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## The Editor's Corner

### WE NEED A SCHOOL

Every citizen of Georgetown should have an interest in the problem confronting us at present of an increasing school enrolment which necessitates an auxiliary school in operation by 1952. The school board survey shows that by 1954 the enrolment will have increased by a minimum of 150 pupils. The present building cannot possibly take care of these, in fact even now it is overcrowded and classrooms are too full to provide the best instruction. It is impossible to build an addition to this building. Playground space is inadequate and this would be intensified if more children were put into less space. The new school is the only answer for adequate education of our young people.

The question will be put before the ratepayers some time next fall in the form of a money-by-law vote. Council feels that they, as an elected body, have not the power to make a decision on the expenditure of close to \$200,000. It is quite proper that a vote be taken and we favour it. At the same time, it is to be hoped that council members, individually and collectively, will take a strong stand in the matter. It is not enough for council to say "We will have a vote, let the people decide." In matters of major importance, we should expect our councillors to have opinions based on a careful study of the matter. If council thinks a new school is a necessity, it should say so in no uncertain terms and urge every ratepayer to support the money vote.

### IF NO SCHOOL, WHAT THEN?

Supposing for one reason or another a new school is not built, what effect will it have on elementary education? We should judge that the first step would be to abolish the kindergarten-primary classes which have shown their worth since they were started three years ago. They are not an absolute necessity and doing away with them would provide one extra classroom at the present school. When school enrolment reached the stage that more room still was needed it would then be up to the school board to either use present buildings such as the Old Town Hall, Library or Armouries or build temporary accommodation. This would have a decided detrimental effect on school administration, particularly if the auxiliary classrooms were too far from the school to permit easy access to the main building for assembly periods and for sports and games.

Whatever temporary measures were taken, the question of cost would still rear its head. There would be considerable expense involved in remodelling any building to meet the requirements of the Department of Education and this would be money wasted. It would also be expense on which no government grant is paid and would be wholly borne by the town treasury.

### POT POURRI

This column had an unplanned holiday last week due to a shortage of space. There seemed to be no end of news so we concentrated on that instead. A reader was amused by this bit of verse and asks that we reprint it — "We think that you should go to church, if only for a visit, for someday you'll be carried in, and the Lord will say 'Who is it?'" . . . Writing from Oak Bay, B.C., to renew his subscription, Mr. C. B. Dayfoot says that the cold and snow we missed in Ontario earlier this season travelled out there. In Victoria there was snow almost all January and frost some nights to within five and ten degrees of zero. However in mid-February snow-drops and crocuses are in bloom and tulips are beginning to appear above ground. If Mr. Dayfoot follows the Herald weather reviews, he will see that we are getting our winter now after all, and this writer, for one, loves it. . . . Just before he left town, P.C. Stan Grabb was showing us a curio which he picked up when the furniture store he operated here was being remodelled. It was a half-penny Bank of Upper Canada token dated 1854. . . . This month in Provincial's Paper, house organ for that company, the "Provincial Profile" is of Douglas M. Gowdy, business manager of Maclean's Magazine and advertising director of Maclean-Hunter Publishing Company. Doug is a native of Limehouse and a graduate of GHS, his father, the late William Gowdy being manager of the lime quarries at Limehouse when they were operating. For the "secret of success" he passes on this advice — "Become associated with a strong aggressive company. Build wide contacts. Do your part in community projects. Travel and observe. Keep learning." We missed commenting last week on a fire which did extensive damage to the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Watkins, R.R. 5, Milton. It was the second time

## Labor and Farmer Discussed by Forum

"Labor and Farmer — Friends or Foe" was the interesting topic for last week's Farm Forum broadcast and brought forth lively discussions in the Halton forums. North Trafalgar reported in their opinion the broadest was good because there could not be a more timely subject and both labor and farmer needed frank discussion of their problems.

The first question asked whether demands for higher industrial wages means the farmer. All forums reporting said they did not think so as long as prices rise accordingly. Boyne forum mentioned that higher industrial wages makes a better consumer market, but the gain is often lost in higher cost of articles farmers have to buy. To the question "Do farmers have more free time than industrial workers?" the majority thought farmers worked longer hours, but admitted that the farmer was his own boss and didn't have to punch a clock. He is, however, a slave to Mother Nature and the elements. An industrial worker has a five day, eight hour week but a farmer works seven days and if he takes a few hours off he must still be on duty morning and evening for chores.

S. S. 1, Nasagaweya summed up opinion that labor unions are not against the interests of agriculture, but their demands affect social benefits. No forum thought farm marketing schemes are against the interests of the urban consumers. Appleby and S. S. 4, Esqueping said farmers naturally want their cost of production plus a small profit, but there is a large spread in the price of produce from the time it leaves the farm until it reaches the consumer. This is due, the forums claimed, to middlemen. All feel it is time farmers took a deeper interest in the marketing of their produce.

### STEWARTTOWN

Nine members and one visitor attended the AYPFA meeting in the school Friday evening. Bob Harris presiding and Mrs. C. Blizard pianist. The meeting opened with the hymn "O Master, let me walk with Thee". Mrs. E. Hodge led in prayer. George Herrington read the Scripture. Jeannine Humphreys, Betty Humphreys and Evalone Smith and George Herrington are in charge of the program for next meeting, the roll call to be "The title of an Irish song." Mrs. Bob Harris conducted a couple of very interesting games, and the meeting closed with prayer.

The program committee have decided that the AYPFA will have a hay-rack ride next Friday evening, meeting at the school at 8:30 p.m. W.A. meeting last Thursday was a quilting at Mrs. C. Smith's home. More snow Monday morning!

Mrs. R. . . . is having a stainless steel supper on Thursday, says a report in the Acton Free Press. Isn't that kind of hard to swallow?

## Weak, Tired, Nervous, Peopless Men, Women

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## BRAMPTON FARM HOUSE BURNED TO GROUND

A 95-year-old farmhouse owned by W. J. McClure and situated on his property on the 3rd line west, was burned to the ground last week in a flash fire. The house was occupied by Stewart Miller, his wife and two children and was first noticed in the woodshed at the rear of the house, by Mr. Miller. Most of the Millers' belongings and some of the furniture was removed before the flames became too strong.

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fire had burned out this former Georgetown couple. A year ago Christmas, lights on the tree caused a fire in their house on the 9th line just before they moved to the farm. . . . We also missed reporting a fire call last Thursday to the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Day, Victoria Street. It was at the height of a blizzard and luckily no damage was caused, for had a fire got out of control it would have threatened the whole district. An idea for Georgetown merchants to copy is that of a number of Brampton stores which combined to give a selection of gifts to those getting married, moving into a new home or having a new baby. They are taking in not only Brampton, but such communities as Norval, Caledon and surrounding districts. Grey painted waste disposal containers, erected by the Retail Merchants Association made their appearance on Main Street this week. Everyone is urged to make use of these and keep our town clean and neat. . . . Never realized how long it would take to help judge an essay contest when we said we would. As one of three judges of the Legion-sponsored contest "What Canadian Citizenship Means to Me" we have already spent several hours reading a number from the public, and high schools. . . . One thing we have noticed, particularly in high school is that most students need to brush up in their spelling. Such words as "privilege", "ballet", "accommodate" and the lack of a when using a noun as an adjective were very noticeable. . . .

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