

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Should Be Selfish —

With several business outlets moving from the downtown area in the past decade, merchants should be concerned about the future of what was once Georgetown's only shopping district.

With no intention of crying havoc, the time is long past for those whose business interests lie in the downtown core to form an active organization dedicated to keeping Main Street the prosperous area it has been, and still is.

We do not suggest that there should be the bitterness between shopping districts which existed for a time when Georgetown plaza was first opened.

Those whose livelihood depends on commerce must first have a community spirit. The more people shop in Georgetown, the more each progressive business will do in trade. And it can be a healthy situation to have more than one shopping area. Women, particularly, are comparison shoppers and in the old days, they would first look at articles in downtown stores, then go farther afield to another town, before

making a final selection. A choice of two or three areas tends to keep business in town, and one or other local merchant benefits in the end.

It is good, then, for all merchants to get together on a sidewalk sale this year, rather than each having their own, as happened in the past. But this does not rule out selfish organizations, banding together to draw more business to one specific area.

The old attitude... 'We're doing all right, what's the worry' is no longer valid. In the past few years, the post office and brewers warehouse moved to other locations. Beaver Lumber pulled out of the downtown area. The liquor store and Canadian Tire are shortly to follow. A large hardware store has closed down, and a theatre.

On the brighter side two blocks of smaller stores have been added, giving a lift to one end of Main Street.

It would be opportune, then, for those downtown to have their own separate group, dedicated to making the downtown bigger and better.

Served Community Well —

There is a personal sadness at the Herald this week, following the death of a valued employee.

Length of service is not uncommon at the Herald, and Les Clark was one of its most senior employees, joining the staff fresh from high school in 1934. With the exception of four war years as an airforce officer overseas, he had been in the Herald's printing department since, mainly as a linotype operator. For several years he contributed a Legion column and lately an occasional column on hospital matters.

Besides his work for the paper, Mr. Clark served his community in many

ways. He was a past president of the Legion branch and had held higher offices on the zone executive. A Conservative in politics he had headed the town and county executive. He was chairman of the hospital board at the time of his death and had been head of the masonic lodge.

And as a spare time job, he had served as a justice of the peace for the past few years.

He will be greatly missed, not only by his close associates in business but by the many citizens with whom he had come in contact through his political and community connections.

Manpower Registrations April Jump 'Unusual'

A total of 2,136 men, women and students were registered with the Canada Manpower Centre serving this area as having no employment, according to figures released for April by Howard Fullard, Manpower manager.

Mr. Fullard said this week that the April total had in-

creased by 251 from the 1,885 registered at the end of March. "These are area figures," said Mr. Fullard, "Our office serves Brampton, Brantford, Orangeville, Shelburne, Georgetown and Acton."

"It is an unusual seasonal pattern for this time of year to show any increase. We

would ordinarily expect a dropping off of unemployment during this part of the year," he said.

Mr. Fullard said three factors were involved in the increase of those registered for work with his office.

The increase in registration according to Mr. Fullard, is with the women. "I have studied the occupations where the increases are shown for the ladies and it is mainly in clerical sales and services occupations," he said. Mr. Fullard also lists a large increase in the labour force in this area as another reason for a climb in registrations. "The inclusion of available students on our lists is also a factor," he said. "Undergraduates begin to come into the labour market late in April."

Mr. Fullard said the number of men registered for work has remained relatively stable over the past two months.

THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

NEW POOL WITH ARENA
ORANGEVILLE—Orangeville will add plans for an indoor swimming pool to plans for the proposed arena. At the Orangeville Recreation meeting Tuesday, May 4, it was decided to contact Roxson Contractors Limited to have them draw up a large complex including the pool. The additional expense would be about \$100,000.

BOMB POLICE HOME
BRAMPTON—Brampton police arrested four youths on charges of arson and use of explosives after two Molotov cocktails were thrown at the residence of a policeman Thursday. Police Chief Stan Raikie said two gasoline bombs were thrown at an Elliott Street house while the occupants were asleep. He said the two bombs were apparently thrown from a car. One smashed below a front window, igniting the siding, and the other landed on the lawn.

ALMOST 100 LAID OFF
ACTON—People in Acton and district are anxiously eyeing the confused state of financial affairs at the Mason Knitting Company which have resulted in layoffs to almost 100 employees, mainly women, over the past few weeks. Only about 30 of the 128 employees who worked when the plant was at full production a few weeks ago are still employed. They are finishing an inventory and completing production lines.

OPEN SIX DAYS, TWO NIGHTS
MILTON—The majority of Milton's retail businessmen have agreed to remain open six days and two evenings a week and stores have been open Fridays until 9 p.m. for several years, do away with the Monday and Wednesday holidays. Most but only a few have opened Thursday nights as well. Merchants proposed "Thursday Night Specials" as a way of promoting Thursday night shopping.

ERIN CITIZENS PROTEST
ERIN—It's on to Queen's Park now for the delegation of Erin residents determined to see to it that Lorne Brown remains as principal of Erin Public School. Wellington County School Board recently agreed to replace Mr. Brown as principal because he does not hold the B.A. degree now required. The Board agreed not to replace Mr. Brown for at least three weeks to give the delegation time to receive an answer from the Minister of Education.

AMARANTH AIRPORT SITE ?
QUELPH—Amaranth Township just north of Guelph will be the eventual site picked by the government for a new international airport Guelph Industrial Commissioner Ralph Smith told 50 members of an industrial relations audience last week. Mr. Smith said he is convinced the Amaranth site will be picked despite the fact the city has received no official word. The site would be only 45 miles from the present Toronto International Airport at Malton.



FOR NATURE OR DEVELOPMENT ?

The cedar woods on the north side of Princess Anne Drive has been the subject of much discussion in council lately, as councillors ponder its future. This is the east end of it at the corner of Princess Anne and Charles Street.



Bill Smiley

An Idle Summer For Snarly Students

This is going to be a long, tough summer for parents of young people in the senior high school and university brackets. They're going to be struck with bored, restless children.

And the only thing worse than having a bored, restless child on your hands is a severe case of the crud, with complications. The reason it's going to be a bad summer is that there are no jobs for the majority of young people who would normally be working.

The other day I carried out a brief poll of one of my senior grades. Most of them are bound for university or nursing or some such. I asked how many had a job lined up for the summer. 'Out of thirty people, two had. One will work for his father on a dairy farm. The other, a girl, will punch a cash register and only got the job because she'd worked at it last year.

So there we have twenty-eight frustrated young people. I have the greatest sympathy, not for them so much as for their parents. Nothing will break up a good family relationship more quickly than having a healthy young animal lolling about the house all summer.

They eat as though every meal was their last one. They get lazier and lazier, staying up late and sleeping in late. They have no money for recreation, and get surlier and surlier. They develop a feeling of being useless and unwanted, and resent any advice.

Too darn bad about the spoiled brats, you say, and I agree. But that doesn't alter the situation. I'd rather live for the summer with a porcupine that had an ulcer than a student without a job.

Thousands of them will hit the road, like the hoboes of the Great Depression, drifting about the country, bumming meals, a place to sleep, and losing their self-respect in the process.

And just as the hoboes used to raise enough for the occasional gallon of wine, some of these kids will pan-handle or steal to get money in order to get high on drugs.

What's the answer? Don't ask me. I'm a question man, not an answer man. Then let's ask

some questions.

Is it partly the kids fault? Yes. Some of them would rather burn all summer than clean themselves up to the minimum standards of a pretty free society. Others have never done a dirty day's work in their lives and would not stoop to menial chores. (My first job was cleaning out lavatories). And a great many of them simply sneer at the whole protestant work ethic. It's all right for the old man, but I'm going to do my own thing — not work.

But I think the majority of these kids would welcome a job of any kind. Tough toe-nails for them. There aren't the jobs. Industry doesn't want them, for 'practical' reasons. They have to be trained for even the simplest factory work, and by the time they're producing, they're off to school again. Industry prefers to hire people who are going to be content to put round pegs in round holes for years, at minimum wages.

And speaking of wages, the tourist industry, which used to absorb so much student labour, can't afford it any more. Minimum wage laws in jobs that used to be supplemented by tips have made many resort operators turn their backs on students. Why hire an awkward girl waitress with no experience at a buck fifty an hour or whatever, when you can hire experienced waitresses from the vast pool of unemployed, for the same figure?

Is it the government's fault? Partly. The \$50 million the federal government put up to alleviate the students' situation was too little and too late, and had so many strings attached to it that Mr. Benson might just as well have thrown it into the Ottawa River.

All it has done is create another branch on the vast oak of bureaucracy. That's where a good chunk of the money will go. It's like foreign aid. By the time the wheat or whatever it is trickles down through the bureaucrats to the natives (students), there's only a mouthful left.

Any reader with a modicum of comprehension will have realized by this time that my daughter is home from university without a job.

Anyone have a job for a twenty-year-old with big brown eyes, a charming grin and auburn hair? Qualifications: plays a mean piano and guitar and sings; types as quickly and accurately as her father; has a sunny disposition except when she's loafing around home without a job; fair cook; washes dishes faster than an automatic. Oh, yes, has a terrific figure.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Red Cross Water Safety Needs Helpers

Mr. Editor: How many Georgetown citizens know that we have a local Water Safety Committee in connection with our Red Cross branch?

It is the responsibility of this committee to keep the citizens aware of water safety in, on or by the water.

This is done by taking films, posters etc. into public schools or to youth group meetings, having public demonstrations of rescue breathing, using Channel 5 for panel discussions or any way you can think of to stress safety.

These methods require time and volunteers. I am the only one on my committee and I need help! The only prerequisites are enthusiasm and an interest in keeping Georgetown aware.

There have been twenty teenagers reimbursed by my committee, while trying either their instructor or leader course in the last fifteen months.

Recent candidates trying their leader course at Mayfield Pool are Joan McAulay, Jane Givran, Cathy Peters and Ann Riley. Paul Savoie passed his instructors at Hamilton and is employed at our outdoor pool.

Please contact me at 877-5014 if you would like information or would like to be on my committee.

(Mrs.) Lynda Clipsham
Water Safety Chairman
Georgetown Red Cross

Fun To Watch But Watch It

Fireworks can cause injury or fire unless handled with care.

● Choose a location clear of overhead obstruction, and be sure you are not an annoyance or danger to your neighbour.

● Read printed instructions.

● Use a bucket of sand as a firing base.

● Keep water handy for disposal of used fireworks.

● Keep young children away from the firing points.

Busy Beaver says:

FIREWORKS CAN BE FUN!

FIREWORKS ARE SAFER...AND FUN FOR EVERYONE

FIRECRACKERS ARE NOISY, DANGEROUS... BETTER LEFT ALONE

USE A SAND-FILLED CONTAINER AS A FIRING BASE...AND FOLLOW THE MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS

CHOOSE AN UNOBSTRUCTED SITE—AND KEEP SMALL FRY WELL CLEAR

THIS YEAR HAVE FUN—BUT DON'T MAR IT ALL WITH AN EASILY AVOIDABLE ACCIDENT

ONTARIO SAFETY LEAGUE

..ECHOES..

1961
● A well-known local baseball enthusiast the late Chic Jewell will be honoured by the Georgetown Baseball Association. It was announced this week. A trophy to be named The Chic Jewell Memorial Trophy will be made available for presentation to any of the fourteen teams in the association. Chic Jewell suffered a heart attack and died during the early innings of Georgetown Intermediate ball club's opening game of the season in Acton, Saturday. He was the team's manager.

1951
● Ray Whitmee was elected president of the Georgetown Lions Club at the annual meeting last night. Others named to office were Don Barrager, Cec McNamee, Clarence Kennedy, Norman Smith, Spence McKinnon Elmer Dron, Stuart Young, Jack Gunning, Ed Wilson, Ernie Rawson, Fred Schultz and Bill Barry.

● Another deputation of merchants was on hand at last night's council meeting to interview council regarding the need for a night constable. Former night constable Pte. W. Emerson is now with the Lorne Scots in Hamilton and council has not hired a replacement. Mr. A. R. Speight presented the case for the merchants. Mr. Harry Goldham reminded council, mentioning the added value of a night constable in regard to fire protection. After a short discussion council reconsidered their earlier decision to dispense with the services of a night constable, and decided to advertise for a replacement. The deputation was composed of A. R. Speight, Harry Goldham, Mrs. W. F. Smith, Lloyd Knaut, H. Silver, R. Licata, J. Goodlet, W. H. Long, George Chong, S. P. Chapman, Bob McGibbon and Ab Williams.

1941
● Thieves smashed a window in the Main Street jewelry store of M. Malina early last Tuesday morning and escaped with a quantity of jewellery which was on display in the window. Two more breakins have since been reported. Friday night, MacKenzie's Service Station on Guelph Street was entered after thieves smashed a door panel to get at the lock. They made off with a quantity of cigarettes and spark plugs. Total value was \$65. Early Monday morning, the tobacco and pool parlour of Hughey & MacDonald was entered and tobacco and a small radio taken. The loss here was \$150.

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