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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

December 14th, 1946

Editor,
Georgetown Herald,
Dear Sir:

The problem of a consolidated High School for Esqueping, Georgetown and Acton and Milton is one of the most vital that our councils and boards of education have to face this year. Indeed the problem has far too much involved that we the citizens should let these men have the only vote on the subject.

Every citizen who has students at Georgetown High or soon will have, should consider thoroughly the advantages and disadvantages of such a revolutionary idea. The motives that guide us ought not to be selfish but rather what will be best for the pupils of tomorrow. In this connection, the arguments advanced by the editorial of last week's Herald against such a school are purely the former.

Let us ask ourselves honestly such facts as:

1. Is our present high school giving our youth the best in the land as far as we are able to give? I cannot help but feel that the attitude of many to our High School is governed by the selfish thought that anything is good enough as long as we have twelve or thirteen grades to keep our youth, who are so inclined to leave school, out of mischief.

2. Can our students be fully equipped and prepared to meet a modern changing scientific age without the use of up-to-date agricultural, chemistry, physics and domestic science laboratories? Can they be trained in the various manual subjects without proper shop-work rooms and equipment?

3. If our youth had the opportunity of specialists in all departments of study as in all modern collegiate institutes at relatively very little extra in cost over a given period would we be selfish if we did not give it to them? As regards the cost the United States has proved over and over again that consolidated schools can give the best in education at cheaper cost considering all details including free bus transportation.

4. Can our students be trained fully in dramatics, public speaking and debating without a proper auditorium? A school lacking an auditorium is truly handicapped as far as public meeting, special events, special speakers, special services and opening exercises each day. Again how much longer are we going to make our youth suffer for that gymnasium that they need. Just because we had to do without one is no reason. In this age

of speed the breakdown of health in youth is tremendous. They need a gymnasium to keep their bodies in condition.

5. Why must our rural students always be penalized under our present High School system? At present there is about 48 per cent rural attendance at Georgetown High School. If people were not so selfish and would provide transportation this would increase to about 60 per cent. In the olden days when people had to walk to school only 30 per cent of the rural people received High School training of any degree. Today because of the car and more rapid transportation this has been raised to our present 48 per cent at such schools as Georgetown. Why should we be satisfied with this increase when others want to go. Our great need today is bus transportation for all needy rural pupils. If Esqueping Council and Board vote against a consolidated school it is their duty to provide transportation for the needed pupils.

Some of the other facts that make transportation needed besides the one above are: (1) The practice of hitch-hiking, is far too dangerous for our youth. The number of pupils forced to hitch-hike every day is too many even from our district of Norval. (2) Several pupils have had their health broken by the conditions they suffered in going to school. (3) The pupils of the rural district as a whole could do much better in their marks if they were not forced into walking three or four miles everyday, or bicycling, or seeking rides of some sort. At this time of year too many pupils are arriving home in darkness, a thing that ought not to be if we really love our children. (4) There are far too many pupils of Esqueping that were forced to stop school due wholly to transportation reasons.

Having given you these questions and facts that I have observed in my work as minister at Norval I leave the problem with you the parents, for after all it should concern you vitally — You can have the best now, if you will speak for it.

Yours Sincerely,

LEONARD SELF

BAPTISMAL SERVICE AT
UNITED CHURCH

At the Sunday morning service at Georgetown United Church, two children were baptized by Rev. R. C. Todd. The children were Mary Elizabeth Jane Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Evans and Carroll Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Farnell.

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SANTA COMES TO MAPLE AVENUE

It was a great thrill for a group of the children who live on Maple Avenue to be invited to the home of Mrs. R. C. Nixon last Friday to meet Santa Claus. Shortly after seven o'clock a number of little boys and girls, most of whom were seeing Santa for the first time, assembled in Mrs. Nixon's parlor and sat solemnly waiting for the merry old fellow. And when he appeared, what shining eyes greeted him!

After cautioning all the little folk to be good not only at Christmas time but all the year round, Santa passed out bags of candies and nuts to each of the youngsters present and Mrs. Nixon served refreshments to them and their mothers.

