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The Editor's Corner

SCHOOL SITUATION CONFUSING

With district high schools on the eve of reopening there is still a great deal of confusion for Esquesing residents living in the vicinity of Georgetown who might wish to have their children attend Georgetown High School rati er than be transported by school bus' to Acton or Milton as the case may be. The letter received by the Georgetown School Board from the Department of Education in answer to a request for clarification merely dumped the problem on the shoulders of the North Halton Area Board. It is now this Board's duty to decide whether Georgetown school is more accessible to a student who lives in Norval, for example, than either of the other schools which are six or eight miles distant but to which transportation is being provided. The problem is complex because Esquesing has committed herself to help finance these schools and from a financial point of view it is advantageous to send as many of her students as possible to Acton and Milton to get the most for her money by lower per capita cost of higher education. Geographically, however, it does not seem right to send students farther afield for education which is on their own doorsteps in a school which has traditionally served them for three quarters of a century.

Written as this is before Thursday's Area Board meeting, it is expected that the problem will be completely discussed and decisions made on that occasion. We should, however, like to register protest at high pressure methods being employed to drive prospective students away from Georgetown High School. No one, not even the members of Georgetown High School Board can at the present time give any accurate idea of what the per capita-cost of education will be at the school next year. With as high an enrolment as last year it would be in the neighbourhood of \$120 yearly. If enrolment is sharply reduced by an exodus of rural students this would be substantially increased. The stories being circulated that it will cost a man three or four hundred dollars to send his boy or girl to school here are, to say the least, premature, and are based on the assumption that the local enrolment will be reduced.

The inducement of a school bus may influence a few parents who find it a burden to provide transportation here from country districts. The large proportion, we would guess, would rather continue in this way, than have their children farther from home and travelling several unnecessary miles of highway, particularly in the winter months. If enough such parents have communicated with the Area Board, we do not expect any radical change in enrolment at the school here. Looking ahead we venture to predict one of two things before the 1949-50 school term opens. Either Georgetown will be part of the present school area, or Esquesing will drop her membership.

Man ploughs and plants and digs and weeds,

The works with hoe and spade;
God sends the sun and rain and air,
And thus a garden's made.
He must be proud who tills the soil
And turns the heavy sod:
How wonderful a thing to be
In partnership with God.

Ida M. Thomas.

POT POURRI

Classified advertisements are well read if you can judge by one which appeared last week seeking the owner of a Ronson lighter. The owner turned out to be Jim Yates after three disappointed people enquired. A few minutes after the lighter had been restored to its owner a fifth enquiry was received at the office.

. . . . We realize that we use the term incorrectly

when we speak of "Classified" ads in referring to those which appear under our heading "New Advertisements." One of these weeks we intend to change the format and group these under heading as is common with most newspapers. As for the term New Advertisements, it was inherited with the business and its derivation is a puzzle. Adlets or Small Advertisements would more accurately describe the column Another misleading column heading which we have never got around to changing is "Local News." Frankly we have often searched for a better title but don't seem to hit on the right term to describe a mixture of coming events, announcements, and brief items. Suggestions would be welcome The editor has been taking some friendly ribbing about his new practic of sweeping both sidewalk and gutter and collecting the refuse. Still think that a few more converts to the system would make Main Street a much more pleasant sight in the evenings and on Sunday . . . Proof that home products are best was demonstrated last week when the local applicant far outdistanced the out-

of-town men in the personal interview for town fore-

man. Congratulations, Ern Hyde, on your new position. A Toronto optometrist is considering opening a local office and coming to Georgetown one or two days a week. Can't help noticing every time we walk by Silver's what a wonderful job Sid has done in giving Georgetown, a store which compares with anything we have seen of similar size in the city.

Looking backward along the years, Fellows and friends tonight; Looking back at the smiles and tears, Here in the cheerful light, When were the days, the golden days, The very best days we knew? When did we walk in the gladdest ways Under the skies of blue? When was our living the most sublime? When was our foy supreme? Wasn't it back in the boyhood time, Back by the woodland stream? Wasn't, it there on the country road When we were boys, akin, When never a heart had ever a load, With a world to wander in. Let us go back to the boyhood joys, Back to the woodland way-Keep your hearts fifteen, my boys, No matter how long you stay Douglas Malloch in "The Lion"

EXHIBITION OPENS SATURDAY

Brimful with new features the world's largest annual exposition, the Canadian National Exhibition gets underway on Friday. From then, until Saturday, September 11, this panorama will unfold daily except Sundays to lundreds of thousands of visitors from all over Canada and the United States. Rear Admiral the Earl Mountbatten, World War 11 hero and recently retired first Governor General of India will officially open the Ex on Friday. Outstanding addition this year is the new three million dollar grandstand which replaces the old one destroyed by fire. Seating 22,000 people, there will be presented each night an extravaganza featuring Olsen and Johnson.

Another notable feature will be daily concerts by His Majesty's Welsh Guards Band, sixty of the finest musicians in the British Army, while Gene Krupa and Tommy Dorsey will desight dance lovers in the Coliseum. The midway includes the first outdoor ice skating show ever held in Canada in the summer time. Special displays of jet airplanes, both in the air and on the ground and a fine exhibit of television feature the latest advances in science. A unique exhibit will be drilling operations, "for oil" by a complete crew and equipment from the Leduc wells in Northern Alberta. They will sink a shaft hundred of feet deep at the East End of the Automotive Building.

All in all it looks from advance publicity as if the 1948 Exhibition will be a real highlight in the history of this great show.

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