

The Editor's Corner

IT HAD TO COME

Many times we have said that when a town has growing pains someone has to pay. And so it is that on top of sewerage, wartime housing and a new water system, comes an additional public school.

The need for a new school came to light last year when the school board made a survey and found that by 1954 there would be an increase in enrolment of at least 150 pupils. With the present building already over-taxed and no space in which to build an addition, it was seen that a new school is a "must" if Georgetown is to continue to enjoy a high standard of elementary education.

June 19th has been set as the date when property owners will be asked to give their views on the question. School board and town council have pledged themselves to do all in their power to convince any skeptics that a new school is a necessity. Aside from the need existing, there is the pertinent fact that should a majority of the voters reject the new building, it neither solves the problem nor does it relieve a financial burden which must be met. For should no school be built, new classes would have to be added wherever accommodation could be found and there is no government grant on rental charges or capital expenditures for such accommodation.

This fact alone should convince most voters that there is only one answer when they mark their ballots on June 19th.

IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A SAUCER

A frantic telephone call from hockey reporter "Diner" disturbed the quiet of a Friday evening.

"Look outside. A flying saucer over the town." We hurried to the front door. Peered up through the trees. Nothing there. We looked more intently. Nothing to disturb the tranquility of a starry sky.

"The guy's nuts" and we settled back beside the radio. "But is he? What about the back door?"

There it was! An oblong ball of light streaking across the sky, disappearing and reappearing again, but seeming to follow the same course each time. The Malton search-light, of course, and we laughed as we called the wife.

And then it happened. Just as Mrs. B. appeared on the scene, the oblong stopped and one would swear that it took a couple of backflips. At least the lady vouches for that. We were too busy running over to neighbour Ed Hall's to have him take a look.

By the time Ed appeared, the saucer was once more serenely moving in its orbit and there was no doubt about it — it was the Malton search light. Unusual atmospheric conditions obliterated the bottom of the beam and gave the "saucer" appearance.

Shamefacedly we chatted with Ed a minute, then returned to the radio.

But it did take those back flips!!

POT POURRI

Word has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chapman of their arrival in England. They will be making their home in Plymouth. A \$500,000 fire in Owen Sound last week destroyed the plant of William Kennedy & Sons. A former Georgetown, Jack Buck works at the plant and Tréf Embleau and A. H. Feller of town worked at the plant during the war years on a loan arrangement with Provincial Paper Ltd.

Pictured in the Toronto Telegram last week were John Edward Rutledge and his bride, the former Margaret McCormick of Caledon, the groom on crutches for his wedding. The wedding took place after three postponements, first the bridegroom had the mumps, then the bridesmaid, and thirdly, the bridegroom was injured when he fell off a horse. Members of St George's Laymen's Association have been busy these past two Wednesday evenings cleaning up the church grounds under the supervision of Gordon Spence. The group is also planning and auction sale in June and is asking for any donations of used furniture and other saleable articles.

Dr. James Endicott and the "Red" Dean of Canterbury have been hitting the headlines in Hamilton where there have been disturbances at two meetings which they addressed. On Sunday morning Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson referred to the Dean as a "doddering old man" and said that his public utterances had no connection with the Church of England. Members of the Lorne Scots Regiment with their pipe band paraded to St. George's on Sunday to attend the morning service.

Canada is having its share of major disasters with the Winnipeg flood, a fire which destroyed a large part of the town of Rimouski, Quebec and another fire a few days later which almost wiped out a neighbouring Quebec town. Wilf Hunter is making extensive improvements to his home on Queen Street which includes a new roof and sidewalk.

Mrs. Marion Barber has moved into her new home on Edith Street across from the bowling green.

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