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The Editor's Corner

HOUSING DEMANDS ATTENTION

Having just completed a long search for a home, culminating in the purchase of one into which we hope to be able to move with our family in the near future, we feel qualified to state that Georgetown's number one problem at the present time is housingwith a double capital H. It is a problem which has been building up over a period of years. The causes, no secret to anyone who has even remotely considered the issue, are very simple—a number of new families have moved to town without any corresponding removal of Georgetown families to other centres, and local building has not been able to keep pace with this, due to shortages of labour and materials. It is a situation which is facing dozens of municipalities, large and small, in Ontario and is not particularly unique with us. It is a situation, however, which because it affects our citizens, our town and more particularly our young service veterans who are beginning to flock back home, is one which must be brought to the fore, talked about, a solution devised and acted upon immediately if we are not to encounter serious difficulties in what we have come to call the "reconstruction period".

Our suggestion to municipal authorities is this -that a meeting of Council, Board of Trade, factory and union heads, builders and all interested citizens be called—that a committee be appointed to study the whole situation, make a survey of Georgetown's housing needs, particularly as it refers to returning servicemen and their families, and that a course of action be decided and acted upon immediately to assure these men and their families of a place to live, temporary or permanent, when they begin their rehabilitation in peace-time employment. This is surely the least that can be done by a community which has boasted for six years about how many of its young men were willing to offer their lives to make a safe world for us to live in.

THE WEATHER MAN SMILED

With a sigh of relief, we awoke last Saturday morning to see clear skies and a sunny day for the 99th annual Fair sponsored by the Esquesing Agricultural Society. The last week before fair day is always an exciting one, particularly these last few years when the the secretary has been our printing foreman; and we have seen at first hand just how much work goes into making a country fair the success that this one was. And when a whole year's work is so dependent on the weather-man, it is no wonder that weather reports are consulted so anxiously, and that not only the secretary. but everyone remotely connected with the fair has his fingers crossed for a clear day.

If anything, on Saturday the weather was just a little too perfect, and while we humans sweltered in the heat good-naturedly, fate dealt harshly with some of the exhibitors in the swine class, whose prize animals succumbed to an overdose of sun. It was a tragedy which was unforeseen and unavoidable and the sympathy of fair-goers was all with the owner of the unfortunate animals.

We do not hesitate to proclaim this year's fair an unqualified success, to congratulate the executive, directors and all those who helped to make it so, and to start already to look forward to a bang-up centenial show next year. We understand the Board of Trade would like to co-operate with the Fair Board in sponsoring an Old Boys' Reunion, so looks like something really big is inthe air.

SHOULD WE HAVE USED IT?

The question of whether we should have used the atomic bomb for the complete destruction of a city and the indiscriminate killing of men, women and children, is one which is being debated in hundreds of articles in newspapers, magazines and periodicals. That it is essentially wrong to kill innocent human beings cannot be denied and yet war itself is so essentially wrong and when thrust upon peace-loving nations has so many ramifications that the rightness or wrongness of the atomic bomb becomes hopelessly entanged. It is a fact that the principles for argument against its use had been abandoned long before Hiroshima and that the atomic attack was worse only in degree than other bombing which we, and the enemy, had carried out.

We incline to the opinion that when nations seek by predatory means and brute strength to enslave free peoples and upset the world, that any means which will shorten war and save innocent lives, particularly among our own citizens, is justifiable. It is true that lives of Canadians and of Georgetown boys have been saved by a quick end to the Pacific war. That it had to be done slaughtering Japanese civilians is regrettable but preferable.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Almelo Holland, 30845 B70458 L|Sgt. Hoare, R. M. B Coy, Lincoln & Welland Ret.

The Editor: Greetings once again from the land of the clompers and rain. If we four or five good days out of the month we are doing well at the present time. We are still living in tents in a bush which is very uncomfortable, to say the least. However, we are moving between Amsterdam and Hilversum within a fortnight in the area formerly occupied by the 1st Div., have started for home, as you probably already know. We shall be here for the winter and part of next spring from all reports.

Before I go any further I would like to put the damper on a few rumours that have been going around Ontario concerning my Regiment. The rumors originating in the St. Catharines papers stated that we would be home in six weeks which is all wrong and I daresay there won't be any units of the Fourth Armoured Div. home as a unit within the next six months, unless something speeds up terribly fast. Our Regiment has been Erin have moved into Mrs. Leslie told definitely that we won't get home till next spring. By the first of the year I expect there won't be anyone funeral of the late Hamilton Lyone of a few army personnel.

Everything is organized to perfection in the 4th Div. both for entertain- Eaves has gone to St. Michael's Hosment and education, and all the troops pital for treatment. We all hope that are having a good time. I have had he will be able to return home much two twelve day leaves to England in improved in health. the last four months and I thoroughly we celebrated my birthday together, also enjoyable time. Since then, Bob has got posted to the Mr. and Mrs. J. Stanbury and famidorn which is only about fifteen mile Rutledge's house on the Town Line, from where I am here in Almelo, and formerly known as the Stringer homewe expect to see one another quite stead often in the future.

night and ran into Slim Cook and Harold Mooney from Acton, and of course we had quite a conflab for the

I still get the Herald quite regularly and I like to read it although I must say it makes me a little homesick to read about all the fellows getting home. I hate the thought of spending another winter in the wet country but there is nothing we individuals can do about it. We go home when the unit goes home, unless you have enough points, which I am a little short on.

I would like to take this opportunity of saying hello to all my friends the dedicatory prayer. Mrs. Cecil in Georgetown and those who have been writing, keep it up as I will be here a long time yet. I expect to spend Wheels." a lot of time this winter playing hocmuch better than that.

I must signoff for now and thank you very much for your paper.

really enjoy it. Yours sincerely. REG. HOARE.

TERRA COTTA

Mr. and Mrs. Howlett and family of Icam's house on Church Street,

A number from here attended but 4th Div. troops in Holland outside Friday afternoon and report a very

We are sorry to learn that George

A number of our citizens attended enjoyed myself . I spent both of them Geogetown Pair on Saturday afternoon with Brother Bob, and on the last one and report having an interesting and

continent and at present is in Appel- ly of Erin have moved into Mr. J. E.

Fall wheat seeding is now the gen-I was up to our brigade club last eral order of the day.

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The regular meeting of the W. M. S. key and I can't think of anything was held Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 4, in the Sunday School room, with the president, Mrs. T. Giffen presiding. The roll call was answered with thought on temperance. Mrs. F. Ruddell conducted a very helpful worship week. service and Mrs. John Bellboddy gave a splendid review of the study chapter "The Church in Burma." Mrs. George Nurse gave a short stewardship reading. Plans were made to hold the thank-offering meeting October at the home of Mrs. E. M.

the Readhead, Lowville.

of the W.A. was held last Thurs evening at the home of Mr. and ! C. B. Dick. Chames and a social were enjoyed on the lawn, after w

kinch was served. A sing song brot a very pleasant evening to a close Pte. Louie Reed, of Kingston, visiting with her sister, Mrs. Ge Wingfield, while on two weeks' Miss Irene Huffman of Toront visiting with her aunt and uncle. and Mrs. R. J. Graham.

Misses Joyce and Marilyn lough of Acton visited with their and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton son recently

Mrs. Stanley Gowland spent a days last week in Bramoton at home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McOl Miss Enid Shore of Woodbridge week end guest at the home of and Mrs. Frank Wilson.

LAC Roy Blake, of Ottawa, Blake and Ann visited with Mr. Mrs. Frank Wilson for a few days

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