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The Editor's Corner

SHORT AND SWEET

We can't say we blame a reader for the note which accompanied his renewal to the Herald. We realize that in our last two issues in December, there was a scarcity of reading matter and news. This was due to a combination of circumstances—illness of one member of the staff, holidays, machine trouble, and the general rush which seems to prevail during a holiday period.

Last week we were back to normal again and with our troubles behind us, we are once more bending every effort to give you a "newsy" newspaper. And remember that you all can help us by turning in your news items early. If you have visitors for the weekend, give us a ring on Monday morning. If you are bringing in an account of a wedding or a funeral, the earlier you bring it in, the more you help us get the Herald out on time on Wednesday.

BUSINESS GOOD IN GEORGETOWN

We have been pleased to hear the optimistic comments of local merchants concerning business conditions in Georgetown during the past year. The majority of the merchants set a new mark in Christmas business-one which has not been equalled for several years. One Main Street man remarked that his total 1940 intake was the highest since he came to town several years ago. Another said that during the whole year there had been a noticeable improvement in sales, and his Christmas business was even better than he had hoped for.

It is difficult to say just what has caused this increase. No doubt much of it is due to more employment and a higher total wage bill in town. We would like to think that part of it can be traced to more buying at home-to an increased sense of loyalty to our own local merchants.

It is a sad but nonetheless true fact that some of our citizens buy practically nothing in local stores. They seem to prefer to shop exclusively in Guelph and Brampton and Toronto. Just what is the reason for this is hard to find out. To be sure, some articles can be purchased a few cents cheaper in the larger stores in other centres. When this saving is balanced against the travelling expenses of the trip, however, the argument of cheaper goods would hardly hold water.

Whatever the reason may be, we wish that people who buy out of town would give our local merchants the benefit of their purchasing power. We are confident that any merchant would be only too glad to order something for you if he does not carry it in his regular stock. By buying at home you are helping your community to prosper. Georgetown has one of the highest per capita incomes in the Dominion. Why not give our merchants the benefit of this income.

PUBLIC SPENDING CURTAILED

If the voice of Georgetown's 1941-42 council is truly reflected in the inaugural address delivered by Mayor Gibbons on Monday night and printed in detail elsewhere in the Herald, public expenditures are going to be limited in the next few years even more than they were last year. The mayor feels that we can further the war effort by curtailing local expenditures to the point of lowering our tax rate, and allowing more of our money to be at the disposal of the Dominion and the Empire.

He does not stand alone in this idea. The Dominion government has expressed its wish that all municipalities limit expenditures to bare necessities in order that federal taxing power may be expanded. In other words we are giving up our local luxuries and some of our local necessities in order that our mite may be added to swell the coffers of the Empire.

In this belief we can scarcely disagree, and we do not believe that our council will go to the other extreme and tie the municipal purse strings so tight that all necessities will be dispensed with. There is a reasonable limit beyond which we cannot go, save in a case of desperate emergency. It would be foolish, for instance, to let our streets and sidewalks crumble into dust without making necessary repairs. Such a policy would be short-sighted and in the long run future replacements would cost us much more than present repairs.

We feel sure that this is not the aim of the mayor or council. We expect that they will carefully consider all financial measures which crop up during their term of office, and that nothing will be turned down flatly, without a fair hearing, on the basis of war economy.

TWO PRAYERS FOR NEW YEAR'S

Dedicated to Their Majesties, our well-beloved King George VI and Queen Elizabeth in grateful memory of their visit to Canada.

AN EMPTRE KNEELING

O Lord, another year has gone And still the war drum beats -Grant us. O Christ, the courage, high, That flames in London streets.

O Son of Mary and Thy Saints, We humbly call to Thee To arm and guard our fighting men -On land, in sky and sea.

Jehovah, God of Israel. Thy chosen ones implore That Thou wilt be their God of Hosts Amid the battle's roar.

And we, who name Thee other Names -At other alters bow -Our millions pray in many tongues, God keep our Empire now.

Our noble ailies, Lord, uphold Throughout the Hitler night; And may their Spartan spirit, fine, Inspire our Empire's might.

And we at home in lesser ways. Whate'er our tasks may be -God make us kind and strong and brave To strive for Victory. .

God save our King — our statesmen guide, Our men and women bless As we rededicate our lands To Thee and righteousness.

Ottawa, December 22nd, 1940.

IN TRANQUIL DAYS

O Lord, the old year is no more. Its sullied page is turned; With flying foot the entities The dear dead year has spurned.

The passing bell of midnight peals, With humble hearts we hear The clanting tongues ring wide the news The birth of another year.

No survey of our faltering. No memory of each fall Will cancel their unworthiness: They have passed beyond recall

Again, we gird our armour on, Intent, our fight to win In this clean, unlived twelvementh, now That Time has ushered in.

We face the coming days. And trust that in the paths of right Thine arm wilt guide our ways. From lack of Christian charity,

So with Thy kindly aid, O God,

The unkind thought or word, From all these petty little sins -Deliver us, O Lord.

Guelph, December 31st, 1909

S. Rupert Broadfoot, K.O.

WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY

THE LORD'S PRAYER

According to an item in some of the and one long overdue - will have been papers the principal of the Alliston made. public school asked the entrance class to write down the Lord's prayer. The result surprised and shocked There were thirty pupils in the class and two of the thirty were able to write the prayer.

That's rather a low percentage, though a similar experiment in other public schools might show that very few know this great prayer very well. And of those who knew the prayer well enought to repeat it, it is probable that some couldn't write it, never having been asked to do so before. We recall a similar experiment when teacher was surprised to read: "Our Father which art in Heaven, Harold be Thy Name."-

Then there is the story of the mother who called her child Harold because he was born on Christmas Eve. and because she heard somebody singing "Hark, the Harold Angels Sing!" Any experienced teacher can prob- SELLING GOODS TO COUNCIL ably tell similar stories. And they aren't funny.

-Fergus News Record-

FARMERS' UNION IN ONTARIO?

that Premier Mitchell Hepburn and merchant, sold paint and other goods other leading agriculturists in Ontario to the Board of which he was a memare seriously talking of setting out to ber but that there was no attempt by form a non partisan Farmers' Union. Mr. Egan to stifle competition or to The way in which federal authorities obtain an unfair share of the business both before and since the war have set of the board. As a matter of fact, it aside as negligible the "vote and in- was pointed out that the other nardfluence" of the producers of our food ware store in Bolton sold more goods in this province has not been a pretty to the Board than did Mr. Egan, and sight. Individualism is a grand qual- that he made little profit in his transity when it does not run-as so often actions with the Board. in Ontario communities and countryside-to defeating the interests of that the personal interests of a man those concerned. Farmers in the west who is selling goods to a board of have gained political and economic which he is a member might clash power by organization and agreement with those of the Board. Even if the on policies in the common interests of amount is small, the principle involthe growers of wheat or other agricul- ved is one of great importance, and tural commodities. It can be done in the Judge thought that "No Trustee Ontario but has never yet been done should place himself in a position successfully owing to too much blind where he might be thought to be both individualism defeating what must be seller and buyer. an entirely co-operative enterprise deliberately aimed at acquiring and using political leverage, to attain desired

If 1941 sees the successful unionization of Ontario farmers to achieve economic justice for the agricultural in-

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Nor is this anything but a justifiable course even in wartime. "Unskilled labor in the military camps is being paid at the rate of 75 cents per hour, by the federal government and contractors, in order to "guarantee a proper standard of living" to these workers! Yet the highly skilled labor of the agriculturists is paid at a lower rate while his produce receives a price inadequate to pay any decent return for either his skill or labor.

We hope this unionization will take place and quickly. There is no good reason - sentimental or "patriotic" which puts agriculture, the basic industry, in the undignified and unjust position in which it finds itself today in Ontario. Except its own lack of organization.

-Elora Express-

MAY UNSEAT YOU

A decision of interest to municipalities and citizens was rendered by Judge Cochrane at Brampton when he ruled that the seat of the Bolton school board, held by Harold Egan, One of the most cheering bits of must be vacated. It was brought out news gathered in the New Year is in evidence that Egan, as a hardware

Despite all this, Judge Cochrane held

. There are inconsistencies in the present law, and Judge Cochrane referred to them, but they make the act

seem ridiculous in some cases. For instance a councillor or trustee may be a partner in a firm selling goods to a board of which he is a member, and that is all right in the eyes of the law, but to make a direct sale is all wrong. It's hard to see the tense of such a set up.

It has been held in test case that an editor of a weekly paper may do certain business with a board of which he is a member, and still not be unseated. This lenient view is largely because there is usually only one paper in a town, and the editor is usually a fairly competent man to serve his municipality in public office. -Stouffville Tribune-

London Hospitals Carry On

Perfect Organization Counters Confusion: Courage of Staffs Inspires

Despite Raids

Patients. By David Curnock

The bombing of hospitals in Great Britain by the German Air Force is not having the effect which the Nazis would hope. It is not causing terror

or confusion. It is putting the London doctors, nurses and hospital staffs generally more than ever on their mettle. A visit to a London Hospital which has been bombed, to see the hospital staff at work, to hear the stories of quiet bravery amid raids is something never to be forgotten. This is the story of just one hospital.

On the seventh floor, where the bomb fell, the chapel has been destroyed. The beautiful windows are gone, the roof has fallen, the altar is scattered, and the organ shattered.

"But someone has lent us a grand plano," Sister Prior, the assistan; matron, told me. "It is surprising what we managed to save. It is wonderful what you can do."

I though the same as I looked around. It is wonderful what they can do. I noticed that even the splintered wood of the chairs had been repaired with little pieces of sticking plaster. "We don't want people running splinters into their hands and legs," explained Sister Prior with a quiet smile, "There's quite enough trouble as it

THE RAID ROUTINE "Only the first three of seven floors are used as wards, so there is plenty of security, with four reinforced concrete floors above. There are special wards for air raid casualties, and those who have been rendered homeless We had a number of old married couples, but we couldn't fix them together so they had to be separated until they moved off to the country where they

go after a few days rest in the hospi-In the casualty station on the ground floor everything is ready for emergencies. Nurses and doctors are always on duty; volunteer stretcher bearers are ready to take the patients from the ambulances as they come in.

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SAVENO A LIFE Here is one story - grim, yet inspiring. Outside, the night planes droned overhead. There was a crump of dropping bombs. The first casualty to be brought in was a four months. old baby. He had been blown from his mother's arms as she hunried to a shel-

ter. She, herself, was uninjured. "I was down there at the time," said Sister Prior. "The little mite was .. . and so silent. That's always a bad sign."

Quietly the doctors got to work. They fought to fan a tiny spark of life. The battle went on. The child he was crying. A cry of pain, but to that group of white-coated workers the cry meant that another life

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