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The Editor's Corner
 A GEORGETOWN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Interest is growing in the formation of the Georgetown Athletic Association, which is to be inaugurated at a father and son social next week. Three meetings have already been held to discuss plans for the organization, with another scheduled for tomorrow night, and there have been many excellent suggestions put forth. The organization, while interested in all youth activities, will at first be concerned with athletics, with hockey first on this season's agenda. We can all recall the grand job that Gord. Alcott did a few years back with hockey among the youngsters in town and it will be the aim of the organization to emulate this. In this connection, Georgetown is fortunate in having a tie-up with the Toronto Maple Leafs in the person of Bob Goldham, who only a few years ago was one of the youngsters who learned their hockey in the local rink. Bob's advice and help we know will be freely given, for as a professional he has not lost his interest in amateur sport and loves the game whether it is played by Stanley Cup experts or a bunch of the kids from John Street.

Last summer saw a revival of interest in softball and hardball among the young men in town and here too, the Association will be able to provide equipment and coaching to encourage participation. Tennis, neglected during the war years, will be due for a revival, and basketball, a relatively unknown winter sport here, is something which we hope to see introduced. Track and field events, boxing and wrestling, tumbling and even horse-shoe pitching are just a few of the sports which could be fostered by the organization, to say nothing of Canada's national sport, lacrosse, which is popular in Norval, Brampton and other neighbouring centres.

The question of installing artificial ice in the arena is one which has come up for discussion, as well as gymnasium facilities either in the arena or in another suitable location.

The success of such an all-inclusive athletic program hinges, we feel, on the idea of a full-time sports director, as outlined in this column last week. The Association executive will have to be a group who are willing to devote their time and energy to organization work, and it will be the duty of a sports director or superintendent of athletics, to encourage every young person to take an interest in sport, see that proper coaching is given and equipment available, and encourage the public to attend games.

Financing will of course take a prominent place in the picture and the opinion so far is that one dollar membership tickets could be sold to individuals and associate memberships at higher fees to industries and clubs. Gate receipts would make up the balance of income and if the proper approach were made, the organization could be self-supporting.

There is nothing more important to a community than good health, and the public-spirited men who are behind this community athletic plan feel that in years to come, the investment of time and money will be repaid ten times over in a healthy, happy community.

GEORGETOWN VOTES WISELY

It is gratifying to know that Georgetown citizens are interested in bringing their town up-to-date and providing sanitary disposal of sewage. Last week's vote was much more decisive than even the most fervent advocates of a disposal system could have hoped for. 618 voters—roughly half the voting population—registered a seven to one opinion in favour, and Council should now feel free to immediately make the necessary arrangements for work to start next spring.

That former citizens are interested too was shown by a phone call received last Saturday morning from Mr. A. Norrington, of Dundas, who had just read the results in the Herald and said he wanted to congratulate the town on this forward step.

DON'T FAIL THIS TIME

In the next few weeks we will be called upon once more to loan our money in a Victory Loan—number nine this time and probably the last Loan which will bear this title. The war has ended in complete victory in Europe and Asia, sooner than we could have thought possible in this latter and in time to save Canadian eyes from being lost in the far corners of the

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Notion Cottage, Ashley Rd.,
 Farnborough Hants,
 England, Sept. 4, 1945.

Dear Editor,
 Georgetown Herald:
 I expect you'll wonder who is writing you, but when I explain that I have read lots of your papers in the last four or five years, you will probably understand.

I wondered if you could print my letter as a little message to the boys from Georgetown who have returned. First of all Noel Hearder and Bill Chaplin, "The one and only Chappie"—they were our first visitors from Georgetown. I just can't remember the exact order in which the others came, but we had Tommy Barnes—I think he had four Christmas days with us; Bruce Harley and his brothers Gordon and Ray; Jimmie Bick; Horace Blyth, David Ganton, Lewis Laird and Jimmie Gumbell. By the way Jimmie was in to see us last week and I think he sails for home tomorrow. I must not forget too, Albert Simson and Joe Hall. We certainly loved having the boys in, and everyone envied us our nice visitors. Someday we hope to meet them again, when our ship comes in; and we are

missing them all more than we can say. We also had other boys from other parts of Ontario, friends of the Georgetown boys, and they were always welcome. Just tell them all we would like to hear from them some time. Even tho' the war is finished, things are difficult over here, and a letter will cheer us on our way. My love to them all.

"MOTHER" PALMER,
 (D. B. Palmer)

HOPE FOR COMPLETION OF GLEN BRIDGE THIS FALL

In response to a petition signed by a number of Glen Williams rate-payers and presented at the last meeting of Halton Council, a letter has been received by Ven. W. G. O. Thompson from the County Clerk. The letter was read at the Sunday service at St. Alban's Church, explaining that the delay in completion of the bridge was due to inability to secure steel and that it was hoped the necessary materials could be obtained and construction resumed by the 23rd of this month. At the present time, traffic has been routed up the 9th Line, with a foot-path for pedestrians over the dam.

The success of a Victory Loan in peace-time is hard to measure. The unknown quantity is whether patriotism can triumph over self-interest when war does not threaten our national life and when peace-time goods are coming rapidly back on the market. The importance of the Loan is easy to explain. We still have a large army, navy and airforce to maintain and bring home from overseas, rehabilitation grants running into tens of millions of dollars, wounded and invalided veterans to care for, food and clothing to supply to Europeans, and credits to be given to Britain to aid in restoring her damaged buildings and providing food for her people.

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