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# The Editor's Column

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

In Georgetown this year, fire loss has been farbelow average, mostly because of a wet summer and the cooperation of citizens in avoiding fire hazards. Next week, October 5th to 11th, we are particularly asked to direct our minds along fire prevention lines during Fire Prevention Week, so proclaimed by Royal Proclamation. The need for such thought is shown in the fact that in Canada in 1946, 408 people lost their lives through fire and nearly fifty million dollars in property damage occurred.

Georgetown, as we have said, has been fortunate this year and our local Fire Brigade has not had any thing big to cope with, but the danger is always present and in order to make their work lighter, they particularly ask that furnace pipes be checked. The wet summer and heavy humidity have been hard on pipes and preventive action now can save you dollars later on. Two recent fires, one of which could easily have been serious, have both been traced to children playing with matches. Every parent can help avoid this, by telling their children of the serious consequences which might result and by keeping matches away from the smaller members of the family.

Such cooperation will give Georgetown a proud record of fire control in 1947 and do our bit to make Canada's fire loss a minimum.

### A BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mayor Gibbons, with the unanimous approval of Council, has fulfilled an election pledge of last year and at this year's municipal elections, voters will be asked if they favour a Board of Education elected annually. Such a Board would replace the present system whereby two Boards, one elected and one appointed, administer affairs for primary and secondary schools.

In order that voters may be familiar with the system which it is proposed to replace, we might briefly review the present school board set-up. The Public School is administered by a six-member board comprising two elected representatives from each of Georgetown's three voting wards. Each serves a two-year term and one member is elected annually from each ward. Present members of the board are: Ward !-Mrs. Perc Cleave, Miss Annie Ryan; Ward 2-J. D. Kelly, Harry Shortill; Ward 3-E. V. MacCormack (chairman), Dr. J. B. Milne. Voting interest in the Public School Board has never been very strong, and Mr. Shortill is the first member of the Board to obtain his seat by other than acclamation in more than twenty years.

The High School Board is also a six-man board which is appointed rather than elected. Three members are appointed by the town and three by the county. Each serves a three-year term and one appointment is made annually by each of the town and county councils. Board members at present are: Town representatives, Dr. F. R. Watson, Dr. A. McAllister, Bruce MacKenzie; County representatives, H. M. Moyer (chairman), Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson, John Bingham.

While no criticism of either of the present boards is implied, the mayor and his colleagues in council believe that school affairs, taking as they do over thirty per cent of the tax money are too important an item to go unnoticed by the ratepayers and too much responsibility to place on the shoulders of appointed men. They further believe that one school board administering education from six years old to high school leaving could better administer the system and coordinate facilities.

## CONSERVATION IS IMPORTANT

Reeve Maclaren, at the last town Council meeting, introduced a subject which should not be allowed to go by the boards, and yet one which has so many ramifications that it is really too big a matter for a municipal council to deal with. He pointed out the serious effects which can eventually result if attention is not paid to soil conservation in the Credit River valley and suggested that action be taken to conserve soil which now is being washed down the Credit with every storm and spring flood.

Soil conservation entails among other things, proper reforestation and instruction to farmers individually and collectively in proper plowing methods. It is a slow process but one which over the years will pay dividends for this section of the country and for Can-

Reeve Maclaren is to be congratulated on his encouragement of conservation action. A logical development of his idea would be to have a meeting called of representatives of municipalities and farm groups in the Credit. Valley area to discuss the problem and see what action is warranted.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE BETTER REVELATION

by Rev. R. C. Todd LESSON: Hebs. 1:1-4; 2:1-3;8;6-1 We begin this week, a series essons that deal with letters written by early leaders of the Christian Church, which circulated among certain of the congregations for their edification and instruction in the faith. These letters, ificluding Hebrews, James, 1 and 2 Peter, Jude 2, and 3, John, and Revelation, all reflect a background of persecution and trial, during which the Christlans found themselves contending for their faith against pagan idolatry and the ruthless might of the Roman Empire. The Christians, unlike the adherents of the various pagan religions, found that they could not maintain their faith and accommodate their consciences the official policies of Rome.

The "Hebrews" to whom the epistle under consideration this week, is addressed, were those orthodox and quite conservative and strict Jews scattered throughout the Roman Empire who had clung to the forms of their ancient religion. The letter is written in an effort to set forth the Christian position as an outgrowth of the covenant made by God with the ancient Israelites.

First the writer deals with God's revelation of himself. (Heb. 1:1-4) He revealed himself at many times and in many ways through the Old Testent prophets; But in the writer's time through His Son, who is declared to be Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified and resurrected. The earthly life of this Jesus is seen against the background of an eternal existence, both before and after his days among men. These things, the writer says about Him; 1. He is God's Son; 2. It was by Him that God created the worlds (not world). Here is full agreement with the writer of the Gospel according to John." him were all things made, and without him was nothing made that was made." (John 1:3) 3. He effected an atonement for human sin. 4. He now shares in the moral government of the universe which must finally determine the outcome of history, "He sat down at the right hand of the majesty on high." He upholds "all things by the word of his power"

For some years there has been tendency among Christians to look upon nature and history as media of God's revelation of Himself. This is not unnatural, since Faith does see indications of God's wisdom, power and creative activity in the works of His creation. And it is only natural too that Ohristians of today who have seen the overthrow of forces of evil that once seemed secure from assault, and who faces a future that is still menaced by continuing forces i of cvil in all nations, will feel that history presents its own record of the sovereignty and justice of God. But it is only indications they see, and a record that they observe. And it is only because they have known God in Jesus Christ and the propphets that they are able to discern Him in nature and history. Inquid nature and history both contain many dark and disturbing elements 2 in which Faith finds it hard to discern God. For the Christians there was only one final and complete revelation of God: "unto us hath he spoken by His Son." Our basic assurance comes from Christ Himself He that hath seen me hath seen the Father."

In the second passage of the lesson text (Heb. 2:1-3), the writer relates his theology to life, and states that since Christ shares with God the moral government of the universe, men ought to give "earnest heed" to the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. "How shall we escape?" he declares, if we neglect the salvation which is offered to us and our world in Jesus Christ. Later in the letter he says: "Our God is a consuming fire." Because God is Truth, no sham or hypocrisy can hope to stand before Him. Because he Love, no hate can overcome Him. Because He is Just, no injustice can stand before Him. When men build for themselves a house of nes, as they have built for themselves in every nation of the world today, then God is the hand which tears it down about their ears; when they wrap themselves up in some elaborate deception to cover up their disobedience of His Commandments, God is the wind that strips them bare and naked. And all this He does, not because He is Anger, but because He is Truth and Love.

In the last passage of the lesson text, the writer of Hebrews contraststhe Old Covenant established with Moses on Mount Sinai, with the new Covenant established in Christ. The Old was sealed with the blood of sacrificial animals; the New with Blood of God's own Son who gave Himself as a living Sacrifice. The Old could never accomplish its purpose as the sacrifices made for sin were always external to the worshipper and the animal could be slain without any corresponding change in the worshipper's life, for it was provided by the sinful worshipper and identified with himself. But the sacrifice of C hrist was a sacrifice provided by God which alone could make it worthy and is of such a nature to change the heart of any-

one who beholds it in faith. Whereas the Old Covenant was written on tablets of stone and was an external authority, the New, as Jeremiah, whom the writer quotes in Heb. 8:10, foresaw, would be written on human hearts. The writer speaks as we mentioned earlier, of Christ being the complete revelation of This does not mean merely that Jesus taught certain truths and facts about God. It means that in Christ, - in his life, his teachings, his atonement, his resurrection, we are confronted by God; it is a personal encounter which demands of us a moraf and spiritual decision. Revelation is not merely an intellectual matter. God stands before us in Christ; "behold I stand at the door and knock." If he comes in, life is changed for us in a way no state ment of purely external laws could do. The eternal Christ becomes the ldw of the heart; a covenant between

man and God.

THAT Jack Brill has rejoined the staff of Brill's Dep't. Store after working at the Provincial Coating Mill for the past year.

THAT the Georgetown Dairy bullroof has been put on and a stucco coating laid over the old brick-work.

THAT B. F. Murfin has moved his shop from its former location behind the Lavole Knitting Company to s building on John Street beside the Georgetown Shoe Company.

THAT several bowling leagues are being organized in local industries and it looks like a full season of bowling at the Lucky Strike this

THAT Georgetown stores closed for an hour on Monday in respect to the memory of Clarence Buck during the funeral service.

THAT Earl Marchment had accepted a position as driver with Clarence Kennedy's Arrow Taxi.

THAT Ted Darlington is building new house on the 7th line across from M. H. Moyer's farm.

THAT William Schenk is constructing a new building

his Credit Valley Bottling Works on Township Council Has New

THAT the High School had an unscheduled holiday on Monday when heating trouble closed the school for

TRAT the Post Office interior has been redecorated in an attractiv

THAT the hallways, two rooms and the assembly room the Public School have been painted in two shades of green, a decided improvement over previous

Meeting Place

During alterations to the Townabip Hall at Stewarttown, Esquesing Council has decided to hold their meetings in Norval at the home of the Road Superintendent, W. E. Townsend. "Commencing next Moriday, October 6th, Council will meet at their new location at 1.30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month until further notice:

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