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## The Editor's Column

### THIS HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION

We're worried about this. High School District which the Department of Education through its inspectorate is promoting for North Halton. For certain benefits which can be attained by having a large central school to serve three urban municipalities and the surrounding countryside, Georgetown is being asked to consider closing its local high school which has a tradition of 67 years of local higher education behind it. Similarly, Acton and Milton are being asked to do the same.

The proposal, in a nutshell, is to close these three existing schools and build a central high school at Speyside. An estimated 450 students would be transported daily by bus to this school which would have a staff of 17 teachers and add the teaching of agriculture, shop work, commercial subjects and home economics to the present restricted curriculum of the three schools.

At a meeting in Georgetown two weeks ago, the case for locating a central school in Georgetown was presented to visiting councils and school boards by Reeve Maclaren as spokesman for Georgetown. He brought out a number of factors against having the school at Speyside. Problems of drinking water supply, sewage disposal, fire protection and medical service were mentioned. There is the difficulty of securing a staff of teachers willing to commute, of proper janitor service, and an estimated \$50,000 extra cost of the original building. There is an original cost of an extra three buses which would be needed for the Georgetown students and the permanent upkeep of these three buses. Unfortunately, the only unique argument for Georgetown as a location in preference to Acton or Milton is that the town has an option on a suitable property which we would be willing to donate for a site, and as one of the visitors said: "No doubt we could soon find a property to donate too."

One further point favours Georgetown. Acton and Milton officials have intimated that they are willing to close their schools and build at Speyside with or without Georgetown. Georgetown officials have taken a strong stand the other way and say they are unalterably opposed to joining any central school district unless the school is located here. If our neighbouring towns are serious in their determination to close their schools, then we don't see why they cannot agree to come a few extra miles to Georgetown for their school.

### A VOTE IS NEEDED

Georgetown is being criticized for taking a narrow, parochial view of the question. This criticism is justified if applied to those who say: "We need a central school; we cannot properly educate our children without it; but the school must be in Georgetown or we won't consider it." But is this need so imperative that we should submit to being the guinea pig for an educational experiment which has yet to be tried? In the 41 districts already set up, no similar situation exists. In each of these it has only meant increasing enrolment in present urban schools by transporting country students to those schools by bus. GEORGETOWN, ACTON AND MILTON WOULD BE THE FIRST HIGH SCHOOLS TO CLOSE THEIR DOORS IN FAVOUR OF A CENTRAL SCHOOL.

Before the question is carried any farther, let us take the only sensible step to ascertain public opinion in Georgetown, Acton, Milton. This is too big a question to ask any small group of citizens to decide for us. Some ten years ago, when the subject of a new high school in Georgetown was discussed, a vote of the people was taken. Surely this question which entails in addition the moving of this high school outside municipal boundaries is of even greater importance to our citizens. And surely it is of equal importance to the parents in Acton and Milton.

We suggest that a plebiscite vote be taken in the three towns, with two questions asked: "Are you in favour of a central high school at Speyside?" and "If not, would you favour a central school in one of the three urban municipalities, even if this meant closing your local high school?" And we do not for a minute think that any town would vote "Yes" to either of these questions.

### WHAT GEORGETOWN CAN DO

Assuming that the central high school district question has been settled by vote, we do not think Georgetown must continue with a restricted high school curriculum. We need a new school. Very well, let us build that new school with its gymnasium and auditorium, and let us see if there are some of the features of a large high school which we could have. Of the four additional subjects which would be taught in a large school, the commercial course is the only one

which would definitely equip a student to take a position on graduation. Let us add this to the present course — it wouldn't be a revolutionary move for there are plenty of small high schools in Georgetown in years past. As for agriculture, home economics and shop work, would it not be possible for specialist teachers to serve the three schools, spending a portion of their time in each town?

Or would it be possible for a group such as our Women's Institute to assist in teaching home economics? Could one of our farm-groups help to teach agriculture by having successful district farmers lecture to the students? Could skilled men employed in our own local industries help to give those interested a background in shop-work?

And as an aid to encouraging rural students to attend high school, would it not be feasible to investigate the possibility of having transportation provided for them in our own trading area, bringing the country pupils to town by school bus. If this can be done in Burlington and Oakville, then it can be done in Georgetown — and in Acton and in Milton. And in time to come we will have three bigger and better schools in north Halton giving their students an education equal to anything which could be given in a central school.

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183, bred March 2nd; Thornbrook Valentine's Bayleaf, 150488, bred Feb. 2nd; Thornbrook Volunteer's Royal Elna, 150490, due Sept. 12; Thornbrook Daisy's Royal Claim, 133224, due May 9; Thornbrook Valiant Rower's Peeress, 132172, due time of sale; Thornbrook Rower's Royal Susan, 151519, bred Jan. 14; Thornbrook Parnola's Roxie, 133088, due July 16; Thornbrook Favorite's Royal May, 132166, bred Jan. 29; Thornbrook Pearl's Royal Lass, 132165, due May 15; Thornbrook Beauty, 161851, calved March 22; Thornbrook Pearl's Lorna, 166638, calved March 10; Thornbrook Lass' Elva, 166639, bred Apr. 1; Thornbrook Pioneer's Polly, 166640, bred Dec. 23; Thornbrook Pearl's Onyx, 166641, yearling; Thornbrook Valentine's Cathy, 171864, yearling; Thornbrook Pioneer's Tulip, 171526, yearling; Thornbrook Minnie's Flame, 171528, yearling; Hard Sire, Basil's Ike, 113200, 2 yrs. old.  
 GRADED COWS — Thornbrook Empress the Second, due July 11; Thornbrook Betsy, calved Apr. 15; Thornbrook Empress Iona, calved March 23; Thornbrook Emerald, yearling.  
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