

Retirement Party for Gas Branch Manager

Retiring as manager of the Georgetown branch of United Gas Limited, Alex Blackwell was honoured by business associates and other friends last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell were feted at a social evening at Hornby Tower Golf Club.

The evening included a number of laudatory talks by head office personnel, and several gifts.

Mr. Blackwell's hobby of fishing was well acknowledged. Company associates gave him a complete outfit, and Mayor Wm. R. Smith presented him with a fishing rod from the town.

A cookware set, gas candles, lady-boy chair, luggage and a purse were among other farewell gifts.

Doug Davidson, Burlington district manager, was chairman. Others who spoke included Doug Montague, company general manager; W. L. Dutton, vice-president and former general manager; Chester Barnhart, Oakville district manager; Adam Tocher, from Hamilton head

office; and Jim Robertson, manager here before Mr. Blackwell.

Mayor Smith spoke of Mr. Blackwell's service to the community as a member of the Lions Club, member of Credit Valley Conservation Authority, Chamber of Commerce officer and now a member of the Water Commission.

"I can't believe it," was Mr. Blackwell's statement, as he thanked the group for the testimonials.

He has concentrated on his job, he said, and is proud of his company's growth and success since it entered business in this area.

He paid tribute to the office staff and service crew, whose good work has made his job a rewarding one. And he wished his successor, Bob Adie, a good future in his new job here.

He introduced his family, who were present for the evening—daughter Carol and her husband Jack Lang of Caledonia; daughter Betty and her husband Richard Peart of Port Dalhousie, and son Richard and his wife Janet,

from town.

Mrs. Dorothy Howard presented a bouquet of red roses to Mrs. Blackwell.

Preceding a buffet lunch, there was entertainment by a high school folk group, The Sage. Bryan Day, Peter McCormick, Jorge Lasso, Colleen and Donna Burns and Larry Thompson. They will soon audition for the Ian Tyson show.

A Dunnville native, he came to Georgetown in 1956 as sub-foreman, then became general foreman and was appointed district manager in 1958.

His successor here is Bob Adie.

Mr. Adie joined Union Gas Limited in his home town of Brantford in 1964, and has been in the residential and commercial sales department there.

Prior to that he had served with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Ottawa and Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Adie are parents of two children, Karen and Sharon.

CLERGY COMMENT

There is A Time To Laff



Thomas is in grade one, and he's learning to sound out words he hasn't seen before. But he got stuck the other day on 'laugh'. Try sounding that out! Learning to read can be a frustrating thing. Fortunately on this occasion, he saw the humour of the English language, and was able to 'laugh' at the funny way we spell some words.

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven," says the book of Ecclesiastes (chapter 3). There is "a time to weep, and a time to laugh". Sometimes we lose the balance, and get terribly morose. We become frustrated by learning to read, or only think of the times to weep.

The ability to see the lighter side of things is necessary if we aren't to take our problems - and ourselves - too seriously. The producers of TV programs like "Sesame Street" and the "Electric Company" help to make learning a pleasure. We adults have stifled our imaginations a bit, but if we look hard enough, we should be able to see the humour in some of our problems.

We have four young sons, and it's strange that the first word each of them seemed to learn was "No." That can be awful trying for a busy mother. But if you challenge a young child's defiance in the right way, you may find lurking behind the pouting face and downcast eyes a giggle waiting to come out. It would be a shame to miss that time to laugh.

THERE'S A LIGHTER SIDE

There's a lighter side to most activities. Certainly in the clergyman business there are not only light moments, but moments that ought to cause loud, boisterous guffaws (if they didn't seem so serious at the time). It's the same with other things. When you're working on your income tax and the figures don't add up properly, it takes out some of the sting if you can smile and grumble - good-naturedly - at the government.

The danger is that we might become cynical, of not taking anything seriously. That is why Ecclesiastes says there should be a balance: "there is a time to weep, and a time to laugh".

Our laughter expresses, not our cynicism, but our joy in God's world. When Abraham's wife Sarah was told she would bear a child, she laughed at God's promise, because she thought she was too old. When her son was born, she called him Isaac, which is the Hebrew word for laughter. She said, "God has given me good reason to laugh, and everybody who hears will laugh with me". (Genesis 21:6)

Some people feel embarrassed to laugh in church. But they shouldn't. If we believe in the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, then ours is the God of Laughter.

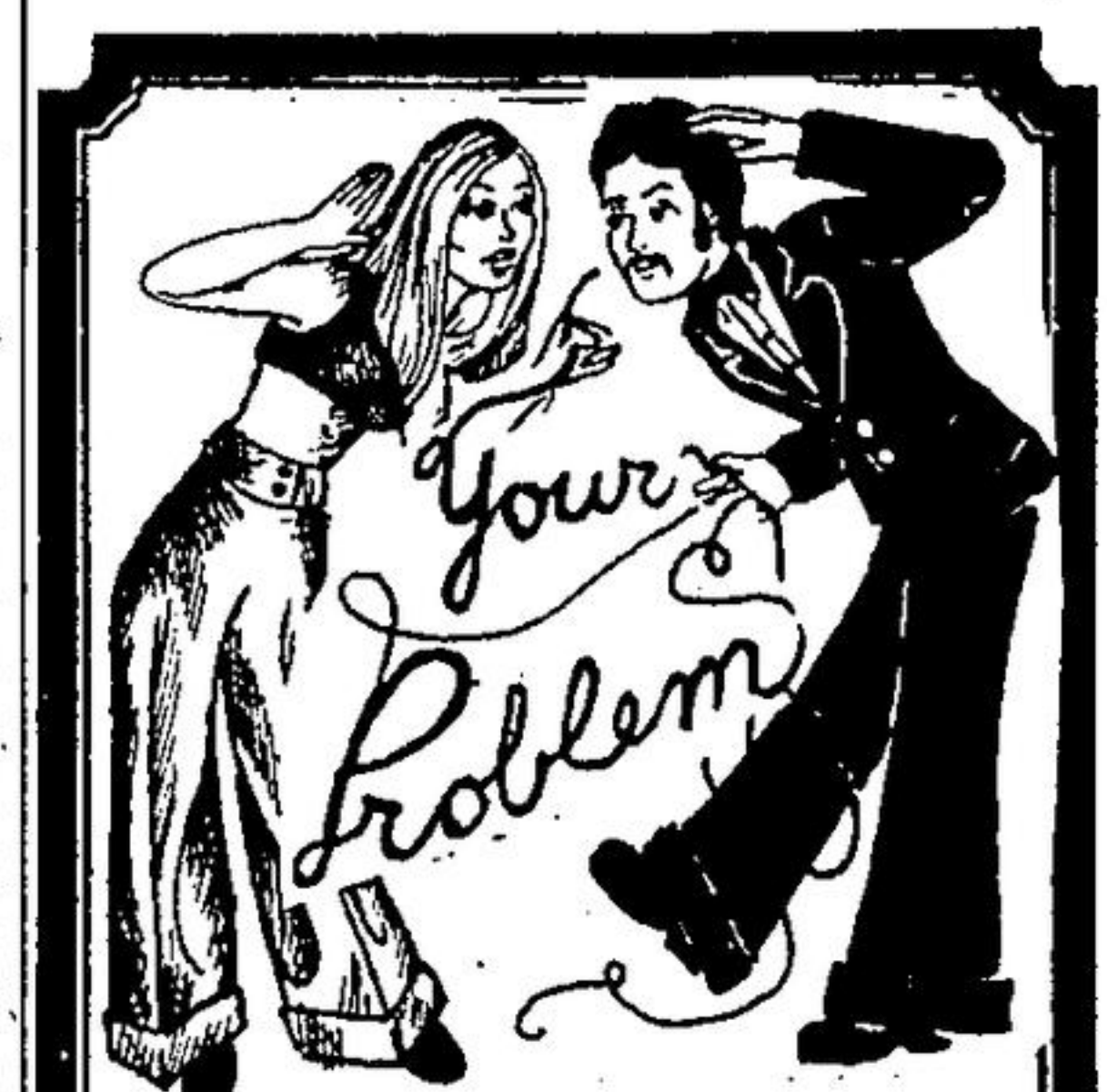
Just Four Parcels In Industrial Park Land Owned

Georgetown Industrial Commission has insufficient staff to do the field work with respect to finding out what companies owning industrial land here propose to do with it. There is a number of such properties in Georgetown sold to companies for expansion purposes, yet no development has taken place in many cases, says Doug Pritchard, town clerk and administrator.

The town at present owns four parcels of industrial land for which \$5,000 an acre is asked, and the stipulation they would build within a two year of the period. They are lots 45, 44, 27 on Armstrong Avenue, plus lot 6

on Armstrong of which there is only an acre of table land. The town last year invested a great deal of money improving strong Avenue which is the major artery through the industrial park north of Guelph Street and east of Mounta-

The Industrial Commission is made up of three councillors Harry Levy, Roy Booth and Mike Armstrong. They will have the services of a new secretary to do their field work by the end of February. The new man is being hired as a secretary to the Planning Board and the Committee of Applications have been received for this post, and interviews will take place the end of the month. The mended applicant will then have to be approved by council.



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Alex Blackwell, right, key over to his successor Bob Adie.

Hilliard Tells Milk Producers "Transplanted Urban People Find Farming Not So Easy"

Some 50 Halton County Milk Producers met to discuss the present and future of their industry at the annual meeting of the Halton County Milk Committee at North Halton Community Centre last Wednesday.

Guest speaker was T. R. Hilliard, Deputy Minister of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food. Mr. Hilliard, who had been away from agriculture for some 10 years in other branches of the government, spoke of the changes which he saw in this area. He spoke of the size of the dairy industry in this province - 18,000 producers, 5 billion pounds of milk produced, 400 transporters, 396 processors and distributors, and 8 million consumers.

He stressed that Ontario has over one-third of the market share quota available in Canada but that "we are falling short of producing this amount of milk." When asked about the need for agriculture in Ontario, he stated that the Hon. Wm. A. Stewart, our Minister of Agriculture and Food, is following policies that will continue a viable agriculture in Ontario. This is a moral as well as economic issue. "How could we hold our heads up with generations yet unborn if we did not support agriculture?"

NOT EASY

He said that as more urban people moved to the country, they observe the problems of agriculture production with a broader attitude that food production is not an easy occupation. As farm people become a smaller and smaller percentage of the total population, the farmer must continue to tell his story.

Joe Brent, O.M.C. Fieldman, selected milk producers in Halton who had the highest quality in the past year. The winners in the fluid section were Stan Waters, Georgetown R.R.2 and Earl Wilson, Norval R.R.1. Runners-up were: D. Anderson, Ashville Farms Ltd., J. O. Bradley, Burnview Farms, Galbreath Bros., G. H. Gowland, J. B. Pell.

In the Industrial Milk section the top milk producers were: B. Natyary, C. Featherston, A. J. Benton, and Hilda Robinson.

ELECTION

The officers and directors chosen were:

Officers: Chairman, Russell Hurren; Vice-Chairman, H. C. Reid; sec-treasurer, V. J. Lawrence; executive, George Pelletier and Fred Nurse; safety rep., Horace Blyth; Federation rep., Ford Wickson.

Directors: Three year - Craig Reid, Milton R.R.6; Horace Blyth, R.R. 1 Acton; Fred Nurse, R.R. 2 Georgetown; George Pelletier, R.R.6 Milton; Jim Reid, R.R.3 Georgetown. Two year - V. J. Lawrence, 111 Gloucester Ave. Oakville; Bruce McClure, R.R.3 Georgetown; Russell Hurren, R.R.2 Campbellville; John Bird, R.R.2 Georgetown; Bill Mahon, R.R.2 Campbellville. One year - Brock Harris, R.R.6 Milton; John Kitching, R.R.1 Moffat; Colin Marshall, R.R.4 Milton; Harold Middlebrook, R.R.2 Milton; Ford Wickson, R.R.2 Georgetown.

Eggs Tossed

An egg throwing incident at 10 Garnet Drive has been reported to police.

Ian Barrett told The Herald he came out of his house Saturday morning and found eggs had been splattered on the front of his home. He said he heard no commotion.

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