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## The Editor's Corner

### GOOD NEWS FOR TAXPAYERS

It was good news for taxpayers to read last week that there would be no tax increase caused by the building of a new public school. The facts came to light at council meeting when it was pointed out that over \$13,000 in debentures for the old waterworks system and wartime housing would be completely retired by the time a similar amount of school debentures are issued. In fact there will be some decrease on this score, inasmuch as the provincial grant will amount to 34 per cent of this figure. This should be the clinching point in assuring a favourable vote on June 19th, coupled as it is with the fact that if a new school is not built there will be no government grant on any expenditures made to provide temporary classrooms if such have to be provided.

There is one point which we have heard mentioned which should be put straight. Taxpayers have been heard to say "There won't be any tax rise because of the bonds, but what about the extra teachers needed?" Well, it is a fact that more teachers will be employed which means more money paid out in salaries. But this is a fixed expense and whether our children are taught in suitable classrooms, in temporary quarters or in Joe McGurk's barn, the same number of teachers will still have to be employed. A compensating factor is that there is a government grant on per capita attendance and as enrolment increases more money will be available from this source.

Adding it up we can recommend nothing which would be better physically or financially than a new school building. We hope enough voters feel the same on June 19th.

### NEW PARKING SYSTEM PLEASING

We think Georgetown has the perfect parking system on Main Street now. The angle lines have been painted on the west side and parallel markings on the east side. It provides accommodation for several more cars and still keeps the street wide enough for traffic to move freely, as well as giving the appearance of a wider street than it did when there was angle parking on both sides.

Parking has been an increasing headache with town councils of the past few years and we do not envy these gentlemen in having to make decisions on the question. Georgetown is growing and has a much sparser Main Street than towns of similar size. It is imperative that as many cars as possible be allowed to park on the street without affecting traffic control. Merchants themselves are often offenders and have been asked to keep their own cars off the street as much as possible. Every citizen can help if he will use Main Street only when shopping and park on one of the side streets when he is downtown for other purposes.

### POT POURRI

A reader tells us that the "Deacon" referred to in the poem published last week from an old Herald was Mr. E. Search who in the 1890's was town constable, assessor, tax collector and road man in the days when a town employee had a multitude of duties. "Father Duff" was a minister of the Congregational Church. . . . Reading the Guelph Mercury we note that Miss Isabella Preston is credited with developing variants of Crown Imperial lilies while she was on the staff of the OAC at Guelph. Miss Preston is author of the book "Garden Lilies" published in 1930. We do note an error when the item continues: "According to acquaintances of Miss Preston in Guelph, she now lives in retirement in England, having gone there following her superannuation as a member of the staff of the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa." We can tell the writer that she is much closer to home than that, having purchased the old Fraser home on Market Street in Georgetown, where she now lives. . . . With the June 19th money-by-law vote for a new public school, it is interesting to recall that the last such vote took place about twelve years ago on the question of a \$50,000 addition to the high school and was defeated by 20 votes. Let's hope that history doesn't repeat itself in this case. . . . Sorry to see that publisher Arloff Dills of Acton is in hospital and hope he will soon be back to work. . . . Egyptian princess will follow her 3-year-old bridegroom anywhere, says an item in the Globe & Mail. What chance would the poor little fellow have of getting away? . . . The yearly debate on dogs has begun. The town by-law says dogs must be tied up so, right or wrong, that's the law abiding citizens are doing. A lady brings us clipping, a "letter to the editor" in a Toronto newspaper, in which a Forest Hill resident writes at some



**FORMBY FLIES ATLANTIC FOR LAST FRIDAY'S AIR TREAT**  
 George Formby, British music hall, movie and radio star flew to Toronto to aid the victims of the Manitoba floods. The man who made "Mr. Woo the Window Cleaner" a house guest sang on the \$200,000 Red River Relief Rally program from Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto last Friday. Mr. Formby joined Fred Waring, celebrated U.S. orchestra leader, on Canada's greatest radio show on behalf of Manitoba Flood victims.



The people of Portage la Prairie are working around the clock to provide the basic necessities and some of the comforts of normal living for hundreds of refugees from the Winnipeg flood. Bobby and Ernie, sons of Mrs. Nick Marchuk, Fort Garry, are seen here in their new sleeping quarters. . . . the basement of the Presbyterian Church in Portage. Generous donations to the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund will ensure their rehabilitation. Contributions may be addressed to the Fund in Winnipeg, or paid into any Canadian Bank.

## Triplett Purchases Former Murfin Sheet Metal Works

Triplett Instruments of Canada, Ltd., has purchased the building on John Street formerly owned by B. F. Murfin Sheet Metal Works and will be moving in next month. Since the firm was established here in 1946 it has occupied part of the Cordaro Building on Main Street. Triplett Instruments is a subsidiary of an American firm, Triplett Electrical Instrument Company which is located at Bluffton, Ohio. It manufactures electrical testing equipment including electrical inducting instruments, radio tube testers, signal generators, circuit analyzers and tube testers. These products are in general use by radio servicemen, laboratories and industrial concerns. The government purchases direct for the RCAF and Army and wholesale concerns handle the product for industrial sale. The company employs about fifteen girls. Edwin Wilson, who is chairman of the Public School Board is general manager. Bob Smith is superintendent of the meter department and Alf Andrews of the tester department. At present the office is located in Toronto but the company expects to move this to town now that it is in larger quarters. Ladies who work in the plant at present include Mrs. Ted Hicken, Mrs. Jack Ballantine, Mrs. Noel Reynolds, Mrs. Jack Kay, Mrs. Bill Huffman Jr., Mrs. Phoebe Neviers, Mrs. William Gibbs, Mrs. Harry Mann, Mrs. Eric Clarke, Miss Ann Kuzimr, Mrs. Edward Mallon and Mrs. Sheldon Lawr.

Repetition of the Donoro, Pa., smog disaster can be avoided, say Brown Instrument Company engineers, through new electric-eye detecting and controlling devices being tested by railroads, industrial plants and department stores.

length on the subject of dogs and gardens. It would take a Solomon to solve the problem and we won't venture any comment for we own no dog to bother our neighbours and no dog of theirs bothers us. . . .

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