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The Editor's Corner

THE WATER PROBLEM

The whole question of water in Georgetown will come in for an intensive review in the next few months with the announcement that a Brantford firm of consulting engineers has been engaged to make a complete survey of local water problems. The report is expected to include a detailed survey of sources of supply which according to the information available are fast dwindling to a point of seriousness. This was strongly indicated just a few weeks ago when it was necessary for the town to warn householders that the water supply was at an all-time low and that lawn sprinkling and all unnecessary strain on the supply must be suspended for the time being. While rainfall has eased this it does show that normal increase in the population will aggravate such situations until the time will eventually come when present supply cannot cope with demand. The chlorination problem is another which has been coming closer every year. We have been told time and again by those who should know, our former local Medical Officer of Health, the present County Health Unit, the Ontario Department of Health that our water is not pure and that chlorination is the only answer to provide a safe supply of drinking water. There is also the question of reviewing the physical set-up of water mains to determine which need replacing and to plan for future town growth and determine what size of pipe should be used and what type of installation is the correct one.

The unfortunate aspect of the problem was pointed out to Council by Mayor Gibbons and is that Georgetown is in no position this year to meet the cost of the survey which will be an amount at least of \$2,000 and possibly considerably more, depending on the recommendations of the engineering firm. Saddled with increased costs of ordinary public services and the capital cost of sewerage and Wartime Housing, the tax rate was greatly increased in 1948 and yearly estimates cut to a bare minimum. What will undoubtedly happen will be that the survey cost will be deferred and included in a debenture issue to meet the capital cost of changes in the water service. Which means that it will be paid out of another pocket but that we will be faced with even higher tax rates in years to come. While taxpayers may not be happy to see this situation developing there is little that can be done. Water is one thing we can't do without and a safe and adequate supply is a necessity in the life of any town.

ANNE IS STAYING

The many readers who have commented favourably on our new column "Chatting with Anne" will be pleased to know that she plans to continue to make this a regular Herald feature and that her bright column of news and gossip will be seen in future editions. Many of you will know by now that Anne is Mrs. Harry Watkins who lives on the 9th Line and finds time besides being a housewife and mother of a young son for a diversity of interests which includes writing short stories for magazines and week-end papers and novels, one of which she has called "These Links Don't Break" which was accepted for publication last year by an American publishing house. We consider it fortunate to have such a gifted columnist and look forward to many interesting columns under Anne's signature.

COOPERATION MAKES BUSINESS

While on vacation we had occasion to do some shopping in the town of Kincardine and the cooperation and friendliness which existed among the merchant fraternity is worthy of note. On three occasions we were referred from one store to another until the desired article was found and in each case the store clerk came to the doorway of the store and pointed out the location of his competitor. One cannot expect rivals in business to be boon companions but the Kincardine merchants follow a policy of believing that if business is brought to town and kept in town every one will get a share proportionate with the facilities they provide and such a philosophy brings benefit to each. This friendly cooperation is summed up in the sign which welcomes the traveller as he enters the town "Kincardine—where you're a stranger only once".

POT POURRI

Al Cameron, who has been a resident here again during his stint of relieving at the Bank of Montreal branch in Acton during the illness of the manager and accountant there has finished that job but is back in town on vacation. Al married a Georgetown girl, Helen Brown when he worked with the bank here, and is now a member of the Peterborough club. He is spending some of his vacation selling lucky draw tickets for the Peterborough Lions who are also raffling a refrigerator with a motor boat as second prize. The club there is making improvements to Riverside Park.

Very quiet in town this week with such industries as Smith & Stone, Harley-Kay-Marsland, Wilfrid Lavoie & Son, B. F. Murfin Sheet Metal Works, The Georgetown Lumber Co. and the staff of R. H. Thompson off for a week's vacation. Neil McLennan, who purchased a drug store in Timmins after leaving his position as manager at Robb's Drug Store here has moved closer home and is now running the former Huff's Drug Store at Islington under the name McLennan Pharmacy. It is the building with the glass front which is located at the "six points" on the highway from Brampton. Looks like July has replaced June as the traditional month of weddings in Georgetown. There were no less than six weddings of local interest last Saturday. We've seen a lot of concoctions, but it was a new one on us when a friend mixed equal parts of milk and Coca Cola. Claims it makes a refreshing summer drink. We'll stick to them in sepias. If you're interested in comparing amateur and professional theatrics, Toronto's Museum Theatre is this week presenting "While the Sun Shines" with Stanley Bell, playing his original New York role. The play was the spring presentation in town of Apprentice Productions.

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