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EDITORIAL COMMENT

About Swans

After 33 years, and perhaps a million words, this is this editor's swan song.

When we took over in 1940, Georgetown wasn't used to editorials.

Our predecessor had been more of a printer, and only on rare occasions impressed his own views on readers.

When he did so, he commanded attention.

On one infrequent entry into the editorial field, he opposed the building of a new high school. His readers agreed and soundly voted it down in a referendum.

We like to think we have been of some influence, albeit it less dramatic, in shaping our com-

We played some small part in such things as the construction of a swimming pool....formation of the recreation mittee....establishment of a hockey bantam tournament....retention of a high school in town when the government

pressed for a composite school at Speyside....saving some maple trees from destruction in the park area....a traffic light improvement at the Maple corner.

We have written several million other words, in which the daily life of the Georgetown community was chronicled.

Reporting of town and township council news is perhaps the most important part of the job. It is in this focal point of community life that much of the news originates.

A weekly newspaper, unlike its city counterparts, is much more a kaleidoscope of the community. No item is too small for inclusion in the news columns. Almost everyone in the district gets his name in the paper at one time or another.

A news editor now takes over and we wish Jim Martyn every success in the years ahead.

We hope that someday, when he writes "30" he can look back with the same affection for his job. his business associates and his town. It has been a rewarding "30 plus 3". We'll miss it.

Many Willing Helpers

Production of a weekly newspaper cannot be the work of one, or two, or three reporters.

The Herald has been fortunate in having many willing helpers to attain as complete a coverage of news as possible.

Correspondents from the rural areas keep us posted on news of their communities.

Secretaries of organizations are generous in supplying news. We have been particularly

fortunate in having an excellent writer in the family. Her Chatting column has been one of the best read features, one of the most mentioned through the years.

With so many helpers, plus the words and pictures produced by the regular staff, The Herald takes

second place to none in its field. With a trained newspaperman taking over our duties, the future should be nothing but bright.

We Grew Too

On a more personal note, The Herald office in 1940 had a staff of

Garfield (Mac) McGilvray was foreman; Reg Broomhead and the late Les Clark were the shop staff, with yours truly jack-of-all-trades in the front office.

In 1941, the army called, and wife Mary took over duties of news writer, ad salesman, bookkeeper and office clerk, for the duration. She did the editor one better and, with grandma Feller's help, added looking after a new daughter to her multitude of duties.

Reg and Les departed for the air force and the shop had Joe Boley as a replacement, our first and only woman, Mrs. McDonald for a time. Bruce Collins and Harold Davison as apprentices and a few others, none of whom were with us too long.

Back from the war came Les and Reg, and our four man staff was up to scratch again. Reg left to start his own business. Corev Herrington learned his trade here, and now operates his own printing business in Erin. Dave Hastings came from Fernie, B.C. and Myles Gilson from Markdale. Bob MacArthur, now with the Acton Free Press, was here for a time. John McClements came from high

school to learn his trade. To the front office came Aileen Bradley, following a number of part time office helpers; Terry Harley came fresh from high school to become news editor.

In 1958, Thomson Newspapers purchased the business, retaining all the staff, and adding an advertising manager, a job presently held by Frank Mullin.

Several years ago, a major change came when The Herald stopped printing its own paper. The finished pages were 'matted' and we started a series of travels to

other Thomson branches for final printing. Oakville, Guelph, Brampton and finally Galt, were points of call.

Two years ago, another major change came when our paper went

This newer printing process is clearer in reproduction, particularly in pictures, and gives much more facility in advertising, particularly.

This caused another printing shift, to Orangeville, where the firm installed offset printing equipment for the two papers.

The old days of the 8-page paper seem far off now, with The Herald regularly producing 20 to 24 pages weekly, more at seasonal times like Christmas.

Pictures were a rarity in the forties, and have now become an integral part of the weekly issue. Anne Currie has been with us

on a part-time basis for some years, as a reporter-photographer. And just this year, another face joined the staff, Bill Arnott, in the news department.

Valerie Caruso is the other face you see in the office three days weekly, and more at holiday times. Adams Photography processes our pictures and Herald carriers

are handled by Mrs. Audrey Eyre. The linotype machines have been replaced in typesetting by copy punched on tape by two new staff members, Joan Davis and Joyce VanDelinder.

'Mac' McGilvray is still on the job, absorbing new techniques not dreamed about when he started his printing career in the late twenties. We are proud to say that The

Herald has grown with Georgetown, thanks to an excellent, dedicated staff who know their job and take a pride in every detail of the newspaper's production.

In the Mail Bag

Many More Than Players Made up the Raider Team

The Georgetown Herald Main St. Georgetown, Ontario

Dear Sir: . I would like to take this: opportunity to express some of the feelings of the North Halton Raider Hockey Club.

The 1972-73 season got off to a slow start and as the regular schedule drew to a close we suffered some real off ice upsets. These experiences served to weld this club into a team.

It was a real team effort which enabled the Raiders to win a second straight OHA Championship. Each member played his role, each shared the spotlight as a star one night and an also ran the next. This is of course why hockey is a team sport and why a team effort is needed to win.

You will have already heard the results of our team's efforts in the Eastern Canadian semi-finais. We were defeated by a good hockey team which we wish every success in its bid for a Canadian title. We are proud we could represent the Town of Georgetown and hope that next year we can win it all.

The following people deserve much of the credit for the success of our team this year.

t. Don Gosling and the Memorial Arena staff whose patience and cooperation are vital to the success of any hockey team.

2. The business men in our community whose support (moral, physical and (inancial) made it possible to ice the team.

3. The Georgetown Herald whose coverage of our season did much to create

and retain fan interest. 4. Probably the single largest contribution was made by the fans who followed our exploits. The whole effort would be in vain if fans did not come to the games. The players will never forget the overwhelming support our fans gave them in Welland, Port Colborne, and especially

Embrun. 5. The contributions of individual citizens which are known, and the many, I am sure we never hear of are appreciated.

W. Brownlow, President. North Halton Raider Hockey Club.

We apologize for the communication breakdown which resulted in no scores reaching the arena for the Embrun series.

The Great Wall of China is largest single military fortificatlon of ancient times.



SEVEN DAY CONTRAST

It could be any week of the past winter but this wintry

landscape was the Memorial Park scene just last week.

ECHOES

10 YEARS AGO IN A LONG RANGE forecast, Thursday night, April 11, 1963, Mayor E. T. Hyde, predicted in addition to the east end park under discussion, another arena and a swimming pool in that area. "It might take 10 years," he said, "but it will come." The discussion took place during a meeting chaired by Councillor W. Smith, to consider the establishment of a park in the east end of town. The consensus of opinion of those present seemed to be a park, maximum 10 acres, with space for baseball diamonds, play area for small children, and places for just sitting, was desirable.

COUNCIL'S DETERMINATION to end 1962 with a balanced budget caused an hour's debate Monday April 15, 1963 - a \$100 cut in a requested grant to help purchase jackets for the town's Ontario Championship Midget Hockey Team. But councillors stressed their pride in the team and their regret that the grant could not be foreseen at budget time. IT WAS ANNOUNCED that the current police communications set up which consists of two way radios at the fire hall, the station and in the cruisers may be scrapped in favour of a more mobile system in which police in the cars and walking their beats would carry small "transistorized walkie talkies." Agents for the personal two way hand radios demonstrated them for councillors Monday night, April 15, 1963. Police used them the proceeding week on a trial basis and were in favour of converting to the new units.

20 YEARS AGO COUNCIL APPROVED PRELIMINARY plans for a new \$28,000 fire hall which would be erected on a lot at the Chapel Street and Highway 7 corner. Architect R. W. Hall of Brampton has been engaged to plan the building and he explained the proposed layout. The building would have a 38 foot frontage on the highway and extend 67 feet back along Chapel. It would contain three hays for fire trucks, a clubroom, upstairs a two bedroom apartment. Complete plans would be ready for the May council meeting and it is expected that tenders would be called shortly after that date.

A complete transformation

inside the Esquesing

Township council chambers

COUNCIL WOULD ENGAGE the firm of Dineen, Philips and Roberts as consulting engineers, to make a survey of water storage, possible new sources of supply, sale of pumps in the Municipal Building and length of time involved in getting repair parts for the pumping station the firm will also be consulted on a proposed eight inch main on John St. from Victoria to the 9th Line, estimated to cost \$5900 and a six inch main on Albert St. from Union to Murdock, which would cost

ESQUESING COUNCIL paid bounty on 11 foxes destroyed in the township, with payments going to the following: T. Papillon, Acton \$15: Gerald Inglis, Glen Williams and Mel Whitney of Milton \$10 each: C. S. Bailey, Georgetown, A. Basso, Milton, and K. Papillon, Acton \$5 each; Harold Campbell, Georgetown \$3.

30 YEARS AGO A LOUD CRASH heard about three o'clock Sunday morning, April 11, 1945, by residents near the CNR tracks, is explained by the fact that two freight cars collided west of the station. A moving freight rammed a stationary one, knocking off the steps where the cars were locked together, and damaging its own engine. No one was injured. The accident caused a delay of a couple of hours, but the regular traffic was unaffected.

The Herald Soldiers' Comforts Fund received a boost this week from a cuchre held at the home of Mrs. W. Spence on Tuesday March 30 1943, and from a raffle on a hamper of groceries also donated by Mrs. Spence and valued at \$6. Altogether \$52 was realized and Mrs. Spence had allotted it as follows; British War Victims, \$23; Soldiers' Comforts \$6. Lorne Scots W. A. \$23. The draw on the groceries was made that Saturday, April 10, 1943, at the Legion Hall, and Mrs. Robert Lane, Georgetown, won with ticket No. 280. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT was called out on Sunday afternoon, April 11 when the grass in the pasture of S. W. Orr's caught fire, and a high wind fanned it in the direction of the house. It had been brought under control by the time the fire fighters reached the scene.

BOTH TRE. BRITISH War Victims Fund and

everything he can get his hands on?

I do a fair bit of gnashing

drain, going to the dogs, or What printer, for example, going up in smoke these will hire a kid who can't even days. Take your pick. Maybe spell "etaoin shrdiu" and that first sentence is what's doesn't even know what it wrong with the language. means?

AINE SHURE

WHAT THEY MEEN

it that nobody can speak or write the real thing anymore. and wailing myself when I'm marking upper school papers University professors have expressed, their indignation and have to sort out something like, "The women publicly. A couple of them nu were she was going, as recently announced that she when they're everyday" students who expect to The thought is there, but graduate in one of the there is something lacking professions can't write one when it comes to felicity of sentence without falling all spelling. over their syntax. I agree Everybody blames

BILL SMILEY

English is going down the

with them.

the washbasin.

She drew up a list of forty

syllable, and tested several

classes. Nobody could spell

couldn't spell ten of the

Her experiment and her

subsequent indignation were

alrily dismissed by a public

school principal, who said

something like, "Oh, we

don't worry much about

spelling anymore. They'll

learn to spell when they need

but brute stength wants a

semi-literate lout fouling up

his invoices, order forms and

What employer of anything

to". Hogwash.

everybody else for the sad But if they think they have state of English, but, as troubles, they should try usual, you have to read it in teaching English in high this column to get at the school. There has been such a marked and rapid decrease Let us establish the a priori in the standards of written fact that the high school and spoken English that

English teacher is faultless. teachers of the subject can And, some would add, that a be found almost any day in the staff john, weeping into fortiori, the high school English teacher is useless. So This winter, a teacher in a city school decided to prove Now for the real culprits. something she already knew

They are not the elementary school teachers, much as we would love to blame them. They are victims, too.

First, English had been derogated and eroded for the past couple of decades until it is now down somewhere in

In the Mail Bag

"I Speak for Many When I Say Well Done"

10 Albert St.

Dear Mr. Editor: In light of the announcement of your retiring as editor of The Herald, I ask that the following guest editorial be printed:

As a resident of Georgetown for more than 50 years, I feel I would be remiss if I did not express some thoughts, and-or opinions, publicly, in respect to Walter Biehn as editor. publisher and citizen of Georgetown.

Walter came to us in 1940, taking over at The Herald from Joe Moore, one of the most respected, humane. and outgoing men of his generation.

Needless to say, stepping into Joe's shoes was a major move for a brash young man who had little or no prior newspaper experience, except perhaps that of reading one. He, like the rest of his staff, was expected to have "The Paper" ready for us by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, come hell or high water usually it was more of the former - with the old flatbed press acting up at the crucial moment - with bits of wire string or what-have-you pressed into service to get it off in time for the people standing at the door with hand outstretched. Seldom were they disappointed.

It did not take Walter long to prove that his capabilities extended beyond the newsroom - he spotted Mary and before long, it was "Walter Walter feading her to the altar".

When Walter went to war with the rest of us, Mary turned in and helped Mac and his depleted crew carry the load. With the war concluded, Walter came back to find a changing scene, and through the "subdivision days" - roads, sewers, etc. etc., he managed to keep us in-(Continued on Page 3)

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spelling and grammar and write poetry: composition and reading and "I saw the moon ovary the writing and orals. This was cloweds it was sooper" English. Doesn't that give you a

basic skills, not through their

eyes and ears, but in some

mysterious way: possibly

unique experience's 'The

freedom of spirit. the

originality, the creativity?

shake this off, along with war

and famine, death and taxes.

It has its moments.

Fortunately, I am able to

The other day, I threw this

old chestnut at a class, and

asked them to correct the

grammar: "Forty cows were

seen, sitting on the veran-

There was total silence. It

seemed OK to them. Then a

pretty Grade 11 girl flung up

her hand and flashed all her

"Yes, Bonny," I winced. Carefully she enunciated: "I

seen forty cows sitting on the

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verandah".

teeth. "I got it, Mr. Smiley!"

through their skin. Remember, you older and Daily drill is deadening to wiser people who went to school longer ago than you care to proclaim? You had the spirit, so off with its head. Let the kids be creative,

Maybe you didn't learn much about sex or conversational French or how to copy a "project" out of the encyclopedia, but you sure as hell had English belted into

the area of brushing your

teeth and saying your

prayers.

Maybe you weren't given much chance to "express yourself", but by the time you were, you had some tools with which to do it.

Nowadays English is practically crowded off the curriculum by such esoteric subjects as social behaviour, getting along with the group, finding your place in society. and the ubiquitous and often useless "project" Kids, one teacher told me,

shouldn't have to learn to spell words that are not in their own vocabulary. Now, I ask you. How else do they acquire a vocabulary? But, I repeat, it's not the

teachers of our little treasures who are at fault. It's the tinkerers, the dabblers in education. They are rarely found in a classroom. They are more often haring after some "new approach" in education that

has been tried and found wanting by the Americans or the Armenians or the Aztecs. Thus, out went grammar

Advertising Manager AILEEN BRADLEY and spelling drill. The kids Accountant are supposed to learn these Anne Currie, William Arnott.

> Valerie Caruso, David Hastings, Myles Gilson, John McClements, Joan Davis. Joyce VanDelinder

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THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

No Estimate of Shore Damage

OAKVILLE-Oakville mayor Harry Barrett asked the provincial government Tuesday to supply aid for the restoration and protection of public and private property damaged by high winds and waves during Monday's storm. No firm estimate of damage was available on Tuesday, but most observers felt the cost to homeowners and the municipality would exceed \$500,000. Halton East MPP James Snow, contacted at his Queen's Park office refused to comment on what, if any, aid the province would provide. Snow said, "We have been looking into this problem for two weeks and I wouldn't want to prejudge the cabinet's fin-

Old Orangeville Arena Razed

ORANGEVILLE-Orangeville has lost its old arena building at Faulkner and Elizabeth Streets. The arena was completely guited by fire which began Sunday, April 8 at about 11.30 p.m. and continued on through the night before flames were extinguished. Witnesses say flames reached as high as 300 feet during the peak of the fire at which point they termed it "a blazing inferno". Smoke was noticed coming from the building by Dr. and Mrs. John Russell who had been out for a walk. They immediately ran to neighbouring homes where a call to the police and fire departments was placed by Doug F. Stoddart.

Build Caledon Township Arena

CALEDON-A new arena in Caledon township is being built for \$143,500. A bulletin, called the Caledon Courier said a fund raising drive for \$35,000 has now been launched to complete a project that was started in 1965. Caledon reeve Ted Sibbald said at the time, the township obtained Federal and Provincial grants totalling \$4,000 each and as a result of a \$4,000 donation from a private citizen, Dave Graham of Graham Plastic products and a. further donation of three acres of land from Mr. Graham they were able to crect a building in Inglewood.

Barn Up In Smoke

HUTTONVILLE-A midnight fire a week ago Tuesday on the Second Line West just north of Steeles near Huttonville com-pletely gutted a vacant barn. District fire chief Ross Shearer of the Chinguacousy fire department said the property is located on Lot 1 and is owned by Catalina Construction Co. of Don Mills. He said the barn was vacant. There was also a vacant house on the property which remained undamaged. The fire department is trying to get in touch with the owners to find out what estimate they can place on the damage.

Organize to Oppose Plan

BRAMPTON-More than 200 Brampton East ratepayers a week ago Tuesday night cheered and applauded Reeve Robert Williams of Chinguacousy and later elected him to their steering committee formed to oppose Brampton's proposed official plan for road development. Reeve Williams, who owns property in Chinguacousy on which basis he ran for reeve there, is also a Brampton resident. He agreed to be part of the steering committee and also signed a petition with 200 others opposing the road development in east Brampton. Recently, Reeve Williams had announced he would be running for mayor in the Central Municipality of Peel under regional government, for which position Brampton Mayor Jim Archdekin has also announced his

Recycling Under Study

BRAMALEA-Reeve Robert Williams of Chinguacousy denied a newspaper report that said the township plans to build a garbage recycling plant at a cost of \$8 million and offer it to the new Peel Region. The reeve said a committee under Deputy-Reeve Terry Miller was examining the garbage disposal issue and would have some recommendations to put before council in about two weeks. The newspaper had quoted Mr. Miller as saying that Chinguacousy's recycling plant will be based on a plan now in operation in Hamilton. The reeve said the planning had not reached the stage as yet where the plant had already been

Council Ponders Pii Dilemma

ERIN-Erin Township council will consult with the Guelph and Suburban planning board tomorrow night over the gravel-pit dilemma. Council was unable to make a decision at Monday, April 9 meeting called to discuss objections to adding more gravel pit designations on the proposed official plan. Erin Village representatives at the meeting voiced no serious criticism to gravel pits. Reeve Jim Mundell said if the proposed gravel pits would be located to the west of the village, rather than the east, he would be concerned about the prevailing west winds dumping dust on Erin.

Taxes Are Going Down

ACTON—Good news for Acton taxpayers came from the council chambers last night (Tuesday, April 10) when council passed a by-law fixing the 1973 residential mill rate at 90.5 and the commercial and industrial rate at 101.2. The figures represent a .2 mill decrease over 1972 for residential ratepayers and a .7 mill decrease for commercial and industrial ratepayers. Reeve Pat McKenzie, who chaired a three man budget committee, which also included Mayor Les Duby and Councillor Earl Masales, explained his committee recognized early that this was an unusual year, since there had been a slight assessment increase of \$164,000, council had obtained \$134,600 in revenue from land sales and there was a 1972 budget surplus of \$11,643. Mill rate figures were based on an assessment of \$9,315,625. General expenses for 1973 were estimated at \$789,109.06, while estimated general receipts were \$310,989.17, leaving \$478,119.89 to be raised by taxes. County of Halton levy for residential ratepayers increased .3 mills, but the Halton County Board of Education levy decreased .5 mills.



has been made with the above results. Sitting in the

reeve's chair at the elevated table for The Herald camera

is Mrs. Cathy Bouskill of the township staff.