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The Editor's Column

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS PROMISED

In line with Georgetown's determination to keep its high school and to provide a more extensive curriculum for students, Dr. F. R. Watson reviewed plans of the School Board for next term and presented them to Council last Wednesday. The Board has decided to introduce commercial work and agriculture next term and have the assurance that St. George's parish hall, conveniently located near the school, will be available for use as a part-time classroom. The whole project would cost an estimated \$4000 to \$4500 for the first term, with this cost cut in half in subsequent terms once the necessary equipment has been purchased.

The Board has also under consideration a bus service which would bring students from Esquesing and possibly part of Erin Township into the Georgetown School area. A quotation of \$12 a day for covering of the area has been received, which the Board believes is extremely reasonable.

In order to find out just where Georgetown stands, considering the North Halton School area which was established by County Council by-law last week, Mayor Gibbons suggested that a joint delegation of Council and School Board members seek an early hearing with the Minister of Education. Mayor Gibbons said that there had been too much talk about what could and couldn't be done and that a clarification of the town's position was long overdue.

It is to be hoped that the delegation will be able to convince the Minister of the particular folly of introducing a central district for municipalities which are rapidly growing and which will someday regret action taken in haste.

ANOTHER BIG HOLIDAY

Seems we go from one big show to another these days in town. Close on the heels of the successful Lions Garden party Monday night, comes the July 1st celebration, in which the Legion will combine to make it a holiday worth remembering. Highlight of the July Ist evening will be the presentation of cheques and scrolls to the men and women from Georgetown who served with the armed forces. Mayor Joseph Gibbons will make the presentation and a garden party will follow. The evening will conclude with a dance in the

armouries. On Monday evening, Mill Street will be the scene of a street carnival, with the usual dance, refreshment booth and concessions to set the mood for the holiday. Tuesday afternoon in the park there will be track and field events, races, a midway and a general good time for young and old. An Oakville-Georgetown Intermediate baseball game is also slated for the day.

A particular invitation is being extended to all servicemen and women to make the holiday a veterans' reunion and renew old acquaintances.

ARTIFICIAL ICE IN THE WIND

From this corner, it looks as if Georgetown can look forward to a really banner hockey season this winter, as there is a good chance that artificial ice will be installed during the summer. The Council and Board of Parks will be getting together soon at a special meeting to deal with the pros and cons. There are many like ourselves who wish that so many major expenditures had not piled up in one year. Artificial ice will add \$30,000 more to an expenditure of \$375,000 for sewers, \$30,000 for wartime housing, \$16,000 for a new municipal building, as well as increased costs of public and high school operation. However, we are inclined to believe that if the members of the Parks Board believe the Arena expenditure will carry itself, it will be good business and will not put an extra drain on the taxpayer who most certainly is in for a substantial tax boost next year.

STILL MORE NEEDED

Another \$75 was added to the Recognition Fund last week, and we are pleased to learn that there were a few potential donators who had put off their giving merely through inattention. Perhaps you are in this category and have still not got around to making a donation. There is not much time left, as the presentation cheques will have to be made out before July 1st. Why not leave your donation with Mr. Ireland at the Bank of Commerce today, or phone him and tell him to deduct it from your account. The cheques cannot total even \$25 unless a substantial sum is added to the balance now on hand. It's up to everyone to see that Georgetown's gift is in line with those of other muni-

Recalls Pioneer Days as Western Massey-Harris Agent

In the May issue of Massey-Harris News, plant publication of the Massey-Harris Company, Mr. W. C. Maguire of Regina is subject of an interesting write-up in the column "Links With the Past". Mr. Maguire is the father of Miss Prairie Maguire of Norval.

The article says: highly respected personalities in the Western organization of our company is that of W. C. (Billy) Maguire of Regina branch. Although in his 82nd year and retired on pension, Mr. Mato his first love - the implement bu- | Waterloo trip. siness. At the present time, Mr. Maguire assists in the business of the lined up for the summer, including local Regina city dealer.

neration - and many of the oldsters on October 1st. Last Friday they too -- congregate to reminisce on past experiences - the name of Billy Maguire invariably enters into the conversation, for from this font of sage wisdom and mellow experience many lessons have been learned that, in practice today by other minds, are a guiding influence in the conduct of completed.

It was in 1882 that Billy Maguire left his home in Toronto and went West to Winnipeg. He was then lad of 17. Three years later the Riel Rebellion broke out and Billy Maguire enlisted in the forces to quell it. He emerged from that experience with a wound in the face. Like most others who had come to the West, Billy Maguire took up farming and settled on a 320 acre farm near Souris, Man. Inexperienced in his new occupation, Mr. Maguire had to learn the hard way. His equipment consisted of plow, three sections of harrows, wagon and a yoke of oxen. Albeit, his first season's operations resulted in a wonderful harvest which encour-

the Orkney Islands. Fortune did not continue to smile. however, for the young couple experienced a succession of bad seasons with crop failure after crop failure. Many of their neighbours gave up the struggle; what little grain was harvested had to be drawn 40 miles to market and had to be sold at and 30c per bushel; wood for winter fires had to be drawn from Turtie Mountaint 35 miles away; blizzards accompanied by 50 degrees weather lasted for days, and were so severe that guide ropes had to be installed between house and barn lest one become lost and perish in

It was in 1892 that Mr. Maguire joined the implement business in the Winnipeg Parts department of the newly amaigamated Massey-Harris Company. Then he found what he had let himself in for. There were parts for Harris machines, parts for Wisner machines, parts for the Wilkinson plow, the Patterson binder, the Paris power straw cutter and many others. It took many months of long hard work sorting, listing and binning this huge stock, but it was time well spent for an inexperienced

As the business of the branch expanded and new lines of machines were added, Mr. Maguire took a keen interest in them and saw to it that repair parts were maintained in suf ficient stock to provide service owners. As a reward for his interest and industry, Mr. Maguire was named principal stocktaker, a duty which required him to do considerable traveiling, usually by horse and buggy to the agencies of the branch.

When the Regina branch was opened in 1903 with R. H. Agar as Manager, Mr. Maguire was transferred to this point and his duties included looking after parts stocks, warehousing, service expert and sales. This was no easy task, for the new building was still in process of construction, only the basement of the office building having been completed. Goods arrived before the roof was innished and had to be stored in any convenient place, often being buried under the heavy snow which fell that season. The territory served by the branch at that time extended from the U.S. border to Prince Albert and from Medicine Hat so Broadview.

An influx of settlers about that time soon occupied much of the vir gin prairie south of Regina the buffalo used to roun and the

first tractors made their appearance. To take care of the added needs of this new market, Mr. Maguire became engaged more and more in sales work and recalls selling many of the big 6, 8 and 10-furrow breaker plows that were so popular during that period

of Western history. But with all the optimism and hope engendered by the possibilities of this new land there was heartache and despair as witness the case of one of Mr. Maguire's customers, a Mr. Robertson who broke 600 acres in 1912! and seeded it to flax. In the Fall it looked as if he would make a fortune out of his flax as it was a beautiful stand. He promptly ordered two binders and hitched them to one of the large tractors common at time. In the first round of the field, however; the flax was found to

PLAY WATERLOO TEST PIECE AT SUNDAY BAND CONCERT

Georgetown will have-a chance to hear the test piece with which Lorne Scots Band hopes to cap honours again this year, at the Waterloo Band Festival, when the band plays a concert in the park this Sun-One of the best loved and most day evening under the leadership of Bandmaster Alf Perrott. Selections will include the test plece "HIMS Pinafore", the march "Great Little Army," by Atkins, and a varied program of band music. A silver collecguire still devotes his time and effort tion will help defray expenses of the

The band has several engagements an appearance at Seaforth Lions When members of the younger ge- jamboree July 18 and Teeswater Fair appeared in Port Credit, where the weatherman put a kink in the Lions Jamboree and a rainstorm halted proceedings early in the evening.

frozen and the harvest was never

Mr. Maguire recalls his early experience in the tractor business. To get the "feel" of the first Massey-Harris tractor to reach Western Canada, Mr. Maguire took it out for trial. This was the first tractor had ever driven and frankly admits he knew nothing about it. In those days every tractor sale made accompanied by an "expert" from the factory, but on Mr. Maguire's prospect, the expert failed to make his appearance. Undaunted, Mr. Maguire took the tractor to the prospective farm and demonstrated it himself. Needless to say, he came away with a cheque in his pocket.

It was in 1926, Mr. Maguire recalls that the first combines made their appearance on Western plains. They aged him to the point of proposing were not all received kindly, as users marriage to a lovely girl just out from felt their grain must stand too long to ripen for combine operation. Through the efforts of Mr. Maguire and men like him, these fears were soon dispelled and the Massey-Harris line gradually grew in popularity climaxed by the present No 21A selfpropelled combine which, in Mr. Maguire's opinion is "king of them all."

ST. GEORGE'S W.A. WILL ENTERTAIN NEW CHURCH LADIES

The closing meeting of St. George's W. A. was held at the home of Mrs. William Bullivant, with Mrs. Syd MacKenzie presiding. Mrs. J. Wyatt, Dorcas secretary, gave a report on the bale mentioning the names of all those who had donated. Mrs. D. W. Baxter, Extra Cent-a-Day secretary reported all monies sent to Ha-

milton up to date. Mrs. W. G. O. Thompson gave a talk on newcomers to the church and it was decided to hold a social evening at the Rectory this month to welcome them. The United Thank-Offering will be presented at a church service during August.

After the business meeting, rereshments were served by the hosess and then a valuable bale was packed for shipment to the Gordon School in Saskatchewan. It was also Penny Bag Night and contents of bags turned in were counted.

JUVENILES OPEN AT OAKVILLE TONIGHT: ACTON HERE SATURDAY

The much-kicked-around Juvenile O.B.A. schedule was finally arranged at a meeting in Milton last Wednesday which lasted into the wee sma Newman attended the meeting for the Georgetown club. The original schedule was frowned on by Acton which had put the cart before the horse, and arranged a softball schedule which conflicted for both park accommodation and players. Georgetown had delayed arranging its softball schedule until the juveniles were

Only one game had been played under the original schedule, Milton winning from Oakville 19 - 3.

A 5-game playoff will be arranged by the two leading teams for the trophy donated by Bruce Fitzgerald of Milton. The trophy will be kept by any team winning it five times in a row. As Georgetown's new uniforms are not expected to arrive until June 19th or later, the team has been given permission to play without them unti

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