Inspector Skuce Satisfied With Public School Inspection

A letter recently received by the Georgetown Public School Board may interest our readers. Here it is:

Milton, January 22nd, 1941.

P. Harrison, Esq.,
Sec.-Treas. Public School Board,
Georgetown, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Harrison:

During the first week of January, I completed my winter inspection, and through you beg to report to the Board of the Georgetown Public School.

At the outset I should like to make known to the Board the very real pleasure which I always experience when I visit this school. The building is neat, clean and well lighted. One is assured of a kindly reception from teachers and pupils alike. There is evidence of every co-operation between the various members of the staff and with the principal. A nice working-spirit exists in the classrooms. Pupils are interested and are being inspired to put forth their best efforts in their school work and in their conduct. All those concerned with the school are to be congratulated on this very desirable condition. One cannot help feeling that the encouragement and excellent support which the staff receives from the Board contributes in large measure to the success of this school. The fact that all members of the staff have been willing to serve in the one place for so long is, on the one hand, a tribute to the fair treatment received, and on the other hand, the retention of these people has led *to the establishment of* a high standard of efficiency in the school.

The fact that all members of the staff have been employed for some years also makes it unnecessary to report individually at length on each teacher. The work being done with beginners by Miss Hume ranks among the very best found in any school. Miss Lindsay supplements this with a good training in Grade 2. Miss Scott is very quiet, kindly and effective in her class room. Miss Harrison has a bright personality which encourages pupil application. These four teachers lay a good foundation in the skill subjects of reading, writing, spelling, and arithmetic facts. Miss Langan introduces the pupils in Grade 5 to the reasoning, informational and appreciation subjects. Miss Young continues this work and, while retaining the best methods gleaned from a long and successful experience, she is progressive and anxious to apply what is good in the newer education. Miss Frank's teaching is characterized by enthusiasm and persistent effort. Mr. Wrigglesworth offers cautious direction and encourages pupil application. Each makes a definite contribution and there is no weak link in the chain.

One cannot look wth entire fawour on a system which requires one or more of the classroom teachers to handle the music throughout the school. This places a rather heavy additional tax on the energies of that teacher. At the same time one must agree that the pupils sing nicely and that the work of the classrooms is not suffering. For their interest and good work in music, both Miss Frank and Miss Harrison are to be commended.

Within the last year or two a great many schools have begun instruction in home economics and manual training. May we hope that a similar programme will be begun in Georgetown in the near future? Since its introduction into the Milton Public School it has proven a source of much satisfaction and interest both to teachers and pupils.

Since my last inspection of your school it is noted that a very efficient lighting system has been installed. For this action the Board deserves much credit.

In conclusion I should like to express my desire to co-operate with the Board in any of their endeavours.

Yours sincerely,
L. SKUCE
Inspector of Public Schools

BON TEMPS CLUB HOLD SUCCESSFUL DANCE

A large number of people enjoyed the annual dance of the Bon Temps Club, which was held in the Arena last Friday evening. The hall was decked with flags, and Hal Davis and his Orchestra provided excellent music for the dancers. Mrs. R. T. Paul, Mrs. William Frank and Mrs. R. Cleave received the guests as they arrived. Members of the Club, who arranged the dance are: Isabel McDermid, Marjorie Gault, Jean Mackenzie, Madeleine Erwin, Margery Mackenzie, Isabel Thompson, June Frank and Margaret Pasmore.

During intermission refreshments were served by the Club.

Teacher, "Now, Freddy, why does a polar bear wear a fur coat?"

Freddy, "Oh-er, I suppose he would look funny in a tweed one."

The SNAPSHOT GUILD
TAKING FLASH PICTURES

With flash, shots such as this are quick and sure—and your subjects don't have to pose in bright light.

ANN turned up with a camera problem the other night. She had been trying to take some snapshots of the pup—a lively little rascal—and he wouldn't stay put. In fact, the warmth from the photo lamps made him even more skittish than usual, and by the time she was ready to shoot, he was usually out of sight.

"All right," I told her, "we'll fix him. We'll use a flash bulb, and get him down on film before he even knows it." So, we arranged things, and in about three minutes she had just the picture she wanted.

Maybe you've taken flash shots—maybe not. If not, winter is a good time to get acquainted with this type of picture-taking, and you'll find it mighty useful. For most indoor shots, I use the regular flood bulbs; but for some shots, flash is much better.

It's simple to use, too, even if you don't have a flash synchronizer. Just put your camera on a tripod or table edge, and set the shutter for "time." Insert the flash bulb in a house lamp fitted with the regular cardboard reflector you use for snapshots at night—but be sure the switch is off at the moment. Now open the camera shutter—snap on the switch to flash the bulb—and close the shutter. That's all, and you have your picture.

Moreover, you can use any film you prefer—the quick flash is bright enough for box camera exposures with daytime film, when the bulb is seven feet from the subject. And if you use high speed film, the bulb can be seventeen feet back.

With a flash synchronizer, flash bulbs are even more useful. You can even use them in the daytime, to brighten up the nearby details in a shady scene. And you don't have to put the camera on a tripod—you can hold it in your hand, and take snapshot exposures. Some of the most attractive daytime shots you see in the magazines are made with the aid of synchronized flash, and it's a real help.

I didn't have a synchronizer for a long time, because they used to be high-priced—but I bought one last year as soon as the inexpensive models began to come out. Now Ann wants one too; she knows a good camera accessory when she sees one. And maybe there's a good hint for your own camera kit. I'd certainly hate to part with my synchronizer—it has already paid for itself in first-rate pictures.

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YOUR ANNOUNCER IS

ALLAN McFEE

Allan McFee enjoys life. He has always believed it was meant to be enjoyed and he has done his best in 27 crowded years. His motto — "good friends, good food and good fun" — should not be taken as evidence that Mr. McFee has jumped aboard a perpetual round-about of dining, wining and making merry. But he has cultivated, besides his mind, his senses and his sinews too. Still looking like the college star athlete he was seven years ago, he can act like one if circumstances require it.

His zest for living commenced at an early age in Belleville, Ontario, and grew apace at Upper Canada College where he took an active interest in everything from football to part singing. In fact, he was a member of the U.C.C. Boys' Choir which performed with the Mendelssohn at Convocation Hall in 1927. That was when Allan was 14. For the next two or three years he engaged in a full school curriculum in the winters and coached in dramatics and life-saving at Ridley College camp in summer.

It was during the first year at Onondaga Camp that he wrote and produced a play that should have been the black-out of his enthusiasm for the drama. The young producer was asked to take the production of "The Spider" to a near-by town. Mr. McFee, in addition to writing and staging the show, played the title role. Besides a grisly make-up, the actor-manager wore protruding false teeth which, early in Act 1, proceeded to pop out whenever he spoke a line. To this embarrassment was added the fact that he should have been shot in Act II, and the gun refused to fire. So instead of a corpse as the curtain fell, the audience beheld a slightly stunned creature, this brother actor had fetched him a clout over the head with the butt as a last resort) crawling around in the footlights in search of a set of false teeth.

Next Allan McFee perfected his physical education. He paddled with the Parkdale Canoe Club in 1934-5, representing the club both years at the Canadian Canoeing Association meet, at Montreal. He rowed with the Argonaut Eight in 1936-7, racing at Henley Regatta those two seasons. After that he had the thrill of his life; he was accepted on the CBC announcing staff at Ottawa in September, 1937. Transferred to Toronto in the spring of last year, he is one of the regular news announcers and is frequently assigned to musical and feature presentations.

McFee does not think that everything worth mentioning has happened since 1900. He likes good music, the plays of Ibsen, gentlemanly manners, the primeval forest, he believes in parental respect, the golden rule; despises pettiness, delight in generosity, ignores taboos, loves parchesi and aquamarines. He is five foot eight, weighs 178 pounds, has dark olive skin black hair and flashing brown eyes. When he saw his newest picture he was delighted, thought it flattered him. Nobody else thought it even did him justice.

OBITUARY

THOMAS C. SCRYMGEOUR DIES AFTER HEART ATTACK

Thomas C. Scrymgeour, well-known Georgetown man, died suddenly early Friday morning after a heart attack. Mr. Scrymgeour had been in good health, and on Thursday evening he had attended the monthly meeting of Branch 120, Canadian Legion. Shortly after returning home, he collapsed, and died a few hours later.

Mr. Scrymgeour was born in Penicuik, Scotland, in 1875. He had served for over twenty years in the Imperial army, and was a veteran of the Boer War. In 1920 he came to Canada with his family. Mrs. Scrymgeour passed away in 1928. Surviving are four children—Mrs. F. Kennard, Brampton; Mrs. J. Lang, Hamilton; Charles, with the Foresters' Corps in British Columbia, and John, with the Governor General's Horse Guards, Toronto.

Mr. Scrymgeour was a Mason and a member of the Orange Lodge, and a charter member of Branch 120, Canadian Legion. The service, which was held on Sunday afternoon, was in charge of fellow-members of the Legion. Rev D. D. Davidson, of Knox Presbyterian Church preached the funeral service. The pallbearers were Col. G. O. Brown, Col. G. Cousens, Dr. R. Learmonth, Bob Muir, Fred Armstrong and Tom Grieves.

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STEWARTTOWN

Private S. Hunt, of Newmarket, and A.C. Gilbert Hunt, of St. Thomas, were home for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Baily, of Toronto, spent Sunday with Mrs. Baily.

NORVAL

Marjorie Gollop, of Toronto, visited with her father and Mrs. J. Black over the week end.

Mrs. Ida Hewson visited Mrs. Lorne Wardlaw for a few days last week.

Miss Helen M. Browne spent a couple of days at the Royal York Hotel last week.

Mrs. Arthur Leggett is visiting friends in Toronto.

Mr. Lloyd Hustler, with some friends from Malton, attended the hockey game at Maple Leaf Gardens last Saturday evening.

Mr. Bob Gollop is in the hospital as a result of a fall last Friday night.

The annual meeting of St. Paul's Anglican Church was held on Monday evening.

ASHGROVE

The January meeting of the Ashgrove W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. George Nurse on January 21st. The ladies spent the afternoon around the quilting frames and three lovely quilts were completed. These have been given to the Red Cross for the British war victims. During February a short course on nursing will be conducted at different centres in Halton County with Miss J. Malcolmson of the W. I. Department, Toronto, in charge. The classes for our district will meet in the council chambers at Stewarttown on the afternoons of Feb. 5, 13, 18, 21 and 26, beginning at 2 p.m. standard time. Everyone is welcome to attend these classes. There will be no regular meeting of the Ashgrove W.I. in February, instead a meeting will be held on March 11th at the home of Miss E. Bird.

The annual church meeting was held in the basement of the church on the evening of January 21, with Rev. J. O. Totton in charge. Reports from the different departments showed that a successful year had been spent. There was no change in the appointment of officials of the church. A social half hour brought the meeting to a close.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Barnes entertained the euchre club on Wednesday evening. Mrs. F. Thompson and Mr. Cecil Wilson won highest scores.

The pupils and teacher of Ashgrove Public School enjoyed a toboggan party on Brigden's hill on Friday afternoon. Everyone returned to the school for a hot lunch afterwards.

On Monday evening, January 27th, Miss Marion Dick entertained the Young People's Union. The first part of the evening was spent in tobogganing on Brigden's hill. A social hour followed at her home, during which all joined in a sing-song, and after which lunch was served.

LIMEHOUSE

Those home for the week end included Miss Ivens, Mr William Newton and Mr. Alex White from Toronto. Miss Grace Beerman accompanied by her friend Miss Evelyn Roney from Georgetown, and Mr E. Sanford from Port Albert.

We are pleased to report that Mr F. Shelbourne is able to be home from Christie St. Hospital.

The annual congregational meeting of the Presbyterian Church was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Newton last Wednesday evening. The reports of the different organizations show a small balance in all cases with a fairly successful year just past.

The Women's Institute held a successful euchre and dance at the home of Mr and Mrs. S. Norrie on Friday evening. Winners at cards were Mrs. A. J. Smethurst and Mr. A. W. Benton, while consolations went to Mrs S. Gisby and Mr. Percy Hurst. Music for the dance, which lasted until well into the small hours of the morning, was supplied by Swindlehurst Brothers of Ballinafad. Proceeds from these parties are used for war work and donations to other organizations doing war work.

The regular January meeting of the Girls' Lookout Club was held at the home of Gwen Hill on Saturday, when plans were made for a Valintine crokinole party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Beerman in February. The new officers for 1941 with Miss Ivens as president were in their places.

Word has been received from Major Gordon Sutherland and Sapper Sam Gisby, both in England, during the past week. Each reports that he was in good health at time of writing and had received at least some of his Christmas parcels from this side of the Atlantic.

Those sewing for the war refugees met at the home of Mrs. Wright on Wednesday, when a large box of made-over and used clothing was packed for the Salvation Army. Mrs. Hill also turned in to the Red Cross 33 pairs of socks, 8 pullovers, 1 scarf and 1 helmet from the knitters, all finished since Dec. 1st.

CIGARETTES APPRECIATED

Mrs. Gilbert Gillevet has received a letter from England, in which her husband warmly praises the people of Georgetown for their interest in sending cigarettes to himself and other soldiers overseas. The Alliance Paper Mills, Canadian Legion, Soldiers' Comforts Committee, Ladies' Auxiliary to the Lorne Scots and the Legion W.A. are mentioned, as well as several private individuals. "Pat" has been well-blessed with gifts of cigarettes, and he shares them with others who have not been so fortunate, as well as with some of the British troops. He notes that the British are very fond of Canadian tobacco.

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