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The Editor's Column

GEORGETOWN STANDS ALONE

Last week's editorial on the high school district didn't exactly jibe with the news account of the meeting in Milton. Inasmuch as the editorial must be written on Monday, we had to pre-suppose what would happen Monday night. Frankly, we had expected a stalemate. We didn't think the other municipalities would consider going ahead with the plan with such strong opposition from Georgetown. We even thought that there might be a few of the Acton and Milton representatives who would have doubts, as so many have in Georgetown, that it is sensible for any of the municipalities to close their school. We believed that at the worst, when Milton and Acton saw that Georgetown would not under any condition give up our high school, that there might be some who would be willing to build a central school here.

However, we called it wrong and the meeting by a majority show of hands favoured a location near Speyside. Just how much this means, or what significance the vote had is open to question. The voting right of any of those present was not questioned, and it included several gentlemen from Erin, Eramosa, Rockwood and your Georgetown reporter, any or all of whom might have voted. The actual hands were not counted, and we are not even sure that all those privileged to vote signified their decision one way or another.

This, of course, was only a preliminary to a definite request to County Council to set up a high school district and the question will be thoroughly aired when that request is made. Let us hope that the ratepayers in Acton and Milton will decide by that time that they, too, want no part of a system which will close their high schools and build an expensive white elephant somewhere in the countryside, be it at Speyside or not.

BE GENEROUS TO BRITAIN

We cannot urge our readers too strongly to band together in the common cause of helping our kinfolk in England with gifts of clothing, food and money. The spring floods, coming in the wake of six years of war, have placed a burden on the British people which we can help to ease. Our clothing cast-offs, as long as they are neat and serviceable, will help to clothe those who have nothing. Our gifts of food and of money to buy food will help vary a monotonous diet of staples which will be even worse this year when large quantities of grain and animals were destroyed by flood.

In Georgetown, the depot at the Old Town Hall is open all day for receiving clothing and food. Several local grocery stores have placed containers in the store for shoppers to make food contributions. Money can be turned in to treasurer Harold Bickle or left at the Bank of Commerce. Ladies organizations throughout Esquesing are doing their part to set up depots where clothing can be taken. A concert in Glen Williams this Friday requires those attending to bring canned food as their admission fee, to go to the drive.

We hope that Georgetown and Esquesing will make their gifts worthwhile. We boasted about selling the most Victory Bonds. Let's boast about giving the most clothing and food and money.

MORE HOMES NEEDED

Some Council members are annoyed, and rightly so, at what they believe is a poor job of planning by the Wartime Housing engineers at the site on the highway. Instead of the 48 houses constructed, they feel that proper locating of these would have allowed several more to be built, and that a good share of the land purchased at no small cost from the United Church is wasted. While a definite decision has not been made, indications from Wartime Housing officials are that it would not be economically feasible to construct any more on the present site, as the cost of fill, etc., would be prohibitive.

At Monday night's Council meeting, Mayor Gibbons said he was convinced that we needed up to fifty more houses in town. He said a day didn't go by without several house-hunters approaching him for living accommodation. With a sewerage system now contracted for, he said he could see no objection to using the Reservoir Park property at the foot of George Street and that thirty to thirty-five houses could be built there. The matter was not discussed in detail, but we shouldn't be surprised if we hear more about it in the next few weeks.

Farmers! Be sure to enter the Esquesing Agricultural Society Husking Corn Competition

Peace Time Work of Red Cross Outlined at Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Georgetown Branch of the Canadian Red Cross was held in the Library Auditorium on Friday evening, the President, Mr. Leroy Dale in the chair. Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson presented the report of the nominating committee, consisting of Mr. Ralph Ross and himself. Elections then took place, resulting as follows: Honorary President — LeRoy Dale; Hon. Vice-Pres. — Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson, Miss Annie Ryan, J. B. Mackenzie; President — Lt. Col. Jas. Ballantine; 1st Vice Pres. — To be elected by Ex. 2nd Vice Pres. — to be elected by Exec. 3rd Vice Pres. — Mrs. J. Hepburn; Treasurer — Everett Cole;

Secretary — Mrs. Herb Harlow, Jr. For the Executive, each of the following organizations would be asked to appoint a representative: Women's Institute, Local Council, I.O.D.E., W.C.T.U., W.A. of the Legion, Arts and Crafts, also for the neighbouring district, Miss Prairie McGuire, Norval; K. C. Lindsay, Stewarttown; A. Beaumont, Glen Williams; A. W. Benton, Limeshouse; and the following ladies and gentlemen: Mrs. Ann Lawson, Mrs. W. G. O. Thompson, Miss Yvonne Adams, Mrs. D. W. Baxter, Mrs. W. V. Grant, Mrs. Jas. Ballantine, Mrs. John Campbell, Mrs. P. W. Cleave, Mrs. W. E. Nodwell, Mrs. W. G. Bell, Mrs. J. H. Chamberlain.

Col. Ballantine then, on invitation by Mr. Dale, took the chair, and called upon Squadron Leader Ernest Harston, Field Secretary of the Ontario Division of the Red Cross, to address the meeting.

The special speaker gave an outline of the peacetime programme of the Red Cross, after offering his commendation of the excellent war work of the Georgetown Branch. He mentioned the commitments to war-torn countries, saying that in recent months over one-and-a-half million dollars had gone to Britain.

The programme includes blood-banks, and transfusion equipment in every hospital, a good course in voluntary nursing service, with a cupboard of sick-room supplies available.

There are twenty-seven outpost hospitals in Ontario and eight to be built when material is available. Disaster relief is ever available.

The Red Cross is specializing in two ways: care of veterans and community work. The local branch also is more autonomous than it was. And headquarters is always ready to help. Five million dollars is looked for to support all these excellent projects.

A resolution of appreciation and thanks was tendered Mr. Dale, Miss Yvonne Adams and Mr. Gordon McLintock, the retiring officers, for their splendid work in the war years.

Col. Ballantine and Mr. Dale referred to the excellent service rendered by all who had carried on the work of the Red Cross, and a vote of thanks was tendered to the faithful workers during the war years.

After thanking Squadron Leader Harston, Col. Ballantine declared the meeting adjourned.

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