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EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Best We Can

A mail bag letter from Councillor Joan Smith in this issue, brings up a point for debate, and a matter which can never be all right or all wrong.

Mrs. Smith comments on a news item from a council committee meeting regarding possible location of a metal products firm in Georgetown's industrial area.

It quotes a resident as saying the firm "would probably employ between 60 and 65 people when fully built."

Mrs. Smith said that she had learned the following day that they will be offering only 10 jobs and informed the Herald reporter of this.

"Since the Herald thus knew the facts, it is questioned why the Herald chose to print only the builder's promises" she says. "It is irresponsible of your newspaper to offer false hopes."

We can share Mrs. Smith's concern if the Herald's news columns do not always reflect the facts.

But the Herald is in the position of reporting what is heard at a council meeting. Time and staff limitations do not

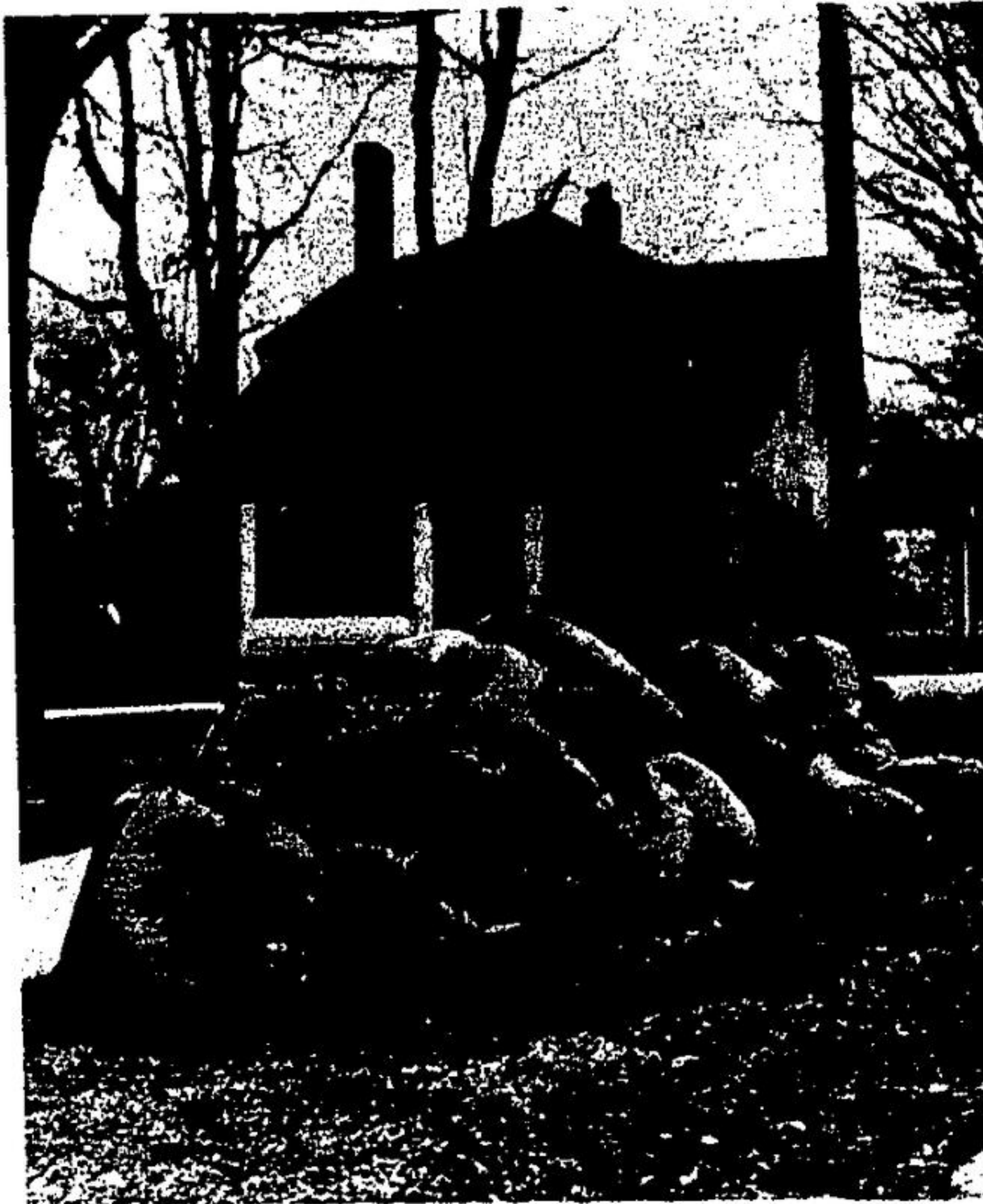
allow an analysis of a discussion, and further checking on the veracity of such news. If this were to be attempted, there would be very little news printed after council meetings, for we would be in a constant flurry of checking and counter-checking.

Such a system is not perfect, but it is the only way we can operate and relay municipal news to our readers.

If, as Mrs. Smith claims, inaccuracies are contained in statements made at a meeting, avenues are open for correction. The Mail Bag column, of which she is making use, is at everyone's disposal. And a councillor, or any citizen, can appear at a subsequent meeting, to make a correction or retraction, which will be reported in the news columns.

In this case, because of Mrs. Smith's concern, the Herald reporter did try to contact the metal firm, but without success, so compiled a news item from the committee discussion.

There was certainly no intent to shade the news, nor can we agree that the Herald is irresponsible, as Mrs. Smith claims.



AUTUMN SPLENDOR BY THE BAG

School's in For School Bus Drivers

Every morning some 9,500 Halton County students board buses to attend school, but for the last five weeks it has been the bus drivers who have been going to school.

Twenty-six drivers have enrolled in a refresher course for school bus drivers, held every Tuesday night for seven weeks at Palermo School. They are brushing up on rules of the road, safety precautions, and how to deal with their often-energetic charges.

The course is the first of its kind in Ontario and has drawn considerable attention to the Halton County Board of Education.

Ken Giles, transportation supervisor for Halton schools is one of the people responsible for the course.

He says he hopes to run a similar course at some time after Christmas.

"It's impractical to have too many drivers in one course. We have to keep the number down," he says.

Transportation for the students is contracted out to several private companies and the board has 16 drivers of its own. The training course has members from each company so the knowledge will spread to each group of drivers.

ONLY 31 DAYS

Would you believe?...there are only 31 shopping days left until Christmas. Do your holiday shopping with your friendly Georgetown merchants.

LIBRARY MOVIES

Georgetown Library is a movie theatre for two nights this week and next to show six movies on Canadian art and artists: Last night, Up North, Vaillancourt and Painting a Province were shown. Next Wednesday it will be Vibrant Land, The Shape of Things and Bronze.

Turning Back Time



REMEMBER THIS TEAM FROM THE PAST?

Here is an old picture of another group of Georgetown sportsmen of many years ago which will start oldtimers reminiscing. The Georgetown

Victorias was a well known soccer team in its day. In the front row are W. Blair, left, A. Herbert, captain, and F. Coll-

ier. Second row, J. Carter, honorary president Rev. A. B. Higginson, manager J. Ballir, president J. A. Willoughby, and

J. Williams. Back row, E. Jones, H. Ormerod, S. Dewhurst, J. Makin, J. Scott, and J. Ayres.



BILL SMILEY

Men and Weather Make Mistakes

At time of writing, there is a wind howling out of the north and a wrack of clouds tearing across the sky. But you won't hear a word of complaint from me.

In the first place, the wind has blown the remainder of my annual 20,000 cubic feet of leaves right off my front lawn and onto my neighbours!

And in the second, this has been the most glorious autumn I can remember. The foliage was cretifiably beautiful, and lasted longer than usual. We were swimming right into October. On November 1st, we entertained friends on the back lawn, after a two-mile walk through the hushed expectancy of a beech forest, over stone walls that looked as though they had been built by the same chaps who knocked together the pyramids, and across rolling pastures that reminded, bitter-sweetly, of the English downs.

Let dread winter do its dandiest. The Lord, or whoever runs the weather department, has given me a fall I will never forget. Mind you, take that with a grain of salt. Man is a fallible creature, and within a week I'll be cursing the mow, getting my snow tires on too late, trying to pry the garden hose out of the ice, and wondering why I didn't get my storm windows on during the glorious autumn I was raving about.

Man is fallible, indeed. We are born equal, but some of us become more equal than others. We are born fallible, but some of us become more fallible than others. I am content to be in the latter category. If there's anything that raises my hackles, it is the person who is infallible, or thinks he is. Or she, in the case of my wife.

For example, did you read about the way that Jackie Kennedy has that poor Greek, Aristotle Onassis, tied up financially. He made himself a billionaire, but despite his first name and the wisdom it implies, his marriage contract with her makes him look like a real heel who has come in contact with a very shrewd horse-trader. She is guaranteed \$10,000 a year for clothes. I forget the other items, but

they're in the same vein. Even my wife was appalled. She couldn't spend it, she said. I merely raised one eyebrow. But wouldn't you agree that Aristotle is fallible?

The political experts are just about as fallible as they come. Premier Davis would have a real battle on his hands in Ontario. Joey Smallwood would have some opposition, but no real problem in Newfie. The upsurge of the long-entrenched Alberta government was impossible. Davis won walking in Ont., Joey got licked (I think) in Newfie, and the long-entrenched boys in Alta. were turfed out.

The cops are fallible. Hundreds of them stood around with red faces when some silly young punk burst through their serried ranks and put a half-Nelson on Premier Kosygin.

The mighty U.S. is fallible. For the first time in the history of the United Nations, the States got a real jolt in the ego on the admission of China vote. Its fallibility was showing even more blatantly when it persisted, in the face of world opinion, in the great nuclear test off Alaska.

But this is the way of the world. If man were infallible, he would have no need for a god, the earth would be crawling with automatons, and life would be very dull.

If weather forecasters were infallible, for instance, there'd be no spice in life. We'd be able to batten down for a storm, instead of having the roof blown off when they predicted light winds. We'd be able to wear heavy jackets, instead of shivering like a dog vomiting razor blades, when they forecast hot weather, and the temperature was 34. No fun. No variety.

I've come a long way from my opening words about the beautiful autumn we've had. But there's method in my madness.

Man is fallible. Maybe I just think we've had a beautiful fall. I could quite easily wake up tomorrow morning, discover that it was the middle of September, and that we'd just had a 4-foot fall of snow, and that the whole thing had been a dream. I hope not, but I'm not discounting the possibility.

In the Mail Bag

10 Jobs, Not 65 Councillor Says

15 Regan Crescent.
Dear Mr. Editor:
If Venture Metalcraft of Weston does locate in Georgetown, they will not be offering 60-65 jobs as implied in your article of November 11. They will be offering about 10 jobs.

Dunn & Bradstreet confirms that Venture Metalcraft is a very small firm. There is some risk for both themselves and the Town if they relocate in Georgetown. Their president informed us that like most small businesses they hope to expand some day, but they also hope to automate as much as possible. They don't wish to get too large as their business is mostly custom work.

I learned this at Friday's meeting with the company. I pioned the Herald's reporter immediately and informed her the facts about this company differed from the builders. Mr. A. V. Tennant's promises to Committee of Council on Thursday.

Since the Georgetown Herald thus knew the facts, it is questioned why the Georgetown Herald chose to print only the builder's promises.

At this time, when Smith & Stone are releasing 60-65 people, it is irresponsible of your newspaper to offer false hopes.

Sincerely Yours
—Cr. Joan Smith

No Plan for Meter Parking

A member of the Parking Authority says that some people may have misconstrued a news item in a recent Herald.

The item could have inferred that the Authority is considering installing meters in the parking spaces behind two Main Street business blocks, he says, although on careful reading this was not the implication.

However, to settle this, he says that there is no plan for such and the areas will continue to provide free parking for downtown shoppers.

THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

CLUB SEEKING - \$173,350

VICTORIA—Plans to develop the property of the Brampton Flying Club near Victoria as a satellite airport under the ownership of Peel County will be studied by a special county committee. The committee has been instructed to meet with officials of the flying club to study the feasibility and costs of turning the 200 acre site over to the county for \$173,350.

PREPARE LEASING BYLAW

TERRA COTTA—A bylaw authorizing the leasing of the Old Forge building and property at Terra Cotta to Chinguacousy Township for \$1 a year will be prepared for presentation to Peel County council this week. The historic Old Forge building in the village has been the subject of controversy, for most of 1971. At one time it was slated to be taken down for a road widening plan but this was strenuously opposed. Now, it's destined to be a picnic park and culture centre.

FIFTY NEW HOMES

ACTON—The first 50 units of a delayed residential development on the former Seynuck farm in east Acton may be under construction early next year. Pressed by hydro spokesmen this week to set a tentative starting date, Joe Adams of Hulud Company, avoided a definite answer, but offered reasonable assurance that if current negotiations pan out building will start before the end of winter, but not in 1971.

FALLS FROM CLIFF

ROCKWOOD—William Milne of Rockwood is in the intensive care unit of Guelph General Hospital after falling off a cliff in the Rockwood Conservation Area Thursday afternoon. Mr. Milne apparently fell off a rock near the old Harris Mill in the park area. He was taken to hospital by ambulance and treated for multiple fractures.

TO DEBATE HYDRO LINE

NASSAGAWEYA—A meeting will be held this week with Nassagaweya Council, Ontario Hydro and some ratepayers of the township to discuss a route for a new hydro line through the township. Hydro officials are considering two routes, one that they suggest themselves, and the second one suggested by Nassagaweya Planning Board. When the line was first proposed about two years ago, council's first reaction was that they did not want it in the township. Council refused to meet privately with hydro officials but asked that a meeting be arranged with ratepayers concerned.

REZONE 466 LOTS

MILTON—Three major subdivisions east of Ontario Street took another step toward reality Monday when Milton council passed a bylaw rezoning a portion of the land. The lands in the north-east quadrant of Milton, are owned by Wimpey Homes, Torprop Ltd., and Halton Land Group. There is sufficient land for over 1,200 single family homes, but only 466 lots can be released before the town completes an addition to its sewage treatment plant.

NEW LAW COST HOUSING

BRAMPTON—A recommendation that 54 senior citizen apartments and 100 family housing units be constructed by the Ontario Housing Corporation under the low cost housing program has been made to a committee of Brampton council. Currently, 48 senior citizens and 96 family units are occupied on McMurphy Avenue South. According to statistics in the report, the average weekly wages and salaries in Brampton are slightly lower than those of the province and are increasing at a slightly lower rate.

TOO MUCH SAUNA

OAKVILLE—Coroner Dr. G. K. Phillips this week strongly criticized people, particularly elderly or those with known heart conditions who take sauna baths alone. Dr. Phillips said the death on Thursday of a 73 year old Oakville man in an apartment sauna was attributed solely to the effects of "too much sauna." Victor Bonner's badly burned body was found on the floor of the steam room by his wife who became concerned when he failed to return to their apartment after an hour and a half.

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