

Talk at CBC centres on old Georgetown

Letters to The Editor

To the editor of The Herald:

You will be receiving a publicity release from the Library about a special Marmalade Tasting session on Friday March 18, 1983 and this seems a suitable time for me to write and thank you for your past kindness and very welcome publicity.

This is a note to you, rather than to your paper and it is always more difficult to write to someone one has never met.

As a more or less compulsive letter writer, I seem to develop a certain rapport with each

correspondent and the way one expresses oneself to one friend is different to the way one writes to another. That remark is to indicate that what I say to you may be expressed quite differently if I knew you and was talking to you.

To take you into my confidence I will confess that the Marmalade day is an effort to re-vitalize the C.B.C. and if possible to interest more ladies in our Friday conversations. As the weeks have passed my visitors have become more and more male, and as if intimidated by the

males, the ladies are coming less frequently. If a lady happens to be the only one in an 'all male cast' she seems to retreat although only one has said she felt uncomfortable and the only lady present.

It is gratifying to receive visits from ladies (and it is only ladies so far) who are usually 'shut-ins' and it is a treat to have them and to enjoy their company. Whilst on that subject I must pay tribute to the Acti-van Service and driver. We are lucky to have such a driver. Everyone I have met who uses the service is loud in praise of his efficiency and courtesy and tell me of the little services he performs 'beyond the normal call of duty'. The

van is a splendid idea and all concerned are to be congratulated.

One of the most frequent topics of conversation is Old Georgetown. We have several elderly visitors, (I hope they do not mind that term, but I am elderly too!) who, having spent most of their lives here are a great source of information about the past, in fact I sometimes wish I could capture on tape what is said, but if a recording was planned,

the visitors would be inhibited and results disappointing.

This seems to be my confession day. I confess that without the help of the Library Staff all would fail. It would be unkind to single out any particular person or department. The requests I receive for information and or books are many and varied and always the willing and prompt help I receive is beyond praise and whilst I say the

usual 'Thank You's', that, in no way expresses my sincere appreciation.

If you have managed to read thus far I must thank you for your patience as well as your help.

Yours sincerely,
Norm Elson
P.S. Thinking over what I have just written it occurs to me that the way men and women segregate themselves is, in no way confined to our little pro-

gramme. I have noticed it in all sorts of social gatherings, the Church, the dance, and I am sure many other instances will occur to you.

I am scared to write more on the subject, but my thoughts at this moment indicate that the men are the more insular. There, I hope I have not dropped a brick, I cannot afford to lose ANY support!

Our government not setting example: MP

To the editor of The Herald:

The Liberal government in Ottawa may be remembered as the most "do-as-I-say-not-as-I-do" one in our entire history. A recent example concerns its attitude to pornography in the media.

First, Francis Fox, its Communications Minister, makes re-assuring noises to the Canadian Coalition against media Pornography and other groups about Playboy productions on one of the newly-licensed pay-television channels, but does nothing to deal with the situation.

Indeed, its new broadcasting policy announced since the uproar over First Choice would appear to preclude expressly any role for the cabinet relating to broadcasting content.

It then turns out that the federal government itself, through its Canad-

ian Film Development Corporation, loaned the sum of \$1,000,000 to the producers of "Videodrome", a woman-hating film currently playing in theatres across Canada, and will participate in its net profits.

One scene, for example, consists of shackled women being whipped by men in leather masks. Asked in the Commons if this is an appropriate use of taxpayer money, Judy Erola, the Minister responsible for the Status of Women, replied that since her government had also funded the excellent anti-porn film, "Not A Love Story", its record on the subject is spotless. One really doesn't have to be pro-porn to be a Liberal.

Yours truly,
David Kilgour, M.P.
Edmonton Strathcona

Student funds increase

Funding for the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) for 1983-84 will be increased by \$9.6 million to \$119.4 million, colleges and universities minister Dr. Bette Stephenson announced last week. Some of the increased

funding is to offset a five per cent tuition fee increase at Ontario's universities and colleges.

A major portion of the increased funding will be used to meet increased costs associated with the Ontario student Loan Plan.

Loans under the plan doubled in 1982-83 to over \$50 million. Dr. Stephenson said that this was due in part to a 29 per cent increase in the number of applicants for OSAP over the previous year.

Ontario's loan plan supplements the Canada Student Loan Program which is funded through the Secretary of State.

The maximum amount of assistance provided through the federal loan plan has not changed for almost ten years and now meets less than one third of most university students' costs.

The minister stated that she and other ministers of education had recently met with Secretary of State Serge Joyal, and "we are quite hopeful that the federal loan maximums will be raised significantly".

Dr. Stephenson said that the various costs and allowances for both the grant and loan programs will be frozen for 1983-84 because additional funds are not available.

Dr. Stephenson said that the OSAP budget has increased by almost 50 per cent since 1980-81.

Funds for a new work study program initiated last year as part of OSAP will be increased to \$250,000 from \$100,000.



Bed-tub race

Downtown merchants of Georgetown are playing a role in the Kinsmen Club's zone spring conference this Saturday.

Merchants are providing items for a Kinsmen bottle bag which include coffee, donuts, and souvenir pens for visiting Kinsmen and brochures about Georgetown.

Five bed tub entries are confirmed for the conference which starts at 9 a.m. at the Halton Hills Library and Cultural Centre. The bed tub race starts at 12 noon.

Mayor Pomeroy will be on hand to welcome Kinsmen delegates to Georgetown. The morning will include club reports focusing on past accomplishments of the club during the year and what some future goals might be.

A public speaking contest among Kinsmen members will be held with Georgetown's Bruce Gougeon as our local representative. Georgetown Kinsmen have an entry in for the Kinsmen public relations award and the service shield.

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