

THE GEORGETOWN HERALD

Seventy-Seventh Year of Publication.

Wednesday, August 9th, 1944

\$2.00 per Annum; 5c per Copy

Some Ratepayers of Opinion School Area Question in Esqueping Should be Revived

During the past few months much time has been expended on a proposed school area system for Esqueping Township. Nassagawaya had already tried the system, and proved its advantages, and a number of school sections in Esqueping thought what was good for Nassagawaya was equally as good for Esqueping. Meetings were held in the various school sections and School Inspector Skuce was present at these meetings to outline the proposed plan.

However, when the final vote was taken it was found that 8 school sections favoured the idea, and 10 voted against the plan without giving it a trial. As a result Esqueping is the only Township in Halton County which has not adopted the School Area System.

In an issue of the Farmer's Advocate early this summer, an informative article appeared after a writer had interviewed the Area System in Mono Township, Ontario's largest school area. This article is reprinted below in order that this information should not be lost, should the proposed question be revived as a number of ratepayers have so expressed.

THE WEATHER

It might be said that a varied lot of extremes marked the weather last week. On Friday evening and early Sunday morning we had two very severe electrical storms, the first accompanied by a gale of wind that wrecked trees in some parts of the town, and both by heavy rainfalls. Thursday and Friday were also the hottest days of the year, when the temperatures in the shade reached 92 and 93. After the heat wave and storm we have had ideal weather to make life enjoyable, although the mean temperature for the week was 73.5 degrees slightly higher than the second week in July, the other hot spot this summer.

Following are the local records:

Date	H.	L.	Rain
Tues. Aug. 1	82	57	fall
Wed. August 2	87	61	
Thurs. August 3	92	61	
Fri. August 4	93	69	30"
Sat. August 5	85	70	
Sun. August 6	71	64	88"
Mon. August 7	74	53	

Those first board meetings lasted till two in the morning. I had to hire a man today to take my place at seeing. We are all getting to know one another well in this township.

So went the talk of the trustees as two cars sped up and down the hills in picturesque Mono Township, Dufferin County, where they have the largest of the larger areas of school administration in Ontario. Twenty school sections are included, though two or three of these are temporarily closed for lack of pupils. This Area is in the experimental stage and next fall the voters will make the final decision. Far be it from us to foretell election results, but we do feel sure that the larger area will continue its service to the district. Dufferin now has two larger areas, the other in East Garafrasa.

On a sunny day in May when all the hills were clothed in those first tender greens, the Mono trustees made their annual tour of inspection of school properties, at the same time interviewing teachers and sometimes signing contracts for the coming year. "The Farmer's Advocate" went along and got a most revealing insight into all the details which are in the hands of these careful and enthusiastic trustees. This year Ernest Dodds, R. R. 5, Orangeville, is chairman and Harold C. Cruickshank, R. R. 4, Orangeville, is secretary treasurer, Trustees are Russell McDowell, Rosemont, who was first chairman; Laurence Barber, Rosemont; John Woodland, R. R. 5, Orangeville; and James M. Hand, R. R. 1, Orangeville. W. L. Lovell, Inspector of Schools in Dufferin County completed the party.

There is no doubt about the enthusiasm of inspector and trustees for this system. "I expect the township area will become universal in Ontario in the next few years," said Mr. Lovell, echoing the thought of interested minds, including Premier George A. Drew, and Dr. V. K. Greer, Chief Inspector for the Province. When the Area was organized there were board meetings that lasted for hours as the members made a conscientious study of all the local conditions and backgrounds. Now well into their second year, they see many tangible results and many additional values as neighbours draw closer together in work for the good of all. Dufferin is a county with intense local loyalties and these communities have a fairly long history. Dates over the doorways of schools take us back to the 1860's and 70's and doubtless there were those who felt some reluctance to change a system grown familiar. But experience here, as elsewhere, shows that the more loyal the community the more firmly rooted its tradition, the better it cooperates with others. Strong communities are not timid about launching into new paths, and they take stability for granted.

This school area is particularly interesting because of its size. There has been a belief that eight or ten schools made the ideal group for administration. But in Mono Township they can handle their twenty excellent results, and they are working out their system to conform to their own conditions. For one thing, they plan that of the five trustees, two will come from the northern part, two from the south and one from the middle; and that each trustee will have special charge of four schools, keeping in touch with the teacher and visiting frequently. As we went from school to school it was evident that the children know their trustee and welcome him. In addition there are the group inspections and on this day the task of the trustees was to inspect all school properties and equipment.

These schools are almost all built of

red brick, substantial and attractive. They are being painted and decorated, those that need it most getting first attention, and once shipshape the trustees feel that it will be simple to maintain them in good repair. Some buildings are quite old and need rather extensive repairs, and such modernizing as extra windows. In common with most schools, except the very modern they have the fault of windows on opposite sides, making a cross light which is hard on the eyes. In time it may be possible to give them windows on one side and one end, but meantime most of the rooms are bright and well lighted, and when some of the dark ceilings get the coat of light paint now promised them, the room will be bright indeed. Heating is by furnace, with one of two exceptions, and the tidy piles of wood standing to season before storing in the woodshed promised warmth for winter days.

Just two schools have electric lights but all are to have electricity in due course, and in this the trustees are thinking not only of the children but of the value of a warm, well lighted building for meeting and other neighborhood uses. In this connection one thinks of the schools now standing idle here and there in Canada because of lack of pupils. In these larger Areas the idle schools are cared for and good uses may be found for community buildings such as these while waiting for the return of a youthful population that will fill the little seats again and people the grounds once more with playful children.

Pianos, and one or two organs, are found in these schools and at least one piano was bought by the Board for a school which lacked this important item. Miss Florence Johnston, A.T.C. M., who lives on a farm near Orangeville, is employed by the Board as teacher of music, and she visits each school for a forty minute period each week. In June Miss Johnston plans to hold two school festivals, one in Camilla and one in Mansfield.

The hot lunch each day is another fine feature found in nearly all the schools and warmly supported by the Board. They allow \$1.00 per pupil per term to teachers serving lunch, and this makes it possible to plan interesting meals and to do some simple teaching in household science in the process. One school has a hot meat dish once a week, and at another the mothers take a keen interest. Last winter they took turns in providing a hot meal once a week. The teacher planned a hot dish of meat and vegetables for another day, and hot soup for beverage supplemented the food brought from home for the three remaining days.

Pair libraries are found here. The Board spends \$10 a year on the library and \$5 on primary supplies for the little children—plasticine and such aids to beginners. All can borrow from the Department of Education, and here much depends on the enthusiasm of the teacher. A few schools had work benches and instruction in wood working, a subject enjoyed very much by the boys. Several had the boxes of sand now so much used in social studies, for making models of geographic detail, good maps and such matters. The Board approves the daily health routine conducted by the teacher which is a simple inspection of clean hands, care of the teeth, and encouragement of health habits. As soon as possible this Area hopes to have adequate health service.

School gardens are not a feature in this district, but all the schools have good playgrounds and a general air of neatness and care. In time there will

(Continued on Page Eight)

Allen-Cripps Wedding Lovely Saturday Event

Baskets of multi colored gladioli adorned the Georgetown United Church on Saturday August 5th, for the marriage of Alva Margaret Cripps, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cripps of Georgetown and L.A.C. Robert E. Allen, R.C.A.F. of Toronto, B.C., only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Allen of Acton. The Rev. R. C. Todd officiated. Given in marriage by her father, the bride was gowned in white silk jersey designed with long panelled torso, full skirt and sweetheart neckline. Her fingertip veil of white embroidered net fell from a halo of seed pearls and orange blossoms and her cascade bouquet was fashioned of crimson roses and bouvardia. The bridesmaid, Miss Norah Cleave of Georgetown wore powder blue tulle with sweetheart neckline and long full skirt. Her head dress of blue veiling and matching flowers was arranged in snood effect and she carried a bouquet of pink roses and bouvardia. The groomsmen were Bandsman William Long R.C.N.V.R. stationed at Prince Rupert B. C. Kenneth Harrison played the wedding music and during the signing of the register Miss Mary Moyer sang "Oh Promise Me" Ushers were Robert and James Burns, all of Georgetown. At the reception, held at the home of the bride's parents, Mrs. Cripps received in a frock of French blue crepe with black accessories and corsage of pink gladioli petals. She was assisted by the groom's mother, wearing navy crepe with white accessories and corsage of pink gladioli petals. For travelling the bride donned a suit tailored in putty beige garbarine with chartreuse blouse and hat and brown accessories. Following a trip to Northern Ontario, L.A.C. Allen will return to his station at Toronto and Mrs. Allen will reside in Georgetown.

Boys' Band at Cedarvale School

An entertainment of unusual interest was held last Thursday evening on the spacious grounds of Cedarvale School, when the Boys' Band under the direction of Mr. Carter rendered a program of music. The program was a splendid demonstration of Mr. Carter's training and each number showed the future possibilities of the boys.

When darkness fell a sing-song was enjoyed by all. This was followed by the girls being guests at a most enjoyable and rare treat of a "welter roast".

Words of appreciation were expressed by Mrs. Houston, Supt. of Cedarvale School and replies were made by Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Carter. The entire evening was one of great enjoyment and to Mr. Carter and his Band goes the sincere wish that attainment of great success will be theirs in the future.

ASHGROVE

The Young People had charge of the regular Church Service last Sunday morning, with members of the Y. P. S. in the choir, and Miss Joy Ruddle as organist. The service was led by John Bird, president of the Y. P. S. and Ward Brownridge read the Scripture Lesson. Mrs. Chester DeForest rendered a lovely vocal solo. The guest speaker was Mr. Gordon Hume of Milton, a candidate for the United Church Ministry. He gave a splendid address, pointing out how the spiritual enlightenment of the world must keep pace with the material and scientific development if we are to escape another war.

Pte. Louis Reed, C.W.A.C. of Woodstock, visited with her sister, Mrs. Geo. Wingfield, last Sunday.

Miss Marjorie Ruddle of Toronto, and Miss Ismay Kean of Rockwood were weekend guests with Joy and Betty Ruddle.

Mr. Geo. Coyne of Toronto visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ruddle last week end.

Ralph Hewins of Stoney Creek is spending a week with his aunt, Mrs. Walter Brownridge.

Mrs. Maurice Dixon of Toronto visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Graham last week end.

The regular meeting of the W. I. will be held Tuesday, August 15th, at the home of Mrs. Russell Hepburn. A good program is being arranged by the Junior girls.

Community sympathy is extended to Mrs. Walter Thompson, of Toronto, who has received word that her youngest son, Lieut. Clarence Thompson, was killed in France, on July 21st.

Government controls and regulations can go only so far to keep prices down. The rest is up to each and every one of us.

Capt. Lynne A. Wilson Is Wounded in Arm

Captain Lynne A. Wilson, R.C.A.S.C., attached to a Canadian armored division, has been wounded in the arm in France, on July 25, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Wilson of 87 McRae Drive, Leaside. The Wilson family are former residents of Georgetown.

A letter dated July 29 from Capt. Wilson to his parents said that he was in Caen. "It is an awful mess, but the French people are delighted to see us," he wrote. Prior to the war he served with the Lorne Scots, and when war was declared he immediately went active. He has been overseas since November, 1942.

Former Ashgrove Boy Lt. C. F. Thompson Killed in France

Word has been received by his mother of the death in France, on July 21st, of Lieut. Clarence Franklin Thompson, who was fighting with the Sherbrooke Fusiliers Armoured Regt. Born in Georgetown, Ontario, the second son of the late Walter Thompson and Mrs. Thompson. Later moving to Toronto he attended Frankland Public School, and graduated from Jarvis Collegiate and Victoria College. Prior to enlisting, he was employed with the Bell Telephone Co. He received his commission at Brockville, and went overseas in August 1942.

He was a member of St. Barnabas' Church, Danforth Area Surviving are his mother of 86 Clendenan Ave., Toronto and a brother, Victor of the R.C.A.F. in England.

The sympathy of many friends in the Ashgrove-Georgetown district, goes to the bereaved family and relatives in their loss.

Alliance Team Heads Local Softball Loop

Some interesting games have been played in the local Softball League, and the Alliance Mills entry is at present leading the field with Glen Williams in second place.

LEAGUE STANDING

Teams	P	W	L	T	P
Alliance	8	5	1	2	12
Glen Williams	9	4	4	1	9
Smith & Stone	7	3	2	2	8
Terra Cotta	7	3	4	0	6
Provincial	8	3	5	0	6
Norval	7	2	4	1	5

Scores of Games Played since last reported.

July 21st—Smith & Stone 22, Provincial 11, Alliance, 9, Norval, 6.

July 24th—Alliance, 22, Norval, 15; Smith & Stone, 20, Provincial, 9; Glen Williams, 13, Terra Cotta 8.

July 28th—Alliance, 11, Smith & Stone, 7; Terra Cotta, 8, Provincial 5; Norval, 4, Glen Williams, 10.

August 1st—Provincial, 12, Alliance 9.

August 4th—Provincial, 22, Glen Williams, 11.

August 8th—Provincial, 9, Norval, 5, Alliance, 16, Glen Williams, 14.

GLEN WILLIAMS

Miss Vera Beaumont, Miss Mary Boyd, and Miss Jessie Boyd, all of Toronto, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. Lindley Beaumont.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hancock, and Denis, spent the week end in Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Christensen, returned home on Sunday after spending a week's holidays at Shanty Bay, Lake Simcoe.

Miss Evelyn Robinson spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Manser in Cheltenham.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Allen were visiting in Toronto and St. Catharines during the past week.

Mr. William Scott of Gait, was a visitor last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fry.

Mrs. W. Bennett who met with an unfortunate accident while motoring to Wasaga Beach last Saturday week, was able to leave Collingwood hospital on Thursday. She returned to her home on Sunday.

Mr. W. Bennett, Mrs. Robert Mc-Master and Mrs. Harry Compton, spent a week's holidays at Wasaga.

Sgt. Gordon Graham, has returned to Terrace B. C., after spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Graham.

Miss Astrid Christensen spent a week's vacation at Wasaga Beach.

Mrs. Platt of Oshawa is spending a holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McMenemy and Mrs. Nell Cummins of Guelph was a week end visitor at the same home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hepburn, Molly, Bob and Maureen spent a week's vacation at Kashi Lake, Muskoka.

Mrs. Albert Presswood and Ruth

Lions Carnival Next Week To Be Outstanding Affair

Active Service Notes

L.A.C. Ronald Latimer, of Centralia, has been home on two weeks' furlough. W.O. Horace Hurley has returned to Dorval, after spending a leave at his home here.

Cpl. Peter Bessey, stationed at Maitland, N. S., is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Bessey.

Chief Cook Alf Collins, of the Merchant Navy arrived home on leave last week, after having been ten months at sea. C.C. Collins has visited many parts of the world including the Middle East and England.

A former employee of the Burlington, Gazette, Pte. Anson Camp, has been wounded in France in action around Caen, according to word received by his mother in Burlington, Pte. Camp went overseas in 1943.

Pte. Lieut. W. S. "Bill" Lindner, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lindner, of Norval, arrived home last week from overseas on 30 days' furlough. Bill is a member of the R.C.A.F. and was slightly wounded in action last February.

Congratulations are in order this week for Douglas Sargent who has been promoted to the rank of Flight-Lieutenant in the R.C.A.F. Pte. Lieut. Sargent has made many trips over Germany and enemy territory, and his promotion dates back to May.

Former pastor of St. Paul's United Church, Brampton, Capt. T.W.F.G. Andrews has been given an important educational post in the University of Toronto Extension Department. Capt. Andrews will be in charge of the organization and administration of all education courses for returned soldiers.

A press despatch from Italy gives the information that Cpl. Robert Murdoch of Milton was in command of a tank which did well at a vital phase of the battle of the Gustav Line. Cpl. Murdoch is a son of Mr. Andrew Murdoch, Milton, and a nephew of Mr. J. H. Murdoch, Georgetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Clark received word over the week end, that their son, F.O. Leslie Clark was back in England. F.O. Clark had the fortune a few weeks ago to fly home from overseas and spend a couple of weeks with his family. He is with the R.A.F. Transport Command.

Calling the Secretary of the Soldiers' Comforts Committee, F.O. Leslie Clark, who had returned from overseas, expressed his and the appreciation of the boys and girls overseas to the Committee for the wonderful work they are doing in sending cigarettes and other comforts. "No words of mine can tell how much these gifts are appreciated by the fellows over there," said F.O. Clark.

Sergt. Air Gunner Donald Hillmer had a narrow escape when a bullet struck his cigarette case while on flying operations over enemy territory, according to a letter received by his father, Deputy Reeve C. V. Hillmer, of Oakville. "A bullet, evidently with my initials on it, struck the case," he wrote. "I am sorry to say it is no more. It shook me up a bit, but I'm O.K. so don't worry. With luck like that I'll be all right."

DATES OF FALL FAIRS ANNOUNCED FOR EVENTS OF DISTRICT

The Department of Agriculture has compiled a list of Ontario Fall Fairs for 1944 and the following are the dates of interest in this district.

Brampton—Sept. 2 and 4.

Elmira—Sept. 1, 2 and 4.

Fergus—Sept. 8 and 9.

GEORGETOWN—Sept. 15 and 16.

Orangeville—Sept. 12 and 13.

Acton—Sept. 22 and 23.

Ancaster—Sept. 22 and 23.

Arthur—Sept. 26 and 27.

Caledon—Sept. 29 and 30.

Cooksville—Sept. 28 and 29.

Milton—Sept. 29 and 30.

Aberfoyle—Oct. 3 and 4.

Bolton—Oct. 13 and 14.

Erin—Oct. 7 and 9.

Grand Valley—Oct. 3 and 4.

Markham—Oct. 5 and 7.

Rockton—Oct. 7 and 9.

Streetsville—Oct. 7.

Woodbridge—Oct. 7 and 9.

spent a week's holidays in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Hooper of Toronto were week end visitors at the home of Mrs. A. Presswood, and Mrs. N. C. Hooper and Miss Dorothy Hooper, are spending a week with Mrs. Presswood and Ruth.

Mr. and Mrs. George Allen, spent a week's holidays at Owen Sound.

Thirty-five Girl Guides from West Toronto are in camp at the 10th line, on the farm of Mr. J. Bacon.

ENTIRE PROCEEDS TO BE USED TO BEAUTIFY LIONS PARK LOT.

An event that deserves the support of all citizens will be the Lions Club Carnival to be held on Friday evening of next week. At this particular time there is only one reason why your support is solicited—it is a community project—the building and beautifying of the Lions Park lot on Water Street. Georgetown is greatly in need of a central park, a place for the weary traveller to rest; a spot for a band-shell; a playground for the kiddies. The Lions Club, with your support, hope that this may be achieved in the near future. Already much time and money has been expended on this project.

Friday of next week "those roaring Lions" are all ready to take the town by storm with a Carnival that will far outdo anything you have seen this season. With the weather favouring the event it will be a night no one will want to miss.

The program will open with the music of the Lorne Scots Band, followed by a free show of entertainers. Bill Davies, ventriloquist; Charlie Jackson, comedian and Lou Rayne, English Comedienne. What a lot! It promises fun for all.

Then there will be the Jitney dancing with Doris Hulls' Orchestra, and bingo with unusual prizes purchased from carefully selected stock; games of all kinds; refreshment booths, etc. Tickets are already in circulation for a draw for one ton of coal, and on the "big night" a grand draw will be made for a new bicycle from tickets sold on the grounds.

Plan now to attend and watch next week's Herald for further particulars.

Bad Accident on Road to Glen Saturday Night

A bad accident took place on the Glen Road last Saturday night, when Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hadley were both struck by a car while on their way home to Glen Williams. The force of the impact hurled the victims into a 6-foot ditch. Dr. R. T. Paul was called and attended the injured couple, later having them removed to Toronto General Hospital, where it was found Mrs. Hadley was the most severely injured. She had a possible broken arm, cuts and abrasions. Mr. Hadley was allowed to return home.

The car involved was driven by John Harris of Acton, and is said to have had defective lighting equipment. When struck, Mr. and Mrs. Hadley were walking facing the traffic, the car coming up from behind them. Chief W. G. Marshall and T. O. Ray Mason investigated. A charge will be laid.

PEEL COUNTY LACROSSE LEAGUE FINAL STANDING

The Norval Senior Lacrosse Team placed fourth in the final league standing of the Peel County Lacrosse League. However all teams will go into the play-offs, which are now well under way.

STANDING

Team	Won	Lost	Tied	Pts.
Ingleswood	9	1	0	18
Nortonville	6	4	0	12
Caledon	4	4	2	10
Norval	3	4	3	9
Reserve Army	4	6	0	8
Cheltenham	1	8	1	3

On Monday, Aug. 7th, Reserve Army met Nortonville and Ingleswood took on Cheltenham, while on Tuesday, Norval, was at Caledon.

F.O. Wm. Skelton Loses Life Overseas

Georgetown friends and acquaintances of the Skelton family will regret to learn that official notice has been received by his mother, Mrs. J. M. Skelton, that her youngest son, F.O. William Hugh Skelton (SIB), lost his life during flying operations on July 27, at Orlerton Park, Shropshire, England, where he was taking his training as a fighter pilot. The aircraft, of which he was the sole occupant, collided in mid-air with another aircraft. His funeral took place at 11.00 a.m. on July 31st, at the Blacomb Cemetery, Blacomb, Cheshire, Eng. The Skelton family were residents at "Wildwood", Georgetown a number of years ago, and Bill was just a boy when they left this district. Mrs. Skelton now resides in Guelph; a brother, Moore, is overseas, another brother, Douglas, and a sister, Mrs. Frost Campbell, reside in Toronto. The heartfelt sympathy of many old friends is extended to them in their sad bereavement.