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## The Editor's Column

### CHEST CLINIC FOR GEORGETOWN

Tuberculosis control in Halton county will be furthered next year by a mass X-ray survey sponsored by the Ontario Department of Health. The travelling clinic has visited many Ontario municipalities this year and is doing a wonderful job in enabling those who are infected with the disease to learn of their danger and take the proper curative measures.

The survey in Halton will be paid for from proceeds from the sale of Christmas seals, sponsored by Oakville Lions Club with the endorsement and support of the Local Lions Club. Dr. C. V. Williams and Dr. R. T. Paul, Medical Officer of Health for Georgetown and Esquesing respectively, are both solidly behind the plan.

Two dollars worth of seals have been mailed by the Oakville Club to every family in this district. The amount is not intended to set the contribution, and any gift large or small will be appreciated. Christmas seals have always been sold at this time of year, but this year there is a more personal touch to the campaign when one realizes the benefits that will be derived right here in town and district. It is a cause which merits your support.

### AN AUSPICIOUS BEGINNING

The success which greeted the initial performance of the Laff Revue last Thursday night was more than any of the audience or the cast had anticipated. We have heard dozens of people remark that they had never seen an amateur show which ran so smoothly. The acting was uniformly excellent, the equally important backstage crew did their job efficiently, and the whole show would have been a credit to any professional group.

It goes to prove our contention that a town as small as Georgetown has a wealth of theatrical talent and that we are capable of providing entertainment on a par with any offered in the larger centres of population. We look forward eagerly to the next show, and predict a promising future for the ladies and men whose acting ability was so ably proven in the Laff Revue.

### A WORD OF PRAISE

Words are inadequate to express the gratitude of the citizenry for the good work of Georgetown Fire Brigade and their efficiency and speed in averting what might have been two major fires last week at the Public School and McNally Wood Products. Their speed of arrival and quick action when they arrived at the scenes were in these cases responsible for saving property in the first fire and much of the building contents in the second. It is conclusive proof that Georgetown's volunteer brigade renders the utmost in public service and every member deserves our thanks.

### THE HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

We are somewhat alarmed at the action taken last Wednesday night at a meeting in Acton when the majority representatives of councils and school boards from the district showed themselves in favor of a high school district in North Halton and a resolution was passed that each Board and council forward a written opinion to the Consultative Committee not later than December 18. We believe that this is asking too much a snap decision in a problem which should take a great deal more time for thought.

We were not able to be present at the meeting, but earlier in the week we had the opportunity of hearing the plan detailed by Mr. L. L. Skuce at a Lions Club meeting. Mr. Skuce gave an able presentation of the case and it is hard to pick any flaws in the plan, but we are inclined to think that there are more difficulties in the way of a solution than would appear in the theoretical presentation.

Contrasts cannot be made with Oakville and Burlington, where in both cases the plan adopted will mean a bigger school in each community, with every rural pupil able to commute by school bus. There is no question there of closing any established schools.

In North Halton, if the plan is adopted, it can mean one of two things — closing of all three high schools and construction of a new building at a neutral point, or closing of two schools and enlargement of one of the three present schools to accommodate all the students.

The advantages of a central school are many. Diversity of courses, a higher standard of teaching through the paying of higher salaries, an opportunity for all rural students to attend high school without the present inconvenience of transportation, a more com-

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

December 6, 1946

To the Editor,  
Georgetown Herald,

Dear Sir:  
May I be granted a few lines of space in your friendly paper to try to convey a feeling of confidence to the parents of the school children who are daily under the care and guidance of Principal Wrigglesworth and his staff of teachers.

On the Monday when fire broke out in the school I saw the children lined up in the yard under perfect control and away from the activities of the firemen. The lack of confusion among them speaks well for the discipline of the school.

I happened to be close to the Fire-hall when the fire siren sounded and was very interested and agreeably surprised at the short space of time it took to have the truck manned and on its way to the school. This speaks well for the training and instruction these men must receive under Chief

plete athletic program, are some which come to mind. The disadvantages are perhaps not quite so readily apparent, but are nonetheless present — the cultural loss which any community would suffer at the closing of a local high school, the absence of all high school children from town for the greater part of the day, winter transportation when roads are often blocked, the replacing of community school spirit with a county school spirit. The question mark, and one which might well decide the problem one way or the other is cost, and this is something which we feel should be developed much further before any sensible decision can be arrived at. If the new high school were to cost more than to continue the present three schools with their needed improvements, then we should say there was no good reason for a change. If consolidation could mean a saving to the public treasury, then we saw "go ahead." And assuming that majority opinion does favor the district, then cost should be the deciding factor in determining location.

Letter.  
Trusting I have conveyed a feeling of confidence to the parents, and also a word of praise to all concerned.  
Respectfully yours,  
ERIN HATKIN

### Miss Blanche McKinnon Wins Zone Competition

Halton Junior Farmers were represented in the Zone 4 Public Speaking Competition and Amateur Entertainment Competition by Ernest West and Blanche McKinnon of the Acton Juniors. The event was held at Barton United Church and was representative of the counties of Wentworth, Waterloo, Oxford, Brant, Norfolk, Hamilton, Welland, Lincoln and Halton. Miss McKinnon and Mr. West were not only winners in the Halton contest held a few weeks ago but had also been declared winners at the district competition held at Waterdown on November 28th, when they were declared winning over the Wentworth contestants. Five young people partici-



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ipated in the public speaking competition and there were four entries in the amateur entertainment contest for the Zone. In the latter contest Miss McKinnon, talented vocalist, won first place, and will participate in the finals in the province to be held in Toronto on January 8th. Her selections included, "To a Wild Rose," "A Little Brown Owl," and "The Lord's Prayer." The public speaking contest was very keenly contested and Halton representative, Ernest West, took as his subject, "The Future of Canadian

Agriculture." While he was not successful in winning the judges' top award, Mr. West ably delivered a very thought provoking address and his many friends and supporters predict for him a brilliant future as a speaker. The winner in the contest for the Zone was Miss Elizabeth Moore, of Waterloo County, who took as her subject, "Citizenship."

### SPORT SHORTS

by Sideliner

The big sport news this week is the coming game on Friday night when the Papermakers journey to Grimsby for a pre-season exhibition tilt with the Peach Kings. Several fans are making up parties to go by auto, and it looks as if there will be a good support from the sidelines. The game is called for 8.30 p.m.

Georgetown had their second practice this season when the team travelled to Galt last Tuesday night for an hour on the ice. Jack Shropshire took over his coaching duties for the first time and those on hand included Dely Beaumont, Scotty Patterson, Jack Kemshead, Nick Ferri, the Bradbury brothers, Art Hurst, Bill Chris, Bungy Ward, Earl Emond and Rene Martin. Newcomers included two who are trying out for goalie — Abbie Kemshead, who learned his net-minding with local juvenile and junior teams, and Charlie Jones, who played with Victory Aircraft last season. Charlie is working at Smith and Stone.

"Dooley" Evans, star goalie of last year's team got his release from the Papermakers and was slated for Glace Bay, but we hear there has been a mix-up and the Glace Bay team has signed up another man.

Sory to report that Bob Goldham, Georgetown boy who plays defence with the Toronto Maple Leafs suffered a broken arm in the Boston game last week which will put him out of action for the greater part of this season. Bob had just got back in uniform after recuperating from an injured knee.

Saturday's 8-mile run, with the entrants finishing the course along Main Street was a great advertisement for the Gladstone A.C. It was a local triumph too, for the Emmerson brothers finished one-two in the race. We hear that several more local boys are interested in joining the club and it might take on a decided Georgian flavour in the future.

Jack Shropshire represented Georgetown Intermediates at an important O.H.A. meeting in Toronto on Saturday. We hear the Acton crowd brought up their old complaint about imports. What'll they have to say this year with a 100 per cent local team?

### GEORGETOWN BOY WITH O. A. G. TEAM IN CHICAGO

A team from the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph is representing Canada at the livestock judging competitions held in connection with the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago. The team is composed of about 30 teams of the best student judges from United States colleges.

Members of the team are fourth year students in the animal husbandry option class at the O.A.C. and include a Georgetown district boy, R. H. Marchington. Others are Andrew Stewart, Bolton; Harry P. Eurt, Hillsburg; James Neil, Toronto; J. C. Baxendale, Blackwater; and A. R. Atkin, Vancouver.

At Chicago they were required to judge three classes each of horses, beef, cattle, sheep and fat hogs, a total of 15 classes.

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