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### The Editor's Corner

A PICTURE OF THE POND

A prized item in our collection of historical pictures will be a post card given to us by Mrs. Sam Gisby of Limehouse showing the pond which used to exist on the Main Street property where Fred Sinclair's garage is now located. The post card was addressed in 1905 to Miss Maggie Martin (now Mrs. McAtthur of Acton) and we note that it is addressed to Esquesing Post Office. Perhaps a reader could further enlighten us on the location of this post office which does not exist today.

Mr. Thomas McAlpine, a resident of Limehouse, who spent his boyhood at Stewarttown has given some background on the picture which shows the pondacross from the J. B. Mackenzie planing mill. In a frame building shown in the picture, about 35 men were employed finishing furniture. Previous to 1900 a Mr. Aldous rented it and Mr. H, P, Lawson also owned it-at one time. Mr. Aldous later was an undertaker, located in the Robb's Drug Store building and went from here to Barrie. A 2x4 scantling flume carried water from the pond to Water Street to operate a flour mill. An overhead bridge carried the furniture, from the planing mill to the factory. Two houses on George Street are built with the timber from the old flume, which was about two feet in diameter. Mr. McAlpine does not believe that the pond was part of the Credit River, although it is designated as such on the post card. The pond property was bought by the radial company as a right-of-way for their road.

#### FIGURES DON'T LIE

The need for a new public school in Georgetown was forcibly pointed out last week when chairman Edwin Wilson of the school hoard appeared before council to present the facts as the board sees them. The salient fact about the matter is that a survey made last. fall reveals that in the next four years the school population will grow by 150. Present facilities at the school are already taxed to the limit and last year it was necessary to convert the assembly hall into an extra classroom. The school board says that by 1954 six extra rooms will necessary.

An addition to the present school building is out of the question because of the fact that there is not enough playground space even now and the building of a sizeable addition would limit this space still more. The problem boils down to the fact that if an extra school is not built classes will have to meet in other locations as they are doing in Glen Williams at the present time until such time as a school is provided.

At least two members of council have stated that they do not favour going ahead with any building plans without a vote of the people. The expenditure of \$180,000, of which Georgetown taxpayers would shoulder about one hundred thousand is a considerable item in the budget of a town which already has a de-

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benture debt around the half million mark. It is our opinion that any matter involving a large expenditure shoud be put to a vote, excepting those things of such a serious nature that any delay would endanger public health. A new school, important as it is, does not come in this category, hence it should be voted on. At the same time, council, if a majority of council members think it is essential, should be prepared to back the school board to the limit and publicly declare themselves as favouring the plan. The people have elected council to administer their affairs and look to them for guidance in matters of major importance. A councillor, then, should be expected to have an opinion on the building of a new school and publicly state this opinion for the benefit of the ratepayers. ...

### POT POURRI

Seems odd to see a blank window across from the Herald Office where the Maher Shoe Store used to be. We had scarcely heard the news that the company had bought out. Ross Thompson when the transfer was made and the stock moved overnight from the old store. It is anticipated that the building will not be vacant long . . . Elling Berg, who has been on the staff of Brill's Store, has joined the Bank of Commerce as a junior, He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Berg of Limehouse and attended high school here . . . One news item leads to another and when getting this one we realized that we had never told readers that Ross Boyle was moved some time ago, from the local branch. He went to Long Branch, then Stratford and is now at the branch in Sudbury . . . Provincial Constable Stan Grabb got in on some real excitement last week-end when he and two other officers were called to investigate a murder and the man who committed the deed attacked them with a hammer. He was killed in the ensuing scuffle. The tragedy happened near Essex, where Constable Grabb is stationed on county patrol work . . . Another Georgetowner in the news this week is W. O. "Ollie" Brownridge. A story told by him at the fairs convention appeared in the Telegram and it appears in another section of this Herald issue . The Bank of Commerce is looking more like a city branch every day. The old grill work has been removed from the tellers' cages and the bank is being departmentalized. Decorating is in the offing too for we tound manager Fred Chapman puzzling over colour charts for office decoration one day recently novel sales idea is noted in Dunnville and Ingersoll. Called a "crazy sale" it features clever advertising copy apparently prepared by a company specializing in conducting such sales . . .

### IN THE MAIL BAG

A "Thank You" note to the businessmen or Georgetown:

It is with deep appreciation that I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to ail those who have so generously contributed to the collection which I have taken up for an exceedingly handicapped man, Mr. Anson Willard, whom I read about in the Toronto Star.

When I started on this little "Samaritan mission" I did so with the thought in my mind "If I just get a quarter from each businessman that would amount to about \$10 or perhaps a little over, which would be a nice start toward buying of a typewriter" (This what Mr Willard needs to make a living with). But lo and behold was I not surprised when the one ciollar bills, some two dollars bills and even a five kept coming in until I reached the considerable sum of \$40.85. Once again I say

"Thanks a million." On Saturday I received a letter from the Star advising me to send the money direct to Mr. Willard. This I intend to do next Monday. Rebruary 20th. Until then, should there be anybody who also wishes to take part in this noble cause, please give me a ring at 417R between 7. p.m. and 9 p.m. the evening previous and I will most gladly

call wherever you wish me to. In closing these few lines I am taking the liberty of presenting to you, dear readers of this splendid paper, a most wonderful, most timely and most true poem from which many of us may take a les-

### LIVING THE WAY WE PRAY

knelt to pray when day was And prayed: "O Lord, bless every

Lift from each saddened heart, th

And let the sick be well again," And then I woke another day And carelessly went on my way.

The whole day look I did not try To whoe a tear from any eye; I did not try to share the load Of any brother on the road; I did not even go to see The sick man just next door to me

Yet once again, when day was 1 mrayed: "O Lord, bless every

But as I prayed, into my ear There came a voice that whispered

Pause hypecrite, before you pray: Who have you tried to bless today? God's sweetest blessings siways go By hands that serve HIM here be-And then I hid my face and cried

Forgive me, God, for I have lied Let me but live another day And I will live the way-I pray."

. M. HAUPTMANN

#### INSTITUTE BUYS STRETCHER FOR BRAMPTON HOSPITAL

At the meeting of Georgetown Women's Institute on February 1st at the home of Mrs. Jack-William son, Charles Street, members voted to buy a stretcher for Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton, at a cost of \$100 to \$115.

Rev. Alex J. Calder was guest speaker and spoke on the theme of the day, Citizenship and Edute cation, stressing that this needed to be started with the very young Mrs. William Gromar gave two readings and Mrs. Harold Cleave humorous reading.

A delegation was appointed to meet the town council to discuss an improvement in the park gates. Roll call was a verse of scripture containing the word love. The motto for the month was "A home endures, not by the strength of its walls, but -by quality of the life within." Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess andher committee. The president, Mrs. Hy C. Bailey, was in charge of the meeting.

Women's Editor Dr. Ruth Nanda Ansheh says the trouble with the world today is women don't want to be women. They'd rather be

Boys usually outnumber girls in Swedish birth statistics.

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