

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### A Golden Week-End

The many who worked to make Georgetown Golden Year celebration a success, are to be congratulated. Particularly Dan Wagstaffe, who spearheaded the committee which organized the two-day celebration.

The event marked the 50th year of Georgetown's incorporation as a town.

And with perfect weather, it was a success from start to finish - the

fireworks show and band concert in the fairgrounds.

Years back it was the custom in many communities, Georgetown included, to have this type of celebration on the Dominion Day holiday.

For some time there has been no planned functions for the holiday. Success of the Golden Year event might spark a revival in future years.

### Everything But a Crowd

The Hanneford circus was missing only one thing, when it played two performances at Georgetown arena - full houses.

The show played to about a two-thirds house afternoon and evening, to make an unprofitable engagement.

Those who did attend had two hours of first rate entertainment - fast paced, talented and beautifully costumed. And it lived up to the tradition that, while circuses are supposedly slanted towards the youngsters, it takes an adult to appreciate the finer points.

In our case, it was a pleasant

surprise to find that Hanneford show a small-scale replica of Ringling Brothers and every bit as well rehearsed and professional. Aerial artists were skilled, the two elephants were well trained, costuming was beautiful, and the finale, featuring the equestrian Hanneford family was worth the price of admission along.

Perhaps the circus will not include Georgetown in its tour another year. If so, it's our loss. If it should return next summer, we urge all our readers to keep it in mind and made attendance a must.

### Back Again

We're back in our corner again after a sudden, enforced absence, a week of which was spent investigating the facilities in the local hospital.

And we can report that, if one has to be ill, there can be no better place to visit. We found nurses and other members of the staff uniformly pleasant, skilled at their job and anxious to make patients as happy and comfortable as possible.

A hospital, of course, operates in reverse to most establishments.

While a business seeks to hold customers, a hospital's function is to get rid of them as soon as possible. In our case, so good was the care that we

were there for just a week. Turned out that our illness was not so serious as at first rumoured, and after a bit of a rest at home, and a week of half-time at the office, we're able to earn a day's pay again with full time work.

To those who missed us and were nice enough to say so, we say thanks.

And to the Herald staff, who carried on so efficiently in our absence, with some disruption to a vacation schedule, we are most grateful.

We hope our next vacation will be a planned one and, much as we appreciated our stay on Princess Anne Drive, in a motel of our own choosing.

## OPINIONS OF OTHERS

### Unfair Comparisons

Statistics are probably one of the most specific yet fuzziest means of determining any given situation.

Among the finest examples of this, the recent housing prices disclosure by Statistics Canada will stand as somewhat of a classic.

The housing survey determined that Brampton's housing costs are the highest in Canada, higher, it seems, than Metro Toronto.

The figures really aren't very fair. Home Ownership Made Easy (HOME) plan housing wasn't considered in the survey. Somehow we doubt that it would have made any difference (we've never been fully convinced that HOME saves anyone any money) but it is a fact that comparing HOME houses to freehold properties is like comparing horses and apples.

Despite this, the figures are still unfair. Toronto housing included Metropolitan Toronto, which means York County, which tends to reduce the price average.

Furthermore, there is other evidence to the effect that Brampton's costs are not the highest in Canada.

For example, Canadian Magazine, in a recent survey, singled out Toronto, then also mentioned Bramalea, Central Mortgage and

Housing Corporation recently released a report on mortgage prices which indicated that Toronto costs were the highest with York County next and Peel third or fourth.

Mortgage costs of course, have a great deal to do with the true cost of a house.

With all this said, it is difficult to deny that Brampton housing costs are still far out of proportion to housing costs in other parts of the country.

Considering population differences, there is still an uncomfortably small margin between housing costs in Toronto and Brampton.

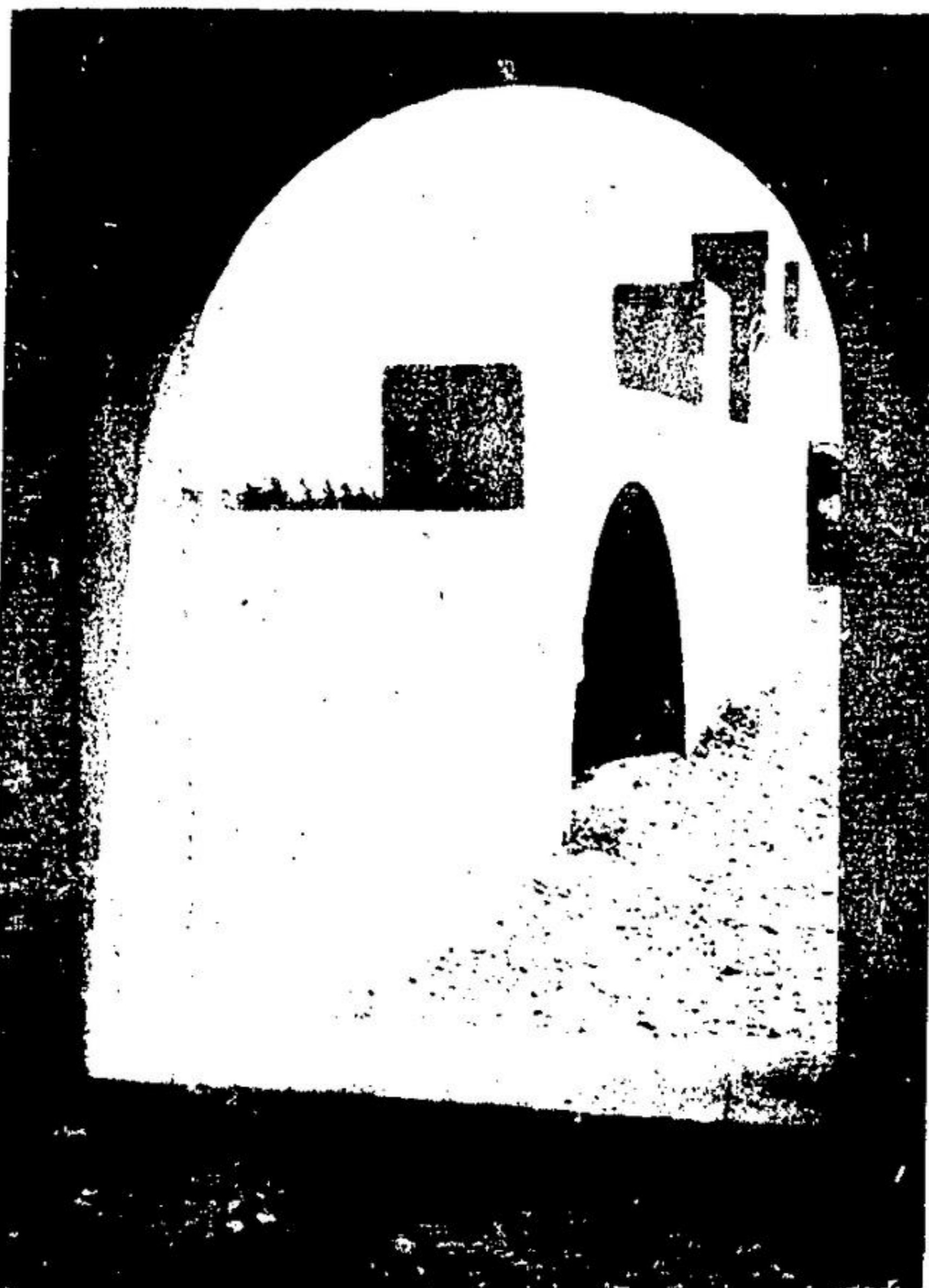
We know the reason for this, of course. The law of supply says if a product is in short supply, people will pay more to obtain it.

We don't of course, know the ready solution because even master planners and economists haven't quite come up with a solution short of a controlled economy.

All things considered it's likely that high housing costs are also a good reflection of economic opportunity; thus, it is apparent that it's here where the opportunities exist; thus, the population influx and thus, the high costs of housing. Eventually, the balance is reached but we suffer in the meantime.

—Brampton Daily Times

## Where's the Foreign Legion ?



It could be a snapshot from your holiday in Morocco, or maybe a location shot from a

Charles Boyer movie - but it's neither. George Kennedy Public School kids will

recognize it right away as a piece of their playground equipment.

### In the Mail Bag

## Aiding Youth Deafness are Elks' Main Concerns

10 Garnet Dr.  
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Editor,  
Georgetown Herald,  
Main Street,  
Georgetown, Ontario.

Enclosed please find a copy of the letter sent to the mayor and town council on the establishment of a Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in the town of Georgetown.

Dear Mayor Smith:  
Please accept and express to the Town Council our appreciation for their help and encouragement in the establishment of a Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks within the town of Georgetown.

A true measure of the progressiveness and spirit in a town is the number of service organizations set up to help the less fortunate in the community, and Georgetown is second to none in this respect.

Our organization is mainly concerned with helping young people up to the age of 18, with special emphasis on the early detection and cure of deafness. However, being a service organization in the true sense of the word we will be actively involved in all aspects of community work.

At present our membership numbers 30 but we are growing very rapidly, and expect to have between 50 and 60 members by the end of the year. With this large enrolment we will be a major contributor to the advancement of community spirit in Georgetown. We sincerely hope that during the many years ahead, we will continue to receive your support and encouragement.

We would also like to take this opportunity to express

our congratulations on the excellent way that your organization completed the Golden Anniversary celebrations. It was indeed a milestone in the history of Georgetown. We were only able to take a minor role in the parade (a float) due to interference with our organizational ceremonies and these had to be dispatched prior to any commitments to the community. However, in the future we will play a more integral part of other activities.

Thanking you once again, I remain,  
Yours sincerely,  
I.C. Barrell,  
Secretary Treasurer,  
BPO Elks Lodge No. 540

### The District at a Glance

#### Launch Farmer's Market

MILTON—A farmer's market featuring about 25 booths selling fresh fruit, vegetables, cheese, home-made candy and other wares will be launched in Milton, Saturday. Milton Chamber of Commerce is organizing the venture and hopes to get the market operating each Saturday morning until the Thanksgiving weekend.

#### Former Clerk Will Sue

STREETSVILLE—This town's former deputy-clerk has decided to sue Streetsville for \$10,000 because he claims he was wrongly dismissed from his position in October. Art Falls said the town gave him money instead of two weeks notice and his holiday pay. He said no reason was given for his dismissal.

#### Huttonville Fire Origin Unknown

HUTTONVILLE—Chinguacousy Fire Department has completed its investigation into the fire last Wednesday afternoon that destroyed a home owned by Sabatino Biagini. District Chief Russ Shearer said that the fire was caused by an undetermined source. The house was charred so badly investigators could not determine how the blaze started. He said the original damage estimate to the house was \$21,500, but that figure has been reduced to \$16,500.



BILL SMILEY

## A Week-End Worth Losing

There's nothing quite like a summer in Canada. We have that winter that just goes on and on and on. Then, suddenly, about the first of June, it's spring. The temperature soars, the grass grows vibrantly and we kick off our rubbers with gay abandon.

Two weeks later, everybody has a cold, the roses are nipped by the frost, the furnace is still rumbling, and the weatherman announces triumphantly that Warton or someplace had an all-time over-night low of 40 degrees on the umpteenth of June.

By the time this appears in print, we'll probably be gasping for breath and wondering when this unprecedented heat wave will end. Don't worry; it will just about the time you start to get the poisonous juices of winter soaked out of you. And then it will be fall, and idiots like me will be writing columns about that refreshing nip in the air.

Nip in the air. Holy old Hughie! There was so much nip in the air early this summer that a chap scarcely needed a nip of anything else.

Oh, well, I guess it's better than living in the sweltering heat of Israel or Egypt. Though it certainly isn't any safer, as those who have been on the highways recently will attest.

Why does my wife remind me of a flicker? A flicker is a bird with a red top-knot. We have one in our backyard every summer. It flops out of a cedar tree, or maybe heaven, and flickers away all over the grass, sometimes within feet of us. I think it's a flicker, though I'm no expert. I can tell a robin from a sea gull, on a clear day, and that's about it.

Well, why does she? She doesn't have a red top-knot. But she acts like a flicker. The bird runs across the grass at a great rate. It stops, looks about, bangs its beak into the ground about twelve times, repeats the process for some period, then flies off suddenly in all directions, for no apparent reason.

And that's why my wife reminds me of a flicker. That's how our vaunted holidays began this year. I had one day off after ten months in the sausage factory. It was a Saturday, which I have off every week anyway.

It seems we had to go and see our daughter, the bride, right away. Holiday weekend, with all the horror that entails, but never mind. Wedding pictures. Late gifts. How is she? Is the marriage working out? Motel room? Just like a flicker banging away at the grubs in the ground.

I was caught by surprise, just as a grub is by a flicker. No money and the banks were closed. The car needed a muffler. I needed about three days of intensive care.

During the same 24 hours, the flicker had phoned friends of ours who'd invited us down to be around their pool. She had agreed that as soon as we had spent a day or two with the bride, we'd go straight to their place.

The bride is about 70 miles north, in the resort area, through hairy traffic. The friends lie about 45 miles south, through hairy traffic trying to get north. No problem. The flicker's mate does the driving.

And right in the midst of all this flickering, who calls up to see if I want to go out bass fishing but my old friend, Capt. Dall Hudson. I'll give you three guesses. Where do you think I wanted to go?

Well, we flickered off, north. Nice day. Traffic just below manic level. Arrived late. Great dinner with new-in-laws. Motel room surrounded by green, with falls rushing in background. Idyllic.

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**In the Mail Bag**  
You're Welcome

Dear Sir:  
The Georgetown's Golden Year Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank you for participating in the 50th anniversary to the maximum. Your co-operation was greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,  
(Mrs. Pat Lawrie, Secretary  
Georgetown's Golden Year Committee)

Georgetown Herald  
22 Main St. S.  
Georgetown, Ontario  
Attention: Mr. Walter Biehn:  
Dear Walter:  
May I extend to you and the members of your staff my sincere thanks for the part you played in making Georgetown's 50th Anniversary such a tremendous success.

Yours very truly,  
William R. Smith  
Mayor

desire to see normal abode of habitation.

Arrive. Collapse. Faintly revived by hot soup. Sleep thirteen hours.

Up this morning to find own toilet backing up (or is it a dream?), vacuum cleaner on blink, and mother flicker already making new plans for further forays.

Aren't you sorry you aren't a school teacher, with all those "holidays"?

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