

**VICTORY AIRCRAFT STAFF TO BE CUT BY 2,000**

Ottawa, Jan. 10—While Victory Aircraft at Malton has orders running through well into 1946, staff between now and the end of April will be reduced from 6,300 to 4,300, it was learned recently.

The production program will continue on Lancaster bombers, and for the next year, or longer, it is anticipated that employment can be held at the 4,300 level.

From authoritative sources there is a blunt denial to allegations by union spokesmen at the plant that the Crown company is attempting to cut wages by offering to hire back personnel if they will accept reduced classification.

**Placing Men in New Jobs**  
It is stated here that the union has been fully advised of the personnel plan, and is participating with company officials and national Selective Service in the placing of laid-off staff members in new jobs.

None need be out of employment, Selective Service Director Arthur MacNamara said today that there are jobs in the Toronto area of a high priority rating that would take care of the entire 2,000.

Required urgently in Central Ontario plants are draftsmen and tool designers for work on new United States Government orders, and more specifically in rubber plants in Toronto and Hamilton.

**THE CASE OF THE FOOL-PROOF ALIEN**

When flames swept the bungalow, with this victim inside, the killer was hundreds of miles away. A perfect alibi, but a lake rose and rose and fell and brought the slayer to justice. For details, see The American Weekly with this Sunday's (Jan. 21) issue of The Detroit Sunday Times. Get The Detroit Sunday Times every week.

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**LOCAL NEWS**

—The first holiday of the new year will be Easter, which this year falls on April 1st.

—Miss O. Chant, of Kirkland Lake, is the new school nurse for Georgetown, Aton and Milton, and has commenced her new duties in the schools.

—Remember the dance at Ballinafad hall, Tues., Jan. 23rd. Bloombury Orchestra. Admission 5c.

—Several of the storekeepers have again put their neon electric signs into use again.

—Phoenix House reminds you that Valentines for overseas should be mailed by Saturday. Our rust-craft cards are most acceptable.

—Don't fail to see Oakville and Georgetown Lorne Scots hockey match at the Arena to-morrow night.

—Keep Tuesday, Feb. 13th, open for the Navy League Concert in the new Oddfellows' Hall. Particulars later.

—Another robin has been seen in the district, this time at Limehouse where the red-breast was eating frozen cherries from a wild cherry tree.

—The next Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic will be held on Wednesday, February 7th. Watch for particulars.

—The Local Council of Women will hold their annual meeting at the Municipal Building on Friday, January 19th, at 3 p.m. All members and affiliated members are urged to be present.

—Mr. Charles Galtzell, Provincial Superintendent of Art, visited the Public School in Georgetown, spoke to the pupils and displayed work done by pupils in arts and crafts throughout Ontario. His object was to increase the interest of the pupils in this type of school activity.

—The Young Normal Bachelors will hold a dance in Norval Parish Hall on Friday, Jan. 19th. Overland's Orchestra. This is the postponed dance which was to be held on January 8th.

—Names may still be phoned in to the committee for the Marathon Echre to be held in the Oddfellows' Hall, under auspices of Verdun Rebekah Lodge No. 184, Georgetown, on Thursday, Jan. 25th to run for four consecutive Thursday nights. Individual scores. Cards to start at 8.30 sharp.

—Renewing her subscription to the Herald, Mrs. H. G. Clark writes: "I look forward to receiving the Herald with all the old town news from week to week and wish you continued success." Mrs. Clark formerly lived in the house on Queen Street now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Scott and is now residing at 28 Major St., Toronto.

—Mrs. Arthur Ashmore, a former Georgetown who now resides at 319 Jones Ave., Toronto, renewed her subscription to the Herald this week. Apologizing for her delay in renewing, Mrs. Ashmore tells how difficult it has been to get around in Toronto with 20 inches of snow on the level, which is considerably more than we have had in Georgetown. It's certainly something new for Toronto to be snow-bound.

**LIMEHOUSE**

The first regular W.M.S. Meeting of 1945 was held at the home of Mrs. A. W. Benton on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. E. Sanford read the prayers and Mrs. S. Gaby gave the paper on the life of Dr. Ida Scudder. Text word: "Love" was answered by a verse of Scripture. The treasurer reported that the objective for 1944 had been reached. Mrs. Mitchell offered to hold a tea for the Scott Mission at her home. Thirteen ladies attended the meeting.

Communion services were conducted by Rev. C. C. Cochrane at Limehouse on Sunday.

Mrs. A. W. Norton has been visiting in Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble spent Sunday in Georgetown with Mr. Scott and Miss Pearl Scott.

Mr. Brock Miller, of Swastika, spent Sunday with the Miller's and Mr. Lane.

**MILTON**

The twelve-roomed frame house on the farm of Mr. Albert Anderson at Lot 12, Con 7, Nassagaweya, was completely destroyed by fire early Monday morning. The fire was just above Campbellville.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred O. Snow received a telegram on Dec. 28th stating that their son, Corp. Delbert Snow had been wounded in action in Italy. Pte. E. E. Zimmerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Zimmerman, Milton, who was wounded while serving in Italy.

Nominations for councillor for the Town of Milton, caused by the death of the late Stanley Buck, was held in the town hall, with the following being nominated: H. Dewar Thompson, Victor Norris and John Rush.

The tennis court on Main Street has been made into an open air skating rink and is being well patronized by many skaters. The arena is still partly filled with bales of wool so it looks like very little hockey in Milton this year.—Champion.

**New Provincial Grants**

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current revenue on the erection of building or the providing of equipment and furniture. These grants are also limited to 95% of the approved cost and the approved cost is limited to \$300 per pupil in average attendance.

The above may to the lay reader appear to be rather complicated. The average ratepayer will want to know what effect will this new grant scheme have on my tax bill? What effect will it have on the schools of Ontario? In what way will my pocketbook and the schools of Halton County benefit from this new grant scheme? Here are some practical results:

**Local School Tax Reductions**  
One important result of the Province assuming fifty per cent of the over all cost of education as compared with some twenty per cent in 1944 will be a marked reduction in local school taxes; provided that boards of trustees keep expenditures within reasonable bounds and do not greatly exceed expenditures for 1944. If boards or trustees were to go on a spending spree simply because the Province will pay half the bill, then the whole primary object of this step would be defeated. The first objective is to decrease the local taxes on real estate for education. This can and should be done by the co-operation of all concerned.

The increased grants will more nearly enable every community, even the poorest community financially, to provide for every Ontario child as

nearly an equal an educational opportunity as possible.

The increased grants will lower the cost of high school education for county pupils. This is because high school boards are required to deduct all legislative grants from their gross costs, in determining the net cost to be paid by county and township councils on behalf of county pupils attending high schools. This will lower the high school costs levied through county rates on farm properties and should enable more rural pupils to attend high schools for longer periods.

Since the Province will now pay 50 per cent of school costs, it will not be necessary to continue the special grants on equipment and accommodation payable by the Province and the County. This will mean a saving to the county. This may apply also to transportation costs and fifth classes.

**Fuller Programme of Studies**  
As the grants become operative, every school will be expected to provide a full programme of studies of both obligatory and optional subjects together with an ample supply of books and equipment for teachers and pupils.

Soon it may be reasonable to expect every public school to be teaching music, manual training, home economics, agriculture and the arts and crafts. Every school will be expected to provide an ample supply of books for use by pupils and teachers.

Since township school areas will now receive substantially increased grants in addition to all other grants, a rapid extension of township school areas may be expected. Ratepayers in sections not in township school areas will be well advised to ascertain just how much greater the grants would be had their section been in a township school area.

Since all school expenditures are subject to approval before grants can be assured, there should be the closest understanding and co-operation between the school board and the inspector in each case. It is reasonable to assume that it will be the duty of the inspector to make certain that adequate educational facilities are being provided before recommending the payment of the grant. Boards are strongly urged to get in touch with the inspector before undertaking increased expenditures.

Any rapid increase of school expenditures in 1945 will defeat the main purpose of the grants and will give the Province difficulties in meeting grants on the 50% basis in future years. The first accomplishment in 1945 must be a major reduction in local school rates and then a very moderate use of the increased grants towards more and better equipment and improved school buildings and school grounds.

Local interest in education must not be allowed to decrease because the Province pays so great a share of school costs. The best guarantee of a world worthy of those who are paying for it with their lives, is the continued interest of the people of the locally in an efficient school system. Interest in local schools must be maintained. Without local interest in

schools, progress of the highest type is impossible. Every ratepayer should study carefully the tables outlining the new grants. Every citizen worthy of the name, will make a real effort to understand what this great step forward in school finances means to him and his locality.

Equality of educational opportunity for every boy and girl, and a fair distribution of the burden of school taxation are much more nearly realized in this new, equitable and comparatively simple grant scheme; but this can only be realized by your continued interest.

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**CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY**

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