

EDITORIAL

with Hartley Coles

Just a thought

All the major road entrances to Georgetown have a welcoming sign besides the usual names highlighting the fact that Georgetown is the home of the Little NHL, as well as that of Gordon Alcott, its founder. There are some other sports highlights on the sign including the fact the Georgetown Raiders won the OHA Championship in 1982.

Although the sign is showing its age it has always been an attractive introduction to the town and its interests.

When Gordon Alcott introduced the idea of the Little NHL in Georgetown it was widely copied across Ontario and Canada. Minor hockey was in its infancy, Alcott's idea of naming the teams after the then six teams in the National Hockey League and players carrying the names of the player on their sweaters was a completely new wrinkle.

The players, of course, with names such as Gordie Drillon and Joe Primeau of the Toronto Maple Leafs, Bauer, Dumart and Schmidt of the Boston Bruins, Howie Morenz of the Montreal Canadiens and various other stars of the NHL on their sweaters gave the Little NHL a lustre few other minor hockey leagues could match.

In any event it was always an excellent source of pride in Georgetown and is an important part of the town's sports heritage. It suggest that perhaps Acton should also have a similar sign at the entrances to town which might record some of the sports highlights of this town's teams. Highlights such as:

- Ontario Intermediate Field Lacrosse Champions in 1899
- Ontario Baseball Association Intermediate C Champions in 1947
- Ontario Hockey Association Int. B Champions in 1938-39
- Canadian middle-weight champion Tug-of-War team in 1931

There are others, too, which record some of the achievements local athletes accomplished. And it wouldn't have to include just athletic achievements. Others could be featured as well including some of Acton Citizens' Band laurels at the CNE.

Just a thought.

Beginning of Lent

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday, first day of the beginnings of the 40 days of Lent which are observed by Christian churches around the world, especially the liturgical churches who follow a calendar. Lent ends on Good Friday before the moveable feast of Easter which occurs on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the 21st of March, so the date of Ash Wednesday also changes each year.

The introduction of Lent in the early church follows the teaching of Christ who predicted that when He was gone, His disciples and followers would fast. St. Paul advised Christians to work out their salvation in prayer and patience in watchings and fastings.

At first fasting was left to the discretion of individual Christians. Regular fasting imposed by the discipline of the Church began first in Gaul (France) in the second century. Diversity of practices sprang up and the Church finally decreed the 40 days of Lent for the sake of uniformity.

Why 40 days? The number was chosen in honour of the 40 days fast endured by Christ prior to His public life and in remembrance of the 40 years spent by the Jews in the desert before they entered the promised land.

Lent is being observed ecumenically in Acton each Wednesday at noon when different clergy from the churches join in a Lenten service which changes denominationally each year. This year's services are at St. Joseph's Patron of Canada with all the churches taking part.

Although it is often ignored by the secular world, Lent is still very much alive.



SNOW CONE: The editor looked out his back window one wintry day recently and discovered the bird bath, which never made it to the safety of the garden shed, resembled a giant ice cream cone. Birds also fluttered around the bird feeders but they took off as soon as they discovered the camera, they all have aliases. The rest of the photo is bleak marked only by snowmobile tracks

Game shows - I love em!

I've always liked television game shows. I remember as a youngster watching the Newlywed Game. It was there I learned you were still a newlywed for two years after the nuptials. I adored Richard Dawson in Family Feud. Heck, I thought he was hot when he was on Hogan's Heroes then when he started kissing all the girls on the game show no matter what they looked like, how could you not love him?

There was the \$25,000 Pyramid, Match Game, Hollywood Squares (another personal favourite); Name That Tune, The Dating Game, and more. I grew up on them and loved them all.

However, game shows sort of tumbled away as I grew older. Now, as everything that goes around they say comes around, game shows are really making a comeback.

I have to admit almost every lunch hour I have time, I am channel surfing for channel 650 from some United States location to watch the new Family Feud. Granted, the host isn't Richard Dawson, but I love watching it. I don't know why



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I answer the questions out loud thinking they will hear me and somehow even though I am not a contestant I will win the \$20,000. "Name a magazine that has a famous person on the cover" John O'Hurley asked. "People, People, People" I screamed at the television hoping they would hear me. They didn't. "Vogue" they didn't listen to me. Vogue? Who would say Vogue? At least the guy who hit the button second said Newsweek. At least Newsweek was a more viable answer. For the record, People Magazine was the number one answer in the survey.

Yet with all my screaming at the television and thinking I know all the answers, I really don't. There is no further proof needed than that of the television game shows, Cash Cab or Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?

We love Cash Cab which by the way is a Canadian show filmed in Toronto. Contestants flag down a cab which happens to be the Cash Cab and when they answer questions correctly they get money. Answer too many questions wrong and they are turfed out of the cab penniless. It has all the norms; phone a friend or ask people for assistance in answering.

The questions basically seem fairly easy. That until you decide to play it online like I do. Then they really crank up the questions and I can never seem to get to my destination without being turfed.

Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader sounds easy. I mean, how hard is it to be smarter than say an eight year old? Thinking back to my early primary education it seems fairly easy. You make a clock from a paper plate and learn to tell the time. You learn how to print your name and maybe by grade three you are actually learning to write your name.

When though, did 5th grade art become knowing who painted the Mona Lisa? When did 4th grade

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