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## The Editor's Corner

### WHERE IS THE LIMIT?

Council members have expressed some concern over the rising tax rate in town and a period of austerity is forecast while we settle down to paying for improvements such as sewerage and for extensions of civic services due to an enlarging town. It will perhaps come as a pleasant surprise to most taxpayers to find that this year the tax rate has increased only four mills over last year. The estimated net cost of conducting town business in 1949 is about \$96,000, and with a population of 3200, this will amount to about \$30 per capita. Main increases in cost of civic services are a \$1200 raise in the county rate, a school increase of \$1500, salary increases of \$1800 due to the hiring of an extra town man, and the inclusion of a \$3,000 deficit from last year. Some decreases have been made, notably a reduction in grant to the Recreational Committee of \$1,000, while on this side of the ledger is an estimated increase in water surplus from \$1700 to \$4500.

One item which does not appear in the budget is an estimate for cost of debentures for major road improvements which council is contemplating this year. The budget allowance for roads has been decreased from \$6700 to \$2500. If a debenture is not issued, it is certain that at least the same sum as last year must be available to keep roads in a passable condition. If a debenture is issued, there will be debenture charges applicable to this year's business. A hidden tax, which helps to keep the general rate down, but still means money out of the taxpayer's pocket is the \$80,000 water debenture, which will cost the town about two mills yearly. Adding these two extras, the real tax rate is closer to 60 mills plus the local improvement charges on sewerage.

It is difficult for a layman to figure just where the real burden of payment is. It would be interesting to compare statistics of other towns and cities and find out what the per capita cost of operation is. The town auditor has given my opinion that the town has almost reached the limit of its borrowing power, and his expert advice should be heeded. It is council's difficult duty to decide whether the majority of the taxpayers are able to bear the present burden, whether they are willing to pay over more for increased public services, or whether drastic economy should be adopted in order to bring taxes down.

### SOME EXTRA TAX REVENUE

The proposal by Deputy Reeve Goodlet at Monday's council meeting to charge transient traders a fee under the Hawkers and Pedlars Act will meet with widespread approval among merchants, who consider this to be unfair competition, and by taxpayers, who will appreciate the extra revenue which can help to keep down the tax rate. A recent amendment to the Act allows municipalities to seek Municipal Board approval to charge fees up to \$200 yearly for the privilege of outsiders, with no place of business in the town, to do their business here. The fee would compensate for the business tax which is paid by merchants with orthodox business establishments, and would apply to such business people as photographers, bread trucks, cleaners, various types of door-to-door salesmen, and such. The fee is not necessarily set at \$200, this being at Council's discretion.

Particularly at the present time, any additional revenue which the town can legally collect will be a big advantage. It is not the intention to penalize outsiders doing business. In a free country, there is no need to

## U.N. Scouts Help Refugees



The United Nations Scout Association, sponsors of a drive for clothes, toys and food supplies from members of the U.N. staff and delegates, collected approximately two tons of supplies at a ceremony held at Parkway Village, Jamaica, New York (above). The clothing was turned over by the Scouts to the American Friends Committee for distribution to needy persons, especially Palestine refugees.

## Memories of G.H.S.

by Howard F. Orum

In less than the first two months of 1949, there passed away two former GHS teachers in the persons of Mr. H. M. (Bert) Wetherald on January 12th and Mrs. H. W. Kennedy on February 17th. Mr. Wetherald who handled mathematics and science, started in the fall of 1897. He knew his work and was good in discipline. His tall figure was enough to discourage any boy from attempting any cutting up. I can still see him, coming to school in the winter time, with his wedge-shaped Persian lamb cap, and fur-collared overcoat. I had left school, but I attended the farewell to him, when he left to go to Toronto. I recall, that at that time, Mr. Coutts remarked that only once did he feel inclined to scold Mr. Wetherald. Mr. Coutts was worried about some black board brush marks that appeared on the outside of one of the windows of what was then form one. He thought it was one of more of the students, who had been cleaning the brushes on the bricks, leaving marks that were not very tidy. How Mr. Coutts found out I do not know, but the one responsible was Mr. Wetherald. What remarks, passed between the principal and one of his teachers, I imagine only the two concerned ever knew. I was very grieved on February 17th to learn from a friend of mine, who was also a friend of Mr. Kennedy's, that she had passed away. I knew she was ill and the news of her passing was no surprise.

She, Kennedy, a little taller than me, the loveliest woman, it has been my privilege to know and to have had the good fortune to know her and to have had her as a teacher was a real and rare privilege. I feel quite sure that those who were her pupils for six years between 1894 and 1900 would have agreed with me on that. In one of my earlier articles about my memories of GHS, I said the following and I do not think I can improve on it now. "As a teacher of first form pupils, those who had just come from public school, Miss

Hart was the personification of all that was lovely, gentle, patient and refined. Her thoughtful consideration, kindled in the heart of every boy and girl, I know it did with me, a feeling very close to affection."

During her residence in Toronto, I spent many pleasant evenings at her home and during these visits, I learned a great deal about the former pupils of GHS, and the whereabouts of a great many of those still living. She gave me several photographs of former teachers, and pupils, which she valued very much.

One of the most delightful evenings that I spent at her home was in October, 1935. I had been corresponding for some time with Lewis I. Rutledge a former pupil, and at that time a professor at Queen's University in mechanics, who was planning a trip to Toronto, with his daughter. We arranged to have evening dinner, and they got up to Mr. Kennedy's for the evening. She was delighted as was I, at the prospect of seeing and talking with him, as she had not seen him since he left school in 1902. I thoroughly enjoyed the dinner and talking over some of the old days with Lewis. Later, at Mrs. Kennedy's, he and most of the ladies and with Mr. Kennedy and I, we were a matter of laughing over the evening. At the end of the evening, I took home again that evening, a one of the most enjoyable that I had spent in a long time.

In September of the following year, 1936, Lewis passed away very suddenly, while on duty at the University in Kingston.

So far as I know the only former teacher still living of this period of my schooling at GHS is Mr. McLaughlin, who is a doctor in Ottawa.

Crowded, crooked irregular permanent teeth are frequently the price that must be paid for the premature loss, through lack of care, of the baby teeth. Don't allow your child to become a dental cripple by succumbing to the myth that the foundation teeth are of little value to a child.

localize business, but there is also no reason why an outsider should have the advantage over local people in not paying taxes and a yearly fee can equalize this.

### POT POURRI

"They must have been really hungry," said Mrs. A. Berg, commenting on a recent break-in at the Junction Diner at the 7 & 10 Highways intersection. In addition to rifling the diner of \$100 worth of cigarettes and silverware, the thieves took eight pies, which are a specialty at the popular eating establishment. Mr. and Mrs. Berg, who make their home at Limehouse, where they also operate a poultry farm, are proprietors of the Diner. A news item last week about the fire at Dr. W. C. Stile's home referred to it as on Ottander Boulevard. It should have read Durham Street. "A number of friends, opening the doors with their elbows and knees, made a surprise visit," says an item in the Milton Champion, referring to a district party. Wonder how they got out of the house. All H R the party. Ships That Pass in the Type Dept. Two Toronto Girls and their Finances, was the recent caption in a daily newspaper working photo. Perhaps the typesetter wasn't too far wrong at that. Election predictions seem to be popular these days, so we'll hazard a guess at mid June. The first day of Spring on Monday really hit it on the nose, and the balmy breezes were most welcome after Saturday's extreme cold snap. Wonder when the Raiders are going to meet some real opposition? Sutton and Crimaby would be no match for any team in this neck of the woods. Milk Producers take their problems seriously, according to newspaper reports of a fracas on Brampton Main Street last Friday, after a meeting in the Odeon Theatre. The Herald reporter just missed being an eye witness. He did drop in at Brill's new men's shop and found it to be one of the smartest of the Brampton stores. The two Jacks, (Cotton and Brill) were on duty.

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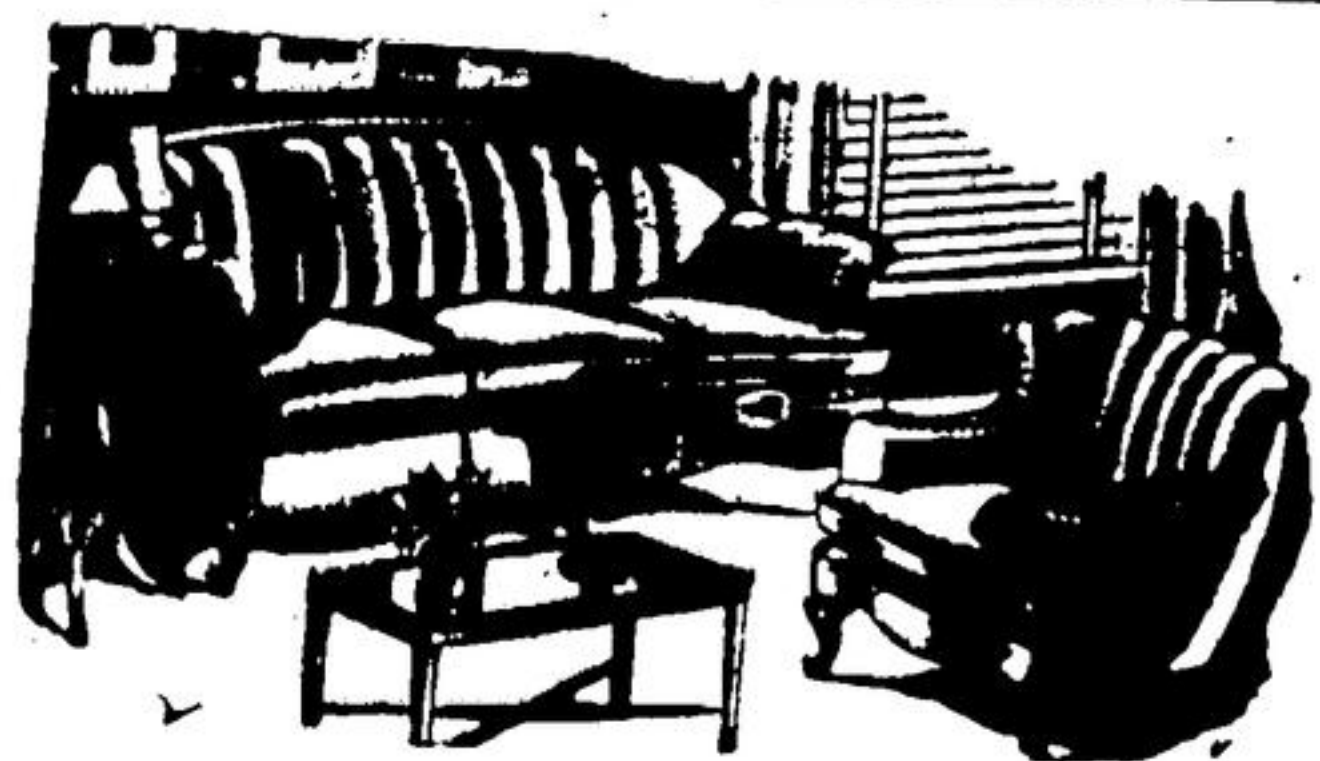
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