

A COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Phoenix Among The Ashes

You all remember barn raisings. You remember reading about those things (how many of us have ever attended one?) They were the social events of the year. Members of the farming community would arrive at a neighbor's farm and by day's end, behold, a barn would stand. The men, aided by the boys, would raise the timbers while the ladies rallied round with food and beverage and the girls vied for the most colorful clothes. And following the raising was a feast, often set on long tables outdoors, with the host presiding over the assemblage, proposing a toast to the new barn and the community that built it.

It all sounds like a fairy tale, doesn't it? The spirit that brought these people together, the community feeling and respect for one's neighbor, today seem like the magic of 'The Wind In The Willows' or 'Winnie the Pooh'...enchancing and imaginary.

But take heart. The spirit that once marked the barn raisings of yore is alive and living in the country. It has just taken a different form and a different timing.

A barn owned by Mr. and Mrs.

Dave Anderson of RR 1 Terra Cotta was recently destroyed by fire. Now the destruction of any building by fire is a terrifying spectacle by any standard, but the loss of a barn is a terrible blow to a farmer. The barn houses feed and animals and these make up a farmer's livelihood. Fortunately for the Andersons, the 53 head of cattle housed in the barn were removed without injury before the roof crashed to the floor. And it was through the efforts of the neighbors that allowed the animals to escape the burning barn, the silver lining of a very dark cloud.

It's something that happens in the country," Mrs. Anderson said. "Farmers know the loss of a barn is a life and death affair and they pitched in tremendously. The men all helped fighting the fire and moving the animals out of the barn and women prepared food and drink for the firemen."

"Of course we're unhappy about losing the barn, but it's a nice feeling to know you can depend on your neighbors for help. As I say, it's something that happens in the country."

Feel like selling your city duplex and moving to the country?



FIRE DESTROYED THE ANDERSON BARN

BILL SMILEY

The Old Bandits Were Colorful

Have you noticed the big change in the world of big capitalism in the past couple of decades?

The person in the inner sanctum of high finance is just as piratical as that of the robber baron days, but the things they wheel and deal in are vastly different.

The bad old boys, the Fords and the Rockefellers, the J. P. Morgans and the Andrew Carnegies, were giants of finance, and a pretty unscrupulous lot, from all accounts.

They dealt with solid, tangible assets: steel and coal, oil, minerals, railways and banks.

Their techniques were roughly similar. Get hold of something as cheaply as possible, and dispose of it for as much as possible. And never pay a working man more than the absolute minimum. A simple formula, but it piled up millions, then billions.

NAMES GREAT

Today, their names are connected with philanthropies, but when they were alive, their names produced more curses than blessings. They fought the unions bitterly. They bribed and bullied and stole.

They'd have laughed at the idea that their depredations were destroying the ecology. They'd have had apoplexy if someone had suggested something as ridiculous as fringe benefits.

It's probably just as well they have gone, though they were colorful lot of bandits.

Today's entrepreneurs seem to be just as arrogant, greedy and ruthless, but the things they deal in have changed almost completely.

Banks and railways and airlines are still highly profitable, but they are no longer the financial playthings of a few men. They have become exceedingly dull, huge bureaucracies with little life or color in them.

OIL FLURRY

The new breed of banditti steers clear of them. Oh, your modern wheeler might take a flurry in oil, but it's

more likely to be floating a stock issue than getting the stuff out of the ground.

Today's financial magnate is far more interested in the half-world of sports and entertainment, than he is in just old things, like mines and such.

He still goes where the big buck is, but the action has changed. Nowadays, he's more likely to own a prize-fighter or a string of horses than a chunk of a copper mine. Today's big money is in publishing, radio and television.

And the really big money is in land speculation. Your old-time financier would have been stunned, and envious, could he see the doubling and tripling of money in the buying and selling of plain old land.

So, it's in the areas mentioned that you'll find the modern sharks, in large schools, gobbling up the little suckers and regurgitating them for all the slightly large suckers.

Another big change is in the publicity involved. The magnates of yesteryear were very close-mouthed. They kept their private lives as secluded as possible, retreated to vast homes and tried to keep the press at arms length.

LIMELIGHT

Today's maggots (oops, a Freudian slip!) are in the limelight. They are never happier than when they have the media speculating about their next deal. They manipulate the press. After all, every story, every picture, drives up the price of whatever they're selling, and is also great for the ego. They'll call a press conference to discuss a pending operation for an in-grown toenail.

Even P. T. Barnum, the greatest con man of them all, would be green with jealousy if he could see the way some of the modern con artists use every trick he ever knew and some they've invented, to sucker people into watching a third-rate sports team, or a third-rate prize fight.

There's one other aspect of the great scramble for the



face of J. P. Morgan if someone could tell him that athletes, mere bodies, were pulling in salaries in six figures?

This last aspect would seem to be a matter for sheer joy for most of us watching the bosses being squeezed by the workers.

But alas. It won't do us any good, fellow sucker. The boss will merely raise the price of admission and won't lose a nickel of his own money.

Sounds like the government, doesn't it. When everything costs them more, they raise our taxes to pay for the increases. When everything costs us more, they raise the taxes as a curb against inflation.

Get in line, sucker, for the next increase in the price of tickets.

Somehow, with all their faults, I like the old bandits better.

Indian Education In Need Of Change

Do North American Indians have real educational opportunities to become self-sufficient, independent and able to function in both Anglo and Indian cultures?

A major problem facing those interested in Indian education has been the lack of information on what has been accomplished in this field. Three years ago, the Ontario Teachers' Federation helped to fill the gap with the publication of the first Review of Indian Education in North America, researched and written by social anthropologist Hope McLean.

With considerable new information on Canada now available, the Federation has published a revised edition. The U.S. section of the book is unchanged.

In the book Miss McLean analyzes the success of educational programs for Native people on the basis of community and parental involvement, flexibility and choice of learning methods, relevance of curriculum, motivation, inspiration and long-term commitment.

She concludes radical change is necessary if Indians are to become independent and self-sufficient rather than merely maintaining or slightly improving their present level of education. Indians must have the right to make their

READER'S FORUM

Regional Feelings

Sir: From the various discussions in our newly formed Halton Hills area one might assume that the situation was created by an act of God.

We, the public, are given a new system of government untried and untested with the impression that this is a fait accompli.

It is becoming increasingly evident that there are a great many shortcomings and maybe some of us who are sad at the thought of losing Georgetown should express our feelings.

The change is not irrevocable, although it becomes increasingly difficult to change as time passes. We can't afford the savings we are making under the new system. So, stand up and be counted if you would like to move back to Georgetown, Acton or the Glen.

Peter Jones
Georgetown

What About Norval Water?

Spring is fast approaching, and some people of Norval must be wondering what progress is being made to solve the problem of water pollution in their community.

The matter rests with the regional council, whose works committee is looking into it. The committee will have to come before council with a recommendation of action.

In the interests of public health, the committee should waste no time deciding what the road to

solution should be. Because much of the pollution afflicts wells for drinking water, any solution is bound to involve municipal distribution and in that regard, the committee will have to determine how best this can be brought about.

Residents were vociferous last fall about their problem, and they were told the regional government would take care of them.

They expect some answer, and soon. It should be forthcoming with haste.

They're Off And Running

Striking.

It could be the rust on your car or the coloration in your wife's hair, but this spring, it's something else. It's a new college fad (or a reworked old one) where students dash naked across campus or through the streets or into dorms or what-have-you.

Whatever the psychological implications, and personally, we believe it's nothing more than youthful exuberance, the fad is catching on, and rapidly.

Support This Tourney

Georgetown goes international next week.

For the week of March 16 through March 23, Georgetown is the location for one of Canada's finest hockey tourneys, the Annual Georgetown Bantam Hockey Tournament. Some 41 teams from Canada and the United States will compete for top honors in this Kinsman-sponsored event which brings only good publicity for Georgetown.

And good publicity for Georgetown is something that will become increasingly harder to find these next few years. High taxes, regional government, the GO train system, all are among the most mixed of blessings, but a rip-

roaring hockey tourney is something to be appreciated. The name Georgetown appears on sports pages all across the country and boys from cities and towns get a chance to see what Georgetown has to offer in the way of sport-smanship.

Georgetown is fortunate enough to have a Kinsmen Club that cares about sportsmanship, and people that care enough to organize the event, and players from two countries that have enough pride to compete for top honors in high-level competition.

Let's hope the people of Georgetown care enough about their town to get out and support the tournament.

QUEEN'S PARK Army Infiltrates Into Government

by DON O'HEARN
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TORONTO—Half a league, half a league, Half a league onward, There has been mention here in the past of the gradual infiltration of the army into the government service.

On retired service officers who have been landing up in cushy jobs with the province. The infiltration has now reached new depths. It has worked its way into the premier's office itself.

The announcement has been made that Col. James A. McPhee is joining the personal staff of Premier Davis.

With the apparent capacity of staff officer in charge of the press.

WHAT TO DO

Just what Col. McPhee is to do has been a matter of considerable curiosity, including, one can suspect, by the colonel himself.

There has been no definitive word on the matter.

There already is one press officer in the premier's office in the person of Don Beeve Don is remaining, with the



Ontario Leader In Drug Packaging

Ontario is the first North American jurisdiction to enact a law requiring child resistant packaging for prescription drugs.

The new Ontario law became effective January 1, 1974, and requires package manufacturers to have their product certified as child resistant by the Canadian Standards Association (CSA). Packaging must pass a rigorous series of tests to qualify. The Association's Committee on Child Resistant Packaging for Drugs is made up of members representing the federal government, the provincial governments of Ontario and Manitoba, and the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children.

Pharmacists have been informed which packages are certified, but may supply regular packaging if customers ask for it. Persons who suffer from arthritis or other physical handicaps, or do not have children in their homes, may find regular packaging advantageous.

The committee is currently investigating child resistant containers for liquid medicines and other household items such as cleaners and aerosol spray cans.

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

- 10 YEARS AGO**
Gale-force winds struck Georgetown knocking down a concrete block wall at Smith and Stone and demolishing a roof on a warehouse at Hilltop Farms, at Norval.

Georgetown Roman Catholics decided to go ahead with a new church building. Seven-hundred-seat building was proposed, with a separate baptismal chapel. Rev. Otter Devent was chairman of the building committee.

Steve Jackson won the Branch 120, Royal Canadian Legion, trophy for being the most valuable player in the Saturday Morning Hockey League. Earlier, he had won the J. T. Armstrong trophy for being the best goalie in the NHL.

Gerald Corbett was named 1964 campaign chairman for the Red Cross in Georgetown.

A Nassagaweya girl, Jennifer Andrews, of Brookville School's Grade 7, won the Halton number one inspectorate public speaking competition held in the auditorium of Wrigglesworth Public School.

Beatles were the rage in the Hornby area. A Beatle even arrived to pick up milk for processing. He was Ken Barker, who made his rounds dressed in a blonde Beatle wig and singing songs made famous by the group.

20 YEARS AGO
Forty-four residents of the park district in Georgetown voiced concern about a motorcycle meet planned for the park. Itaces would mean dual and noise, they complained. Council replied that the track itself would not be used for races, and asked the Yellowjackets Motorcycle Club to ensure that cycles were cleared off the streets as early as possible each evening.

School Section number nine organized a beautification committee to improve the school grounds. Names as chairman was Sheldon Lawr, with Fred Biggs as vice-chairman.

A former Georgetown man, who became a feature writer for the Toronto Telegram, Jim Emmerson was a guest of the 50-50 Club of St. John's church. He spoke about the political situation in British Guiana which he had visited for a series of articles.

Terry Harley reported from Georgetown High School that rehearsals were progressing for the 10A and B production Courtin' Christina. There was enough Gaelic dialect with a Scotch twist to make learning-lines difficult.

Insp. Bob Wilts of the Ontario Provincial Police was a guest of Georgetown Lions when he spoke about highway safety. Traffic problems were the biggest problems facing the force in its Ontario operations, he told the club.

30 YEARS AGO
Pilot Officer Erwin McKeown of Acton received notice of his promotion to Flying Officer. Promotion came through while he was overseas with the RCAF.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Reid hosted the Terra Cotta Federated Farm Clubs for the March meeting.

Two hundred guests attended a social evening sponsored by Norval Junior Farmers and held in the parish hall. Jim Carney, president of the boys' group, was chairman. John Bird led group singing.

G. R. Harris, county organizer, announced formation of a Canadian Schools Financial Corps for the sale of war savings stamps to pupils of schools in Halton County. Per capita goal was 50 cents, which would give receipts of \$1,244 from Georgetown and \$1,108 from Acton.

Several residents of Norval reported to The Herald that robins were returning for the spring.

Council received six applications for the position of night constable, but decided to withhold a decision until a special meeting could be held in two weeks' time.

Power Shortages Could Lie Ahead

There is a certainty of power shortages for Ontario if Ontario Hydro continues to run into delays and continuing difficulties in obtaining approvals of its system expansion program. D. J. Gordon, Hydro's general manager, told the Ontario Energy Board.

Mr. Gordon was appearing for the second time before the board in the first of three stages of public hearings in Toronto. He was being cross-examined by two special-interest groups, Pollution Probe and the Sierra Club of Ontario, and by the Ontario Municipal Electric Association.

Replying to questions about the conservation of energy related to hydro's forecast of electrical needs in the 1980s, Mr. Gordon stated that the forecast cannot be developed on what some people may like to see happen but on what Hydro believes, from all available information, the demand for electricity will be by 1982.

Hydro's general manager stated that public hearings will be held on each individual generating site that has been included in Hydro's proposed program. He said, "the purpose of the public participation process was to endeavour to get public input for the facilities which hydro requires."

Earlier in the week, hydro witnesses explained the need for the immediate approval of several transmission line routes. H. P. Smith, hydro's director of system planning said that delays of up to six months could cost hydro as much as \$8-million.

Arthur Hill, manager of hydro's generation concepts department, called for immediate approval of the generation program. He told the board that because of world-wide steel shortages, firm commitments for equipment and material are required by mid year. He estimated that the contracts which will have to be awarded by summer will be in excess of \$160-million.

The first phase of the hearings may end late this week. Beginning April 1, the second phase of hearings which deals with hydro's financial policies and objectives will begin. Phase three, hydro's rate application, is expected to begin June 1.

O'CONNOR'S OTTAWA

The Parliamentary Intern Program on Parliament Hill is a successful experiment which provides annually to ten young Canadians, a unique look at politics from the inside.

The program gives university graduates, most of them political science students, an opportunity to supplement their theoretical knowledge of Parliament with the practical experience of the day-to-day work of Parliament while providing selected backbenchers with research and constituency work assistance.

In 1965, the initiative of Alf Hales, M.P. (Wellington) led to the creation of the program in 1969. Currently, the fourth group of interns are on the Hill.

Under the program, the ten selected male and female students of over 300 applicants are assigned to an opposition backbencher for five months and to a government member for the other five months. Actually, because of the demand for them, the interns usually do the choosing from among four or five Members who have applied.

I am fortunate at present to have a young political science graduate from the University of Calgary assisting me with an ever-increasing volume of constituency and parliamentary work. He does speech research, departmental contact on riding problems, draft replies to correspondence, and anything else that requires attention, including occasionally getting the coffee. On the other hand, he benefits from intense involvement in the daily operation of M.P.'s offices, the House of Commons and the committees. (Well, some people think that's a benefit). The interns are also sent on annual trips to Toronto, Quebec City, Washington and London to observe the operation respectively of the Legislatures, Congress, and Senate.

Also seminars are held throughout the year in Ottawa with various personalities such as the Governor-General, the Prime Minister, the Speaker of the House and Party leaders.

The program is financed by a group of ten Canadian Life Insurance companies donating a total of \$75,000, annually and the Canada Council, which provides \$16,000. These funds pay expenses and small salaries to the students.

The idea has become so popular that several Legislatures in Canada will shortly commence similar programs, including Ontario and Quebec.

Anyone wanting information about the program should write to:
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Georgetown Firm Gets Contract

OTTAWA—A Georgetown firm and a Milton firm have been awarded federal-government contracts totalling \$105,712.

Varrin Associates of Canada Ltd. of Georgetown will receive \$26,622 for manufacturing electron tubes, while Hand Chemical Industries Ltd. of Milton will be paid \$79,090 for the production of ammunition and explosives.

The contracts were announced in the latest weekly bulletin of business opportunities published by the Department of Supply and Services.

The two orders are among 196 unclassified contracts, each worth \$10,000 or more, awarded to Canadian companies.

Total value of these contracts placed on behalf of various federal departments and agencies was \$11,497,342, the bulletin says.

