

Georgetown Herald

A Division of Home Newspapers Company, Limited
22 Main Street South, Georgetown, Ontario

WALTER C. BIEHN, Publisher

Page 2 GEORGETOWN HERALD, THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1972

EDITORIAL COMMENT A Go Go Town

Announcement that Georgetown will be linked to Toronto by a GO train system later this year, or early next spring, was last week's headline news.

The government announcement gives Georgetown planners something more specific. Our inclusion in a 'slow growth' area in the Toronto-Centred regional plan, has been somewhat vague. With GO trains to ferry commuters to and from their city jobs, it would appear that we are to become a satellite residential community.

Until the present tax system has an overhaul, this is not all good news for local taxpayers. For as long as a

community depends on industrial assessment for the larger portion of its profitable tax revenue, it is more important to have more new industrial buildings than it is to add houses. A GO train service will tend to encourage residential demand, with consequent pressures on the municipal council for release of building land.

A GO train will also tend to encourage more shopping for merchandise and for pleasure in the city. It can be an added threat to stores in town. And it can be a discouragement to development of local entertainment.

As A Stranger

Have you ever pretended you are a stranger in Georgetown?

To see the town as an outsider would?

Sometimes we do. And our conclusions aren't always happy.

We are particularly not pleased with what should be Georgetown's show-window - the stretch of highway from the high school to Water Street, and the turn there uptown.

A stranger sees the river flats, once deemed to the town for a park, now filled with commercial enterprise. On the other side, the partly burned out old building which once housed a garage and creamery, now a repository for old cars. The once

attractive old Speight house, recently gutted by fire. The old Arnold glove factory, later Canadian Tire, now abandoned.

Rounding the corner, on one side is the burned out site of Beaver Lumber on one side. The burned out site of the Roxy Theatre on the other. The empty former Paul residence and what was once a log cabin insurance office, capped with the empty Brill building at the main downtown corner.

Might it not be possible to get owners of these various properties together and devise some plan which would spruce up this main approach to the downtown area?

Don't Need This Oak

Mushrooms have nothing on the Planning Board when it comes to rapid growth.

Someone had the idea that, instead of a part-time secretary for this board, another for the Committee of Adjustment and another for the Industrial Commission, council look into one person for the three.

It should cost no more, maybe a bit less, and would have the advantage of one secretary familiar with the three town-appointed boards, whose work often dovetails.

The three were contacted by council.

The Committee of Adjustment is

satisfied with the status quo. Don't burden taxpayers with cost of a full-time position, they say.

The Industrial Commission has no secretary. They would like someone to take minutes of their meetings - a girl from the municipal staff would be fine.

The Planning Board wants a full-time person. He could co-ordinate, assist in gathering data, prepare reports on technical subjects... at a suggested salary of \$8500 - \$11,000.

Plus retaining part-time secretaries, as at present.

From little acorns...

Valley Bisects Halton's Provincial Park

The variety in types of natural areas was one of the reasons Queen's Park chose this site in Halton county to be developed as a Provincial Park. Bronte Creek Provincial Park lies between Highway 5 and the Q.E.W. with Highway 25 forming part of its eastern boundary.

Area 1— A good example of upland dry forest. Area includes a

particularly rich rim association with prairie species. The area is an excellent example of overlapping communities.

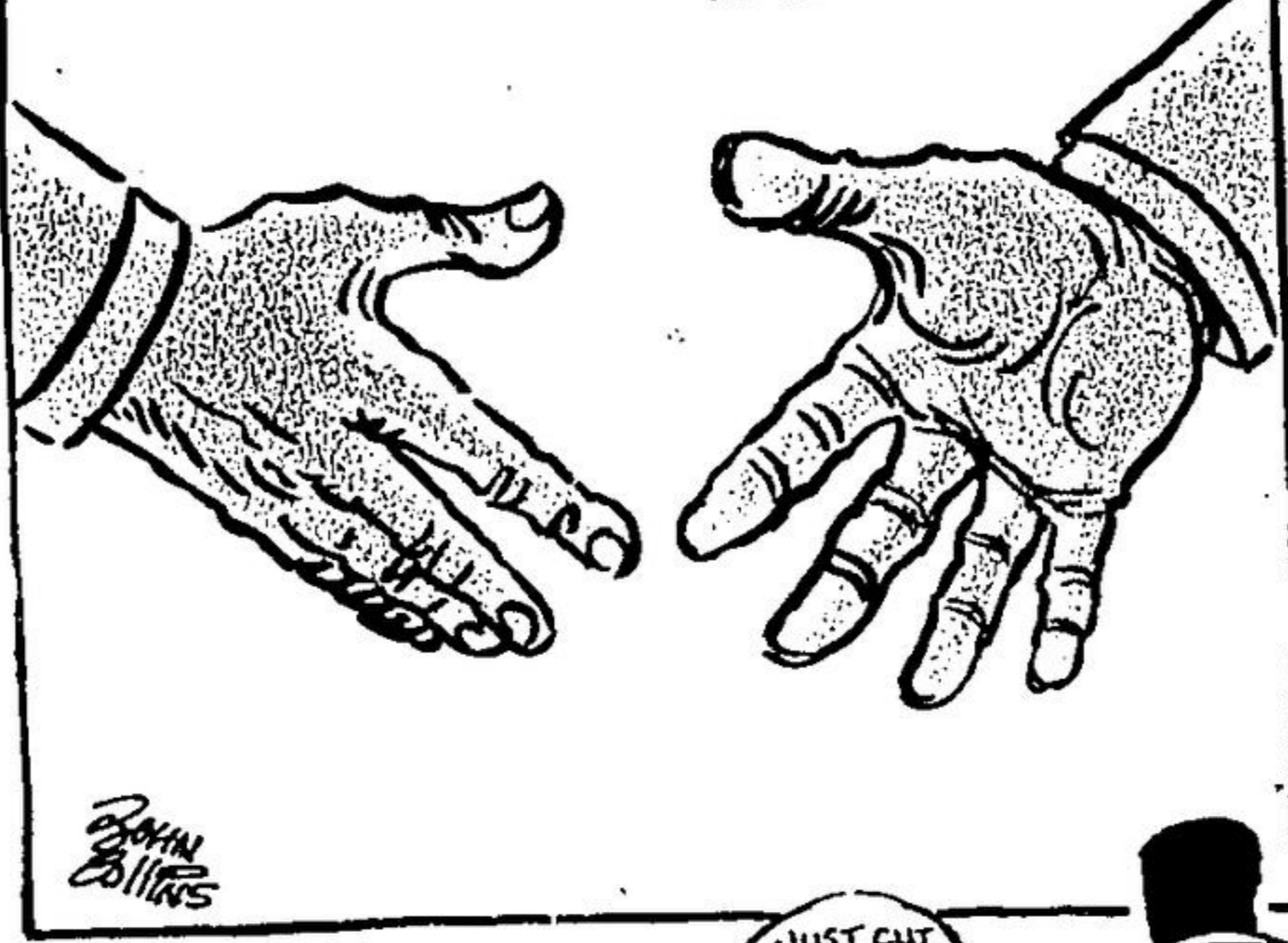
Area 2— A fair example of the dry upland forest type. The bordering prairie along the rim (Natural Zone 111) is valuable for interpretation.

Area 3— A rather disturbed forest, frequently cut and dissected by hydrolines.

Area 4— A good example of forest transition. Area includes a gradient of forest types ranging from dry to mesic.

Area 5— Illustrates a good dry to

"THEN MAYBE WE'D BE ABLE TO GET AT EACH OTHER'S MINDS INSTEAD OF EACH OTHER'S THROATS" — A QUOTE FROM NORTHERN IRELAND



PROTESTANT LABOR ARAB NORTH VIET
CATHOLIC EMPLOYER JEW SOUTH VIET

FOR TODAY WE HAVE A DO-IT-YOURSELF CARTOON

mesic gradient pattern in forest types.

Area 6— A good example of the dry upland forest type. It has been logged. A rich species diversity is characteristic. As the area is in better condition than area 1, it might be considered as a natural zone.

Area 7— Buried valley area with seepage slope forest.

Area 8— Is an excellent example of the upland mesic forest (s.w. half is best). Large trees and rich understory are present.

Area 9— Contains a moderate upland mesic forest.

Area 10— Contains a heavily logged upland mesic forest of little natural value.

Area 11— A moderately disturbed upland forest on gentle slope. The area is of moderate natural value while providing easy hiking access to the valley.

Area 12— Contains an excellent example of erosion on the n.w. side. The s.e. slope supports a dry oak forest.

Area 13— Contains a gently sloping valley forest. A variety of associations of moderate natural value are illustrated.

Spanish conquerors of Mexico dubbed the armadillo, or "little fellow in armor."



BILL SMILEY

Cracked Eggs And Rich Farmers

Not too long ago, I wrote a column suggesting what would happen if housewives went on strike. A long, intelligent and often witty letter from Mason Bailey, President of the Huron County Federation of Agriculture tells me bluntly that there is another species in our society which, if it went on strike, would make a housewives' strike look like a box luncheon.

Naturally, he is talking about farmers. Farmers are like the weather; everybody talks about them but nobody does anything.

I'll quote bits from his letter, and make some comments. He asks tersely, "What if all the farmers went on strike?... Most of society and the majority of columnists seem to have forgotten that farmers continue to exist. And that is just what farmers are doing! Existing! Net farm income in Ontario has dropped over thirty percent in the last three years. In 1971, Canadian farmers received less than ten percent of the money that Canadian consumers spent on food."

Well, Mr. Bailey, I'll accept your figures, for a start. And they certainly don't make me want to plunge into farming with a thirty-thousand dollar mortgage and the prospect of working ten or twelve hours a day, six days a week.

On the other hand, like all figures, they can be misleading. How many Canadian farmers grow coffee, tea, fish, sugar, pepper, peanut butter, oranges, bananas and all the other items that beef up our food bills?

Another of your points strikes a sympathetic chord in me. "I was in a restaurant last week. The menu said one egg, 50c. Do you know what farmers got for eggs last week? 22c a dozen for Grade A large? 2c a dozen for cracks." This is utterly ridiculous, and somebody, obviously the farmer, is being shafted. The only solution I can see is to demand "cracks" in restaurants. Which is probably what we get in some places anyway.

I share completely your burning wrath at restaurant prices. And now let's sit back and hear a howl of protest from the restaurant owners, who are starving to death. The average one isn't, and works long hours for a decent living. But those room service prices in hotels drive me right out of my skull. \$1.65 for a sandwich, \$1.50 for a pot of lukewarm coffee.

You go back to the war, when sugar and butter were rationed and otherwise honest people would cheat, lie or steal to get enough or more than enough. And you say it would happen again if farmers went on strike. I agree. Some would, but a minority, in my opinion. I think the farmers would get a good deal of sympathy and support, just as the coal miners did in England, despite the hardships their strike imposed on millions.

In such an event, you suggest that "bootlegging food at inflated prices would become as common as drug peddling. The bootlegging farmers would start to show a profit. Some might even be able to hire help at the minimum wage." Surely, right there is one spot where government could help - by subsidizing farm wages.

The government subsidizes practically everything else that even approaches work, or simply pays people not to work. Surely, the next logical step would be to make farm work attractive, financially, rather than paying farmers not to grow grain, or spuds, or whatever. However, we mustn't mention government and logic in the same breath.

You mention something that depresses me - that the average age of farmers in Ontario is about 55, that not many young men can start farming under today's conditions, and that even if they can, the liberated little woman has other ideas. And you also point out rather pungently that if the average age of housewives "was 55 and no replacements forthcoming, you would have something to scream about".

You're right. The scream that would echo across the land would be apocalyptic. Another point in your argument is that corporations may take over food production. "If wealthy corporations ever replace the family farm and hire organized labour, there probably will be food strikes". That is an appalling thought.

Would that mean that I couldn't buy one of those "chickens" that taste no more like chicken than my old running shoes, unless you plaster them with some synthetic flavoring? Would it mean that I couldn't buy any of that enriched bread that tastes like wet kleenex? Life just wouldn't be worth living.

However, I agree with your premise that the farmer has been left sucking the hind teat in these years of inflation. I think the chief trouble is the same as that of the housewives: farmers are too stubborn and individualistic to get really organized. They should, perhaps, set up their own co-ops, processing, handling and sales organizations. That, of course, would leave us with mobs of unemployed middle-men.

But my heart is with you, chaps, and will be even the next time I pick up a \$1.49 a pound hunk of steak, look at it wistfully, replace it, and reach for the hamburger.

GEORGETOWN HERALD
Established 1865
Telephone 877-2201

WALTER BIEHN
Publisher

GARFIELD MCGILVRAY
Production Manager

TERRY HARLEY
News Editor

FRANK MULLIN
Advertising Manager

AILEEN BRADLEY
Accountant

Anne Currie, Valerie Caruso,
David Hastings, Myles Gilson,
John McClements, Joan Davis,
Joyce VanDelinder.

CARRIER CIRCULATION
Mr. and Mrs. N. Eyre
Telephone 877-4067

Single copy 15c
Mailed subscription \$7.50 yearly

A Division of
Thomson Newspapers Ltd.

In The Mail Bag Many Laboured Behind Scenes

Greetings to the Folk of Georgetown:

For the twelfth consecutive year Georgetown has played host to the many participants of the Kinsmen's International Bantam Hockey Tournament who zeroed in on town from many centres in Canada and the U.S.A. Old friendships were renewed, and many more started. I know they all returned to their homes with glowing praise for the people of Georgetown.

As one who helped in a small way with the welcome they received, I would like to express my deepest thanks and sincere appreciation to the many who laboured behind the scenes.

It has been a great pleasure for me to work with the following in the week long task of preparing the food for their healthy young appetites.

The Glen Ladies, Georgetown Kinettes, St. John's United Church Auxiliary, St. Andrew's United Church Auxiliary, St. Georges Anglican Church Auxiliary, Knox Presbyterian Church Auxiliary, The Friendship Circle, Royal Canadian Legion Auxiliary, the men of the Legion, Fire Ladies Auxiliary, the several ladies who volunteered their time on more than one occasion. The teen-age girls who gave up their vacation from high school to attend the tables. A special thanks to Betty McNabb, John Beattie, Jim Murphy, Yvonne Lorusso. Thanks also to the Royal

Canadian Legion and the Oddfellows for the use of their kitchens and the help in the setting up of tables. The contributing merchants deserve a big thanks for help and advice and last but not least a thank you to the executive of the Bantam Hockey Tournament for the lovely gift of flowers.

Sincerely,
Jessie Hayes
Catering Supervisor
International Bantam Hockey Tournament.

Says Abortion Depends On Circumstances

R.R.2, Georgetown

Dear Editor:
In reply to the letter on abortion I would like to make the following remarks. The world is only so large and will only hold so many - what about the population explosion - it cannot be ignored, it is a recognized fact.

Which is the bigger sin - to have an abortion, which is agreed upon between a man and wife or bring an innocent child into the home who is not wanted, cannot be properly taken care of and very often deprives children already in the family. Also there is the fact of undue pressure on the mother and father often causing a very unhappy home.

Therefore I cannot agree that abortions should not be allowed in Canada. This is a decision which can only be agreed upon by the parties and circumstances involved. Who are we to judge others. Linda Dupuis (Mrs.) Catholic and Mother of four Happy and Loved children.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

OPTOMETRIST
L.M. Brown, R.O.

47 MAIN ST. N.
Suite 1.

For Appointments phone
877-3671

Please present Health
Insurance Card

ALPINE HEALTH CLUB

SUMMER FUN
IN WINTER

12 Wesleyan St.

877-9531

OPTOMETRIST
R. H. Hamilton, R.O.

116 Mountview South
Carretal Building

For Appointment
877-3971

Please present
Health Insurance Card

Evans Chiropractic Clinic

120 Guelph Street
877-7333

By Appointment

CHIROPRACTOR
G.W. Corbett, D.C.

49 Mill Street, Georgetown
For Appointment
PHONE: 877-4431

INCOME TAX RETURNS

BOOKKEEPING SERVICES
call
KENNETH BURGESS

of
ASSOCIATE TAX CONSULTANTS

877-2217
5 Wesleyan St.

CARR CLIPSHAM CULLEN Limited

Consulting Engineers
Ontario Land Surveyors
Planning Consultants

877-2211

Wallace Thompson
3rd Small Claims Court
County of Halton
Clerk & Commissioner
877-2943

BARRAGER'S
Dry Cleaners and
Shirt Launderers
877-2279

18 Main St. S. - 166 Guelph
Free Pick-up and Delivery
All work done on premises

MONUMENTS
POLLOCK & CAMPBELL
DESIGNS ON REQUEST

Inspect our work in
Greenwood Cemetery

PHONE 421-7580

62 Water Street North
GALT

WYNFIELD KENNELS

breeders of
Irish Setters
Shelties Sheepdogs
Papillons

Boarding for all breeds.

17 Sideroad (Maple Ave. W.)
Georgetown, Ont.
877-9952

THIS SPACE IS LEFT FOR YOUR AD.

WATCH REPAIR SERVICE
JEWELRY CLOCK
Accutron Service Centre

JOHN BOUGHTON
JEWELLERS
Certified Watchmakers
5 Main St. N. - 877-4313

CUSTOM MADE DRAPES AND CARPETS

A wide range of Samples in stock
to choose from in both Drapery
and Carpets.

EXPERT INSTALLATIONS

ESTIMATES FREE

LEE'S
19 MAIN ST. S.
GEORGETOWN
Phone 877-3621

CARPET CLEANING

CARPET CLINIC
Professional Carpet and
Upholstery Cleaning in
Your Home or in our
Modern Plant

Free Pick-up and Delivery

CARPET CLINIC

459-4140

M. P. VAN HARTEN
ONTARIO LAND SURVEYOR

92 Confederation St. Phone 877-4321

Glen Williams St.