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EDITORIAL COMMENT

No Individual Santas

The provincial government's plan to keep green belt areas around major cities is commendable and still possible.

But it will take more than legislation to aiforce it. It is unfair to farmers to say they must

reserve their land for farming in a day when fortunes are theirs for selling for residential or industrial developments.

Just last week a 50 acre farm near Milton changed hands at a reported price of \$365,000. As farm land, it could be worth a tenth of this.

A solution would be to value rural land at a fair price that it would bring for such purposes, acquire the land, then rent it for

farming, or sell it, with the buyer knowing that he is buying it for agricultural pur-

Such a plan would need some ironclad rules, and a sharp eye to ensure that the public would not be hoodwinked. But it wouldn't be impossible.

One cannot expect individuals to be Santa Clauses for the greater good of Ontario's future.

Farm land, as a buffer zone and green belt between cities is just as important as conservation areas like Terra Cotta and Kelso, used strictly for recreation. And just as the public pays for conservation land, it should pay for farm land as well.

About Pictures

Occasionally in the past few years, two pictures of the same size have been interswitched in a Herald issue. Once or twice, a blank has appeared where a picture was intended.

And last week, a picture was reproduced in reverse.

For those who wonder, here's the explanation.

The Herald is composed at our Georgetown plant.

Until recently the final printing was done in Brampton. Originals of pictures were sent there, reproduced in plastic on a scanograving machine, then glued to the metal plate for the final printing.

There was a margin of error. One week a shipment of pictures went astray and could not be located in time. The Brampton staff were not familiar with local names, and, despite identification on the back of the original pictures, sometimes pasted them in the wrong slots.

The error margin still exists, with one new hazard. In the new 'offset' printing process, the original pictures are rephotographed, and the printing is done from a negative. And it is possible to reverse the

Such was the case last week, when a picture taken at a Liberal picnic, showed party leader Robert Nixon and local Liberal Doug Fendley, shaking hands (left hands) while four others at the picnic looked on. The identification lines below the picture, named those in reverse order to the way they appeared in the picture.

This week we are reproducing the picture, as it should have been.

Fall Fair's Coming

School's in next week, daylight hours growing shorter, and warm summer days fewer.

But there is still one big attraction before we settle in for winter.

Georgetown's annual fall fair is coming . October 2, to be specific.

It is an eagerly awaited event in town and country alike, and only on a few occasions has it been hampered by bad weather.

Last year was one. A heavy rainfall that day made it almost a fiasco. The park ended up a sea of mud, many events were cancelled, and fair board directors and public were cheated of the results of weeks of preparation.

This year, we hope for a return to a fine fall day.

There is nothing which quite equals a small town fair when the weather has just a tang of autumn, with that soft fall air tinged with a hint of cold.

It's a visiting day as well, when former residents return to see their friends, and there is a reunion atmosphere in the park. Attractions may not be so glamorous as at the bigger fairs, but to a youngster a merry-go-round or a ferris wheel doesn't have to be giant size. And hall exhibits are much more interesting when you know the man who grew the vegetables, or the woman who produced a knitted article.

We urge every district person to reserve October 2 for a visit to the fair.

Mail Bag

Doctor, Not Patient, Decides When House Call Necessary

34 Main St. S.

Dear Sir: With the recent constant bickering between the medical profession and its critics the public must be tiring of the same old arguments. However, I feel that your recent editorial 'Emergencies Most Important'

must be answered. I object to a number of your comments, but to save space I will reply to three of them: house calls, working hours of doctors, and lack of an emergency call system in Georgetown.

Doctors still make house calls today, but there is a subtle difference. Today, unlike 'the good old days', it is the doctor who decides whether a house call is necessary, not the patient. Virtually all minor problems and most major ilinesses are best seen in the doctor's office or the hospital. The facilities available

are known quantities resulting in calculation, but it varies between a more accurate diagnosis and 60 and 60 hours a week. Today hospital. In such a case usually ambulance system Georgetown is so efficient that often the ambulance could be at

House calls are inefficient. They take more time and much of the doctor's time is spent driving rather than practicing medicine. House calls cost O.H.S.I.P. more money (50 percent more than an office call).

the house before the doctor.

Numerous surveys have been made on the number of hours doctors work each week. It all depends on the method of

Government Erred, **Reversed Names of** Two Townships

Georgetown, Ont.

Dear Sir:

should be made in the wording of General dated April 2, 1819 the article appearing in your naming the upper townships by issue of August 26th regarding the Indian names of the principal the names of the townships and rivers draining them was aptheir Indian meaning.

Jones, the surveyor, who did (the present Esquesing) should much of the early surveying in have been called Nassagaweya. Upper Canada. He was married This shows that mistakes octo a Mississauga woman and curred in government offices would no doubt be familiar with even in those days! authentic. -

follows:-

out creek (that is toward the head of the

lake)

Ne.sauga.y.onk - 16 Mile Creek having two outlets that is having an island at it:

mouth) The letter from the Lieut I believe that a correction governor to the Surveyor parently in error as the names I had referred to a list of the were switched. It named the rivers and creeks emptying into westerly township drained by the Lake Ontario from the Niagara 12 Mile Creek, Nassagaweya to the Trent. This list was instead of calling it Esquesing. compiled in 1796 by Augustus Similarly the centre township

their language and his list of the In any event the Indian tran-Indian names and their meaning slatton of the two names as is altogether likely to be shown in Mr. Jones' list would | protection. And a relatively low The list reads in part as township names should have

of "Land of the Tall Pines".

higher quality of patient care, when a doctor works, he is The only real disadvantages are usually working steadily. Twenty patient inconvenience and lack of years ago, he often worked transportation. If a patient has a sporadically 24 hours a day with major sudden illness such as a no specified rest period. Today heart attack, it is still much to his he can rest between working benefit if he is swiftly taken to the hours knowing that there are probably some hours of uninthere is little real (other than terrupted sleep. Even so, most psychological) value of the Georgetown physicians are on 24 physician going to the house. The hour, week long call, for their obstetrical patients.

This leads me to my last and most important point. This is where I feel that you have let the doctors down. Ever since the hospital opened, there has been a doctor on call in the emergency department. He is not required to be in the hospital at all times, but it is expected that he should be readily available.

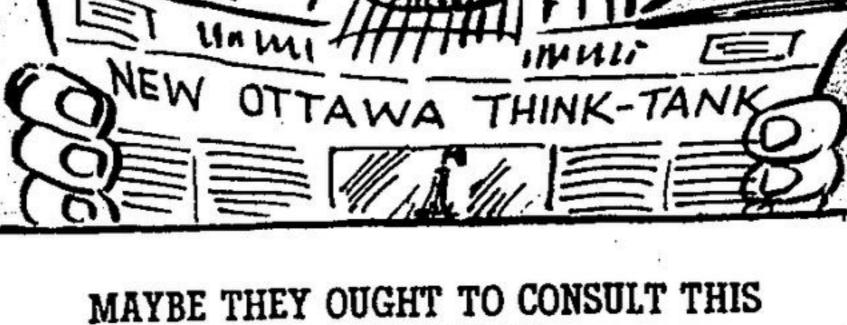
With perhaps one exception, all the doctors in Georgetown in the past five years have arranged among themselves emergency call system. This ensures that their patients are covered when they are on free time or away on hollday. There may be the odd occasion where there is a mix-up as to which doctor is taking another's calls, but there is never any problem as to which doctor is on call at the hospital.

I realize that you might have obtained your information from a usually reliable source (which was wrong on this occasion). I do know that it was not from either a local physician or the hospital administration. If your comments were left unanswered, the people of Georgetown would just go on thinking that there was no physician available in case of

I feel that either a retraction or suitable explanation is in order. Yours sincerely, A.W. Ashenhurst M.D.

FARM PONDS

Most farm ponds serve a number of purposes. They provide water for livestock, irrigation, spraying and fire appear to be correct and the investment can increase the recreational value of farm ponds been reversed. Also Esquesing by providing good fishing ac-Es qui sink - 12 Mile Creek - last means "Last out Creek" instead | cording to agricultural | contestant to "name something engineering specialists J.P. beginning with the letter M which Yours very truly Myslik of the Ontario Depart- you need to make mayonnaise," -Ben Case | ment of Agriculture.



THINK-TANK

ONE THIRD

OF POLLAR'S

PURCHASING

POWER GONE

SINCE '61

Queen's Park

Stern, Gradual Approach to The Quarries Quandry

by Don O'Hearn

There have been few more troublesome problems before the government in the past few years than control of pits and quarries. On the one hand sand and

gravel are very vital to our booming development. But, on the other there is no

question that quarry operations have scarred much of our landscape and contributed noise and dust pollution and other nuisances which society won't stand for today.

POTENTIAL DANGER The problem has been how do you go in and stop these overnight and how far do you

A drastic, immediate action by government could have been seriously detrimental to the economy.

A sharp increase in the cost of aggregates could have jeopardized much building and had a serious impact on employment.

Yet, at the same time there had to be control for the

Common sense called for a stern but gradual approach and this essentially is what the government has ended up by adopting.

FIRM POLICY The new Pits and Quarries

Act makes it clear that firm policy for the future will be that protection of the environment is an essential in pit and quarry development. There will be insistence

that this development is planned and that there must be rehabilitation so that it doesn't scar the landscape. Since the act went through the house, there have been

two important develop-

ments. One is that Mines Minister has announced that by this time next year he will have a dozen inspectors on the road policing quarry development. An essential, of course, of any good control

policy. The second is that an inventory is to be taken of the sand and gravel resources of the province.

One development out of this could be that in the case of more highly built-up areas, aggregates would have to be brought from greater distances to protect the quality of life in these communities.

BERNIER PROBLEM Incidentally, new Mines Minister Leo Bernier was handed quite à bit on his platter when he was given this field to administer.

It is a complex field for any minister to try and grasp and then to defend in the face of the political complexity which has surrounded it. To Mr. Bernler's credit it

seems that he is getting on top of the problem.

SMILE

When a quiz master asked a the girl answered, "Mother".

THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

PREDICT GREATEST GROWTH

MILTON-Milton will experience the greatest growth period in its test. Ten minutes later they were history within the next three to five years. That is the time it will take to complete a new 1200 lot subdivision bounded by Main, Ontario and Steeles avenue, and the Third Line of Esquesing. The new ticked off. I tossed them a word subdivision will provide homes for an additional 5,000 people, almost of encouragement, "It might be doubling the town's population. With the exception of one spurt back easier if you could read and in the 1950s the population growth in Milton has been almost negligible. Municipal Planning Consultants project the population as 7,900 in 1973, 9,500 in 1978, 11,450 in 1983, and 13,800 in 1988.

CHELTENHAM TV SETTING

CHELTENHAM-This picturesque little community on the Credit River has become a television setting as TV property people and actors have transformed it into a typical hamlet in the area just but dangerous drivers. after the First World War. Members of the CBC crews are on the spot filming instalments of the eagerly awaited Jaina series.

SPIN OPERATION CONTINUES

NASSAGAWEYA-"We weren't pleased with the results but we weren't disappointed either," Mrs. Len Andrews of Campbellville said of the results of the recent SPIN (Stop Pollution in Nassagaweya) collection. All the glass collected by SPIN during the August campaign will be trucked to Burlington as soon as the glass strike is over. The collection was the project of a number of Campbellville Women's Institute members. "During September we plan to advertise the project more extensively and further educate the public this is not just garbage we are collecting," said Mrs. Andrews.

TOWER JUST A MEMORY

ACTON-Acton lost another lofty landmark last week when wreckers toppled the 80 foot water tower overlooking Highway 7 at the town's eastern outskirts. Redecorated last year with aluminum paint and red "Acton" letters on the turret, the 46 year old tower packed it in within minutes after Wolfond Construction men went to work with ropes and a bulldozer. Visible for miles on Highway 25 south, the tower was demolished to provide land for residential development.

HOSPITAL BUDGET UP \$227,200

GUELPH-Guelph's General Hospital will likely need \$3,577,200 in 1972 to maintain its present medical services - an increase of \$277,200 over the hospital's 1971 budget. Harold Shantz, administrative assistant at Guelph General cited wages and salaries as the biggest factors in increasing the hospital's budget. He noted they now comprise about 70 percent of the total budget. Guelph General now has a 205 bed capacity plus another 12 bed unit to be added in January, and a 30 bed unit to be opened sometime after that.

TOWN'S TALLEST COMPLEX

BRAMPTON-Plans for construction of a 13 storey building to contain stores, office space and 130 apartments on George Street South between Queen and the George Street shopping mall were presented to council's general committee last week. It would be the highest such structure in Brampton.

REFINERY FINED \$1,000

OAKVILLE-Shell Oll Company of Canada, Wednesday, was fined \$1,000 by Judge William Sharpe in Oakville provincial criminal court on a charge of air pollution in violation of the provincial Air Pollution Control Act. A representative of the company pleaded guilty to the charge. The charge arose out of complaints early in the morning of April 25 when residents of the area adjacent to the Shell refinery in Bronte started complaining about an obnoxious odour coming from the Shell plant which smelled like rotten eggs.

INDOOR SWIMMING POOL

STREETSVILLE- -This town will consider an indoor swimming pool at Streetsville Secondary School council decided this week. Mayor Mrs. Hazel McCallion said that if the town agrees to proceed with the project it will have to pay for construction of the pool on land made available by Peel County Board of Education. The pool would be used jointly by the public and the school board.

JUGGLING SPEEDS PROJECTS

ROCKWOOD-Juggling accounts in a business can mean trouble, but for the Grand and River Conservation Authority it spells the completion of several projects. At Friday's meeting several projects were cut while others received financial help. Rockwood Conservation Park had \$30,000 added to its \$100,000 bedget to help with a road interchange in the park, but the budget for Belwood Lake was cut by \$3,000. Elora Gorge budget of \$30,000 was untouched.

Says Degenerates Have Found A Haven Here

Dear Sir: The Georgetown police force streets. must be exceedingly proud of it's Last week, sitting in our car on record of only twelve charges of Main St., I heard one young man loltering. It would seem that the shout an obscenity to another much harrassed youth of today young man. I noticed a has found a veritable haven in policeman standing nearby. He this town.

It is sad that all the degenerates must collect along Main

St. Their obscenilles can be September is "Arthritis heard anywhere on the street. Month" in Canada. The Canadian Georgetown took a much Arthritis and Rheumatism belated step in the right direction Society seeks your support of its when it allowed more shopping program of research, education hours. Silver's Department Store and patient care. The earlier any

R.R. 1, Norval amount of zeal, should do something about cleaning the

did nothing. I went to Brampton. (Mrs.) Barbara Jennings

took the initiative in having a form of rheumatic disease is retaining wall built. Councillor diagnosed and treated, the better Siddall, with even a small the final result will be.



BILL SMILEY

FAREWELL, OLD CAR

Well, it looks as though any more travelling I do before summer bids us farewell will be on foot. Kim passed her driving

test today. It was a pretty tense morning for both of us. She was afraid she might fail her test. I was afraid she might pass it.

Just to complicate matters, she turned up for her test at 9.30 a.m. only to discover that she was slated for 3.30 p.m. She claims it was their mistake, but knowing my daughter I have a good idea who made the error.

However, the chaps giving the tests managed to work her in at 10 a.m., when someone else failed to show up. So that meant I had time for only about ten cigarettes as I waited, pretending to read the morning paper. But it gave me a chance to look

at the people preparing for their tests. Quite a cross-section. They ranged from a skinny 16-year-old boy who wanted a driver's license for his motor-cycle, to an old chap with a hearing aid and almost blind in his left eye. Both passed, but I hope I never meet either on the highway.

Then a couple of former students of mine walked in. They are the type who have probably been driving for several years without a license and have finally been nalled. They are pleasant than an ox, neither is smarter, school.

Their procedure was typical. They filled out the application cards wrong, and had to do them over again. When Mike was asked by the officer where he lived, he jerked his thumb at Peter and said, "Two houses down from him", while the officer rolled his eyes. He wanted an address. Then the pair sat down at the

long table to fill out the written sitting, brows furrowed, with about three out of forty squares write, eh?" Unfazed, they just grinned.

Peter retorted, "Yeah, we shouldn'ta gonna sleep in all them there English classes". Fine physical specimens both, they'll probably make excellent

I'm not implying that the driving tests are easy. They're quite tough. When I got my license, the job of testing aspirants was a political sinecure. The tester told me to \$ arrive at his place of business at 6.00 p.m. He locked up the store, told me to drive him home, about eight blocks, I gave him two

bucks, and that was it. When my wife got hers, some ten years later, it was the same procedure. The police chief had her pick him up at the office, they drove around three or four blocks and she took him home to lunch. (At his place, not ours.)

Today there's a whole battery of physical tests, a written test on the rules of the road, and the actual driving test. A good many people are flunked, and I'm all for that. What I'd really like to see is a compulsory test for every driver about every two years, and a good stiff one.

Could you pass, Jack, with your colour-blindness? Could you pass, lady, with your total inability to parallel park? Could you pass. Grandad, with your arthritis? I think a great many of us would be put out to pasture.

Anyway, Kim returned. I expected to see her with a face as long as a foot. She was beaming. My heart sank.

There's going to be a fight here lads, but while neither is dumber every day until she gets back to

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