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The Editor's Corner

HALT! IT'S THE LAW!

At time of writing on Tuesday morning we are still not too sure whether the balance of this week's paper may not be written from a comfortable room in the York County jail . . . which would have certain advantages for the Tuesday after a holiday is always a bit hectic around a newspaper office and we might be able to turn out a much more interesting newspaper. The crisis has been caused over a matter of six dollars which the Toronto Police Department claim one Walter Charles Biehn has not remitted for a speeding offence last June, The said W.C.B. in turn has a letter from the Ontario Motor League which states that the case was withdrawn in view of the explanation offered at the time.

Up to the present our only experience with those ominous blue papers headed "Warrant of commitment upon a conviction imposing a penalty in the first instance" has been with printing and proof reading the form which is used in Halton County, and it's amazing how different the type appears when one looks at it objectively after its delivery by Constable Jack Sheffield, looking much sterner than he has on previous visits to this office. First of all, we are struck by the time allowance given by the . Toronto police to an offender. The letter was mailed from their office on October 7th, and the warrant advises that if the fine it not paid by October 3rd, the defaulter shall be imprisoned and kept at hard labour for five days." Minus four days to pay up or else! "Hard labour" . . . ughhh! Good thing we spent the last two days raking leaves from those prolific Queen Street trees or we could never stand the gaff. Our last spell on record with hard labour was on the latrine brigade at the Horse Palace. Not counting, of course, the times we helped move the Lions Club piano.

So if the editor is missing from his accustomed spot in the office for the next few days, don't think he is off to Jasper again to renew acquaintances with the bears. He'll be one of those dollar a day men down at the Don, or wherever it is that they keep characters who drive 42 miles an hour along the Lakeshore . . . and get caught,

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

This week has been proclaimed as national Fire Prevention Week and citizens are asked to look over their premises with a view to cleaning up any conditions which might constitute a fire hazard. This is doubly important at the present time when town water supplies are at a low ebb and a serious fire could be a major catastrophe in town. Fire Chief Harry Savings tells us that he often notices during a fire inspection check that merchants on Main Street are careless about accumulating rubbish at the rear of their business premises. It is realized that this is usually thoughtlessness combined with lack of time and merchants are particularly urged this week to check on this and make sure that they are not offenders.

By a recent enactment, the province will be paying 25 per cent of the fire costs of municipalities and we can expect in the future a close check from Queen's Park on the efficiency of local brigades and fire conditions in municipalities. We can all help our local brigades to be one of the tops in the province by doing our share to eliminate any fire hazards. Before furnaces are lighted for the winter, make sure they have a good clean-out as many of the minor fires in town have been caused by defective heating systems. The use of unapproved, cheap oil burners is another dangerous prace tice, as in the burning of | leaves and rubbish without supervision or on windy days.

Georgetown has been fortunate in having low fire losses for many years. Let's keep it that way by continued vigilance.

POT POURRI

Adding to the seasonal oddities in the Herald window last week was a branch of raspberries from the garden of Mrs. John R. Scott, Emery Street . . . An addition being completed at the McNally & Lane Company plant near the railway station will give more floor space to this growing local contracting firm The Lorne Scots Band is planning a giant concert in the Roxy for the last Sunday in the month. The band has had a tough job of financing for these past few years and will make this the first of a series of concerts to raise money for band purposes . . . Last week seemed to be our week for errors. In the Esquesing Council notes, we said that licences for the deer hunt this fall would be sold 80 per cent to township residents and 20 per cent to other county residents. This should have read "20 per cent to residents of the municipalities within the township . .. " In copying an

item from the Milton paper, we also erred in saying that Seymour, English, who was awarded a Dominion-Provincial students' aid bursary is attending the University of Toronto. Seymour is in fifth form at Milton High School this year.... Entertained a fellow publisher and his wife, Mr. and Mrs Tommy Lee and Yamily of Ingersoll on Thanksgiving Day and enjoyed a day of "shop talk" with the former Star reporter who is doing a good job of producing a bright weekly in that town. Mrs. Lee is a sister of Harold Wilson who made headline news by driving a speedboat faster than, ever before at Picton recently . . . Calvin Marshall, who came to town a few months ago to work in Brill's Department Store has moved down the street to Steamer's Inn ... A perfect "29" cribbage hand was recorded by Mr. James Crabtree. while playing a game on Thanksgiving Day with his son-in-law, E. M. Brownlee of Valleyfield, Quebec . A visitor in town last week said he wished that Central Mortgage & Housing would do some painting at the wartime houses on the highway. The original paint job is peeling off and the houses are losing their origi-smooth roads to drive over in Georgetown after many months of bumps. Council members are looking happy too, for they have borne the brunt of much unwarranted criticism when it was necessary to wait for the sewerage excavations to settle before anything could be done. A sample of what would have happened to the road repairs had they been tackled earlier can be seen on lower main street where a portion of the new paving collapsed. It will have to wait till next spring before a permanent surface can be laid Georgetown is not alone in its water shortage. Walkerton was in the news last week when rationing had to be put in effect to conserve dwindling supplies . . . Greater Toronto is becoming greater and greater according to a former local man, Riley Brethour, who is now selling real estate for a Toronto firm. Large new developments are opening up outside the city limits and he is only one of hundreds of salesmen who are dealing in the new houses for which there seems to be a ceaseless de-



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