evening was held at for snowmobile enthusiasts on the McGibbon House to commemorate the 10th anniv- Saturday when the Jayeees ersary of the founding of the local club. For the occas sponsor the international snowsion the Toronto Downtown Club charered a bus and mobile races at Polar Bear came in a body to celebrate with the club they sponsor- Snew Trails. Top drivers will ed len years ago.

THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

REMANDED IN CUSTODY SUSPECT TRAP SETTING

ORANGEVILLE --- An Orangeville man has been charged in connection with the setting of traps in the reservoir area east of Orangeville, and has been remanded in custody for psychiatric examination. OPP officials arrested the 42 year old man last week. Traps discovered on snowmobile trails through the area included large rocks, barbed wire strung threat high, and wire and copper tubing set in the snow to eatch the snowmobile's skiis.

MOTHER, DAUGHTER RESCUL FROM BRAMPTON BLAZE

BRAMPTON - A three storey Ellen Street house occupied by at least 13 persons was destroyed by fire Thursday as occupants elambered out of windows and nown ladders. Two of the residents, a young girl and her mother, were taken to hospital for examination. The second floor was occupied by a family of four, but only the mother and daughter were home.

BEARDMORE, UNION SIGN TWO YEAR AGREEMENT

ACTON - Wage increases of 25c per hour the first year and 23c per hour the second year was one major change in a new two-year labor contract signed between Beardmore and Co. and Local P479 of the Canaman Food and Albeit Workers, representing employees. Beardmore employees ratified the new contract by a large majority. Increases in shift premiums were another reature of the new contract which expires January 17th, 1973.

PLANT TO SERVE 28,300 PUPULATION

MILTON - Expansion of Milton's sewage treatment facilihes in three stages to serve an ultimate population of 28,500 Was proposed in a preliminary engineering report to entirell Monday ment. Council members agreed the use of the present Sice secures most logical. Atemoera approved the engaging of Dr. Stater of Pointtion Advisory Services (4d. to provide processional advice to the engineers on treatment methods.

FIVE HOUR POWER CUT HITS NOKTH OF ELOKA

ELORA - Power was cut off in an area near Elora for five hours last lucsday night, Parts of three townships were affected by the big blackout and several other areas were hit for shorter periods of time. Some 400 customers were anected by the blackout which was caused when trees fell across a main feeder line.

DENIES CLAIM POLICE HAVE PHONES TAPPED

OAKVILLE -- Oakville police inspector Edward Heath denled this week that crime investigators in his department are using electronic wire taps to bug telephone tines. Heath said his department has no bugging equipment. Heath made the demai after an Oakville newspaper said police there had three telephone lines tapped.

OBJECTIVE 200 INMATES AT GUELPH REFORMATORY

GUELPH - Inc. inmate population at the Guelph Reformatory will never again increase according to Allan Grossman, minister of Unfario's correctional institutions. "No institution will be built to accommodate over 200 inmates," stated the manister this week. The present inmate population at Guelph is find. Official department plans call for a continuing reduction in itimates until the 200 prisoner level is reached.

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