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Deserves Support

Since its birth several years back, Georgetown YM-YWCA has suffered an inability to achieve full potential.

This has been caused, not by lack of ability and enthusiasm among its leaders. Rather, it is because financial support has not been as generous as the organizers envisaged.

Despite this, the Y has moved mountains and provided a good variety of activities for all age groups. This is readily seen when we are told that one of eight residents participate in some phase of its program.

Fund campaigns have been poorly supported. So poor, in fact, that this year the campaign committee has decided to forego a

house to house canvass which, in the past, had not been worth the hours of effort for the small donations received.

Instead, they are urging those residents who care, to forward donations to headquarters. And the committee will concentrate on industrial and business establishments, with a specialized appeal designed to show the importance of their financial support, and with hopes that donations will this year be a bit more generous.

The Y has a deficit to overcome and needs a total of \$15,000 to successfully carry out the program planned for the coming year.

Not a large sum, but large enough that those interested must dig a little deeper than usual.

Outstanding Citizen

Death of Miss Beatrice Hills removes one of the area's most outstanding citizens.

Miss Hills, at the good age of 91, was blessed with retention of all her faculties, and in appearance, outlook and ability belied her years.

Earlier this year, she contributed a remarkable series of historical articles about her native Ballinafad community which, by printing in The Herald, have been put on record for the future. She had more, in mind, and it is the community's loss that this now will not be.

Miss Hills served her community well, particularly her church.

An active member of the missionary society and the UCW at Ballinafad United, she had also taught generations of youngsters

as a church school teacher. Her work with the children, in mission band and baby band, was outstanding.

Moving to Georgetown only a few years ago, she kept in touch with her home community, while becoming an active member of her new home town. She was up and about every day, and became acquainted with many new friends, not the least the editorial staff of The Herald.

People like Miss Hills are solid citizens, the types who make a community better. Fate seemed to recognize this, allowing her many more years of activity than is common to humanity, and the final dignity of ending her life at its peak, with a minimum of suffering, and no decline in her physical and mental health.

Hard Work in Flames

In last week's Herald, the Random Car Club was featured in a story and pictures, which detailed their work in creating a clubhouse and workshop in Glen Williams.

This week brings the sad news that all their work went up in flames in a Monday morning fire.

It seems a strange quirk of fate that all the talent and energy expended by the club members was washed out by this incident.

We express sympathy to the club, and hope they will get together on a reconstruction project.

While we have not been in touch with club members, perhaps they could use a few extra dollars when rebuilding time comes. Any reader who might wish to contribute could do so by contacting club treasurer David Puckering or other members of the executive.

Dismiss Stop Pit Appeal

CALEDON—The Ontario Supreme Court of Appeal late Thursday morning dismissed the appeal by Caledon Township to prevent extension of gravel pit operation.

Mr. Justice J. D. Arup said in his decision that the use of a gravel pit is not in contravention to the township's Official Plan and the users (Franceschini Bros.) have the right to continue. He said the Official Plan clearly contemplated the use to continue.

The police village of Caledon started proceedings last Wednesday to reverse the decision of the individual court which permits Franceschini Brothers Construction to expand a gravel pit in the community.

The three-man Ontario court of appeal granted D. R. Steel of Toronto the right to proceed with the case after hearing an application last Wednesday morning.

Mr. Steele, who was representing Caledon, said in his leave to appeal, the divisional court erred in law in granting Franceschini Brothers the right to expand into the area of Caledon zoned residential.

School Year Book Arrives

Through a printing mix-up, copies of the high school year book were late being delivered this year.

Luckily, the shipment from the printers arrived Friday, just in time for those attending the high school commencement to obtain their copies.

The largest postage stamps ever issued were the Express delivery stamps of China in 1971.



TRAIL GETS COLOURFUL CARPET



AUTUMN'S HELD OVER — AND IN COLOUR

The District at a Glance

16 Lot Subdivision Planned

CAMPBELLVILLE—A 16-lot subdivision may be built in the village of Campbellville in the spring by a Milton firm, Fenrock Ltd. according to a spokesman George Goldstraw.

Goldstraw, a resident of Campbellville and part owner of Fenrock, says the new residential development will be located opposite the Campbellville ball park and behind the VanSickle and Wheelan properties south of Five Sideroad, and will border the Halton Fish Club pond.

Campbellville, as part of Nassagaweya Township comes under a recreational status according to the guidelines set out by the Toronto Centred Region Plan.

However the TCRP will not affect the development because a subdivision agreement was drawn up before the provincial government implemented the plan, Goldstraw suggests.

Negotiations and plans for the subdivision have been underway for the last six years and 10 months. The matter had come before Nassagaweya Council frequently. Last week Council discussed the details of the subdivision in a closed meeting.

Village Considering Spud Days

HILLSBURGH—Elmira has its syrup festival, Brampton its flower festival, Kleinburg a binder-twine festival. Now Hillsburgh is considering a potato festival.

A meeting is called for Friday, Nov. 3 at the Municipal offices, Hillsburgh, to explore the feasibility of organizing a fall festival to promote Hillsburgh area potatoes and beef. The idea has the enthusiastic backing of the Lions Club, Ladies Horticultural Society, the Community Centre men, and M.P.P. John Foot has also been invited.

A series of functions to be considered will include potato queen, baby show, bingo, dance, fashion and fur show, flower show, car auction and last, but not least, a giant potato and meat barbecue.

Hillsburgh grows the finest potatoes in Ontario, and the only potato to be found in the markets is bound up in foil straight from Idaho. Our local potatoes are only to be found inside a chip box and this calls for action a booster said.

Open New Fire Station

ORANGEVILLE—J. Davidson, Chief, Vaughan Township Fire Department has been made honorary member of the Orangeville Fire Department.

The presentation of a special plaque was made at the banquet marking the official opening of the Orangeville and Area Fire Station.

Making the presentation on behalf of the Orangeville Fire Department were chief W. A. Noble and Councillor Derek Marley, chairman of the fire committee.

Chief Noble said the presentation was made because of Chief Davidson's help and advice in planning the local station.

In his address Chief Davidson said he gets sick of architects telling fire chiefs how to build fire halls. He said he likes firehalls to be good to work in, live in, efficient and be ultimately designed the Vaughan Township Fire Hall.

"These plans with some modifications were used to build Orangeville's hall", he said.

He said Councils are interested in attracting industry and have to take into consideration fire protection needed in regards to industry.

Pupils Rinse With Fluoride

ACTON—Students and some teachers of Robert Little School in Acton rinsed their mouths for one full minute last Wednesday.

Robert Little is the first school in the North Halton area to participate in the Halton County Health Unit's "school fluoride mouth-rinse program".

Students will be given a small amount of liquid fluoride in a paper cup. After washing their mouths for a minute, they will discard the substance. The procedure will be repeated at two week intervals during the school year. Health officials say the fluoride is only effective if used for a full minute.

According to Dr. Samuel Green, Dental Director for Halton County, this type of program is one of the most effective for preventing tooth decay. He says the Scandinavian countries have conducted the program for the last 15 years and he thinks the Halton Health Unit is the first in Ontario to adopt it.

There is no cost to the children and they will not take part if parental consent is not given. Schools in the North Halton area have sent explanatory brochures to parents outlining the program.

Reject Highways 10, 7 Link

CHINGUACOUSY—The proposed 70 mph Highway 410 linking Highway 10 above Snelgrove and Highway 7 near Heart Lake Road was rejected by Chinguacousy's general committee Wednesday following the township engineer's report.

The provincial ministry of transport had proposed the highway, along with widening of Heart Lake Road and Bocard Drive to four lanes to serve as a Brampton bypass.

The proposed highway would continue south of Steeles to join up with Highway 401 and serve as a quick connection to Metro Toronto.

Township engineer Dick Stoltz instead proposed a four-lane arterial road extending from Highway 7 and Heart Lake Road, along the alignment of the proposed highway to Highway 10.

He also proposed upgrading of Heart Lake Road and Bocard Drive and keeping them two lane roadways so that these could provide the bypass until designs for the artery are finalized.

Another temporary bypass, along with Heart Lake Road and Bocard Drive proposed by Mr. Stoltz was the Second Lane West.

"In my opinion", he said, "if a proper thickness of asphalt is applied to the granular road base another alternate temporary bypass could be provided in the interim years while the ministry of transportation is proceeding with the final design and construction of the permanent bypass facility in the northwest corridor."



BILL SMILEY

How I Learned About Myself!

A couple of weeks ago, while I was writing down the date on my attendance pad, I got a bit of a shock. It was October 13th. Then I realized it was Friday. Hey, my anniversary!

On a gloomy Friday the 13th of October, 1944, I was shot down over Holland by German flak, crash-landed in a plowed field and was taken prisoner.

I've been a little leery of Friday the 13th ever since, but when it also falls in October, as this year, I feel a distinct chill and my first thought is that I should have stayed in bed all day, with the covers pulled over my head, to be safe from the searching finger of fate.

It's ridiculous, of course. I don't believe in black cats, walking under ladders, broken mirrors, the number 13, and all those old-wives' symbols of bad luck.

Even so, I know some of my students wondered why I taught all day, that day, with both hands behind my back. What they didn't know was that I had my fingers crossed, both hands.

Well, now that a reasonable time has passed and the sky hasn't fallen in, I can look back on that day in 1944 with no more reaction than sangfroid, which, as any Englishman knows, means bloody cold, and I have one of those, so everything is fine.

In retrospect, that day was

Rafinesse children armed with twigs tipped with a sticky sweet sap help catch dragon-flies to be served with rice as part of the family diet.

not an unlucky, but a lucky one. At the time I didn't think so. I had a date that night with a smashing blonde in Antwerp, and I was just annoyed that the stupid war had interfered with my social life.

But looking back, it was one of the luckiest days in my life. I still had a miserable, often wretched experience to go through. However, it was one of the most interesting in my life, and I made some fine friends and saw a lot of strange things.

Also, my wing was losing from five to a dozen pilots a week. My own squadron of eighteen pilots had lost Dave Backhouse, Johnny Hook, "Taffy" Price, "Dingle" Hell, and a week before I got it, one of my tent-mates, Freddy Wakeman, was killed. (A week after I got it, my other tent-mate went down in flames.)

I had landed once with a bomb dangling, another time with no flaps, no brakes and thirty-six holes in my aircraft. So it was just a matter of time.

I wonder how many of you have had the same experience: believing that the fates had singled you out for special punishment, and discovering, much later, that what seemed at the time a black cloud was really a silver lining in disguise.

Of course, the opposite can happen. Ask some of my friends who thought it was the luckiest day in their lives when they stood in front of the preacher with that gentle, sweet, understanding and voluptuous young creature, and found themselves twenty-five years later manacled to a fat, nagging shrew.

(I know, girls, it works both ways. Don't tell me that that handsome, charming young Adams you stood up with is really the same person as that pot-bellied, bald bore you're living with now, whose idea of a good chat is to rattle his paper at you and grunt.)

But on the whole, life, except for those few unfortunate, the born losers, seems to even things out fairly.

Twenty-eight years ago tonight I was pretty blue and miserable. After the most inept escape, I had been given a thorough going over

In the Mail Bag

Don't Need Acting Talent to Join Little Theatre

27 Norton Crescent
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Dear Friends in Georgetown,

"Georgetown Little Theatre". Do you know where it's at? Let me ask you this, have you ever volunteered for something and then asked yourself, "What have I got myself into? Well I'll tell it like it is."

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To truly express yourself, to be able to do so through another personality, one you can make live on stage or behind the scenes. Up to now this person has been simply a few words on a page of a book. The scenes have been just a figment of your imagination. Through your talents this character becomes a living, breathing personality. You set the scene. You are that person. Whether on stage or behind the scene, you have helped bring a dream to life.

Without us the stage would be lifeless, for it is we, through props and scenery, make live, those characters whom the audiences enjoy. The volunteers who work backstage are as important to the overall production as the actors themselves. Without the props and scenery such as walls, windows, furniture, ash trays, dishes, lighting effects, sound effects, make-up, washers, also without publicity and someone to direct the play, house management and ushers and last but not least the refreshments that our patrons enjoy so much half way through the performance, there would be no play at all.

We must create a setting worthy of the characters being portrayed. All this important talent the audiences never see, and are maybe not even aware of it's existence.

It takes an average of 20 to 30 people behind the scenes, just to put on one single play, where the stage itself may only require three or four people to put the play across to the audience.

We require no pedigree for membership. If you are a family looking for togetherness, widowed, divorced or separated or just fed up with your own company and need a diversion, look no further. Georgetown Little Theatre will embrace you in it's all-encompassing circle of friendship and welcome you and your talent with open arms. We ask nothing of you, but what you have to give. Our need is as great as yours.

We create four plays a year, requiring a minimum of six weeks rehearsal, which goes hand in hand with preparing the scenery and props so that the actors may get used to doing and moving around as they must do on stage. Our monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month in one of our own members homes. There is also a monthly newsletter sent out to each of our members and also to our subscribers.

We participate in as many local activities as possible, such as the Georgetown Fall Fair and the Santa Claus Parade.

We have just successfully completed a house to house membership campaign for the 1972-73 season and if you received a pink brochure in your mail box and are interested in joining us please call the number on the brochure.

If you don't want to be an active member of this group you may want to become a patron or just a subscriber which gives you the same advantages without all the work.

If you really want to see us in action, don't miss our new play being held at the Georgetown and District High School November 2, 3, 4. It is an English comedy and if you think Archie Bunker has it bad, wait until you see the Crompton family in action. It's called "Spring and Port Wine" — See you there.

Lillian Barker

Have Until 15th to Object

ERIN—Residents of the village of Erin were given until Nov. 15 to write out their questions or objections in submission form to the proposed zoning by-law.

At a meeting last week night Howard K. Smith, a planning consultant hired by the village to prepare the draft of a zoning by-law, outlined the reasoning behind the by-law and zones and invited people to forward comments.

Objections will be acted upon one way or the other by the village council before the by-law receives third reading and is forwarded to the Ontario Municipal Board for final approval.

Mr. Smith explained to the group of approximately 50 interested people that the proposal was just that at this stage and subject to review by council, the people and the O.M.B.

"By having a zoning bylaw, or restricted area bylaw, as it is also called, protection is offered the adjacent landowner. It allows for controlled growth within the village", stated Mr. Smith.

"You will notice that in the proposal, there is no allowance for large apartment buildings. Your council very wisely felt that if a person or a developer wanted to build such a structure it would have to be taken to council and the people for approval for them to decide."

and was lying in a box-car, tied up, aching in every muscle and a number of bones, including my nose bone, and shivering like a dog evacuating razor blades.

For some reason, the Third Fleet had neglected to install a heating system, blankets and mattresses. The only way I could recreate the experience tonight would be to go out and try to sleep on the floor of my garage, which is of the wooden variety, with plenty of ventilation.

Equally faulty was the catering system. There was nothing wrong with the waiters, except that they carried guns and wore big boots. But they were the soul of courtesy, untying my hands at each meal. It was the menu that was lacking. Not much variety. One item, and at some meals, not even one.

The washroom facilities were rather inadequate, too. But how many of you have ever been tenderly helped down onto a cinder embankment by a paratrooper, his arm around your waist, yours around his shoulders, to go to the bathroom? I was dragging one leg.

It was good experience. I learned to love black bread, wurst and cabbage soup. I discovered that a single boiled potato, right out of the pot was a dish fit for the gods. I learned how much I could take. And I learned to be thankful for exceedingly small mercies. Well worth it, exceedingly small mercies. Well worth it.

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