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The Editor's Corner

READ TO YOUR CHILDREN

Do you read to your children? Apparently many people in town do not, for the public school inspector's report this year stressed the fact that English in the school was not up to standard and some children were as much as two years behind average in their grasp of reading. It must be realized that we cannot leave education entirely in the hands of the teachers and home training is of equal importance and must go side by side with classroom instruction. Reading can be taught to some degree in the classroom but home instruction is also necessary and it is every parent's duty to supply the proper books at home, to start reading to his children as soon as they are old enough to grasp the significance of stories, and to encourage an appreciation of good literature.

The fast pace of modern life, particularly in Georgetown where there seems to be something doing every night, and the fact that many mothers are employed in local industry are perhaps the main causes for the decline in reading. The radio, too, must take part of the blame. It is up to each of us to help overcome the problem by providing books at home and encouraging use of the local library. Next year it is to be hoped that the inspector's report will note an improvement in the reading ability at the school.

ON PAYING BANDS

It is to be hoped that Councillor Norm Hill's suggestion that a by-law be passed to set aside a sum of money each year for expenses in connection with the annual memorial service will be carried out. For some reason the payment of bands by a town council is singled out in the Municipal Act for special attention and it is illegal for any payment to be made by the town unless such a by-law is in force. As the memorial service is a community service it should not be expected that the local Legion branch will foot the bill and it is only right and proper that the town should pay expenses. Nor is it right to expect a band to perform for no charge, any more than one should expect programs to be donated or the sound system or the wreathes.

Passing of such a by-law as Mr. Hill suggests will once and for all settle any controversy which might arise in the future about the engagement of a band for the service.

POT POURRI

Closed for one day a week ago Monday, Carroll's Store had a complete remodelling, with rearrangement of shelves and the moving of the pay counter from the left to right side of the door. In the rush of news and advertising the last two weeks adequate comment on the hooking up of the new water system was not made. There were many "unsung heroes," employees of local industry who worked long hours in the shops and at the waterworks site to speed up the system and they deserve a vote of thanks for their work. Equalizing of taxes in Chinguacousy Township brought about a protest meeting at Huttonville last week when Reeve Jack Fraser was the target of criticism of several ratepayers present. Also criticized was the passing of a \$100,000 expenditure for the school area board without putting it to a vote. Edward Blair was appointed president of Huttonville Ratepayers Association, Mrs. F. C. Brunskill secretary and Arthur Croff treasurer. Two weeks ago we reported that Alliston elected their reeve by acclamation but had no nominees standing for council election. At a second nomination meeting, seventeen have qualified to run for the six council seats. Moira Kelly is working at the post office during the holiday rush. The office was kept open Saturday afternoon to deal with the heavy Christmas mail. Postmaster Gordon Cousens was a victim of the icy roads on Sunday when his car slipped on the Check Line hill near him home and went through a fence and into a field on the DeVries farm. If the Herald staff looks a bit sleepy this week, don't blame it on too many parties. To keep up with the heavy Christmas papers and printing orders, it was necessary to work four nights last week. Farmers who depend on chickens and eggs for some of their profits have long faces these days, and no wonder, with the news that Britain will not be buying Canadian eggs next year. Egg prices slumped when the news was released and on Saturday eggs were selling around 45c a dozen, almost half of the price a year ago. The trouble is that food prices are not dropping accordingly, which leaves farmers out on a limb. Small pay envelopes and short hours at the paper mills are not making Christmas too happy a one for many local families. We hoped that orders pick up and a full work

week soon restored. The lithographing strike has had a noticeable effect on the coated paper business, many lithographing orders being done on uncoated stock. Hydro was off in town for two and a half hours Sunday afternoon while some repairs were being made to equipment. The firemen are holding their New Year's dance a night early this year in order that it will not have to end at midnight. Opening of the new Brampton arena next Wednesday will feature figure skating, hockey games and addresses by Gordon Graydon, M.P. and Hon. T. L. Kennedy, Ontario Minister of Agriculture.

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