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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Wasn't Unlucky

Thirteen didn't prove to be an unlucky number for the Kinsmen Club this year.

The international bantam hockey tournament, held for the thirteenth time in Georgetown, was the usual success.

The tournament is an example of co-operation which any business firm would envy.

It entails the efforts of hundreds of men and women under the guidance of the Kinsmen and tournament chairman Harry Levy.

Not only must a week of games be scheduled, but details of billeting, feeding the hundreds of young players, entertainment, officiating, and the keeping of statistics are an integral part of the tournament.

The public, too, must play its part in attending games and providing the revenue which ensures continuation for another year.

We remember the first tournament.

It was the brainchild of Jack Gudgeon.

He approached the Chamber of Commerce for sponsorship. The Chamber felt it was too big a job for that organization to tackle, but assisted in calling a meeting.

With assistance from people like Walter 'Red' Asseltine and Gerry Perkins, the organization proceeded like clockwork.

There was a minimum of discussion, a maximum of hard work and a co-operation which would be the envy of any organization.

Some years later, when circumstances dictated that Mr. Asseltine, now a Terra Cotta storekeeper leave the executive, the Kinsmen Club volunteered to take over.

If Georgetown had been naming a citizen of the year in those days, the bantam tournament organizers would have been a shoo-in. It has been one of the best continuing advertisements for Georgetown in our town's history.

In a Smaller Way

Emphasis on anti-pollution these days is increasing.

There are campaigns to ban disposable bottles, excessive packaging of food, clean-up of polluted streams, overcoming air pollution by vehicles and factory smoke.

Most are well founded and will bear fruit in future years.

There is a smaller, but no less important way that every person can join the campaign.

Littering is a form of pollution which has reached devastating proportions in our part of the world.

Georgetown is not unique.

One has only to take a look around in the business areas particularly, to realize how thoughtless we are in marring nature's beauty.

A cigarette package is carelessly tossed into the gutter. A pop can rattles around on the street. Garbage, particularly in plastic bags, is placed outside a day or two before the pick-up day. Broken glass is everywhere.

And this, despite Georgetown's excellent system of street sweeping which cleans major thoroughfares almost daily, and all streets every week or two.

If each of us resolved to keep Georgetown clean, how impressive this would be.

If parents instilled in their children, the importance of not littering, set an example themselves and vowed to make Georgetown the tidiest community in the world, how we would benefit.

No Longer a No-No

Canadians have gone a long way in the last decade in bringing cancer out of the back room and into the limelight.

Still one of mankind's most dread diseases, we are no longer afraid to talk about it.

And, with research constantly improving treatment, arresting, and in many cases, curing the disease in its early stages, we are slowly but surely saving thousands of lives.

Georgetown has had an active Cancer Society for some years.

The local group arranges transportation, when needed, for people who need treatment in city hospitals. A fund drive each spring raises money for this, and other localized projects, plus funds for national research and treatment centres.

And last week, Holy Cross auditorium was filled to capacity with people attending a clinic when a panel of experts answered questions and gave details about the disease and its treatment.

More than anything else, attendance at the clinic shows how we have progressed in a positive way on conquering this disease.

While cancer is still a killer, and much is still to be learned about its treatment and prevention, a new era is dawning. The day is coming, as it did for tuberculosis, diphtheria, scarlet fever when it will no longer be a major cause of death.

Recognition, as exemplified by attendance at the clinic, is a forward step against the disease.

In the Mail Bag

Calls on Moms Give Up Cheques

87 Delrex Blvd.,
Georgetown, Ont.

Dear Sir:

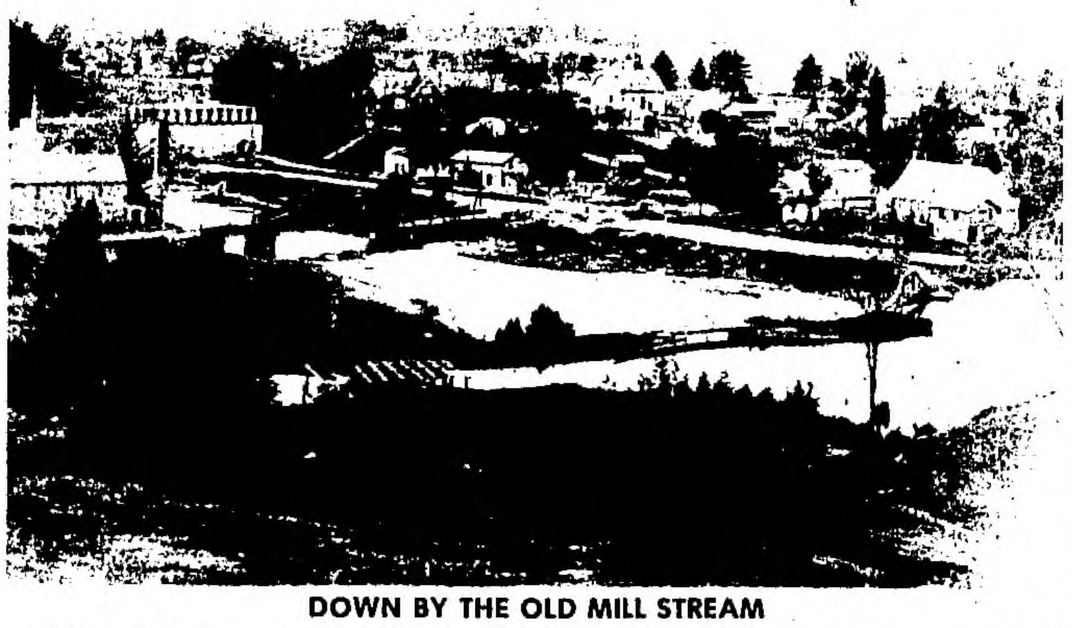
How many of us who have happy, well fed children wept when we read of the pitiable conditions in the orphanages of Viet Nam? The Govap Institution near Saigon, was especially sad.

In the March 16th Star someone suggested that many Canadian mothers didn't really need the government allowance cheques we receive each month. How many of us would be willing to give that money each month to a suitable fund for the Govap children?

I have written to the Star saying I would. If as many of us as possible did that we could turn empty concern into meaningful action. Mothers of Georgetown, if you can, please respond.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Ann Hagen

TURNING BACK TIME



DOWN BY THE OLD MILL STREAM

Glen Williams before 1908. The picture was taken from the hill opposite the old school house. Recognizable are the Barraclough house, Barraclough woollen mill, tannery, Main Street, mill race to the flour mill and power house, dam, mill pond, mill race to the woollen mill, and St. Alban's Anglican Church. The contribution to the Turning Back Time Series is by Ben Case, RR1 Georgetown.

In the Mail Bag

Volunteered in the Name of Hockey And Hospitality

2 Heslop Court,
Georgetown, Ont.

The Editor,
The Georgetown Herald,
Main St.,
Georgetown, Ont.

Dear Sir,

The superstitious may view number 13 as unlucky but to the local hockey fans, the 13th Annual International Bantam Hockey Tournament lived up to its previously gained standards and emerged as another great success.

In a leading sports editorial, the London Free Press referred to the fact that the OMHA issues 224 permits for tournaments taking place in Ontario during the months of March and April. Of these, three are listed as the classiest and most sought after tournaments. We are proud, as so should everyone in Georgetown be, that our bantam tournament is one of those three.

Our reputation has been gained not only by the high standard of hockey displayed but also by the "behind the scenes" activity and planning that has gone into each and every one of the 13 tournaments we have promoted.

As in the past, the climax of this activity and planning was reached during Bantam Hockey Week, again, to the casual onlooker, everything seemed to move smoothly and hitch-free.

There are many who helped with this achievement and we want them to know that it was appreciated. Apart from the home owners who opened their doors to welcome our visitors, there were the many individuals and groups who gave voluntarily of their time, efforts and facilities in the name of Hockey and Hospitality.

We are grateful to Branch 120 of the Legion and the Oddfellows for the use of their facilities; to Jessie Hayes, the various Ladies and Church groups and High School girls who all assisted in the feeding of our visitors; to Gerry Perkins and the Georgetown Referees Association who provided us with officiating second to none; to the timekeeper and booth attendants; to the Town of Georgetown Council and the Recreation Committee for their kind considerations; to the Arena staff and Don Fendley and his team of helpers who put in many hours of untiring effort; to the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service who were on hand for the duration of the tournament and who certainly proved their worth as a dedicated group; to the Roadmaster Car Club for their constant "taxi" service; to the town merchants who supported us in various ways; to the Georgetown Tykes for their assistance in the distribution of booster tickets; to ex-Kinsmen Bob Collett and Herb Wilson for their many hours of inexhaustible assistance; to Donna Diegel and Jean Murphy for making sure that billets were available for our visitors; to all those individuals who helped in any way and are not mentioned above; to The Georgetown Herald for their news coverage and, finally to all those residents who supported us with their attendance at the Arena.

The Kinsmen Club is proud to sponsor this tournament for the benefit of all and, on their behalf, I say a sincere Thank You Georgetown — you've done it again!

Yours truly,
Harry Levy,
Tournament Chairman.

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BILL SMILEY

Wife Swapping ? It's Not for Me

Hereby a few notes of observation, condemnation and celebration.

What is there to celebrate? Why, man, it's Spring. Not only by the calendar, which happens every year, but by the signs, which happen about once a decade.

The grass is green
And birds are seen

The cat wants out
And I've lost my
gout

The snow is gone
I can see my lawn

No mounds of ice
How awfully nice

I want to sing,
It must be spring.

There. A Canadian who does not celebrate the actual as well as official arrival of the vernal equinox should be run out of the country as a base-born traitor.

Each time winter comes around, which it seems to do about every four months, I think we all have a little secret dread that this time it might never end, that winter will go on and on and on until we have shrivelled into arthritic, gnome-like creatures with permanently dripping noses and a perpetual cough.

Maybe I'd feel differently if I were a farmer, but I could have kissed that first crow I saw, drifting over the drifts in February.

That much-maligned creature, the crow, is to Canadian winter-haters what the warm breath of a maiden is to a juvenile just before his first kiss.

This year, the whole dream seems real, so crack open the crock of vintage stuff, do a little soft-shoe shuffle, and go out and kiss the mud in your back yard. It may be the last time you can celebrate such a miracle for the next fifteen Marches.

That's the celebration part. Now for some condemnation. With the disappearance of the snow, we can see what Nature so gracefully covered for a few months — all the filth that man has been sweeping under the white carpet.

It's a junk-man's paradise: rags, bones and bottles. A few companies who appear to have some semblance of conscience are announcing plans for recycling of cans and bottles but the great majority of canners and bottlers are rolling right ahead with their apparent project of covering Canada to a depth of one foot, from coast to coast, with empty cans and non-returnable bottles.

Congratulations are due to those who are making an effort, and the utmost contempt must be awarded to those who show their contempt for everything except the bucks by defecating their cans and bottles in our living room — Canada.

Strange, isn't it, how governments respond? Let a little guy burn some leaves in his back yard and the law is right on his back. He's a rotten polluter, he's a disgrace to the community, and he shall be punished, promptly and ruthlessly.

But when it comes to taking on a big guy, a vast corporation, government stands by, deploring and wringing its hands, and occasionally administering a slap on the wrist with a velvet glove, in the form of a tiny fine that makes the company's directors roar with laughter before they go happily back to pouring their poisons into the environment.

In the matter of bottles, government could show a lead that would not imperil a single politician, which seems to be the Canadian Dream. It could insist that liquor and wine bottles be returned for use over and over again.

I'm sure the distillers and vintners wouldn't quarrel with such a practice, as long as it didn't cost them. In fact, they'd be ahead. Some of those fancy bottles must cost as much as it does to produce the poison that goes into them.

That's my condemnation bit for this week. Now, some observations on these peculiar days in which we live.

A couple of big-league American baseball pitchers decided, according to the news, to swap not only wives but families. Then one of them tried to back out. The other was indignant. "I thought he was my buddy," he wailed.

Wife-swapping, particularly in suburbia, is no new phenomenon. These chaps merely extended the custom.

It's one that has never appealed much to me. There have been occasions, and I know it's mutual, when I would have swapped my wife for a second-hand pair of hip waders.

But for another woman? Well, I look around at the wives of all my men friends. They're lovely girls, the wives, every one of them. However, I'm one of those old-fashioned chaps who can see little advantage to deserting the frying-pan for the fire.

And you know what? I'll bet my wife won't understand that as a compliment.

O'CONNOR'S OTTAWA

A matter of real concern to many people in Halton Riding is the extensive property damage being reaped by the unusual combination of high water levels of the Lower Great Lakes together with severe easterly storms. Some homes along the lakeshore are precariously close to crumbling into the lake. But the problem concerns not only private property owners, but also the public generally, as much of the lake front is dedicated to parkland and other public uses. Severe erosion of the federal government-owned park on the west bank of the mouth of the Bronte harbour has occurred over the past few weeks.

I have received quite a number of calls and letters from both private property owners and officials of the Town of Oakville, enquiring what the federal government might be prepared to do to assist in the alleviation of this situation.

MAXIMUM VOLUMN

The International Joint Commission has general jurisdiction to control lake and St. Lawrence Seaway conditions as much as is within their capability. We are told that the outflow from the Great Lakes at the St. Lawrence Seaway locks system, is at present 300,000 cubic feet per second. This is the maximum volume that the system can handle without extensive damage along the shores of the St. Lawrence River, particularly in the Montreal area. As we know, this has in fact occurred in the past couple of weeks.

The Canada Centre for Inland Waters at Burlington studies marine biology and lake conditions. It recently Published a small pamphlet called "Shore Erosion - Cause and Cure" which outlines a few very basic long-range methods of preventing erosion - but hardly enough to solve our immediate problem.

REFUSED ACTION

Members of the Opposition in the House of Commons, representing ridings around the Lower Great Lakes, have been vigorously pressing the government to take some initiative in a programme of assistance, even if it only entails engineering advice and guidance to property owners. However, the Minister of the Environment has refused action except in the case of loss of life or extensive personal injury and property damage.

The forecasts are for higher water levls and increasing danger during the spring run-off. It seems to me the government should move quickly to avert the damage rather than waiting for it to occur before acting.

If you have a problem, idea, comment, criticism, or if you simply wish to get in touch with me, please stop by or call my Riding Office at Lakeshore Road East, Oakville - 844-0222.

Back to Normal

School winter break sent many Georgetown families south last week, with Myrtle Beach one of the most popular spots.

Vacationers are back to work and children back to school again this week.

THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

Centennial Commission Bows Out

ACTON—After almost a year and a half of laying the groundwork for Acton's centennial celebrations, the eight member centennial commission has decided their job as a steering committee is done. They will bow out in favour of a centennial committee with a much larger membership, representing all Acton organizations. Commission co-chairman Jack Carpenter gave a delegation from the Chamber of Commerce this information at one of the commission's regular breakfast meetings at the Dominion Hotel. Carpenter said the commission will present their new proposal in full to Acton council at a joint meeting soon. The commission has proposed that the centennial committee be headed by a chairman and a secretary with lots of time, preferably paid. Under them will be a fund raising committee charged with raising money for the centennial project — the renovation and enlargement of the community centre.

Allow for Arena, Library

MILTON—Milton's capital budget for 1973 will be updated to provide for $550,000 for a new arena and $525,000 for a new library before it is submitted to the Ontario Municipal Board, Milton Council agreed recently. The total capital budget would then be approximately $2,500,000. Earlier projections in the capital budget had provided $250,000 for a library and $60,000 toward the arena project. Milton Arena Board and representatives of Milton Minor Hockey asked council to advance from the planned 1974 arena construction program to 1973. Arena Board chairman Bill Rowney recalled the board had earlier suggested an arena in 1973 but moved it to 1974 because of information given on planned heavy capital expenditures by the town.

To Accommodate 160,000 People

BRAMALEA—In another 10 years nearly 8,500 acres of Chinguacousy Township land in the Heart Lake and Mayfield area will be developed to accommodate 160,000 people. So far, the township council has seen no objection to this. The area, extending from the northern edge of Bramalea to the Snelgrove sideroad has been earmarked for urbanization in the Toronto-Centred Region Plan. The population to be generated also falls within the plan, prepared by the provincial government. Added to this is the South Peel Water and Sewage Scheme, to cover this area, toward which the province has committed itself to nearly $60 million.

Recycling Starts in May

BRAMPTON—A pilot program by the Ontario ministry of the environment for collecting and recycling paper in Brampton this summer will be carried out from May to August, according to communications received from staff by council's general committee Wednesday, March 21. The request for consideration of the pilot project was presented to council several weeks ago by Councillor Irene Biggs. The motion was approved by council and an official from the department explained details of the project the following week. The program will involve collection and disposal of paper, by ministry personnel and students, from town residents on the same days as normal garbage collection. All costs of collection and trucking is to be borne by the province.

200 at Hydro Public Meeting

HILLSBURGH—Ontario Hydro demonstrated at Hillsburgh last week that it has a genuine concern for the people of the province as well as their environment. Two-hundred citizens filled the community centre for the first of a series of public meetings in the 3,000-square-mile area through which Hydro must place two power corridors. Established is the fact that the transmission lines are urgently required to serve rapidly expanding domestic and industrial power needs. Unresolved now is where the lines will cross this area on their way south from the Bruce Peninsula generating station to the east-west transmission line whose final location is under study by the Solandt Commission. It was originally suggested by Hydro that it cross southern Erin Township.

Thieves Caught Red Handed

ERIN—Two young men were arrested at gunpoint early last Tuesday by an OPP constable in Kirkwood's Service Station at the north end of Erin. The suspects are charged with break-enter and theft involving Kirkwood's and three other business establishments in the village during the night. They are further charged with several similar offences in north Peel. Constable Don Emmerson was on patrol when about 4.30 a.m. his suspicions were aroused by a car parked between the car wash and the service station. Investigating, he peered through a window and saw suspects. He tapped on the glass and beckoned them with his revolver. They were unarmed and taken into custody.

Respect for Police Waning

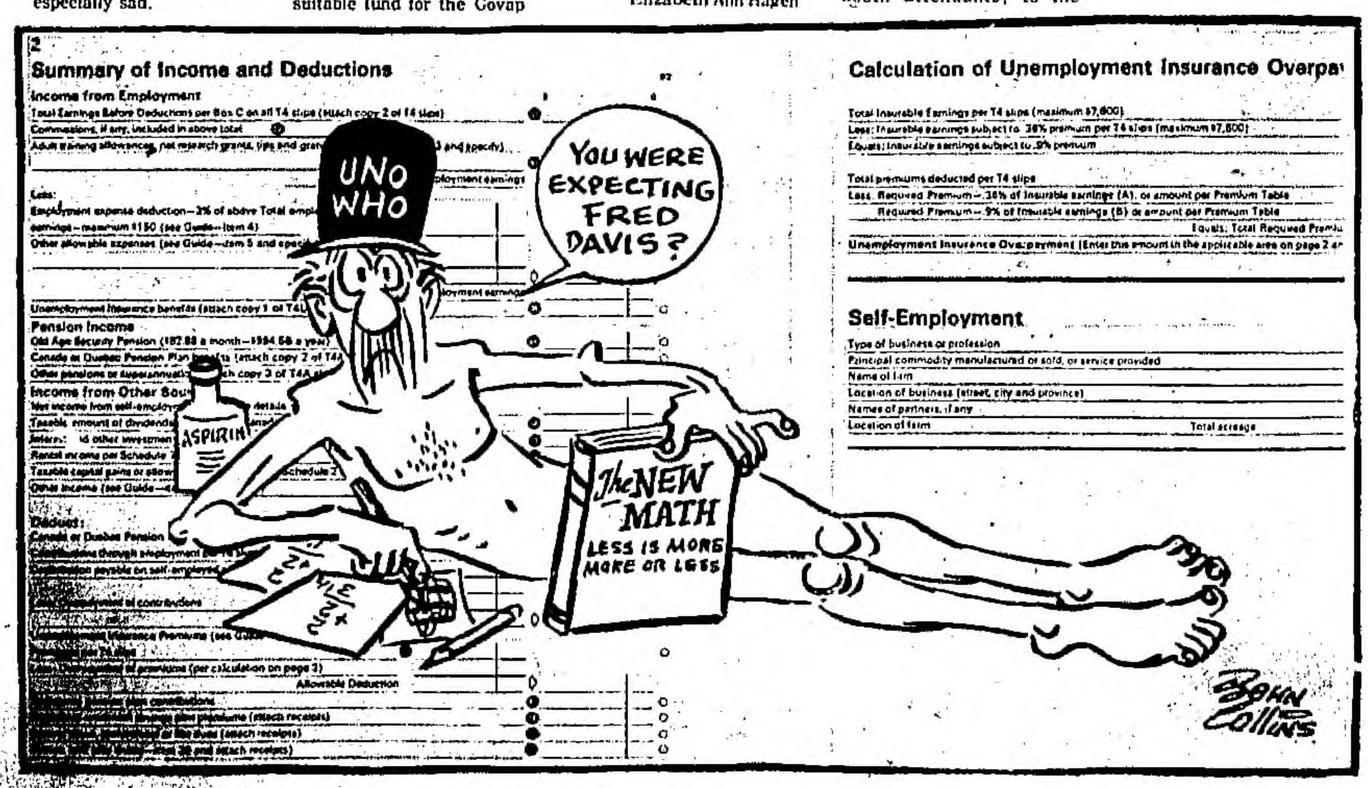
GUELPH—The criminal element has lost its fear of using guns and knives in holdups and other types of crime in Guelph and has also lost its fear of and respect for both the police and courts, says Police Chief Robert McCarron in his annual report to Guelph Police Commission. He urges the commission take "a good look at this state of affairs." Major crime such as murders, attempted murders and manslaughter were absent during 1972 and there were only three cases of rape reported. However, Chief McCarron's report reveals there has been a serious increase in other areas of crime — armed robberies, theft and drug offences. He said there is no doubt now that crime resulting from the use of drugs is very evident in Guelph as it is in other centres.

Happy Hooker Sermon Topic

OAKVILLE—Questioning the moral right of Xaviera Hollander to publicly speak about her exploits as a prostitute was the focus of a sermon delivered by lawyer Peter McWilliams at St. James Catholic Church. McWilliams, a former Halton County crown attorney, had been invited by Rev. Julio Ciavaglia, to preach at the church's 11 a.m. and noon masses following his public protest against Hollander speaking at Sheridan College on Friday. Although a member of St. John's United Church, McWilliams in his sermon told the parishoners of St. James, "I share much of your faith. I believe that there are eternal truths, that there is a right and wrong."

Fire, Death Double Tragedy

ORANGEVILLE—Two tragedies resulted in the death of an Orangeville man and the complete destruction of an area home occurred last weekend. David Silkstone, 24, of 45 Second Street died on Sunday, March 18 after being taken ill during an Industrial League hockey game at the new arena at about 10.45 p.m. Mr. Silkstone, Orangeville Police said, had played hockey at the arena and had come off the ice complaining of not feeling well and being sick to his stomach. A fire on March 17 in East Garafraxa left about $25,000 — $30,000 damage, leaving a family of six homeless. The home and garage of Tom Bryan, lot 4, Concession B East Garafraxa was completely destroyed by fire shortly after 5.00 a.m. and the father required to rescue each of his children from the home. The mother, Betty Bryan was in the hospital at the time of the mishap.



OUR CENTREFOLD SPREAD