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The Editor's Corner

THE BLESSINGS OF PEACE

It is with a feeling of deep humility and thankfulness that we write our first peace-time editorial. World War II has ended, much sooner than anyone dared hope, and the armed might of Italy, Germany and Japan has been crushed—pray God, forever. Now the long road back begins for the world—the road which is littered with millions of bodies of friend and foe, of those who shared in an evil design for the enslavement of the world and of those whose courage and steadfastness gave their life's blood to crush this design into the floor of time.

What of this world to come, and the peace which we have so long looked for? Is it to be a true peace which will last past our lifetime and into future generations, or is it to be ephemeral and lead to another war twenty or thirty years hence which may well wipe mankind from the earth? World War I brought a foretaste of future war with its tanks and aeroplanes. World War II has made full use of these and in its closing stages has introduced the atomic bomb—a man-made creation which makes use of the energy of the universe to destroy.

Never before have the world's statesmen and citizens been entrusted with such terrible knowledge, which must be controlled and safe-guarded. Men like Hitler have shown that they are capable of pulling a whole nation into the depths in their insanity. Perhaps in some future day, there may be men even more evil, who will dream of destroying a whole world. It is against such possibilities that we as individuals and nations must unceasingly struggle, must keep an ever-watchful eye. We must forget our private, national and international greed and selfishness, for above all things it is selfishness which can lead to war.

If we are to rebuild this shattered old world into one which can fully enjoy the blessings of peace—make use of atomic energy, of aeroplanes, radio, machinery and manpower, for constructive, not destructive purposes—we must make ourselves worthy of these blessings by trying harder to see each other's viewpoints, to have a little more "give" and a little less "take" in our spiritual make-up, and to chose our leaders wisely and demand their every energy for world peace.

DOES GEORGETOWN WANT SEWERS

In a month or two the ratepayers of Georgetown will be asked by Council to vote on an important question—whether a sewage system will be installed, or whether we shall continue in the old way of cesspools and septic tanks. In the next few weeks we hope to write a series of editorials, summarizing the situation as we see it and giving relevant data contained in the report of an engineering firm hired last spring to make an estimate of the cost.

We do sincerely hope that every ratepayer who has an idea, either for or against the installation will take the opportunity of expressing his views publicly by writing a letter to the editor. If he is bashful about publicity, it is quite in order to use a nom-de-plume, provided his own name is furnished to the editor as an evidence of good faith. The question of a large capital expenditure is one which taxpayers cannot lightly deal with and one which demands an intelligent and informed approach. It is necessary to balance the cost against such advantages as better sanitary conditions, an unpolluted stream which will beautify the town, and less private expense for installation and maintenance of individual disposal of sewerage.

We must ask questions and demand answers from those in authority. Will sewerage benefit every home? Will it help the poor drainage in many sections of Georgetown and do away with wet cellars? Is the proposed system adequate to care for the needs of a town of 3000 population? Of 4,000? Of 5,000? Will the stream nuisance be taken care of and industrial waste disposed of in some other way? What method of financing should be adopted if the vote passes? These and many more such questions must be asked and answered in order that we can intelligently decide on how to vote on the by-law.

The Medical Officer of Health is writing a series of articles in letter form, the first of which appeared in last week's Herald, and the second in this issue. Read these carefully, discuss them with your friends and make a decision as to how you feel about it. A reproduction of the engineer's plan appears in this issue. Study it carefully, see whether it adequately serves your property and if not, bring it to the attention of the Council and the M.O.H. Be prepared to attend a pub-

lic meeting before voting day, well-informed about all the details of the plan and ready to offer constructive criticism on changes and improvements.

If we all make this effort, we shall then have made a rational decision by voting day, and the majority vote will tell in one way or the other whether sewerage is needed or unnecessary in our town. Now, let's see those letters pour in!

YOUR PRIZE LIST IS READY

The official prize list for Georgetown Fall Fair, which will be held this year on September 7th and 8th is off the press and copies are being mailed this week to all members of the Esqueving Agricultural Society. Those who have not received a copy by mail may secure one from the secretary, any of the directors, from one of the three Georgetown drug stores or at the Herald office.

The 1945 prize list, announcing the 99th annual fair sponsored by the society, comprises 42 pages of information about the fair. The smart blue cover features a picture of Dr. Paul Beer's fine Holstein herd, particularly fitting to a district which excels in dairy production. Elsewhere in the booklet are three pictures of last year's Fair, showing the Girls' Pipe Band, sheep and Holstein judging. They are reproduced by courtesy of W. E. Nodwell, secretary of the Board of Trade, whose camera is ever-busy recording scenes of interest around town and who promises to be in evidence at this year's fair to get more "shots" of the big doings.

Highlights of the program this year will be the Lavoie Midways, the Girls' Pipe Band, harness and road races, high jumping, and the usual first-rate livestock exhibits. \$63 in prize money is offered in the Halton Boys' Swine Club show, and the Victory Vegetable Garden display, open to Georgetown and Esqueving school children, should once more be a big attraction. Mr. Nat. Guthrie, of Toronto, is again donating prizes for the baby show which is always one of the main features. Another "special" is a handicraft contest, sponsored by the Ontario Travel and Publicity Bureau, while the Halton Women's Institute are offering prizes for work displays by Junior and Senior Institutes in the county.

We advise anyone interested in exhibiting at the fair to get their prize list immediately and study the various classes. Let's make the 1945 fair the tops in a long history of success.

HARVESTING EMERGENCY

We have been asked by Mr. A. Maclaren, director of the Ontario Farm Service Force, to draw the attention of readers to the great need that exists for help in harvesting late fruits and vegetables this year. Elsewhere in this issue is an advertisement giving full details of the plan and a coupon to fill out and mail to the Parliament Building in Toronto.

Parents and teachers are particularly urged to agree to let students remain out of school for this critical period, to help on the farms. The Minister of Education has requested that pupils who are enrolled in schools which are not closed during September and who, during the summer holidays were employed in essential agricultural work, remain at their work during September. In fact, any student whether previously engaged in farm work or not, who is willing to work on a farm during the month of September, has been given permission to remain out of school for that month.

This will be the last harvesting emergency we will have to meet this year and thousands of tons of valuable food stuffs can be saved if we all pitch in and support the Ontario Farm Service Force.

BALANCE OF 1944 INCOME TAX DUE 31st AUGUST, 1945

Taxpayers are reminded that any balance of income tax on 1944 incomes is due on 31st August, 1945. To be sure that there will be no error in accounting for your payment, complete the remittance form provided below and mail it with your remittance to your District Inspector of Income Tax.

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