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The Editor's Corner

WILL STUDY SCHOOL COSTS

North Halton High School District board, which now includes Georgetown, took preliminary action this week on Esquejng's request for an investigation into the sharing of school costs. It is the township's contention that almost 50 per cent of school costs are paid by them, yet the student enrolment is about 35 per cent, and they do not feel that the sharing of costs on an assessment basis is quite fair. If transportation is not included in cost figures, it would seem that Esquejng has some grounds for protest. Considering transportation costs separately, on the other hand, this could be looked upon as being the sole responsibility of the two rural municipalities in the area as it is only they who benefit. By this, we mean the cost of getting students to school originally. There is extra cost of course for a shuttle service which takes students from one school to another for special subjects which should be shared by all.

The question of cost is an important one, and we cannot blame the two townships for their concern over the greatly increased cost of education. What can be done about it is the problem. As long as the district contains three schools the only place where any substantial sum of money can be saved is in transportation, either by a sharp revision in miles travelled or in abandoning one big advantage which originally appealed to rural people — making education more readily available to country students by eliminating their problem of getting to a town school.

The larger solution may lie in one central school which was the original purpose of the coming-into-being of the district. It is certainly the duty of the board to investigate fully the costs of a new building and compare these with costs of operating under the present system. Unless a new building can be operated much cheaper than the present three, there is, as we have pointed out, only one way to cut costs and that is by revising transportation.

WE HAVE A HOBBY

We always declared that a newspaperman had no other hobby than his business because he had no time for anything else. Now we find that because of a chain of events we have acquired one. It started last year when Mrs. William Carney brought us an old post card of Main Street taken many years ago before pavements and when the present Ready's store had an overhead sidewalk covering extending to the street. Later on, Jack Armstrong presented us with another old post card which is at least 35 years old which reveals old town history with which most of the newer residents are unfamiliar. It depicts Wilbur Park Lake which took in the creek flats across from the post office. We understand that the lake was owned by a Mr. Jack Williams and was a favourite place for boating in the summer and skating in the winter.

Third item in our collection is a photograph of Queen Street taken in 1909 which has been turned

PINCH and PUNCH by HAP



PUNCH: I hear they can't even get together on the temperature they want in there.
PINCH: What's the difference—so long as they figure out some way to keep on working in the same building?

over to us by James McBean. It shows his late father's residence, which at that time lacked the present stone verandah, and looks down the street toward McNab Street.

Where is the hobby? Right there in those three pictures. They will form the nucleus of what we hope may eventually become a valuable pictorial record of Georgetown and district history. It is our intention to collect any such pictures showing old buildings or scenery, find as much data as can be established, and mount them in a suitable book with a written description. There must be dozens of such pictures tucked away in attics, or in family albums which could contribute to the collection. A family picture may have been taken before a background which reveals some early history. Other postcards may be available showing local or district scenes. We ask that readers help us by contributing anything which they consider of interest to the picture history of Georgetown.

POT POURRI

We missed the biggest story of the week when we failed to report that Georgetown almost had a bank robbery a week ago Saturday. The two men who were arrested after robbing In Elmira bank discussed the possibility of choosing Georgetown as they drove from the city in a commandeered taxi cab but changed their minds when a provincial police car passed them near town. The robbery would have come at the same time as the Cleave barn fire; had they not changed their minds . . . Bert Raymond, who lives just outside town limits on Lower Main Street, has been hired by the hydro to read meters . . . An ice storm Monday night tied up traffic in town and made it almost impossible to drive to either the Glen or Stewarttown until the sanding trucks got out. We wonder just when a marooned pedestrian who was draped around the "stop" sign by the bank was able to manoeuvre himself home-wards . . . At this time of year we wonder why any city people could think a small town is "dead". Every night brings a card party, dance or hockey game and it keeps your reporter dizzy trying to keep up reporting all the events which occur . . . Sorry to learn that Mrs. Charles Hoare suffered a stroke last week-end and had to be taken to Peel Memorial Hospital in Brampton for treatment . . . Guelph General Hospital has been allocated \$145,000 by the federal health department for renovations. The present building will be converted into a 52-bed hospital for the treatment of chronically ill patients. A new section with space for 146 beds and 39 bassinets, an increase of 65 over present accommodation, will be added . . . A former Georgetown man, Joe Lake, publisher of the Powassan News has retired from municipal life this year after serving as mayor of that town for thirteen years . . .

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<p>Dr. C. W. Sayers, DVM VETERINARIAN Guelph Street opposite Armstrong's Garage PHONE 17</p>	<p>EDITOR'S UNCLE DIES AT MIMICO An uncle of the Herald editor, Dr. Sidney Biehn died at his home in Mimico last week. In his 79th year, he was born at Bright, Oxford County and graduated from the University of Toronto in 1895. He practiced for six years in Elmwood and for four years in Kitchener, then went to Parry Sound where he practiced for 40 years. For some years he was Medical Officer of Health and chief coroner for that town. He moved to Mimico a few years ago after his retirement. He leaves his wife, the former Carrie Misener, three sons, Dr. Lister, and Dr. Donald, of Fairfield, Connecticut and Kelvin of Baltimore, Md., and one daughter Mrs. Charles Walker of Ottawa.</p>

From Tractors to Printer's Ink in Refugee Camps



Refugees, now awaiting resettlement in European camps operated by the International Refugee Organization (IRO), a U. N. Specialized Agency, are learning new trades to earn livings in new homes and at the same time are keeping their skills at their former professions. A group of



newspaper writers and editors (left) practice their new knowledge of tractor repairing. After finishing their work at mechanics, they turn out newspaper copy for one of 35 journals published in refugee camps. At right, displaced editors of a Latvian-language refugee paper at work.

Mr. Elmer C. Thompson

Insurance Service

takes pleasure in announcing that

Mr. John R. Barber

HAS BECOME ASSOCIATED WITH HIM IN HIS OFFICE AND WILL ASSIST HIM IN ALL BRANCHES OF HIS BUSINESS.

LORNE scots Benefit Band Concert

All proceeds to the Sick Children's Hospital

Sunday, Jan. 29

VINCE MOUNTFORD ALF SUTTON 8:30 P.M.