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EDITORIAL COMMENT

A Sports Town

Georgetown's reputation as a sports town has been enhanced by two wins in the past week, ensuring that the sports awards banquet in December will be another gala affair.

The Sunny Acre Farm hockey midgets played some outstanding games at the Drummondville, Quebec tournament, in their third appearance there.

The win was even sweeter when they came from behind in a two-game final, converting a 5-2 first game loss into a 7-6 final win. And the winning goal was scored in the dying seconds.

It was the second time around for another group of Georgetown sportsmen.

A curling rink, skipped by Harv Chappel, won Ontario Legion honours, and advances to the dominion finals in Toronto.

The Chappel rink won the same honours a few years ago, then hosted the Ontario 'spell here the next year, an event still remembered by those who jammed North Halton curling club to see the game played at its best.

With the hockey Raiders now beginning to look like a championship team again, and in the running for another Ontario title, the town may be faced with a dilemma—a larger hall, or restricting the awards dinner to only those who are being honoured.

Carnival Big Success

We weren't able to attend this year's figure skating carnival, and according to all reports, it was our loss.

With an international star like Donald Jackson, and Debbie and John Dowding, providing highlights, and the large cast of members of the town's skating club, it was one of the best shows in history.

Choice of Alice in Wonderland as theme for part of the show gave costume designers a field day.

And entertainment was updated with the second half of the review based on the topical Jesus Christ Superstar.

The ice carnival has become a traditional part of Georgetown's winter entertainment. The club is growing, and the carnival's success can be attributed to the many hands involved, from instructors to the dozens who handled such chores as set design, lighting, ticket sales, music and costuming.

And, while it can't be classed with the big professional shows, it has the most important element to draw crowds here—hundreds of local youngsters, showing the progress of their lessons to appreciative parents and friends.

Mellows With Age

A weekly publisher gets into trouble now and then.

He is criticized for saying too much or too little, for odd mistakes which are bound to occur, no matter how carefully each news item and editorial is checked.

He is not always popular with politicians, sometimes offends clergymen, merchants, proponents of this or that cause, young people, old people or in-betweeners, depending on what he might have said or not said in recent issues.

But apparently he mellows with age.

At least we think so, judging from this.

In a grand clean-out of desk drawers, this week, we came across a letter received in 1951.

The letterhead alone was impressive enough.

The writer billed himself as heading such organizations as Vigilant Citizen of Canada, Volunteer Auxiliary Criminal

Subversive Civil Defence Committee, Junior G Boys & Girls Auxiliary, Individual Ratepayers Committee of Canada, to name a few.

"I want you to stop your paper coming to me", he says.

"I also want to say, while I am expending this four cent stamp, that your editorial about the United States in the March 28 issue, I considered very derogatory to them."

"So I sent a copy to the Minister of External Affairs, Ottawa, also Associated Press, U.S.A. I also consulted with my members of International Amateur Press and their resolution was to ban you as a visitor to the United States. This letter I am sending you is a copy of the original that will be published in my United Nations edition."

The writer added an impressive line under his signature....Editor Extraordinary.

In the Mail Bag

Snow Removal is Disgusting

31 Langstone Cres.

To the Editor of the Herald:

I am a 16 year old student at the Georgetown and District High School. I live on Langstone Crescent in town. The reason I am writing this

letter is because of the snow removal in town. It's disgusting, especially on my street.

At the beginning of the winter, the town promised to have a miniature sized snow

plow, a tractor type machine, come around the streets and remove the snow from the sidewalks. So far, it hasn't been on our street once!

If they say they'll do something, why don't they live up to their promise? There are a lot of school age children and high school students on our street (ap-

proximately 65) who have to walk on the roads in winter because of the mess on the sidewalks from snow, ice and slush. The roads aren't much better! There hasn't been a snowplow on Langstone since before Christmas. I am sure that our street is the last in town to be plowed, graded or sanded.

With all the taxes our parents are paying, I don't see how it could take too much time, effort and money to clear each and every street in town. After all, that's part of what they are paying for. Why pay for something that is not done? I'm sure that many people want our town to look decent for people who are visiting or

just passing through. I'm sure that I'm expressing the thoughts of many people in this area who are concerned about this situation. I hope that this letter is printed and action is taken to help our town look much better and prevent many accidents that are unnecessary.

Susan Brown.

Turning Back Time



GIRLS PIPE BAND - 1943 EDITION

Former Georgetown photographer Albert Simson took this picture of the Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band on the steps of the Royal Bank 25 years ago. In the front row from left are: Jean Dickie (now Chappel), drummers Helen McGill

(Murray), the late Toots Murphy (Burns), the late Teresa Curtis (Williams), Edna Aitken (George), Pauline Norton (Buckwald), Marjorie Harlow (Arnold), piper Helen Shelbourne (Cozer). In the middle row from left: Margaret Mc-

Callan (Bradbury), Elma Stringer (Fry), Mary Patterson, Shirley Wright, Lal Reid, the late Eleanor Smith (Heston), the late E. R. Roy (Heston), pipe major, Back row from left: Shirley Muckart (Cleave), Evelyn

Guest (Kenzie), Eileen Kerr (Sampson), Anne Luke, Doreen Jolley (Long), Inez Scott (Crichton). The photo was submitted to the Turning Back Time series by Pauline Buckwald.



HISTORICAL HOUSE WILL BE PRESERVED

Mrs. John Glynn of Linthouse, a niece of Major A. A. Mackenzie was born in this 130 year old house which was recently moved from Islington near Highway 7 to Black Creek Pioneer Village.

Here it inches up the steep grade out of Woodbridge, along No. 7 Highway, on the six mile journey. It took just over two hours to move the eight ton, storey-and-a-half home of the late Major

Mackenzie. Major Mackenzie, a former Reeve of Woodbridge and a member of the Ontario Legislature for many years, lived all his life in the house. He died in May, 1970. The original log house, covered with wood siding, was built in the mid 1840's by John Brown of Pennsylvania, great grandfather of Major Mackenzie. It was located on what is now the south-east



BILL SMILEY

Bill Tells It Like It Is

We all have to stand up and be counted sometime, even though we manage to duck out of it until the last trumpet sounds. People who express their honest opinions are not always popular, but I never aimed for that, so here goes. My opinions on some of the burning issues of the day.

Open winters. I'm in favour of them. We've had a beauty this winter, with only a few cold snaps, only a few feet of snow, a peachy January thaw, and lots of sun.

I'd like to say my heart goes out to the skiers and snowmobilers, but it would be a lie. I don't care if their snowmobiles sit in the back yard and rust, or if their skis warp into checkered pants with a flared bottom.

Men's clothing. Modern trends nauseate me. There's nothing in the stores but yellow and purple shirts, hideous ties that would go with nothing except a wino's eyes, and checkered pants with a flared bottom.

What ever happened to the white shirt, the modest single-shoulder tie, and the well-cut grey flannels? Most of all, I hate those great fat ties. They're about four inches wide and made of stuff as thick as a great-coat.

Trying to tie one in an elegant knot is about as easy as trying to lace your shoes with half-inch rope.

Nieces and nephews. I'm all for them. We had some of ours for the weekend and it was a delight to see their minds and talents developing. Jennie and Sue played a ripping flute duet, as well as their piano pieces. Little Steven spent the weekend chasing our cat, who was just as anxious to avoid his carresses as he was to give them. Finally in perplexity, he said, "Hey, Uncle Bill, do you know what kind of cat this is?" I muttered something vague. "She's a scaredy-cat," he stated triumphantly.

Toilets and tires. It never fails, but they do, nearly always when you're expecting guests and need bath. Saturday morning, armed with huge shopping list, went out and found a flat tire. The garage man raised his eyes when he had to clamber over two loaded golf bags to get at my spare. In February, Sunday morning, with seven people on deck, the toilet

John Agg Exhibit at Peel Art Gallery

Creativity of a Terra Cotta artist is on display at Brampton's Peel County Museum and Art Gallery.

The exhibition is entitled "The Art and Craft of John Agg" and includes collages, water colours, enamelled and clay pictures, jewellery, decorated pottery and wire sculpture.

Everything has been created by Mr. Agg or his wife, Helen, who operates Terra Cotta's Country Gallery.

The Viking ship mural at the Valhalla Inn on Highway 27 is one of his best known works.

ECHOES

10 YEARS AGO

DESPITE A PETITION protesting any changes in the high school area boundaries, Georgetown High School District Board, Monday February 23, endorsed a Milton and Acton recommendation resulting in the changing of the disputed boundaries. The new boundaries see 3000 acres in the north end of the area, including Ballinfad from which the petition originated, now being included in the Acton High School Area. While 2,800 acres have been added to Georgetown area in the east central area. A total of 1,200 acres are now in the Milton area and 1000 acres are now in the Acton area, roughly both sides of the Check Line make-up the 2,800 acres now to be served by the Georgetown school.

THE COUNTY ROAD Committee recommended that a by-law be prepared reducing the speed limit through the village of Stewartstown from 50 m.p.h. to 35 m.p.h.

STATISTICS PRESENTED by Crown Attorney Peter K. McWilliams at the inquest into the traffic death of a recent Burlington man, reveal that 33.4 per cent of all traffic accidents in Halton in 1962 involved alcohol. Mr. McWilliams said 31 fatalities resulted from 26 motor vehicle accidents. "Liquor," he said "was involved in six of them, killing 13 people."

20 YEARS AGO

1953 FEDERAL LABOUR Minister, Milton F. Gregg said that university attendance had risen 175 per cent and high school attendance by 150 percent over the past 33 years. Despite this a survey of 407 Canadian firms in 1953 indicated that the supply of graduates particularly engineers would not keep pace with the industrial growth if the present levels of hiring and university enrolment continued at that time.

HALTON CO-OPERATIVE Medical Services

had a successful year, the president Ross Segsworth said at the annual meeting held on Thursday evening, February 18, 1953, in Milton. With a membership of 1,100 representing a total of some 2,800 persons, and with the excellent co-operation of all the hospitals, the organization felt it should soon be able to offer a Surgical Plan in its coverage.

A ROUND TRIP BUS fare from Toronto to Chicago which included hotel room for two nights was advertised for \$35.95 by Gray Coach Lines, February 25, 1953.

30 YEARS AGO

THE CANADIAN RED CROSS Society proposed the launching of a national appeal for funds beginning March 1, when the people of Canada would be asked to give \$10,000,000 to keep comforts and supplies, prisoner-of-war parcels, blood donor serum, medicine and equipment... all the vast commitments of the Red Cross "on the march". The Georgetown district was asked to do its share, and like in past campaigns, it would not fail. The objective of this campaign was set at \$4,500, an increase of \$500 over the previous year.

THE FALL FAIR Board of Esqueping Agricultural Society met on Saturday afternoon, February 20, 1943, in the McGibbon House, where a resolution was passed by the directors, voting 145 with which to affiliate with the Halton Crop Improvement Association - sponsors of the Halton County Seed Fair being held that year in Milton. Hope was expressed that the 1944 seed fair might come to Georgetown.



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