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## The Editor's Corner

### A MERCHANT'S ORGANIZATION

Once again a movement is on foot among Georgetown merchants to establish an organization which will promote their interests and at the same time be of public benefit. Over a year ago an ill-fated reorganization was attempted of the Retail Division of the Board of Trade, which died soon afterwards due to the apathy of interest shown. We are still convinced that a lively organization of merchants can accomplish much, if and only if, a majority of merchants are interested in supporting it and in holding office. We would suggest to those who would once again make the attempt at organization that they drop for the time being the nomenclature of Retail Division and make it a clear-cut organization for merchants who maintain recognized business premises. Later on, perhaps, associate memberships could be granted to others, but we feel that only those who have stores and who deal in selling retail goods or services to the public would make a homogeneous entity.

There are many advantages which could be gained by a live-wire group. At present some merchants think that the Thursday afternoon closing should be changed to Wednesday to conform with other towns in the district. This point could be debated and decided upon by the association. Dollar days and other special events could be planned; a credit bureau might be established; cooperation could be given in checking on hawkers and peddlars who were not abiding by the new town by-law which regulates them by licence; merchants could be encouraged to improve their premises; and even the writer's pet dream of having Main Street merchants band together to keep the street free of waste paper and refuse might be realized.

We urge all merchants to give every support to the committee which is attempting the reorganization. It is a sobering thought that, while business among local merchants is good, there are thousands of dollars spent each week in Brampton, Guelph and Toronto, and there are dozens of farmers who shop in other centres, who could be encouraged to come to Georgetown at least occasionally.

### OLD DOGS

"You can't teach an old dog new tricks" goes the saying, and we are inclined to think the Acton representatives on the North Halton High School District board are putting themselves in the "old dog" category. At a recent board meeting, the following motion was presented by the two Acton members of the board:

"That in accordance with a letter dated April 7, 1948 from the Deputy Minister of Education, this Board do now implement his recommendation to secure a permanent site and proceed with the erection of a satisfactory central High School which will serve adequately the educational needs of the pupils of this district.

And that in accordance with the original motion of the meeting approving the appointment of this Board that this site be at or near Speyside on Highway No. 25 and that for the purpose of choosing this site a committee be now appointed with one representative from each of the municipalities forming the district to bring in recommendations and options for the approval of the Board; and that these recommendations be presented not later than the June meeting. That we engage the services of an architect and take the necessary steps with the Department of Education and the various municipalities to have erection of the building started as soon as possible."

The Acton-Milton papers report that "the motion received some discussion but it was felt could not be dealt with at that meeting. An amendment was passed that the motion be deferred until the next meeting. The sponsors of the motion declined to withdraw the motion."

Georgetown is very close to joining the district and such actions as this by the Acton members make us wonder how well versed they are with current feeling on the Speyside location. We have heard on good authority that a majority of the district board members are opposed to this location. We have heard ourselves from the lips of a Dept. of Education officer who is well acquainted with the situation that the Department does not particularly care where a central school is placed and is not certain in fact that one central school will ever be the solution to solving the educational needs of this district, and it is disconcerting to find the Acton men still rooting for a dead issue.

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### A COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD?

Reeve Jack Armstrong, of Georgetown, who is chairman of education on county council is at present propounding the idea of including the whole of Halton in one large high school district with one central board to administer all secondary school affairs. One merit we can see in a central board would be the elimination of a bone of contention whereby Trafalgar Township students are being taken from Milton's back door by bus to the school in Oakville. At the same time, there is a division of the county between the more heavily-populated suburban districts along the lakefront and the rural and small town character of the north end of the county. It might well be that we might find a central board heavily weighted and controlled by the south, and that we would be paying higher taxes for education, with Burlington and Oakville getting most of the advantages.

The question is one which needs a good deal of discussion and thought before any action is contemplated.

### POT FOURRI

A few readers mentioned the lack of editorial last week, which gives a little "lift" to the editor, to get back in the groove again this week. The vacation was not exactly planned. . . . A combination of plenty of copy and a lack of time made us decide to do away with the column for a week. . . . Town Clerk Charlie Willson who is an avid fisherman took a week-end off for a trip to Huntsville for the season's opening. Charlie says that he figures the speckled trout caught cost \$7.78 a lb., but we bet that won't keep him away from the rod and reel, for once a fisherman always a fisherman. . . . It was disappointing that so few took in the high school play last week. There was plenty of work required on the part of the cast, the director and all those associated with the play and it deserved two full houses. . . . It is our opinion that Moira Kelly, who had the starring part in the play, has the makings of a fine actress. She played her role with a professional touch rarely seen in amateur theatricals. . . . An extra two pages which had to be included in last week's Herald threw the schedule haywire, and some overtime night work was necessary in order to get the paper rolling on Thursday morning. . . . In the rush, proof of a news item about the election of E. V. MacCormack to a high Masonic post was not checked and several inaccuracies occurred which were corrected part way through the press run. For the benefit of those who did not receive a corrected copy, the item appears again this week. . . . Also in the correction department is the fact that in Council News, the town foreman reported that 2200 gallons of water were used in one household in 24 hours, rather than 220 gallons as appeared in print. . . . Sorry to hear that our popular station agent V. T. Cavanagh had a stroke last Thursday morning and will be confined to bed for some time. We wish him a safe recovery. . . . Bet the Brampton Kinsmen were gnashing their teeth last week. They sponsored the personal appearance of Sarah Churchill at both Brampton theatres in connection with the North American premier of her new film "All Over the Town." A Toronto daily ran a wonderful story on the event, except for one little error. Every time Brampton should have been mentioned, the type read "Brantford"



Lisame Dorothy Ford shares the spotlight with Henry Fonda and Jimmy Stewart in this laugh-packed sequence from the Ben Bogaus-Burgess Meredith comedy "On Our Merry Way," at the Roxy Theatre through United Artists release.

## Payment of 1949 TAXES

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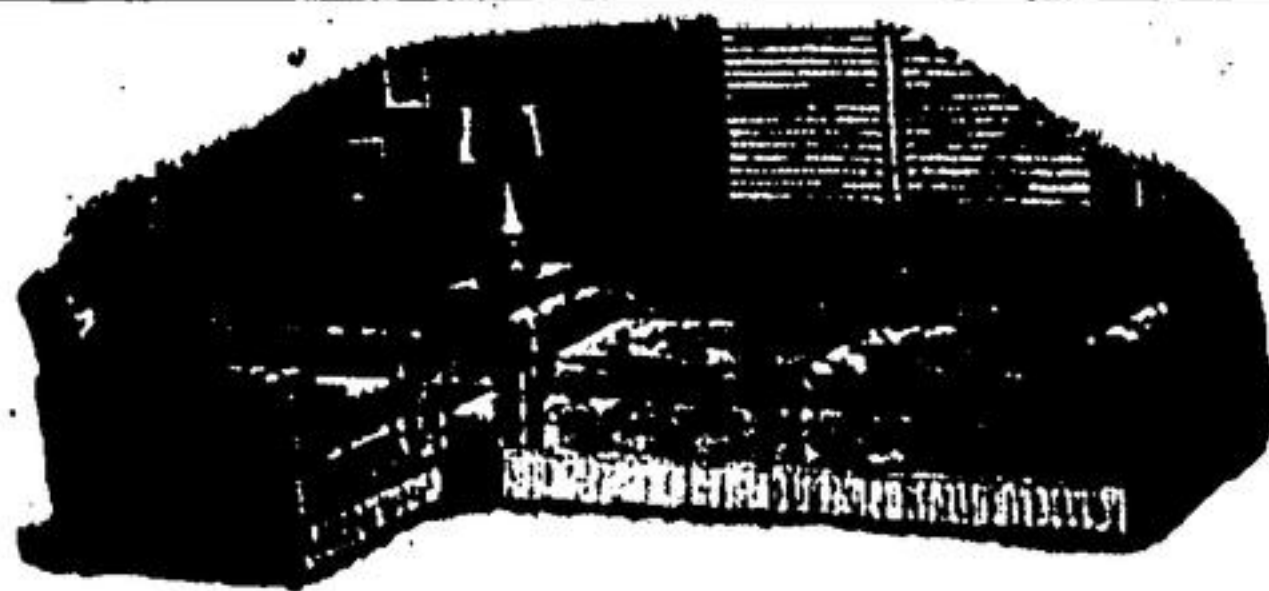
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