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### The Editor's Column

**NEW FACES IN COUNCIL** 

As a result of the recent civic elections, we find four brand-new faces on the 1946 town council and a familiar face returning after an absence of two years. Mayor Cleave, Reeve MacDonald and Cr. McGilvray are the hold-overs of a council whose year in office saw such important world events as the end of bostilities with Germany and Japan and such municipal advances as the planning for a sewerage system.

We will miss those five retiring councillors, Messrs. Lyons, Thompson, Orr, Bradley and Armstrong, all of whom have served faithfully as public servants for terms ranging from two to seven years. They all have done a good job in positions of responsibility and we hope that as private citizens they will continue to interest themselves in the affairs of the town.

To the newcomers we offer our congratulations on their choice as leaders in municipal life for the new year. 1946 will see Georgtown faced with matters which require the utmost in attention - housing problems, new industrial developments, a war memorial and a suitable remembrance to Georgetown soldiers who have returned, will be some of the items on the year's agenda. We hope that at the end of 1946 we can say to them, as we say now to the 1945 council-"Thanks for a job well done!"

#### SHOP EARLY

It's hard to realize that there are only ten shopping days left before Christmas. Already Main Street stores are putting in their "Christmas windows", and though goods are scarce this year, merchants have managed to get a few of the scarce items and Christmas shopping is heading back towards normal.

Children's toys seem to be particularly plentiful, as does jewelry, china-ware and toilet goods. Clothing merchants are well-stocked in most ladies' items (excluding stockings, of course), but the man of the house can count on ties as his main article of adornment on Christmas day, if we are to believe all we hear about the limited supply of practically everything else he wears. A few electrical goods are appearing on the scene, with many products scheduled to be available by Christmas day or shortly after, and some stores are featuring gift certificates to take the place of the actual present until it arrives.

One tobacco merchant tells us that, although he has been given no reason for thinking so, he has an idea that cigars might be here in time to enjoy after the holiday turkey—that is, if you are having turkey, for the market seems to be uncertain for this traditional element of Christmas dinner.

All of which adds up to new significance for the. time-honoured slogan "Do your Christmas shopping early", and if you are caught napping at the last minute, don't say we didn't warn you. Most stores will be open evenings all next week until 10 p.m. for those who can't get down in the daytime to do their shopping.

#### THE LORNE SCOTS ARE COMING

- At time of writing, no definite word has yet been received as to the exact date when the Lorne Scots Regiment will be arriving in Brampton. Returning as a unit after four years overseas, an official welcome to the men of Peel, Dufferin and Halton'is being planned in Brampton, which is the headquarters of the unit. A "welcome home" committee in the Peel County town is busy with plans for decorating the streets with banners and flags and industries, merchants and citizens are being asked to decorate their premises. The Council has drawn up a plan for parking restrictions and rerouting of through traffic to side streets where there will be no interference with the celebration.

Plans for the day call for a parade to Gage Park from the CNR station, where lorries in charge of service personnel from No. 14 Infantry Training Battalion, will be used to stow kit bags and gear of the homecoming troops. At the park an enclosure is being erected for families and friends of the troops, and this will be alphabetically sub-divided in order to make reunions easier and quicker. The actual ceremony at the park will be brief, featuring welcome addresses by the District Officer Commanding M.D. 2, Mayor Harper Bull of Brampton and wardens of the three counties.

The Maple Leaf Club will be open to members of the returning unit and next-of-kin where hot drinks and sandwiches will be served, and phone service will be available so that any member of the unit may telephone home and advise his family of his arrival.

While this is the official home-coming of the

Regiment, there will be no more than a dozen Georgetown men of the hundred or more Lorne Scots who have served overseas in this war. The great majority of members of the regiment, having been overseas long enough to amass the necessary number of points for repatriation are already back with us. However, many of these will be in Brampton to greet their chums, and it is expected that a large number of Georgetowners will travel to Brampton for the big day. The Mayor, Reeve and members of the Council, as well as representatives of the local Legion Branch, who have been asked to help in police duty, will attend the function, as well as members of the reserve regiment from Georgetown.

#### BE CAREFUL WITH FIRES

This winter has seen several tragedies in Ontario where fire from overheated stoves and defective chimneys has caused heavy loss of life. While Georgetown has never had such fatalities, there is always a first time, and Fire Chief Latimer has asked us to draw the attention of readers to the danger that exists. There is only one maxim to follow—"Be careful". sure that stoves are checked at the proper time, that pipes are cleaned before they are plugged up with soot and that your stove and furnace are in good working order.

#### WELCOME HOME

As Christmas approaches, we get an indescribably wonderful feeling in reporting each new name in our "welcome home" column as we know that one more of our men in uniform will be doing what he has dreamed of for so long-eating Christmas dinner with his family again after three or four years in distant lands. The Queen Elizabeth and Empress of Scotland have brought several district men back home and more boats are expected into Halifax this week,, so chances are we shall have more good news to report by next week. It is too bad that all our men cannot be here and that some must of necessity spend another Christmas in England, Holland or Germany. However, we know for a certainty that before the new year is far on its way, they too will be home, and if, as the song says we can have a "sleighride in July", we can have our Christmas then too in our hearts.

Incidentally, in the rush of reporting other people's news, we have overlooked something right on our own doorstep—and that is that Les Clark and Reg. Broomhead are both discharged after long service overseas with the RCAF and are back with us in the Herald shop, helping to bring you a bigger, better and earlier Herald than it has been possible to do with a "short staff".

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