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## The Editor's Column

### WE DON'T APPROVE

We are strongly opposed to any such scheme, as reported in the news columns of this issue, to establish a central high school to serve Georgetown, Milton, Acton, Esqueving, Nassagaweya and a part of Nelson Township. It is without doubt one of the most impractical suggestions which has come to our attention for some time and it is to be hoped that when a committee of County Council members meets next week to discuss it, they will not be long in turning down the plan.

There is a certain advantage in the idea in that more courses could be offered and a student would have a chance at a broader, high school education. Other than this, we can see no particular reason for the change and the disadvantages more than take care of this.

For one thing, we feel a central school would destroy to a large extent that "school spirit" which is such an integral part of high school life. The friendly rivalry between neighbouring towns, the loyalty to G.H.S., humble as it may be, are things which do as much to shape character as the academic courses themselves. This is something precious which a small town high school possesses in large degree. Coupled with this is the fact that all children of high school age in the county would be absent from their homes for the greater part of the day — eight o'clock in the morning to six o'clock at night, we should judge, which would deprive them of a certain amount of home life so necessary during their formative years. Again, we would be exchanging the personalized instruction given by residents of the community for the more impersonal teaching of a staff who would see the children only during school hours and who would know nothing of their after-school environment.

### ANOTHER CLOTHING COLLECTION

A second National Clothing Collection is in the offing and will take place from June 17 to June 29. The local organization has not yet been set up, but after the good record set in this district last fall, we expect that once again Georgetown will be in the vanguard of contributors.

With spring housecleaning in the air, it is excellent timing for a clothing drive and the early birds who are even now at this annual job, are asked to put aside their contributions for next month.

According to word from Clothing Headquarters, the need for clothing in Europe is desperate. Even the most generous gift of money cannot meet this urgent need, and our contributions must be of more personal character. Every family is urged to get out every pair of shoes, every piece of usable wearing material that can be spared, for it will help to save human life.

### GEORGETOWN IS MUSICAL

It has often been said that Georgetown is a musical town, and no better proof can be offered than the splendid showing made by our high school students at the Peel Music Festival. Many have been the complimentary remarks made since the results were announced and we hope to see Knox Church filled to overflowing next Monday when the complete Festival program will be presented.

The evening is being sponsored by the Georgetown Recreational Council for two reasons — to help show citizens that the Council is interested not only in athletics, but has an equal interest in cultural activities and to raise a few dollars for the recreational program which is getting underway in town. Donations to the fund have not exactly been pouring in, and there is still a substantial deficit to clear up from the hockey season as well as money to be raised for this year's activities.

The program as outlined by Mr. Newman includes such varied activities as art classes, hiking, baseball, stamp collecting and archery. Other activities will be added as time goes on, and while large sums of money are not required, it will still mean several hundred dollars to give him the tools with which to work.

### A BUSY YEAR FOR COUNCIL

We can think of no Town Council in the last decade which has had such a record of special meetings as this year's group. It seems that a meeting a week, instead of once a month is becoming a rule, and no meeting is complete without a delegation. There seems to be so many important questions in the air — sewage, wartime houses, changes in town services, the opening of new streets and sub-divisions, to name but a few, that it is impossible for Council to deal with everything at regular meetings, and it has become more than a chore for these public-spirited men to meet so frequently.

Perhaps if it goes on, some different plan for municipal government may have to be adopted. Possibly standing committees will have to take a larger share of responsibility and save time by presenting a report for adoption rather than council as a whole discussing every problem, small and large, which comes up. Possibly the remuneration paid to our council should be increased in keeping with added duties.

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