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The Editor's Corner

FALL FAIR HAS NEW COMPETITION

After some discussion, last week, the Esquering Agricultural Society decided that Georgetown would again have a Fall Fair, for the 97th year. We can see nothing unpatriotic in holding a rural fair in wartime, and we know there are plenty who agree with us.

Gas rationing will not affect the attendance, for farmers in this district have to come to town to do their weekend shopping anyway, and the dates have been conveniently set on Friday and Saturday, September 10th and 11th. Fair Day is a time when folks from the surrounding district gather to meet each other, and the townspeople, to exchange reminiscences, and view with friendly competition the different entries in the fair.

Stimulation towards the production of the highest quality in all classes of farm produce, is something to be desired particularly at this time when wartime demands on our food supply necessitate the minimum of waste, be it from a poor original product or otherwise. The King's Plate was run this year in Toronto—and well, while perhaps not quite on a par with that—the horse races out at the Park on Fair day, provide lots of excitement for the fans, as well as plenty of fine form for the experts in horsemanship.

The whole program has not, of course, been mapped out yet, but there is one new feature which of necessity has been publicized well in advance of the event. This feature is the entrance of the different schools in the Township, including Georgetown Public School, in a Victory Garden Contest. Every pupil in school this year has been encouraged to grow a Victory Garden at home.

The Agricultural Society has a fine executive, and an enthusiastic Board of Directors. We're looking forward to a bigger and better Fair than ever this year.

ON READING

With many a long lonesome evening to fill in, after the children are put to bed, many women whose husbands have gone to war are turning more and more to the entertainment found in a good book. A good number of these busy mothers have never before had time to explore the delightful pastime of reading, and after the war we predict they will not want to drop it. Once a taste for books is acquired, a whole new world, practically without boundaries, is spread out before you. There is only one drawback to this hobby, we've found—and that is a reluctance to do anything else but read when in the midst of a good tale. This is not, however, a drawback which cannot be conquered by a little bit of good old-fashioned will-power.

We have an excellent library here in Georgetown, with good selections in fiction, history, biography, science, and drama. The section for children's books is good too, and there are plenty of books which the child who likes to read can enjoy. Not to be forgotten either is the selection of the finest periodicals published, to be found on the library reading tables.

New books are constantly being added to the shelves and we hope before long, to have a short review of the additions as they come in.

FORWARD MARCH

The "Garden Brigade" armed with spade, rake and hoe, trailing seeds in its wake, is on the march with a full complement this spring. Nearly every bit of available land in town, suitable for a garden is being put to use. Those who haven't a patch of land at their disposal are either renting a plot, or have kind neighbours who offer them a corner of theirs. Some lucky ones got their land seeded before everything was too water-logged and growth has been exceptionally rapid.

To the new "recruits" in the brigade, we would like to point out a couple of things they might overlook. First, aim to grow vegetables which have the highest nutritional value. Spinach, squash, carrots, and tomatoes are all high in vitamin content, and are comparatively easy to grow. Choose a garden site which receives full sunlight. Shade from buildings and trees is objectionable. Soil filled with tree roots should be avoided, since these roots will absorb plant food and moisture from the soil at the expense of the vegetable crops. Any average soil can be made to produce vegetable crops, but the weeds must be kept in check. When you are sowing the seed, sow only enough to ensure a good

GLEANED FROM THE PAST

TWENTY YEARS AGO—Mr. Fred Hill who has completed a four year course at Ontario Agricultural College, left on Tuesday to accept a position on the staff of the Agricultural College at Winnipeg. Thomas Roberts has disposed of his barbering business at the Station Hotel to Frank Golden who took possession June 1st. While scoring at the ball game, Creelman's vs Bankers at High School on Monday evening, Mr. W. B. Doby, superintendent of Creelman's Limited, had the misfortune to have his leg fractured when a base runner collided with him. The annual meeting of the Halton Prohibition Association was held in the Methodist B. B. room, Milton on Friday. President E. H. Cleaver, K. C. Burlington, presided. (This next item might be timely)—We received from a friend the other day one of the best recipes we have yet tried for making home-brew. Here it is: "Chase a wild bull frog three miles and gather up the hops to three add 10 gallons of tan bark, half pound of shallock, 1 bar home-made soap, half rod barbed wire and boil 14 hours strain through an I.W.W. sock to keep from working, add 1 washpiper to each pint to give the bark, pour a little in the sink and if it takes the enamel off it is ready to bottle."

FIFTY YEARS AGO—Inspector Dwyer paid his official visit to the public school on Monday. Contractor Mackenzie has started work on the erection of the new filling station at the corner of Joseph and Queen Sts. The Georgetown Bowling Club have added a "horse-shoe pitching" court in addition to the bowling greens. At the meeting of the High School Board held on Friday last, Mr. L. F. Curtin, B. A. of Port Hope was appointed an additional teacher in the school. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McMurphy spent the holiday in B. Falls. Rev. Dr. Dicks and Mr. Alex. McLaren left by motor this morning to attend the Hamilton Conference which opens today in Zion Church, Brantford. The following officers were elected to head the new re-formed Chamber of Commerce: President H. R. Minnis, vice-president A. McLaren, Treasurer J. B. Wallace Secretary Walter T. Evans.

TEN YEARS AGO—Mr. Joseph Gibbons has moved his barber shop to the Gibbons Block, next to Erwin & Goldham's Meat Market. The Misses Helen Williams, Bubbles, Brill, Bernice Hughes Shirley Laird Dorothy Webster, Margaret Erndley and Norah Cleave, pupils of Miss Beth Weyms' School of Dancing, motored to Toronto last Friday and took part in the Annual Dance Festival given in Margaret Eaton Hall. The remains of the late J. W. Dudley were interred in Greenwood Cemetery last Friday. The president of the Local Council of Women, Mrs. J. B. Mackenzie, was elected as delegate to the National Council of Women to be held at Calgary, May 29th to June 2nd.

FIVE YEARS AGO—A wedding was solemnized in the Brampton Salvation Army Citadel on Saturday, when Miss Olive Delena Carter, became the bride of William H. Reve, of Georgetown. Mr. and Mrs. E. Lewis Hartwell, of Pittsburgh, were in town today attending the funeral of the late Albert D. Toat. Early Saturday morning Morris Baxx, proprietor of the Georgetown Creamery, reported that thieves had entered his building and that \$75 worth of cigarettes and tobacco was stolen. A reputation from the High School Board presented plans to Council for an addition to the school. Wm. Collier of Georgetown, running under the colors of Gladstone A. C. Toronto, took part in the Decoration Day road race at Buffalo on Monday. Collier clipped 29 seconds off the record for the course.

JUST LAST YEAR—The main part of the Council meeting was taken up last night with a lengthy discussion on the proposed widening of the paper mill road. Miss Etta Claridge passed away last Sunday morning, May 31, at her home on Charles St. Mrs. Mark Maw, pioneer Georgetown resident, died suddenly at Brantford last Thursday, May 28. St. George's Church of England was the scene of a quiet wedding last Saturday, May 30th, when Pearl Jane Leslie became the bride of Fusiller Clarence Kennedy. D. Brill was elected president of Georgetown Lions Club.

stand of plants, and where possible, sow in long rows. Consideration must be given to the amount of shade cast by taller growing plants. Tall plants such as corn, staked tomatoes and pole beans, should be planted to the north side of the garden.

Your small backyard garden can produce a lot of useful salad crops for immediate summer use; crops for home canning and crops for cellar storage to be used in winter. Once started, carry your garden through to a successful conclusion. No need to point out the financial advantages of such a procedure. It's lucky for us that seed, fertilizer, spray materials and tools are still available, but we can't afford to waste them. So to the Garden Brigade we would not only say "Back the Attack", but "Forward March to Victory."

"As We See It"

By J. A. Galloway

LISTENING to almost any newspaper these days, and by the way most of us listen to too many of them, the thought occurs, what will the newscasters and commentators find to talk about when the war is over. So often we hear the same comment upon some item of war news repeated several times by the same station. During the last war most of the news that we received was by newspapers and we seemed to remember the details much better than we do in this war. Hearing the same news several times seems to make it of less importance than it might be if we just heard it once or if we had read it just once. Recently there seems to have been a scarcity of important developments in regard to the progress of the war and we are apt to become satisfied that it may be all over before long. Another angle is that we hear of raids dropping several thousand tons of bombs and we soon expect to hear that every raid is of that huge size. We often hear the opinion expressed that the war will be over this year and while we hope that it may be so, yet it actually looks as though the road ahead will be pretty tough and it is difficult to see anything else than the worst part of the war still to be fought.

VICTORY GARDENS seem to be all the fashion this year according to the city papers and the weather hasn't been any too kind to the owners of these gardens. The idea of course is the encouragement to grow one's own vegetables and it looks like a good idea. While the successful gardener will likely appreciate the fresh vegetables, yet they often wonder how those vegetables are sold at such ridiculously low prices on the regular market. The city person who is used to a city salary will think that with the amount of work that they have put in on that victory garden those vegetables ought to be worth their weight in gold almost according to city standards. Coupled with the amount of work that a career requires on an ordinary year in the real earth this year that requires so much more attention in order to get decent results. Besides, muddy shoes and soiled clothing and hands there are the muddy tools to be kept in shape for clean work. We wouldn't be surprised that the operator of a victory garden this year gets a new slant on the difficulties that are very familiar to the man that tries to make a living off of the soil.

WHILE AT THE MOMENT it may seem foolish to mention touring, yet one of these days new cars will be available and plenty of gas to make them go and touring will likely again become fashionable. No doubt flying will take the place of touring to a certain extent after the war is over but there will still be plenty of motor car enthusiasts who would think flying gets you there too fast altogether for sight seeing and there is nothing like a car drive to get a real idea of the country through which one might be driving. Most of us would like to be able to drive up to Alaska on the new Alcan Highway when that trip may be possible for civilians but for a real trip that may be possible after the war, how would you like to drive from Alaska right down to Cape Horn which as you know is located on the southern tip of South America. At present the road is not completed all the way but there only remains a gap of 1200 miles and when that gap is completed it will be possible to drive the full length of the two Americas and of course that would include Central America as well. The full distance is 15,404 miles and that would be quite a drive in anybody's life, we would imagine. In thinking of a drive of that kind one has to keep in mind that we would have to come back again making the total drive double that length. On a long drive of that kind through interesting country it is a good idea to keep in mind that it is likely that we would just pass this way the once so, we would likely decide to see everything of interest as we went along. The 1200 mile gap mentioned above that is still to be completed on this long highway lies in the following countries: Mexico, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Columbia and Ecuador, but work is going on all the time in these countries mentioned, thus shortening the gap. We thought that when we drove to the Pacific Coast back in 1927 that we had taken quite a drive. The round trip amounted to 7,975 miles and that wouldn't compare with a trip

from Alaska to the south of South America scarcely at all. We need to often recommend a trip to Banff for honeymooners after we had been out there ourselves and still recommend it. But for a real long honeymoon drive for the future we will be suggesting the all American drive from the Arctic to the Antarctic.

WORK OF 60 YEARS

LOWY BY GRASS FIRE In the spring it is a good idea to make a general clean-up around the buildings and as often as not, advantage is taken in many localities to burn the dry grass around the houses and along the fences and roads. When this is done, great care is necessary. A small grass fire under control may be a useful weed-kill, but unfortunately as has happened in the past, it may become a demon of destruction. A small grass fire fanned by

an unexpected wind may become a roaring furnace beyond control, bringing disaster in its trail.

"Only last spring," says Oscar Allan, Supervisor of Inspections, Dominion Experimental Station, Lennoxville, P. Q., not far from Lennoxville, a farmer who had lighted a small grass fire left it to go to dinner. Shortly afterwards a passer-by rapped at the door and told the farmer his verandah was a fire. The family rushed out, but it was too late. The farmer lost his house, his barn, his shed, his implements, and all his personal effects. He was heard to say "There, that is all that is left after 60 years of work and one moment of carelessness."

If it is necessary to burn grass, every precaution should be taken to avoid accidents. Before starting the fire, care should be taken that the surroundings of nearby buildings have been swept clean, and that there is no danger of the fire reaching the woodlot or the bath uncontrolled.

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