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**The Editor's Corner**  
 A PROUD RECORD

There can be no criticism of the financial support given to the war effort by Georgetown district. Nine times an appeal was made to invest money in Victory Bonds, and nine times the response was magnificent. Each loan was over-subscribed, each succeeding loan was bigger than the last, and this 9th and last time citizens really went "all out" to reach the staggering total of \$950,000.

Almost a million dollars invested by one little community of four or five thousand people is a total which we do not believe can be equalled in any other district in Canada. It was 250% of the \$385,000 objective set by national headquarters—an objective which was not low in the first place, and one which, to be frank, we doubted would be reached when it was first announced.

This will be the last Victory Loan as such, and it is pleasing to the members of a committee which has worked hard to put it across, that public response was so willing. The results in community life will be far-reaching, for it shows that here we appreciate the dangers of inflation caused by wild spending and that we are in full accord with the national economic plan of saving for a happy future. At the same time we can hope that these dollar savings will help in a small way to bring Canadian servicemen home faster from overseas and re-establish them quickly in civilian life.

**HYDRO OPENS TRAINING SCHOOL**

As part of the extensive rural program planned by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission in the post-war years, the Commission has established a school for training linemen on the outskirts of Toronto. During the past three months, the Commission has employed some 150 ex-servicemen who would appear to have the necessary qualifications for and interest in this work. These men have been placed on line work in various parts of the province and, if their work is satisfactory, they will be given a course of training as soon as possible.

Last month the school was opened with a class of 25 and a further 25 will be enrolled as soon as accommodation is ready. Instructors were chosen from present Hydro employees and given a special training course as teachers. The Commission is planning to enroll men in as large numbers as possible and in the order of application. Requirements for entrance are two years high or technical school or the equivalent in an army course, and a maximum age limit of 30 for war veterans and 25 for non-veterans.

Any local man who is interested in further details about the course would be advised to get in touch with the local Hydro office on Main Street.

**GEORGETOWN RECREATIONAL COUNCIL**

Readers will no doubt be confused by the several changes in name which the Georgetown Recreational Council has had in its short lifetime. Starting originally as the Georgetown Athletic Association, it became Youth, Inc., on the suggestion of some of the committee members who wanted a more descriptive title for an organization primarily dedicated to the interests of young people of the community, and embracing more than athletics. Later it was the opinion that this name was not just suitable, and a subsequent committee meeting gave birth to the Georgetown Youth Council.

Just when things appeared set and the christening was to take place, President Ted MacCormack approached the Ontario Government to find out if Georgetown could hope for government financial support under the new physical fitness program. The answer was "yes"—but, a new name must be found. Hence the final revision to Georgetown Recreational Council, a name which we devoutly hope will be the end-all for it is extremely confusing to both your reporter and the readers to change names so often.

The Physical Fitness program, it was explained, is designed not just for youth but for all groups in the community. Thus if a full-time sports director is hired, any group of young people or grown-ups can approach him for help in forming a tennis club, a hockey club, ping-pong, basketball, or what have you. The emphasis will, however, be placed on youth, and for a start the local committee feels that concentration on the age group of ten to eighteen will be sufficiently broad in scope.

The government support, in a nutshell, is to pay one-third of the salary of a sports director, one-third of the salary of an assistant if this is necessary, and 20%

of the operating costs of the organization. This will be a considerable help in financing what is bound to be an expensive program—but one whose dividends will be incalculable in better health and better citizenship.

**NOMINATIONS AGAIN!**

Municipal elections, like Christmas, come every year and the approach of the Nomination Meeting this Friday reminds us that the old year 1945 is waning and the new about to begin. Every year we hope to see the Public Library packed to overflow for what should be a "must" on every municipal voter's list. At this meeting, one has a chance to hear the year's town business reviewed in detail—to question if he likes the conduct of the town affairs—to praise or criticize if he feels inclined the individual or collective work of the Town Council, the Hydro Commission and the Public School Board—and finally to nominate those whom he wishes to see in office in 1946.

If we are interested in where our tax money is spent, in what next year's candidates hope to accomplish, and in what this year's public officials have done, next Friday is that once-a-year opportunity. Is it too much to hope that this year we will see three hundred, four or even five hundred at the meeting?

**COMMUNITY SADNESS**

Never is sympathy so genuine or so readily expressed as when a citizen is taken suddenly from our midst by unnatural means. Death in itself is sad, but accompanying sickness as it usually does, it has come to be accepted as a possibility where physical defects are present, and the public as a whole is prepared for its advent.

It was then a terrible shock to the community last Saturday morning when it was learned that a train accident had taken away one of Georgetown's best-known citizens, CSM. William Carney, and that a man who only that day had been going about his regular duties with his usual quiet efficiency, was to pass to the great beyond under such cruel circumstances. The impressive funeral yesterday morning was a public tribute to his life among us, and we join his sorrowing family in mourning their sudden and sad loss.

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