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## The Editor's Corner

### TOWN FINANCES IN GOOD SHAPE

The Auditor's Report for the Town of Georgetown has now been printed, and copies of same are in the hands of P. B. Harrison, at the Municipal Building. Whether or not the town has had a good year should be and is, a matter of personal concern of every taxpayer in the town. It is our money that is being handled, and the reports are printed for the one purpose—so that you can see how every cent of it is being invested or spent. A copy is yours for the asking.

During the year outstanding taxes were reduced by \$7,334.59, and outstanding water rates reduced by \$824.00. The auditor comments: "The continued reduction in tax arrears resulting from the changes made in the method of collecting is very gratifying and the Tax Collector is to be commended. It is hoped that there will be no let up in this collection effort as the tax arrears in Georgetown still appear unnecessarily large." Victory Bonds owned, less bank loans remain, were increased by \$18,000.00. The Debenture debt was decreased by \$23,071.60.

On the other side of the picture we find that cash in bank declined by \$7410.06, and debentures due and not paid increased by \$2532.42. The claim against the Arena increased by \$836.79, and the Housing Commission Sinking Fund was drawn on at time Victory Bonds were purchased to the extent of \$2540.76.

The town has a small operating surplus on current operations, plus an accumulated surplus which until last year, had not been available for use, being frozen in the form of uncollected taxes. The liquidation of these taxes has left the town finances in a very healthy condition. H. A. Lever, Chartered Accountant Auditor comments: "The statements disclose another year of progress in the affairs of the Town and I congratulate the Council on the results obtained."

### THE TUNISIAN VICTORY

After the see-saw of the Tunisian campaign, and after having our hopes of a speedy victory dashed so many times by belated but telling counter blows and advances by the Axis, we have finally pushed the foe to the sea, and victory is ours. Overwhelming Allied air and naval superiority will make it impossible for the Axis to evacuate more than a few of the men from their rapidly shrinking toehold on the African continent. We will have avenged Dunkirk.

With the mopping up of the African campaign, the European war of large-scale combat will begin. Many months of intensive training have prepared our men in England for the big fight, and they are more than eager for a show-down. The battle will not be on our land, but on that of the enemy. Italy will have to pay a dear price for her dreams of an empire by easy conquest.

Experience is the best teacher. The African campaign has given us an army of well-trained troops, hardened and seasoned, to form the spearhead for the difficult task that lies ahead. Experience has also taught us the full value of the devastating effect of air power in preparing the way for attack. In the African campaign it was used on a scale heretofore unthought of, and with unparalleled success. Troops that have been blasted out of one strong point after another cannot retain all their fighting quality, and not even the strongest fortifications can avail against continuous bombing.

It was by a happy coincidence that the race to reach Bizerte and Tunis ended in a dead heat for the British and American armies, for both have deserved first-class honours in the fighting.

### HEARD IN PASSING

Life in a nutshell "Heard in Passing" by a reporter of a leading American Daily:  
 "An' I says to him, 'Well, I don't pay no 50 cents a dozen for little bitzy oranges like . . .'  
 "Absenteeism? Well, whatyuh gonna do when there's no work ready and the other departments a week behind?"  
 "My Johnny told him off. What if you are a Sergeant?" he says . . .  
 "The time I get home I don't feel much like digging, but I'm going to dig anyhow!"  
 "What with taxes an' all, there'll be no vacation for us."  
 "When th' Italians find out Rommel's run out on 'em . . ."  
 "Aw, Alice, Ensigns is a dime a dozen."

## "As We See It"

By J. A. Strong

PERHAPS, you, too, hear criticism, at times, of some of our organizations that have put on drives for funds. With this thought in mind we wondered if you might not be interested in this quotation from a letter from overseas: "The Red Cross certainly do good service for the boys in the hospital over here. The YMCA look after us in this camp and are OK. After the war I know that I will not mind forking over a ten spot, once in a while to those societies for they sure give us value over here. It is they who put on most of the movies that we see and the free shows in camp. They are all amalgamated with the Legion, Knights of Columbus, and are all OK. It would never do if we didn't, at times, have knucklers and the same rule applies to boosters. Somehow we think that we will string along with the boosters especially in regard to the doing of the organizations mentioned above."

WE NEVER COULD find much sympathy for strikers and strikers, but when those coal miners in the United States went out we felt like joining them. We had been shovelling coal since early last fall and we had really become fed up with the job and felt like going on strike alright. But the furnace would be missed if we let it go out during those windy, cloudy days so we stuck to the job even if there was very little compensation for the work done. It has seemed to have been an extra long winter this past season and the lack of sunshine during recent weeks seems to get one depressed, however as we write these lines the outlook is much more hopeful and may be when we do get the right variety of weather it will stay with us and we may not have any setbacks. This time last year we were well set but the heavy rains that came later on didn't help the early growth very much and the ground became so hard packed that it was tough going trying to get a decent mulch after the weather did dry up. This year there is no lack of moisture in the ground and with suitable weather the growth ought to be rapid even if it is getting a late start.

THE HIGHER than usual price of vegetables this spring has been given plenty of publicity but when we read of the cold and rainy weather in Georgia, "relaying planting then drought" in Florida and extra heavy rains in California and even Boston having the coldest April in history we can easily understand the resulting short crops and the higher price. The story of course is the same right here at home. Last year we had plenty of home grown Asparagus in April and we will be surprised if we have any local Asparagus by the time that these lines appear in print. Last year we had early potatoes planted long before this and right now the ground isn't in shape for planting anything. In fact we had our plants before this time last year and although it was really early yet, the corn later took advantage of it and we would have been further ahead had we not planted it so early. It isn't the easiest thing to do, to have to wait for suitable planting weather, but there is no use in planting before the soil and weather conditions are suitable.

THE TORONTO BALL TEAM certainly picked the right day to open the 1943 Ball season when they picked last Thursday. Over 12,000 fans turned out to see the opening game and at the same time try to forget that there is still a war going on. The Toronto Ball Team, obliged the fans by beating their opponents, the Syracuse team, decisively. The weather was quite an improvement over any we have had to date and a good time was had by all. It will be interesting to notice during this season just how many times the Toronto ball team draw as large a crowd as they did on opening day. Of course if they hang on to the top rung of the standings they might surprise themselves by their drawing power.

## GLEANED FROM THE PAST

TWENTY YEARS AGO—Following is the Senior IV April examination results at the Public School:—Hon. Kathleen Barnes, Be. Minnis, pass; Daisy Whitmore, Charles Scrymgeour, Cecil Staddon, Hugo Higgins, Lorne Cave, Claude Bernside, Alice Treanor, Gertrude Clark, James Doobee, Harold Marshall, Margaret McDougall, Charlie Kirk, Mayone Holck, Violet Tedder, Charlie Wilson, Elsie Maw, Lily Leslie, Alice Parsons, Edith Francis, Beale Dobson, Isabel Cameron. Some are sorry they took ten off too soon—J. Roney is opening a store in Erin. A petition was read at council meeting from the merchants asking that the Main Street be sprinkled during the summer to stop the dust nuisance. The watering cart will be put in shape and the request granted.—Officers of the Lawn Bowling Club were elected as follows: Hon. President, Dr. Heath, president, Dr. Nickell, vice-president, O. T. McKay, B. Harrison, secretary-treasurer, J. L. Thompson, games committee, R. B. Poulis, LeRoy Dale, A. Roney, grounds committee, Dr. Heath, Dr. Nickell, Chief Jackson—LeRoy Dale was the unanimous choice of the Liberal Convention to contest the next general election for Ontario.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO—The farmers are getting well on with their seeding—A contingent of cyclists in auto were carried on the 7th Line yesterday—Rev. P. H. Wase, Mission Joseph Beaumont, B. Kirk and J. B. Wallace attended the Diocesan Synod in Hamilton this week. The death occurred in Glen Williams on May 1st of Joseph Fry after only a few days illness in his 33rd year—Harold Wheeler has opened up his ice cream parlour in Glen Williams—John R. Elliott, ex-warden of Halton and a former trustee of Equipping is an applicant for the office of sheriff made vacant by the death of Sheriff Webster.

TEN YEARS AGO—Wanted a little warmer weather—The "Blazers" is the name of Georgetown Girls Softball Team. The following executive committee the management of the Softball team: Hon. President, J. B. Mackenzie and Harold McCune, president, Wellington Greenward, vice-president, Ralph Tripp, manager, Wm. LeRoy, coach, H. Sheppard, secretary, A. Park.

FIVE YEARS AGO—Snow storms today made it realize summer is not here yet. Georgetown Horticultural Society now has a membership of 115. The Church Society elected officers as follows:—Hon. President, A. MacLaren, president, Wilfred Leslie, vice-president, S. T. Parson, Secretary, Madeline Evans, librarian, Wm. Young, committee: Mrs. G. Vines, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Dunlop, Mrs. W. C. Hesse, Harry Smith, Mrs. Ed. Stewart, W. F. Dymally, Carl Brandford, Mrs. J. Short, was eldest president of Georgetown Women's Institute. The death occurred suddenly of Rose Ann Boyd, dearly beloved wife of Robt. Muir at her home John St. Mrs. J. Buck had the misfortune to fall at her home and fracture her left arm.

JUST LAST YEAR—About one hundred members of the Lorne Scots "C" Company, accompanied by the Lorne Scots Band, held a church parade to Knox Presbyterian Church last Sunday morning. A quiet wedding was solemnized last Friday evening in Grace United Church, Brampton, when Jean Eleanor Sanderson became the bride of Charles Royce. Mrs. James Lyons, Brampton, celebrated her 93rd birthday last Sunday.

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## White Collar Farmer

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 "The price of farm land has not advanced" Willoughby says, "and many farm holders are coming on the market. Properties are being examined by the Ontario Farm Land Commission, and the tendency of present prices is to go out 2 or 30 miles to buy land."

"With the stress of increased food production, both for home consumption and for shipment abroad, agriculture is very much in the limelight. Now that the government is endeavoring to cooperate with the farmers by releasing labor for farm work, an investment in farm property is entirely practicable. Good farm management is a vital contribution to the war effort and many an Ontario farm has taken on a new lease of life through the application of practical scientific farming methods."

Seven Farms Sold  
 Within three days the Willoughby office recently arranged transfers of ownership of seven farms. Four of the sales negotiations were completed in one day.

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Passenger, daily	9:24 p.m.

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Passenger, Sat. only	2:15 p.m.
Passenger daily except Saturday	6:34 p.m.
Daily except Sunday	7:59 p.m.
Passenger, Sundays only	11:59 p.m.
Daily except Sunday	12:50 a.m.

Going North

Passenger and Mail	6:40 a.m.
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Going South

Passenger and Mail	10:59 a.m.
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