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# Chatting . . .

By M.H.B.

On Sunday, you could tell by looking at their front lawns, the houses where children live . . . Yes, the first snowman and snow houses of the winter of 1949 made their appearance there for a short time, until the bright afternoon sun melted them down into puddles. Shades of the winter ahead . . . Time was when we used to love to see the snow come drifting down, but now it seems as though struggling to get the young fry in and out of snow suits and galoshes has temporarily put the damper on our enthusiasm . . . Quite a few lucky children saw the big Santa Claus parade in Toronto on Saturday. It's on a lavish scale we could never hope to equal here, but for really thrilling the youngsters, Toronto can't compete at all with old St. Nick, when he visits the four corners of our Main Street in person . . . Notice the stores are starting to display some of their Christmas merchandise already . . .

WE SEE THE foundation is already laid for Mrs. Clarence Buck's new home, on Ostrander Boulevard. Hawes and Nelson are the contractors . . . Mr. and Mrs. Murray Stump, who formerly lived in the Marshall Apartments on Queen Street, have moved to the Grandview Apartments. They are living in the apartment recently vacated by Mrs. Fred Johnson Senior . . . Still keeping you informed on the latest "moves" in town . . . The Howells, whom we mentioned in a previous column as coming to town, have now moved into the new brick bungalow built by Mr. Cyril Bradford, on Albert St. . . . Mr. and Mrs. "Chuck" Tyler and two small children are hoping to be in their new home for Christmas. The Tylers are living on Normandy Boulevard, and their home is situated on Elgin Street, opposite the Wilbert Bradleys . . . Just arrived from England a couple of weeks ago, to make their home in Georgetown, where her husband is employed with Smith & Stone Ltd, is Mrs. Thomas Doyle, their son Michael, and Mrs. Doyle's mother. The family is living in the upstairs apartment in the house where Mr. and Mrs. Alf Rolfe formerly lived, on Union Street. Little Michael is already enrolled in Grade 1 at the Public School . . .

CAN'T SAY we blame the Fred Leeders for preferring to make their home in beautiful Glen Williams rather than in the city. They moved from Toronto last week, when they took over the proprietorship of the Glen Variety Shop from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Isaacs. Mr. and Mrs. Leeder have two daughters, Kay, who is attending Public School in the Glen, and a married daughter, Mrs. Allan Heritage, of Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Heritage visited with the Leeders last weekend . . . Mr. and Mrs. Isaacs have moved to Sutton where they have bought a grocery business . . . Haven't seen such crowds skating at the arena in years. And it's likely to continue that way for a good many years too, judging from the number of youngsters taking advantage of the free skating Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday afternoons. There's an extremely large enrolment in the figure-skating classes as well, and who knows maybe someday Canada's figure skating champion will have had her start in Georgetown . . . We're quite sure it's the secret thought

within the breast of many a young hopeful. It's wonderful training even if they never join the professional or competitive ranks . . . Have heard ever so many people remark that there is nothing they enjoy more than skating to the music of a real band. Wonder if it could be arranged sometime . . . Maybe it would be a good money-raising scheme for some organization . . .

WE DIDN'T GET down to see the Royal Winter Fair, but heard a few things about it, second-hand. Seems that seeing "Brewster the Rooster", radio station CJBC's real live alarm clock on its early morning program, intrigued a lot of folks . . . And then there were those colored hen's eggs . . . one of the chickens achieving this claim to notoriety in the poultry world, was a black one — what ever breed that would be . . . Some were interested in seeing the "dwarf" cattle, and report that while they certainly are an oddity, they are anything but beautiful in appearance . . . The display of "Miss Canada", the world's fastest speedboat, attracted many . . . And of course the Horse show at the Evening Performance kept up its reputation of being the best of its kind to be seen anywhere . . .

THESE ARE BUSY days for everyone in town, it seems, with organizations at their peak of activity, and meetings and events galore. Never let it be said of Georgetown that life here is dull . . . Which reminds us that Friday is the night of the Nomination Meeting to be held in the Library . . . and girls, it's a mixed meeting as always, and it would be nice to know more than just a few of the Georgetown women were interested enough to attend . . . The IODE's "Bridge Night" was a novel idea for a "Bridge", and from all reports was quite successful, with players enjoying the Chapter's hospitality at the homes of various members . . . Glad to hear that Mrs. C. R. Scott (the former Mrs. Edna Duncan), of Hamilton is progressing so favourably after her illness in Hamilton General Hospital . . .

### IN THE MAILBAG

Georgetown, November 21, 1949

Dear Sir:

The Georgetown Herald recently said that the Christmas season always seems to intensify interest in lucky draws. Also mentioning several organizations that will be using this method to raise money at Christmas time . . . It is regrettable that the Christmas time should be dragged down to such a level. Using the birthday of the Son of God to create interest in, and to satisfy the gambling spirit of man . . . Why is it that the different societies do not make an appeal for the people to give to the different causes? You will immediately say, they will not give. This simply shows that the thing the people want is to buy a ticket, hoping they will get the lucky draw. Something for nothing . . . This is a very unsound way to build a nation. Just as the multitudes lose in a lucky draw, just go when the testing time comes, our nation will fall because we have been building upon chance . . . Our Country needs men and women who are building upon the Rock Christ Jesus. If we are living in the true Christian way, we will not expect to win by a lucky draw. Our faith will be in Him who said: If you ask anything in my name, believing, I will give it to you. Chas. R. Gower

Mr. Editor:

Just what has the new system of election to Council by general vote got to offer? How much better could the town be represented than by Councillors from each ward. This does not necessarily mean that if a suitable candidate is not obtainable that a better man can't be imported. But who would dare to say that at least two capable aspirants for council can not be found in any one of the three wards. No one ward has a monopoly on municipal brains . . . Further, how many contestants for council have time to canvas the town if a general vote was necessary. It would mean that there would be even less men desirous of entering the local political field. Ward politics have their place in a growing town, members can be of service to their constituents in many small ways, especially to take their "beefs" to council and save a general enquiry every time they desire a street light erected, or a culvert repaired . . . In conclusion, Mr. Editor, we doubt if you will hear that slogan "he doesn't want to cause an election", this year. Give the people something to shoot at, and you will have plenty of candidates — in the various wards, too . . . A Taxpayer

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