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**Letter to the Editor**

The Editor,  
The Georgetown Herald,  
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Dear Mr. Editor:  
Assuming I am the Councillor of Ward I referred to in a letter addressed to you, in the last edition of the Herald, over the signature of the Medical Health Officer, it is my desire to point out that there never was, is not now and as far as I know not likely to be a Wartime Housing Committee of the Municipal Council and therefore I am not Chairman of any Wartime Housing Committee.

In regard to my statement in connection with the vacant property owned by the Town and that I thought the possibility of building houses there should be further investigated was correctly reported in the Herald and I retract nothing contained therein.

May I repeat here Mr. Editor, what I also said at April 15th meeting in the presence of a large deputation "in my opinion it is not the function of a civil servant of the Ontario Department of Health to recommend or not to recommend the building of houses in any area in the Corporation of Georgetown, and to do so I felt, was interference with Municipal Government policy." It is an unusual situation, certainly creating a precedent in the Town of Georgetown. If, however, a situation in this or any other Municipality does exist thereby endangering public health and the Municipal Council refuses or are negligent in their duty to remedy it, then it is the duty of the Provincial and Local Board of Health to take drastic action to have the situation corrected. In this connection Mr. Editor, I submit as a humble Councillor, that for a decade of time, by virtue of my office as Mayor, it was my privilege and pleasure to be associated with the present M.O.H. for whom I have the highest respect and second only to him, no one could have been more interested in the health of this Community than I.

If the Medical Officer of Health believes I questioned his honesty of purpose, nothing could be further from the truth. It is my desire however, to point out that he in his public position is jointly responsible to the Provincial Board of Health and the Municipal Council by whom he is appointed, and if for any reason I am prevented from offering constructive criticism of him, or any other paid servant of the Corporation, if I cannot debate in Coun-

oil, not and work fearlessly and independently, in a manner in which I believe to be in the best interest of the citizens whom I am making an effort to successfully represent, then being a member of the Municipal Council will be of no interest to me and the sooner the rate-payers by their votes remove me from public office, the happier I shall be.

The letter written by the Sanitary Engineer of the Department of Health to the clerk of the Corporation, of which I have a copy, gives no detailed reasons for not recommending the erection of houses in the area mentioned, this coupled with the fact that a considerable amount of the tax-payers' money will be saved by building on Town property and the fact that some one in the Department told a representative of Wartime Housing Ltd., that this was a matter for the Local Board of Health, renders the whole question extremely confusing.

Therefore, I still consider the matter not closed and if a motion which I shall introduce at the next meeting of the Council carries, we will have an independent consulting sanitary engineer make a detailed report.

If, Mr. Editor, through the medium of the Herald, I am permitted to have this reply published, I shall appreciate it, with the assurance that no further letters concerning this matter will be written by me, preferring to debate it in Council which is the proper time and place. I am pursuing this project for the reason only of a sincere and honest desire to be associated with many others in providing houses for the young men who with their backs to the English Channel, through Italy, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany fought for the liberty and freedom which we so richly enjoy, so that British Institutions and Canadian ideals could be maintained and preserved and now when they have returned to this, the land of their birth and their adoption, to this good old Town of Georgetown with happiness, contentment and peace uppermost in their minds, the least we can do is to be interested in giving assistance.

Very truly submitted,  
Joe Gibbons.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watts and son Wayne of Downsview were week-end visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stockford. Mr. and Mrs. Watts and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stockford have recently moved to Downsview from Toronto, where they have purchased a country home.

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Mrs. Fred Shelbourne spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. W. Shelbourne and family.  
Master David McVey holidayed with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson.  
Rev. Leonard Self of Norval and Union exchanged pulpits with Rev. C. C. Cochrane on Sunday.  
Although attendance was not large, the W. I. realized about \$80. from their afternoon tea and bazaar last Wednesday. Mrs. Spitzer and Mrs. Noble were in charge of the tea tables and Mrs. Andrew Dewhurst of Georgetown was popular in the tea cup reading booth. Other booths displayed the articles needed for the work of the different days of the week. A euchre party followed in the evening. Mrs. E. Miller and Russell Miller winning prizes.  
A W. I. sponsored euchre and dance on Friday evening drew a large crowd. Sixteen tables were played. Mr. A. Spitzer and Miss Vera Webster holding high scores.  
Mrs. Drysdale of Acton held the lucky number for the door prize. Music for dancing after lunch was supplied by Barden's Orchestra of Hillsbury with Mr. R. L. Davidson as floor manager.  
Miss Isabel Harlock of Mimico is the student teacher at S. S. No. 9 this week. While there she is staying with Mrs. Mitchell. Pupils at S. S. No. 16 were greeted by a freshly painted room this morning on their return following Easter vacation.  
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