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The Editor's Corner

NEWS OF THE HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

From the Acton and Milton papers we learn that the central school at Speyside has been shelved for the time being in favour of an addition to the two town schools and that tenders have been let for transportation of students from Esqueving and Nassagaweya to the schools which will in turn provide a somewhat broader curriculum than either have had to date. This paper has been a consistent opponent of any plan which would result in closing Georgetown High School, but we are at a loss to understand why the local High School Board should turn down a proposal to go into the plan on the new basis of adding to the three schools and providing transportation to them. Deputy-Reeve Armstrong has criticized the School Board for not having Council sit in on a recent discussion with Dr. Carl Martin of Milton, when the new scheme was discussed. In view of the close co-operation between the Council and Board on the original decision, Deputy-Reeve Armstrong has a point. The matter will be aired at a future Council meeting as Council has requested a report on the meeting from the School Board chairman.

Manwhile to keep up-to-date on opinion in the neighbouring towns, we reprint the lead editorial from last week's Acton and Milton papers, which Mr. Dills titled "The Present and the Future."

"Residents of North Halton may wonder following the news reports of last week in which Councils of the four Municipalities agreed to sanction additions to the present schools in Acton and Milton, what has happened to the plan for a central school. The editor being a member of the Board, has had opportunity to hear and participate in discussions since the inception of the Board. Any opinions expressed here are of course our own based on our conclusions.

First of all it should be kept in mind that the purpose of the larger area was to provide a wider range of subjects and equal educational opportunities for pupils whether they were residents of town or country. It was soon found that there was not space for more subjects to be added and all the pupils accommodated in the school buildings in Acton and Milton. Before going ahead with any plans the Board of Georgetown was again approached to join in the district. Failing to receive a favorable reply from the Georgetown officials, the plans were drawn for additional rooms at Milton and Acton.

These rooms will add to the courses available for North Halton District pupils, Household Science, Manual Training and a Commercial Course. They will make these courses available immediately. Building costs and the report of the Royal Commission on Education would seem to be the chief reasons for deferring the central building for a short time, although in granting permission for present plans, the Department of Education urged the District Board to proceed as soon as possible with the selection of a site for the central school.

We understand these new additions are for temporary purposes as far as High School use is concerned. Their erection is to fill an immediate need for those pupils who are at school during the next five years. There has been no suggestion that the central school plan has been abandoned. It is believed the buildings will be used for Public School facilities when a central school is built.

Councils of all municipalities have heard the proposals and reached agreement. If there was any thought in our mind that these additions would alter those original plans for the advantages of a central school in the centre of the district to be served, we would be the first to oppose the present building. There has, however, been no alternative suggestion offered by any of the municipalities and complete agreement on the present temporary plans for better educational facilities for North Halton District—both now and five years hence, when it is estimated the central school can be ready to serve the North Halton district or a larger district if desired.

May we impress again that these are the viewpoints of your editor who has always been an advocate of the central school plans and who believes that plan the solution to better High School education."

YOU NEVER KNOW

One of the interesting features of editing a newspaper is the fact that one never knows how items will be interpreted by readers. Usually it is the least expected items which arouse the interest of readers. We can write about sewerage, building by-laws, park improvements, and other matters of major importance and seldom does a reader take the trouble to give his views on the matter. But let it be an inconsequentiality and the fun begins. The following letter was received on Mon-

day, posted in Georgetown with a three-cent stamp and typewritten and we're afraid our best sleuthing will never uncover the mysterious Mr. Etricke. However, much as we like circulation of the Herald to be increased, we don't think we shall follow his advice and write a weekly column on life in the editor's household. Having just finished an article by editor B. K. Sandwell in Saturday Night concerning the late Joe Atkinson's policy of "anything for circulation" of the Toronto Daily Star, we pass Mr. E's suggestions on to the trustee board of that newspaper for their consideration. Acton, Ont.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Noticed in a recent issue of your "Newspaper" that you had suffered a great misfortune. I refer to your failure to get tickets to a show in Toronto.

I am sure this item must have been of great interest to your readers. Keep up the good work. They would probably be dying to know what you have for breakfast and when you changed your underwear.

Perhaps in order to make a better paper you could have one page devoted exclusively to the home life of the Editor and his family. This would be great stuff for the public, but you they would be lined up outside the office on paper day and your subscriptions would double overnight. Why not try it?

Yours for a better newspaper,

James Etricke

P.S. — The editor has for breakfast as a rule a bowl of Shreddies (adv.) and occasionally a piece of toast. The underwear is changed at least once a week and usually more, depending on how much we sweat getting out this newspaper.

P.P.S. — If next week's mail does not produce a \$2.50 subscription from Mr. E, whose name we fail to find on the mailing list, we shall feel that he has not the courage of his own convictions, and shall sadly return to more mundane comment.



Danny Kaye, the popular American film star, broadcasting in the British Broadcasting Corporation's magazine programme "In Town Tonight" Kaye came to London for a few weeks at the Palladium, one of the capitol's biggest theatres, and packed it every night to capacity, while hundreds queued each day to buy coveted standing room.

There has been no sensation like Danny Kaye in London for many years. The force of his personality is terrific and he could fill the the-

atre for months instead of weeks. His art is really pantomime, which he learnt largely by playing to audiences in the Far East who knew no English. He has an incredible faculty for singing songs in what almost amounts to gibberish but which reduces his audience to one compact mass of cheering humanity. It was a long time before he was discovered, though he was in show business from his early days, ever since he started entertaining customers when he was a waiter in a summer camp.

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