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The Editor's Column

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE CAMPAIGN

The current million dollar appeal for funds for the work of the St. John Ambulance Association has particular local significance for we have had an active brigade functioning in Georgetown for several years. The Georgetown group is composed of a number of ladies who, under the direction of Mrs. T. F. Grieve and Dr. C. V. Williams have given generously of their time to training in first aid work. Always ready to help where necessary, they have been present on request at various functions in the park, such as sports days and motorcycle races, and one member of the brigade, Mrs. Audrey Sharpe has served in England and is at present at the Grenfell Mission in Harrington, where she is putting her local training to good use. The latest project of the Georgetown Brigade is a course of instruction in blood grouping, with the graduates prepared to do this work if required in local industries.

The local campaign committee has set an objective of \$1000 and a generous response is already being noted with voluntary donations turned in without personal canvass at the Bank of Commerce. The fund is being kept open this week and anyone who has not made their contribution is asked to help put the fund over the top.

SEWER SYSTEM COSTS

Information contained in a recent letter from C. R. Hagey, consulting engineer for Georgetown's proposed sewer system, addressed to Mayor Gibbons gives a comparison of a partial pay-as-you-go plan and a straight debenture issue which we think is of considerable importance and should be passed on to ratepayers for their consideration.

In arriving at his figures, Mr. Hagey has scaled from the town map the number of lineal feet of frontage which the sewer system would serve, finding it approximately 86,500 exclusive of street intersections. Taking into account allowances for corner lots, those unfit for building purposes, etc., he has set 80,000 as an approximate figure for frontage feet which would be subject to a local improvement charge.

Assuming a sewer system exclusive of disposal plant, could be constructed for \$200,000, and the Corporation assumed one-third of the cost, it would leave \$134,000 to be paid for on a frontage basis, and the cost per lineal foot would be \$1.68. If a system of immediate payment were adopted, a man owning a 50 foot lot would pay \$84 when sewers were installed. If he were to pay for it over a 20-year period (20 year debentures at 3 per cent), it would cost him an extra 11.2c per foot, or annual payments of \$5.60 for 20 years.

"If, as I feel reasonably sure, a disposal plant can be built for \$100,000, and the town assumes onethird of the sewer cost," says Mr. Hagey, "then the Corporation's cost would be \$164,000. This would mean an annual cost for 20 years of \$11,000 -- an increase in the general mill rate of 71/2 mills."

What system of payment will be adopted when the sewer system is installed, is a question which must be decided by ratepayers through their elected representatives. We believe that finance is not the complicated thing which it appears to be to many people. Payment for anything boils down to two methods straight cash and a system involving delayed payments. Straight cash is always the cheapest, as it involves no interest; all-deferred payment is the most expensive because it means paying interest on the whole sum involved; any intermediate system varies according to the cash paid and the amount deferred for future payment.

We think that some combination such as Mr. Hagey suggests is preferable in most major expenditures, because it cuts down the heavy burden of interest which can become a drag on municipal financing. At the same time, we think it is wise to consider how cheap it is to borrow nowadays and whether a 3 per cent loan today (which means a 3 per cent interest payment by each taxpayer for 20 years on the sum he owes) might not be advantageous in the future when interest rates rise and he can realize perhaps five or six per cent on the money he still holds.

A FORWARD STEP

We are glad to see the Board of Trade executive taking action to protect citizens from rackets which from time to time have victimized them, and which now that things are getting back to normal will undoubtedly crop up again. During our editorship, we have known of at least two cases where money was unnecessarily lost - the first, through a slick gang of photo salesmen headed by a chap named Farquharson, and the second when a number of merchants were taken for a ride by a chap operating as Burton Map Directories. Now the Board of Trade is issuing a placerd for its

members in which they refuse to give donations to an outsider or take advertising space in any outside publication, unless the proposition has been investigated by the Board of Trade and a solicitor's card issued.

This is a first step — but a first step only. We think the Board of Trade, with the cooperation of the Town Council, could go much further and make Georgetown an unhealthy place for shysters, at the same time adding some funds to the town treasury. We suggest that any outside salesman be required to have a transient trader's licence, at a fee to be set by the municipality, and that in addition he post a bond with the Board of Trade as evidence of his good faith.

Any reputable salesman should be quite willing to comply with these terms. In most cases he is competing with local businessmen who have an extensive capital outlay in the town and who pay a business tax to the municipality. We leave it with the Board of Trade and the Council for their consideration.

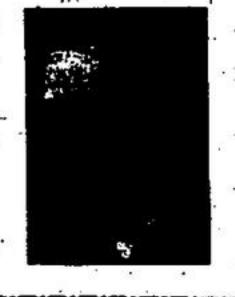
SO SORRY, DR. TEMPLIN

A few weeks ago when we wrote a short editorial on road conditions in towns between here and Chesley, we perhaps leaned too far forward in our efforts to show how superior our local streets were to those of the intervening municipalities. At any rate, we have been taken to task by Dr. Hugh Templin of the Fergus News-Record for our slighting remarks about the Fergus Main Street, and we think it only fair to backtrack somewhat on our criticism. We realize that more than Fergus' hockey team has been snowed under this year, and that the town of the Thistles has had a much more difficult problem of snow removal than we have had in Georgetown. Perhaps our temper when passing through Fergus was not improved when the family car stalled unaccountably at the stop light and we spent a good ten minutes trying to get it started again. At any rate, we'll take back our criticism and say that Fergus streets were in as good condition as could be expected.

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We See This Week

That Miss Phyllis Stewart is appearing with the Toronto Civic Theatre in "Blind Alley" at Hart House this week. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Stewart of town.

-That W. O Brownridge is president of the Berkshire Breeders of Ontario, rather than the Percheron Breeders as we reported last week.

-That K. M. Langdon is having his office in the Gregory Theatre rede-

-That Howard Graff has purchased a lot in the Pines on Charles St. beside. E. J. Johnston's residence and is having it cleared in preparation for building in the spring.

-That Kent Storey, Georgetown's centre star and member of Barker's THL team, had his picture in Saturday's Telegram.

-That George Ferry, Jr., was town for the hockey game Friday night. George is attending Rehab. School in Toronto, after serving as a lieutenant in the army.

-That Jack Ootton is having some emodelling done at Brill's store, with new counters and display cases.

-That Shirley Dobbie is clerking after school and Saturdays at Licate's Fruit Merket. -That Hewson Motors have taken

the agency in this district for Hudson cars and Reo trucks. -That former town constable. Mer-

vin Robb, is taking a three-week training course at the Ontario Provincial Police school. -That Electrical Indicators (Can

ada) Limited are in production their new quarters in Mr. John Cordaro's building on Main Street.

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All persons having claims against the estate of Manassah Campbell, late of the Township of Esquesing, Farmer, who died on or about the 24th day of January, A.D., 1947, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on m before the 22nd day of March, AD 1947, after which date the estate wil be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice and the undersigned will not be liable to any person of whose claims they shall not then have notice. DATED at Georgetown, this 18th day

of February, A.D., 2947. Nottle Rogers and Annie M. Stull, emocutors of the estate of Managsub Compbell, by their solicitors,

Dale and Bunnett, Georgebour