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THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

Building Nears \$300,000

ORANGEVILLE—Building permits in Orangetown have soared near the \$300,000 mark for the second consecutive year. Commenting on the statistics, mayor Victor Large said, "Orangetown's growth will continue unless curtailed by government or local municipal direction. He added, "The unanswered airport question could have growth effects on the area."

Can't Find Tree Cutters

CALEDON—Caledon township can't find unemployed men to cut dead elm trees under the provincially subsidized winter works program, council learned last week. Men who work in the township gravel pits and drive gravel trucks during the summer are making more money on unemployment insurance during the slow winter months than the \$2. an hour the township pays, said staff engineer Clark Campbell.

Stop Work on P.O.

ROCKWOOD—Acting on instructions from the Eramosa Township council, building inspector Joe Benham slapped a stop work order on the new post office being built on Guelph Street in Rockwood last week. Council cited as the main reason the appearance of the building which has stirred complaints in the village.

Planning Mass Protest

OAKVILLE—The 14,000 member Oakville and District Labor Council is urging all area locals for a massive picket protest in support of striking National Sewer Pipe Co. workers. Acting Labor council president Ken Gelok says he'll try to convince as many locals as possible to take part in the demonstration. The National Sewer Pipe strikers have been off the job for three months and there is little hope for immediate settlement.

103 And Happy As Ever

MILTON—Have a good temper, be happy, and socialize with other people and you may live past 100 years of age. At least these are the ingredients Mrs. Edith Greene, a resident of Halton Centennial Manor recommends. Mrs. Greene should know for she celebrated her 103rd birthday last Monday. About 100 residents of the Manor, plus the staff, held a gala birthday party for Mrs. Greene.

Pupils Aim At Arctic

BOLTON—A second journey to Canada's arctic by 21 Bolton area school children is planned for March 17 to 28 this year, a spokesman for the Great Whale Committee said this week. The group, formed for the first trip two years ago, is seeking a federal grant to help pay costs of more than \$250 per pupil for the 850 mile trip to the east shore of Hudson Bay.

Want Loan For Rink

CHINGUACOUSY—Chinguacousy Township is studying technical and legal questions arising from a bid by Bramalea Rotary Club to build and operate an indoor curling rink on a "guaranteed loan" from the township. The \$300,000 structure will be built in Central Park and be ready for use by next October. The township would guarantee Rotary a loan for the building and accept liability if the mortgage defaulted.

Ford Not Affected

OAKVILLE—Ford Canada, Oakville's largest industry, won't be affected by the air controllers' strike says company spokesman Tony Fredo. "Most of our shipments come in by railway or transport," says Fredo. "We don't rely on air cargo on a day to day basis. On very rare occasions we might have to fly in small parts by helicopter. Anything larger would be brought by truck." Fredo said the strike will inconvenience Ford personnel who fly across the country.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Much Ado About Parking

A ban on overnight parking in the winter months has caused some frayed nerves recently when a number of cars were ticketed, and owners were subsequently assessed a two dollar fine.

In past years, the town has advertised this by-law, but this year, no advertisement appeared. However, we know of no legislation which requires a municipality to advertise its by-laws, and would judge that this cannot be used as defence in escaping the penalty.

What was advertised (in the June 17 and June 24 issues of The Herald this year) was another section of the by-law which prohibits parking on streets from midnight until 7.00 a.m. from March 16 until November 30, for a longer period than three hours.

The December 1st to March 16 legislation is from midnight to 6 a.m., with no escape clause like the other.

There is a reason, of course, for the winter by-law, particularly. Georgetown has an excellent snow clearing service, and should an overnight snow storm materialize, parked cars are an impediment to the snowploughs. We would presume that the police department uses judgment if it is obvious that a house party is in progress, and a number of guests' cars are in front of a residence. In this case, they can easily be moved, if necessary.

The off-season legislation is not so easily understood, as parked cars in the summer time could hardly be judged an impediment. However, that's what the law says, and until it is changed, a word of warning.

Interesting Innovations

We have often criticized innovations in education, particularly those which seem to have been introduced without proper testing and thought.

But we don't say that every change is bad.

Last week we were asked to talk to a Grade 2 class at Holy Cross School. Their teacher, Mrs. Doyle, was giving the children a lesson in civics, showing them how a newspaper is produced, and what function it has in the community.

We approached the day with some trepidation.

What does one say to a group of 7 and 8-year-olds about the complications of producing a newspaper? How can one, whose children are long past that age, simplify this for young minds?

We shouldn't have worried.

Mrs. Doyle had prepared her class so well that questions were still being asked when the end of class bell rung, and we never did get around to a formal talk.

This is the type of innovation which makes today's school so much more interesting and informative for young people. We approve of supplementing formal instruction in the three R's with practical information about the world.

And it pays off, if Mrs. Doyle's class is an example. The youngsters asked intelligent questions, were genuinely interested in how a newspaper comes into being, and absorbed some useful information much easier than studying it from a text book.

Bird Watching Interesting

A bird feeder, installed at our kitchen window, has provided hours of interest this winter.

The hobby is a growing one, and no wonder. In our brief month, we have seen birds at close range hitherto undiscernible. There is a cardinal, which "prefers the early morning hours, half a dozen sweet, little chickadees, innumerable varieties of sparrows, and, this past week, a flock of grosbeaks - prolific feeders who can clear a week's supply of seed in a day. A pair of bluejays have departed for greener fields, or prefer another brand of seed, for they haven't put in an appearance for some time.

The chickadees are particularly interesting to watch. A friend, more knowledgeable about birds, explained

that they like to feed from a sideways position, because of the way their feet are formed. They will take a seed, poke it into the crevice of a tree limb, then perch on the limb and break open the seed. Sparrows prefer the ground, and glean the seeds scattered by the more boisterous grosbeaks. The cardinal likes a wide berth for his feeding, and the other birds treat him with respect. As he hops about, there is an invisible circle which not many dare to cross.

The few dollars we spend on feed, and the few minutes it takes to keep our feeder replenished, are well worth the pleasure derived and the knowledge we are gaining from our hobby.

In the Mail Bag

Bank Manager Heads Cancer Campaign

To The Townspeople of Georgetown and the Surrounding Area.

For the past two years, I have had the privilege of being Chairman of the Cancer Campaign for Georgetown and the surrounding area. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a very sincere thank you to all the people of the town and of the area

surrounding the town for their kind and generous support for this most worthy cause.

Unfortunately, space will not allow me to list all the canvassers who worked so hard and gave so generously of their time, but I would like to name the captains in charge of the sections who worked so diligently throughout the 1971 campaign.

Covering the west end of Georgetown was Area Chairman Mrs. Betsy Erwin and her captains: Mrs. Donnahee; Mrs. May Law; Mrs. Margaret Hewitt; Mrs. Margaret Hillier; Mrs. Dovie Flebig; Mrs. Verna Grozelle; Mrs. Emmaline McGillvray; Mrs. Marion McCandless; Mrs. Mary Stewart and Miss Jean Mackenzie.

Covering the east end of Georgetown was Area Chairman Mrs. Shirley Simpson and her captains: Mrs. Alberta Malnes; Mrs. Heather Riddell; Mrs. Joyce Nix; Mrs. Madeleine St. Laurent; Mrs. June Magnuson and Mrs. Helen Anderson.

My own captains covering the outside areas: Mrs. Dorothy Barth, Glen Williams; Mrs. Barbara Goodlet, 5th line; Mrs. Jean Girvan, Wildwood; Mrs. Charlotte Ironside, Silver Creek; Mrs. Margaret Jamieson, Ballinacree; Mrs. H. Nurse, Ashgrove; Mrs. Mildred Hall, Stewarttown; Mrs. Nellie Norton, Limehouse; and Mrs. Deanna Reed, Norval.

We are now starting a new year

and are very fortunate to have a new chairman—Mr. Don Kyle of the Bank of Montreal. I am sure you will all give your generous support to him and to the 1972 Campaign.

Once again, my sincere thanks to one and all who so kindly helped me in the past two campaigns—"CANCER CAN BE BEATEN", but not without YOUR support.

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs.) Jean Chappell.



BILL SMILEY

Junk Good For A Capital Gain

Either I'm slowing down or life is speeding up. Probably both, which is one reason I'm so confused these days. The other reason is that I've always been confused.

For one thing, the new tax legislation. It may be manna to lawyers and accountants, but to the ordinary, rather stupid Canadian, like me, it's like wandering around in a bog in a fog, blind-folded.

What did I do before Valuation Days were announced? Nothing. I didn't have a clue where to start, and besides, the whole thing had about as much fascination for me as a January sale.

Now I discover that I should have valued some of my precious antiques and stuff, so that I could pay taxes on them when they increase in value.

Well, I haven't any stamp collections, or coin collections or paintings that are going to increase in price steadily. I don't have a summer cottage, which seems to be a bad thing to have, according to the papers.

But I do have some antiques. There's the violin, for example. It's an authentic hand-made instrument. My Uncle Tom made it about forty years ago, and somehow it came into my possession. No one in the family has played it, because there is only one string, the bridge is broken, and the frame is slightly warped. Therefore, it's not just junk, but almost junk, and surely is increasing in value daily. The case in which it is enclosed is equally antique, (I'd say about 1850 vintage). I definitely slipped up there. That thing could be worth as much as \$38 in ten or twelve years, and I got it for nothing. How much will a rapacious government snatch from me in capital gains for that?

And the beds, of course. They are genuine antiques. My mother bought them at an auction sale, and they must have been 100

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ICE FOLLIES de QUEBEC

Town Lacks Psychologist And Trained Case Worker

25 McGillvray Crescent, Georgetown, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Editor,

May I please make use of the "In the Mailbag" column for the following?

A very serious lack in this town is a psychologist and/or trained social (case) workers.

a) to prevent patients to become drug-addicts with prescribed or over the counter available drugs as 222's and aspirins. The drug-addiction is just as bad in as outside the homes. This is worked in the hand, because patients are able to obtain prescriptions from various doctors and get them filled at various pharmacies in and out of town. If possible at all something drastic will have to be done, I believe.

b) to prevent people to have to be referred to psychiatrists and be sent to psychiatric wards out of town, what is done very much nowadays.

c) to help patients, returning from those wards, to face the routine of daily life.

There are plenty of young psychologists, who could do with a job like this, or students, who need the practical end for training in the fields of psychology and psychiatry. Now this work in towns as Georgetown comes down on lay-people, who really don't know how to cope with these cases, because they don't know the technical end of it. This is unfair to both parties the patient and the so-called volunteer case worker.

Patients, coming home from the psychiatric ward in Brampton, are often told to come back for day-treatments. How do they get there? You cannot ask volunteer-drivers to wait in Brampton for a couple of hours. How could we tackle

this? How about the "Friendship Circle" workers from the churches. Could the clergy be involved here and informed by the physicians when patients return home? Should those patients be driving themselves? I know for sure that some are feeling very insecure behind the wheel.

The Red Cross in town looks after the driving and has friendly visitors, who go and see patients at home and in the hospital, but that is not enough to cope with the situation, which is of great emergency in this town and the district.

A group of interested people at one time went to Toronto to look into and get some training in this kind of work through a District Centre there. This work in Toronto is quite different from what it would be here. People here still know each other and a patient might be your next door neighbour. If we would have a "volunteer" emergency number in town this would make it a very difficult situation for the caller and the volunteer. In Toronto the people don't know each other anyway, so here it would have to be done professionally. There should be a close contact between family physician, psychiatrist, Public Health Unit, psychologist and the clergy. Patients should be able to call on their case worker at any time if necessary, as now is done with the volunteers.

Let's get some action. Could the Public Health authorities play an active part here?

Thank you for this space!

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs.) Connie Nieuwhof,
A concerned citizen and volunteer.



CHOW TIME FOR HOUNDS

Vincent Tartaglia of RR1 Terra Cotta, huntsman for the Caledon Hunt Club, exercises and feeds his pack of hounds on the club's premises. There are about 35

In all.—Photo by Murray Van Halen.

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