

**"As We See It"**

By J. A. Sprague

(Intended for next week)

EDUCATION SEEMS to be in the news these days and no doubt there will be many changes made in the present method of teaching in the near future. Of course the three main subjects commonly known as the three R's, namely, Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic will still be taught as we fall to see how anyone could get along without them. Of course if we were unable to read or write, but how could anyone do without being able to read or write these days. Of course they could listen to the Radio and possibly could get something out of the Punnies but outside of that they would be lost we would imagine. But the other subject, Arithmetic would be difficult to get along without in almost every line imaginable. We could neither dig nor build without some knowledge of feet, yards, and inches. As a general rule the male of the human species is more familiar with feet, inches or rods or miles than is the female. The female is more familiar with the unit Yard than we are and of course this is easily understood. The ladies use the term yard in connection with cloth with which they often work while the men use the term feet or inches or rods or miles in so many different connections daily. Those of us who are older still remember quite distinctly the poems especially that we used in the school readers of our day and we often hear those same poems referred to so often on the radio both in our own Canadian broadcasts and in the programs that are used south of the border. We often wonder if the reading matter that is in use in the school books of today will become as well known as are those old poems. The old Third Book was full of those well remembered poems. Some of them are as follows: Lucy Orey, Farmer John, The Old Arm Chair, Abou Ben, Adam and the Angel, After Blenheim, Bruce and the Spider, Jack in the Pulpit, The Gray Swan, The Village Blacksmith, Binger on the Rhine, Burial of Sir John Moore, The Burial of Moses, and last but not least John Gilpin, and of course there were many others. Of course, the fact that we memorized those poems is the main reason that we remember them so well, however many of the lessons in prose seem to be almost as familiar today. One of those that we recall was entitled "The Emperor and the Major". As it had to do with Russia we might as well recall the story. The Emperor Alexander while travelling in Russia arrived in a small town and decided to look it over. He was alone and dressed in civilian clothes. Following a street he came to the end of it and didn't know whether he should turn to the right or to the left. Noticing a man standing in a doorway he enquired of him which road he should take to get to Kaluga. This man was dressed in uniform and was smoking a big pipe. In fact the lesson describes him as having an air of dignity almost ridiculous. He answered the Emperor shortly "To the right". The Emperor asked him if he might question him further and enquired as to his rank in the army. The answer was a command to "Guess". The Emperor said Lieutenant, and the answer to this guess was "Up", the next guess was Captain, and again the answer "Up". Then followed the guess Major and to this the haughty man replied "At last". At this admission of rank the Emperor is reported to have bowed low in the presence of such greatness. However the Major must have thawed a little by this time and we find him now interested in the rank of his questioner so he starts the guessing contest by classing the Emperor first as a Lieutenant and then followed the variety of handmade materials for sale, was tastefully decorated with lots of beautiful embroideries, rugs and hand-painted furniture. In one display were coats of homespun locally tailored, yard goods and suits.

One item of special interest was a six pound fruit cake, beautifully decorated and donated by Mrs. Brill, a member of the organization, for the benefit of the Red Cross. Tickets were sold to the amount of \$18.85 and the lucky number fell to Mrs. Joe Cox.

An article by H. G. L. Sprague of Winnipeg, which we reprint, gives evidence of the growing popularity of the handloom and we of Georgetown are pleased to be among those who are carrying on the good work.

**Hand Loom Weaving**

Eighteen months ago the Searle Grain Company started sponsoring weaving classes throughout the province. To date a total of 46 classes have been either completed or will shortly be completed. About 600 rural women and girls have been taught to weave at these classes. As each class finishes the weavers form themselves into a weaving circle. These weaving circles then carry on the good work, and have also in view the object of teaching their neighbors and other women and girls in their district. Many of the circles are now engaged in the loom work.

150 looms have already been purchased by the weavers and more are being purchased week by week, and all these looms are in active use turning out the most useful and beautiful hand-woven materials.

An estimate has been recently made



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IT WAS FAIRY LAND around here when we awakened last Sunday morning with the trees covered with soft wet snow. In fact we wouldn't have been surprised if Santa Claus or Mother Goose or The old Woman that lived in the shoe had stepped out of the hedge right before our eyes. Had any of the gang appeared we would have thought that the picture was complete. But we had to be content with the fairy like surroundings. The snow stuck to the trees until the afternoon when it melted away. Maybe the fact that Santa Claus had put on his annual big parade in Toronto on Saturday had something to do with it. He may have figured that with the gas shortage we wouldn't be able to go to see him in the city so he sent along this fairy land spectacle as a sort of an appeasement for us.

**Arena Operated for Present by Town Employees and Voluntary Help**

**MAYOR GIBBONS**

A special meeting of Council was held last Monday night to deal with matters pertaining to the Arena. Mayor Gibbons presided, with Reeve Brown and Councillors MacDonald, Hall, Bradley, Thompson and Lyons present.

Messrs W. F. Bradley, Everett Cole and Ed McWhirter, representing the Georgetown Cemetery Board, were present to discuss with Council the management of the Arena. Evidently this board had been misnamed years ago and should have been called the Board of Parks Management, and as such would be responsible for looking after the arena. At the last meeting it was made clear that if the present Cemetery board did not feel it wanted the added responsibility of looking after the arena, it could resign as a body, and then be reinstated as a Cemetery Board only. The Cemetery Board decided that they would follow this course, and their resignation has been handed in, but no action has been taken by Council as yet.

Mayor Gibbons impressed upon all present the urgency of the matter and said that there must be ice in the arena this winter for skating at all costs. The delegation expressed their sympathy with this desire, but stated that they, as a board, did not feel qualified to undertake the management of the arena. They realized that it played an important part in good clean recreation for the youth of the town and felt that every effort should be made by the town to keep it open this year and succeeding years. The delegation then retired to give Council an opportunity to thrash the matter out.

After much discussion, it was decided to have the town employees do the preliminary work on the rink, and to contact different organizations in town to see if they would be willing to help out in some way. In the meantime several of the councillors said they would go down and lend a hand.

The Mayor had received a letter from the Brampton Council in appreciation of the fine job our Fire Brigade did in their town in fighting the Royal Hotel fire. They asked if there was any charge for the service, and if not, they would like to make a donation to the firemen.

A letter was sent in reply, stating that the municipality made no charge for this service.

Council adjourned to meet again on Tuesday, December 7.

Spr. Fred Warnes wants to know if there are any home town boys at Belaswaka, where he was transferred in September for advanced training. We can't think of any off-hand, but maybe some of our readers can oblige Spr. Warnes at A.S. No. 5 Coy.

that these prairie weavers have already woven the equivalent of 5,000 yards of material 45 inches wide, which fabrics have been made into bedspreads, blankets, curtains, tablecloths, towels, hangings, rugs, scarves, handkerchiefs and clothes for men, women and children.

The prairie women who have learned to weave, it seems, have become greatly interested in creating their own particular combinations of designs and colours, indicating that with all women there seems to be an instinctive desire to surround themselves in their homes with beautiful things.

During the ten years Joseph Gibbons has been mayor of Georgetown, he has proven himself, not only a good leader, but likewise a first class civic administrator. When he assumed office as mayor, ten years ago, the town was financially in bad shape. Debt, taxes, and the amount of unpaid taxes were high. No bank could or would honor the paper of the town.

The mayor knew there was only one way to get the town out of the mire: to steer a course of retrenchment, debt paying and workable system of tax and water rate collection. He followed this course in a wise way. To have tried to do everything at once would have been unwise, the town's bankruptcy would have followed in a short time, as we could see in many another town. Instead of this, Mayor Gibbons patiently piloted the frail craft through dangerous and annoying rocks and shoals of politics, high flying schemes and other difficulties. Gradually, he succeeded in lowering debt and tax rate, in collecting unpaid taxes, in preventing new debts. At the same time he promoted reasonable improvements like the lighting system of Main Street, paving of certain streets, repair of sidewalks, garbage collection, etc. Consequently at present Georgetown is a better town than it ever was before.

In doing all these things Jos. Gibbons showed himself to be a true democrat. He respected the other fellows' opinion even if he did not agree. He followed the desires of the citizens and executed these— if it would not harm the town. But when he knew from his intensive knowledge of town affairs that certain wishes were contrary to the benefit of the municipality, or would deteriorate the position of Georgetown, wild horses could not budge him. As I see it, he felt that the most attractive town to live in is the low-tax town. That is where industry wants to establish itself, that is where consumers get the best value for their money, that is where farmers will come for their needs. He knew that it was not high wages or big profits that created prosperity, but rather that which one can buy for one's dollar is the acid test. The consumers, so often forgotten by statesmen and economists, ranked high with Mayor Gibbons.

Several people have expressed their sorrow that something was not done at the nomination meeting, to express our appreciation and gratefulness to the retiring mayor. Appreciation for the ten years of hard work and service, rendered practically without remuneration. There are many of them.

In the name of these citizens, I beg to thank you, Mayor Gibbons, for all you have done for the town. We realize that many a man was given honor for less achievement.

May your rest from Municipal affairs improve your health. May you and Mrs. Gibbons enjoy it to the full. You have been a good mayor. Nobody can gainsay it and what is more, nobody wants to gainsay it.

A. G. M. BRUYN

"Curly" Wheeler, R.O.A.F., Victoriaville, Que., spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wheeler.

Et. Lt. Kenneth Mackenzie of Aylmer paid a short visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mackenzie last week end.

**"AB" WELK WRITES**

We've been meaning to pass on to readers the contents of a nice letter we received in September from A. C. Welk, former manager of the Bank of Montreal in town. "Better late than never" as the saying goes, so here is what "Ab" has to say about his new home.

"This is a very pretty place, ideal in the summer time. Our home, owned by the Bank, is situated on the banks of the Trent Canal, surrounded by large lawn and lovely trees and at one end of the lot I have a Victory Garden. The people here are very friendly and make one feel at home. The principal industry is of course catering to the summer visitors and these run into the thousands. Fishing has been quite good and I have managed to get a few. Mr. McCullum, father of your hydro superintendent, and his genial wife, have been most kind to us. They live just across the street. We have enjoyed their motor boat quite often. Mr. McCullum is an expert fisherman and on the 1st of July we caught five lovely maskinongs.

I can safely recommend Fenelon Falls to any of your friends who may wish to spend a holiday in the countryside. The town boasts one of the best municipally owned hydro plants in Ontario. Each year profits from its operation to the extent of \$8,000 are paid to the town. You may be interested to know the present rates: they are for the first 60 kw. rate is 03, the next 1 1/2 - 1 1/2 and thereafter the rate drops to '10'.

**MRS. DAVID BROCKELBANK**

Another one of the old families of the county passed away on Wednesday of last week, Mrs. David Brockelbank of Arthur.

She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hovson, whose maiden name was Mary C. Hovson and was born near Hornby on the Eighth Concession. After her marriage, Mr. Brockelbank taught school at Hornby and Ashgrove for a number of years before moving to Ferris and Arthur.

The Navy League Collection at the School this week amounted to \$29.30.

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To the Ratepayers of Georgetown:

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KENNETH R. MacDONALD

**Thanks**

TO THE RATEPAYERS OF WARD I

To my nominators and the Ratepayers of Ward I, I wish to express my sincere thanks for the acclamation accorded me as Councillor for 1944. During the coming year I will endeavour to merit the confidence placed in me.

Season's greetings to all.

GARFIELD McGILVRAY