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# The Editor's Corner

#### ABOLITION OF HOMEWORK

It does seem a shame indeed, when one attends school all day they must still attend it at night. That is what homework amounts to: school, night and day.

We are supposed to learn our lessons in school and yet at the rate homework is piled on, it seems we might learn more out of school.

People will say "you should do it after school." Well, even if one does attempt it after school one is not likely to finish, and will still have to continue after supper. This might be all very well for those students who are interested in nothing but study, but what about those who like to go out once in a while? They, if they are conscientious about their schoolwork, and try hard to succeed are torn by the desire to go out and the threat of homework.

It always seems that when there is a special movie on, or entertainment on the radio, we have extra homework. To make matters worse each teacher who assigns homework doesn't think that another has also given us some, and each expects the students to have their's learned.

As for homework on week-ends, after all one may wish to go away for the week-end. Unfinished homework in that case may somewhat spoil a visit.

If pupils could do their work in school instead of at home they would not be apt to find school quite so distasteful, and there would be less misery all around.

-Betty Booth

#### SOME CHANGES ARE NEEDED

As one of the present students of Georgetown High School I am advocate of the erection of the oft proposed addition to the school, after the war. At present the facilities are inadequate to say the least. One thing lacking is extra space for study periods. The seniors are permitted the use of the office, but it is very distracting to others to have to try to study when another class is going on in the same room.

Georgetown has many young people interested in athletics, but during the winter it is hard to carry on anything on a large scale because of the lack of space. The girls' physical training class has to practice its gymnastic tables in the front hall, which besides being very draughty is too small to allow the girls to maintain a double arms distance without hitting either of the walls. We are ashamed to ask other school teams up here because our high school comes out so poorly by comparison. Some of the towns are smaller and not nearly as progressive. With Commencement less than a month away we are again faced with the problem of accommodating the people that show the interest in the school affairs. Last year many were turned away but it is a major problem to be coped with and I don't envy anyone the task.

Vocational guidance has been introduced this year, but here there is only one course you can takeacademic. When such a small percentage graduate, (there are five in fifth form who started high school five years ago) the other thirty-seven or so who made up the original class have failed to go on to senior matriculation. Would it not be better to teach what the majority need and must go elsewhere to get. For instance the number of girls who go out of town to take

commercial courses is very great. Georgetown is progressive along other lines; Why shouldn't it be along educational lines? In past days Georgetown was one of the first communities of its size to have a high school, but it seems to have become lost along the way. The present citizens would seem to lack the enterprising spirit of former citizens or Georgetown would have better educational facilities. Education is necessary to the citizens of to-morrow. For the part they must play why not see to it that the future citizens have every opportunity in the educational field that a town can give?

-Joan Main.

#### **OUR TOWN**

A most attractive and enterprising little community is being neglected. Many of us who live in Georgetown do not fully realize just how nice a place it is and how much nicer it still could be. We have lived here for most of our lives, and are quite content things just as they are.

It is very true that wartime Georgetown has herself worthy of her fine reputation. Her war effort of men, materials, and money, her amazing share in this conflict.

er, after the war let us see to it that we win a model one. How nice it would be to

have a beautiful public park with facilities which could be enjoyed by young and old alike, or an auditorium, or paved and properly finished streets. One improvement we must have is the remodelling of the High School, which is in much worse condition than most people realize. In these days we realize as never before, the need for education, and the great handicaps suffered by the uneducated persons. This in itself is reason for the finest school facilities.

Let us individually take a deep interest in our town that is to be, so we can truly feel proud of its achievements.

#### **GEOGRAPHY AND CURRENT EVENTS**

-Margaret Bradley.

Recently, at various educational conferences held throughout Canada, there has been a great deal of discussion about the advisability of having more classes for geography and current events in our high schools.

Through various quizzes and polls conducted in many Canadian schools it has been found that far too many pupils know very little of our own history, while nevertheless they are brilliant students in Ancient and Mediaeval history.

A prominent American journalist remarked a short time ago that it is too bad the average American citizen knows so little about Canada. It is a much. worse state of affairs when Canadian citizens themselves are not well informed in facts about their coun-

If the courses of study for some other high school subjects could be cut down and the time thus saved given over to discussions on current events, Canadian geography and history it would cetainly do much to improve this situation.

Let us hope that in the near future our own province will take some action in this matter.

-Ross Petch.

#### **FAMILY TRANSPORTATION IN POST WAR** YEARS

After the war there will be new and improved machines for the family's comfort in moving from place to place. Newer, better and lighter cars will appear on the market. They will be very light compared with the cars of today; thus using less horsepower to run them. They will take less gasoline, making them more economical to run. The seats of cars will fold back to form beds, when the family takes long

Or if you don't want to drive a care buy a helicopter. When you want to go shopping or go to the theatre in the next town, just hop into your helicopter and fly there. The helicopter can land and take off vertically, a fact that should clear up parking troubles. For longer trips use your family aeroplane and within a half an hour you would be one hundred miles on your way.

Of course many ideas of planes and cars are still just things to dream about, but before very many years they will be realities and the cars and planes of today will be as out-of-date as the horse and buggy is -Bill Ostrander. now.

#### THE WORLD GOES TO SCHOOL

In this age, when the greater part of the world is engaged in a life and death struggle, education seems to have reared its head higher than usual.

Although the attendance at High Schools and Colleges has decreased since the beginning of this war, students seem to realize, more than ever, the privilege of going to school. This privilege is impressed on their minds by the fact that their friends are giving up their ideals, to fight for the freedom we love.

From the commonest labourer to the highest educated business man, earnings have been increased. This enables more and more children to attain a higher education.

The opening of war-plants offers the mass of uneducated people a better chance of learning new and useful occupations.

News broadcasts, highlighting the allied drives, help the listeners acquire a knowledge of world-wire

events. Citizens young and old are pouring over maps, learning the locations of cities and countries, hitherto unheard of.

All in all, the world seems to be engaged in education of one sort or the other.

-Mary Kirkpatrick.

#### THE IMPORTANCE OF SPORTS

Sports are not regarded as part of the curriculum but only as something which may or may not be done. A period each day in the fall and spring should be set aside for outdoor sports. They develop your muscles and the exercise gives you an appetite. Sitting in school all day listening to lessons and thinking is bound to get monotonous. If there was a break when you could go out and relax for a while you could work muchbetter when you come in. Aside from this you learn to play fairly and take what's going good-naturedly. Games between different teams or schools arouses a gay school spirit which is very necessary to school life. In winter there are not any sports facilities, but a brisk walk would be refreshing and a change. So let's see more encouragement and participation in sports in future. The organization of a sports committee at the beginning of the fall term would be a good way of being sure of plenty of organized games.

-Mary McClure.

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