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EDITORIAL COMMENT

"Optimistic" Town

Georgetown has never lacked optimists, but only in the past few weeks have we acquired those with a capital

Officially organized in January, members of the newly-formed Optimist Club of Georgetown, are looking forward to their charter night, planned for the Howard Johnston Hotel at Malton in April.

The club has had, an auspicious start, with 35 charter members. And membership is still open to other men who might wish to join.

An international organization, one of the club's main aim is work with boys. Georgetown will be one of over 3,000 clubs in Canada and the States, starting from a club in Louisville. Kentucky, in 1919.

Objects of the club, according to a bulletin issued by headquarters, are: to promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs; to promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people; to aid and encourage the development of youth.

One of the first projects undertaken is an oratorical contest, in which 15 young people have already enrolled. And the club is also considering helping with the administration

workload of the Big Brothers in Georgetown, which ties into its work. We wish the Optimists a long and successful career as they join other civic-minded men and women who, as members of service clubs, make an important contribution to community

Reasons For Giving

Best known, perhaps, through sponsorship of blood donor clinics, the Georgetown and District Red Cross branch is involved in many other public services.

This week, as a prelude to a campaign for funds, a circular was issued which details ways in which the Red Cross serves the community.

Almost too well known to repeat, the Society collects blood which is made available free through hospitals in Canada. When one receives blood at Georgetown hospital, it may well be that this is from a local donor. But regardless, someone in need benefits from your anonymous gift.

If fire or flood damages a home, clothing, bedding and shelter and food for three days is available. A loan cupboard provides a hospital bed, crutches or wheelchair, free, if needed. Swimming instruction is given by Red Cross instructors at district swimming areas.

Friendly visits are made to shut-ins and senior citizens. A group of volunteers sew in their homes, supplying articles for distribution if disaster strikes.

Yearly courses in home nursing are taught by qualified personnel.

A new homemaker service is now available, but in this case, a charge is made. When able, Red Cross will place a trained homemaker for 4 hours or more a day, while a mother is ill or in the case of a chronically ill senior citizen.

One of the above would be reason enough to justify a donation to the annual fund campaign. Add them all together, and a donation should be a

Hockey Resurgence

Hockey in Georgetown, which filled the arena to overflowing in days when the town was much smaller, has had its ups and downs in recent seasons. It's seldom that one has had to

arrive at the arena an hour before game time to be assured of a seat. But this season, there has been steadily mounting interest, as the North Halton Raiders, icing one of the best-balanced teams for many a year, continues to give fans their money's

worth in action. Now in the playoffs, the Raiders would draw even better crowds. And could be we'll again see a waiting lineup down to the highway and around the corner, as happened many a time in the forties and fifties.

Older sports fans will recall the days when the visiting Acton Tanners would pack the arena for a fire marshal's nightmare. Those days, there was a much smaller lobby,

where as many as possible of the fans would jam between periods, to sample hot dogs and hamburgers, or just jostle around swapping opinions of the night's play.

Then there was the year when playoff tickets were sold on a reserved seat basis, and were sold out an hour after they first went on sale, leaving many faithful fans on the outside. That was as close to a riot as we've ever had in our years in Georgetown.

The older generation still fondly recalls the days when, without artificial ice here, late season playoffs were shifted to other centres - Galt, for one - and special trains took hundreds to the game.

If the train left at 5.00 p.m., the whole town closed down. We could fill a book with stories of those 'specials'. Long after we've forgotten who won the game, sidelights are fresh in

Trees And Shrubs Ice-Damaged?

The rain and ice of this past week has caused many damaged trees and shrubs Repairs to this damage should be made as soon as it is feasible to work at it Broken and split branches are an open invitation to disease organisms to enter the tree and could cause further damage and deterioration.

All broken branches should be removed and the wounds covered with a tree dressing, Use a sharp saw or pruning shears and make straight

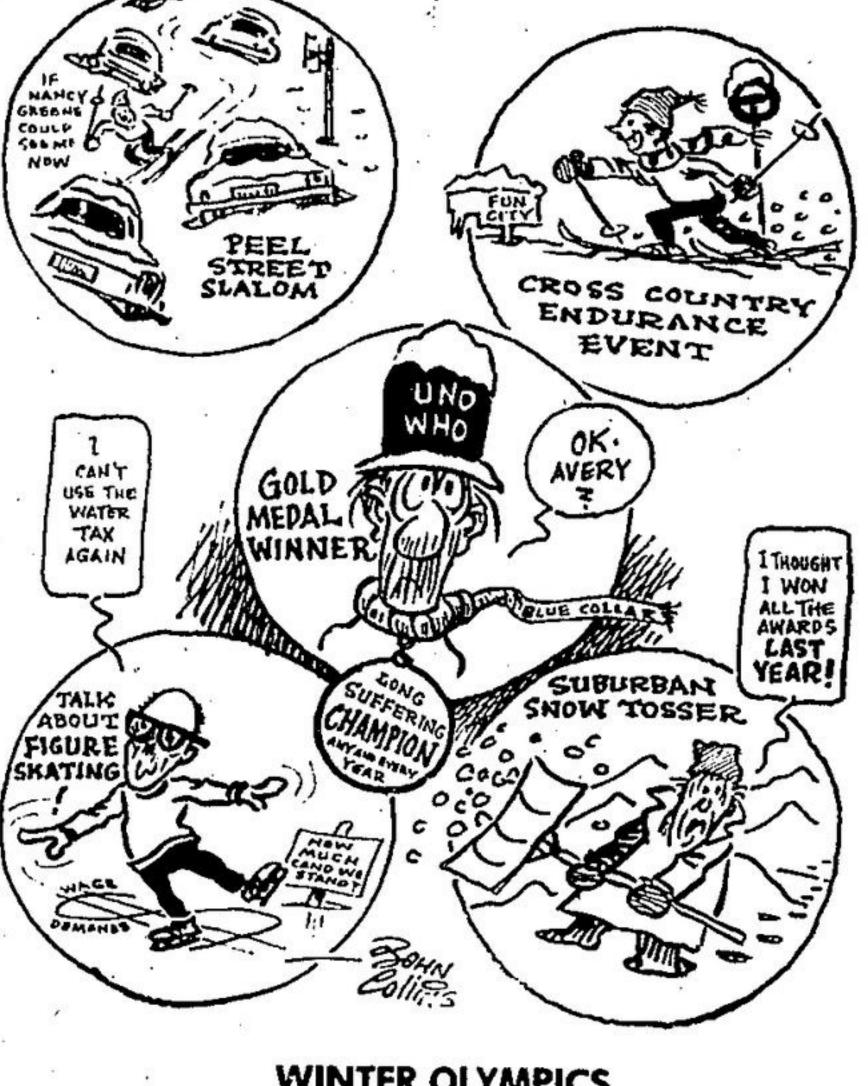
clean cuts at all times.

TWO STAGES The removal of large branches should be done in two stages. The first cut should be made about six inches from the trunk of the tree. Cut about 34 through the branch from the top and make the final cut from the bottom but about one-half inch closer to the trunk. Once the branch is off, the remaining stub can be removed close to the trunk without danger of stripping off the bark. Apply wound

dressing and the job is done. Trees with the tops broken off should be sawn off straight to remove the jagged end and wound dressing applied to the cut. The shape of the tree will be spoiled for a while but vigorous, healthy trees will soon fill out and the damaged area will not be noticeable. If you are in doubt or cannot do the work yourself, call your local landscaper. They are trained and

equipped to do this work

safely and properly.



Not Local

As a taxpayer and subscriber to your paper for over 25 years, I am writing to protest the decision of our council in the hiring of our new Fire Chief.

good enough to serve us as of service to their com-

better marks in an exam, it man. We have never had any

In closing let me say that I that they got a raw deal.

Jim Bradley.

Hopes Fluoride 'Overexposure'

Dear Sir:

"Fluoride Overexposure Possible, NRC Says; Study of Effects Urged."

This was the headline of an article in the Globe and Mail Wednesday February 16, 1972. The article stated that the

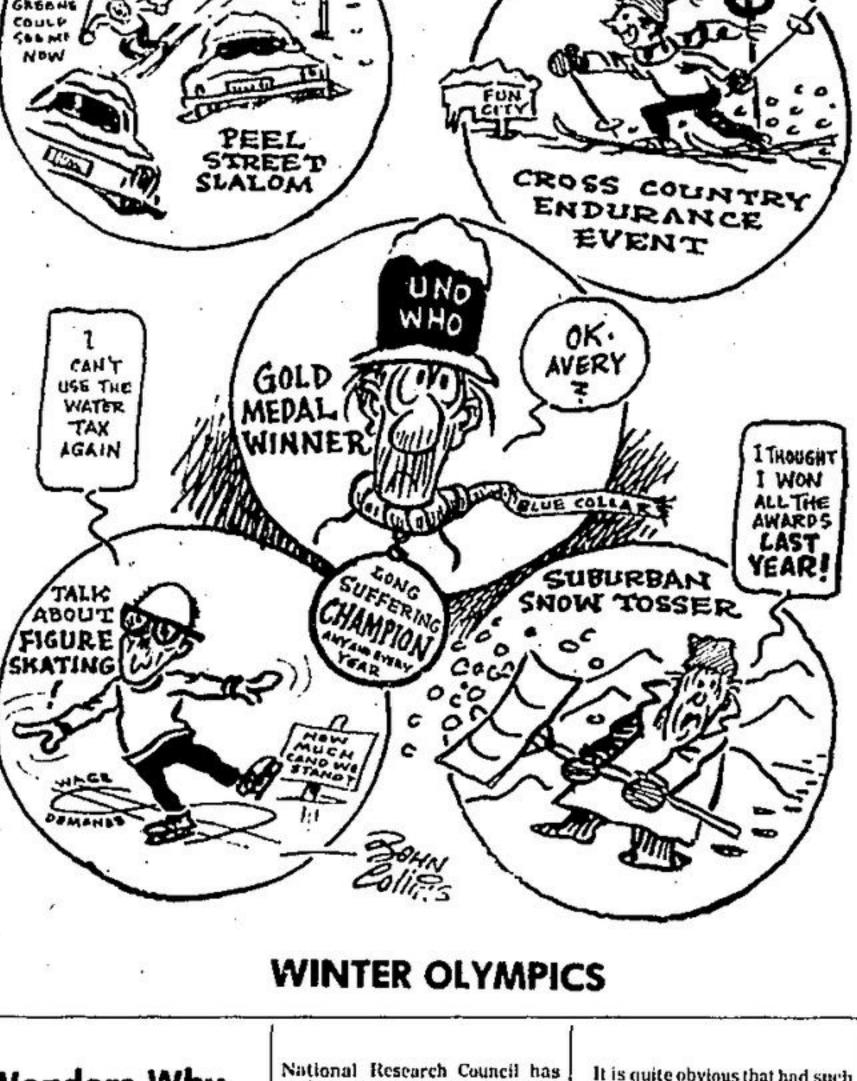
Wonders Why Volunteer

have qualified men in Georgetown who could fill this position. Or are they only "volunteers"? Most of these men have 20, 25, or 30 years munity.

Just because one man has doesn't mean he is the better complaints in any of our past Fire Chiefs, so why did council have to go out of town to hire one which they are willing to pay \$11,000 plus yearly? It sure smells to high

have no connection in any way, shape or form with the Fire Department. I just feel Thank you.

Advocates Read Story



humans of fluorides.

Those of us who openly

It is quite obvious that had such called for concerted scientific a study been done, that a body investigation of the effects on such as the NRC would have discovered it. If anyone would like to read the

Mary Simpson

declared our skepticism of article, they are welcome to Suite 1. Yours truly

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BEJEWELLED WILLOW

Money doesn't grow on trees, as everyone knows - but diamonds do.

fluoridation received abuse both contact me. written and verbal. I hope the individuals who were so adept at 35 Normandy Blvd. Editor of the Herald, rudeness and sarcasm read the Dear Sir,

It seems to me that we

heaven to me.

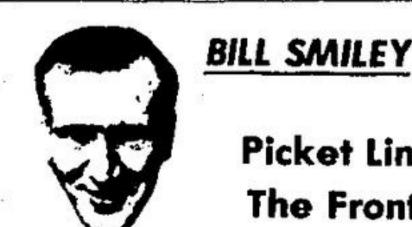
Yours truly,

101 Rexway Drive To the Editor

Georgetown Herald.

WINTER GLITTER

Candy-coated trees were everywhere after the freezing rain.



Picket Lines at The Front Door

In the past generation, Joe Nobody, you and I, have suffered from every conceivable type of strike that the warped little human mind can conceive. You name it: from dock-

It's only a matter of time.

wallopers to doctors, from technicians to teachers. everybody seems to have had a whack at trying to strangle a few more bucks or privileges out of the innocent by-stander. That's you and 1. I'm getting pretty sour about the whole nonsense.

Somehow. I can't fathom

either the economics of the

ethics of a man who is worth \$1.25 an hour, and is getting \$2.75, demanding that he be paid \$4.00 and another \$2.00 in fringe benefits. Strikes are annoying. frustrating and usually pointless, in these days. The worker gets a raise and it takes him two years to get back to where he was. financially. The employer

merely raises his prices, or taxes. The rest of us get it in two painful places; the neck and the pocket book. But that's all common knowledge, and beside the

point. One of these fine days,

the most potent work force in the country is going to realize

what a powerful weapon is the strike, and hit the picket When it does, we'll look back with nostalgia and longing to the good old days when a strike merely meant you couldn't take that trip, or there was a shortage of

sanitary napkins, or some

similar calamity was thrust That will be the day the housewives of the country, inflamed by Women's Lib. dull husbands, and rotten kids, walk out the doors demanding more money. better working conditions,

and yast fringe benefits. That will be a day that will make the present vast tie-ups

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

full of dishes, and the dishes

and the mental institutions

take-home chicken joints and

the delicatessens would be

booming, but the super-

markets would be heading

axe-murders would be so

common they wouldn't even

rate two inches on Page 38.

There's only one thing that

As we all know, housewives:

are extreme individualists.

They can't even agree on the

texture of toilet paper. How

could they agree on such

delicate matters as fringe

benefits. Some would want

forty cents to sew on a but-

ton; others would settle for a

And if they did form a

union, it would take them

twelve years to draw up the

constitution, and everyone

would want to be president:

So relax, you neglectful

husbands and demanding

kids. We're probably safe.

But give the whole idea a

FUN FOR CHARITY

Saturday's evening at the

arena will have a double purpose

- to raise funds for the Mentally

Retarded Association, while

providing an evening of en-

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prizes and many 'extras'.

long, deep thought.

tertainment.

will prevent this catastrophe.

for bankruptcy. Family

would be overflowing. The

In a month, the hospitals

are full of crud.

OPTOMETRIST LM. Brown, R.O.

due to strikes look like tid-dleywinks. That will be a day

that might signal the end of civilization as we know it.

I'm not kidding, and I'm

definitely not exaggerating.

If the housewives of this

nation withdrew such

elementary items as cooking

and cleaning, sex and sewing

from our flyes, the whole

foundation of our society

Not immediately, of

husbands would

course. For perhaps two

chortle, "She'll soon come

around. She knows when she

has a good thing." And kids

would roar with laughter, "Is

your old lady on this strike

kick too? It's a riot. But she

After a week, the com-

ments would change tone.

Husbands: "What the hell is

wrong with that crazy

woman? I've given her the

best years of my life." And

kids: "Look, if she doesn't

come back, she's in for

trouble. I haven't had a

decent meal or a clean pair

of socks for days. And Dad is

getting nasty. Wants me to

do the dishes and garbage

In two weeks the "innocent

bystanders" would be on

their knees. And the garbage

Husbands: "Listen, kld.

You go out and tell your

mother that I'll give her

eight, no, ten dollars a month

to blow on herself. Sky's the

limit." Kids: "Listen Dad,

this is all your fault. We need

that woman, even if she is

only our mother. All our

buttons are off, and the sink's

would be up to their knees.

like that."

won't last. She needs us."

would collapse.

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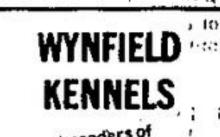
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