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The Editor's Corner

THE VOTERS' LST

Monday's election singled out the Voters List for more attention than it has received in many a year. The list is one of those cogs in the municipal machine which comes in for scant attention, something like the little screwnail in a motor, the importance of which is never. noticed until it drops out.

The municipal voters list is a copy of the assessment roll which is revised each September by the assessor, copied by the town clerk and printed for use in the yearly elections for civic officials. Georgetown is divided into three wards and voters in each ward are listed in two parts, Part I which comprises all those who are actually resident in the ward, and Part Two, comprising owners or business tenants who do not actually live in the ward.

Each voter is listed by name, street address, occupation and whether he is an owner (O), tenant (T), or MFNC (Manhood Franchise Not Counted.) This latter designation is used for husbands or wives who own no property.

Every person whose name appears in the voters list, no matter what the, classification, has a vote in every ward in which his name appears. A person who owns or rents property in three wards can vote three times for school board or councillors, although of course when only one office is involved, such as mayor he can only vote once. With a new system of electing council by general vote coming into effect this year, such voters will henceforth only have one ballot for council.

It is when a money by-law comes up that the fun begins for here there is a rigid ruling in the Municipal Act that only those who actually own property may help to decide the question, and then only if the property is assessed at \$300 or over. This then eliminates the vote of tenants, MFNC's and those who own building lots which do not meet the assessment requirements of \$300.

In the past ten years there has been a growing tendency for property to be owned jointly in husband's and wife's name. In many cases when the property is assessed no record has been made of this joint ownership and a wife continues to be shown on the list as MFNC. There being no difficulty in voting in December, the parties concerned have never bothered to chck the voters list and many were disappointed to learn, when checking the list of voters in last week's Herald that they were unable to vote. The Municipal Act says that in voting for a money by-law the last revised assessment role must be used and there was nothing that could be done about this.

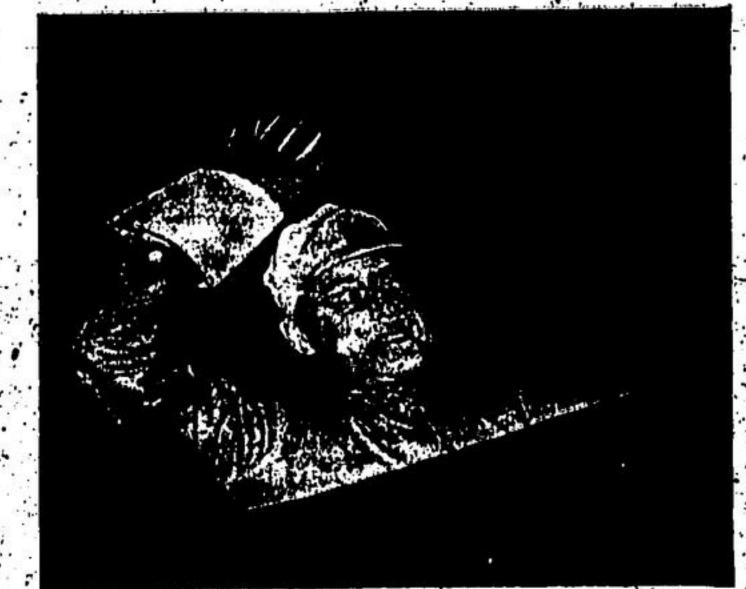
We would suggest that every citizen check each year when the new voters list is issued to make sure that their listing is correct. When ownership of property changes hands, it is also important to check with the assessor to make sure that the new ownership is recorded and if it is a joint ownership to draw this to . his attention. A money by-law is not something that occurs every year, but no one knows when the next one might come and many of the difficulties which cropped up this time could be eliminated if each voter would check on his listing.

IT WON'T BE THE SAME

Something will be missing next hockey season when the Raiders again swing into action. For the past, few seasons a trio of ladies have been among the most active supporters of the team. No matter how small or large the crowd, one could always find Mrs. J. Kemshead, Sr., Mrs. Jack Harrison and Mrs. William Engleby in their accustomed front row seats by the penalty box, and their good natured banter was itself a performance to rival the manoeuvres of the Raiders on the

. Who can forget the memorable meetings between Bucko McDonald's Sundridge boys and our own local champions. Bucko himself has said on more than one occasion that he enjoyed the games with Georgetown more than with any other team, and we know that he

PRIME MINISTER TURNS ENGINEER



The Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent, Prime-Minister of Canada, took com-. mand of the throttle of the "International Limited" to bring the famous train into Chicago on his recent visit to the United States. The crack passenger train of the Canadian National Railways, - one of the oldest operation between Canada and the United States, July 1.

will remember for a long time the memorable evening when the threesome presented him with a pair of corsets - a "gag" which will be remembered long after the fans forget the score of the game, or even who won

Referee "Pat" Patterson is another one who had a spot in his heart for Georgetown's three No. One Fans, and he always made a point of stopping to say hello sometime during a game when he was in charge.

The sudden death of Mrs. Engleby last week has brought sorrows to team and fans alike. It was a fitting tribute that six members of the Raiders acted as pallbearers at the funeral service. An added tribute was a minute's silence observed by those present at the hockey banquet which was held Thursday in Guelph.

POT POURRI

A million dollar rain Friday put a crimp in the garden party planned by St. John's Church Sunday School, but was welcomed by farmers whose fields needed this extra moisture. The garden party was not a complete failure, as it was presented in the church hall . . . An unconscious bit of humour was supplied by a train last Thursday at the hockey club banquet in Guelph. Master of ceremonies Ken McMillan was leading up to the main presentations and just as he said "now I'm going to show you what the boys received from the town" a train drowned out further remarks by letting off a blast of air. However the boys did receive handsome bench coats as a gift from the town, the council having agreed to foot the bill for these . . . All roads will lead to the park tomorrow and Friday nights when the Lions Club presents something new by way of entertainment, a musical comedy with over sixty local performers. It's well worth seeing and the proceeds will go to a particularly good cause - to create playgrounds for the children at Normandy Boulevard and Churchill Crescent . . . Good to hear that Rev. Fr. Vincent Morgan, rector of Holyi Cross Church has recovered from a recent illness. He took iff while officiating at mass in St. Joseph's Church, Acton, on a recent Sunday and had to be assisted from church Missed reporting recently, that Roy Barker had purchased a grocery business in Acton operated by Bob -Caldwell and an Acton man. It is the second time Roy has bought from Bob, having been in partnership with -Charlie Brown, after buying the Budget Market here . .

. A familiar figure on Charles Street is missing lately. "Daisy" Bell, huge Great Dane owned by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bell and a great favourite with the neighbourhood children died a few weeks ago . . . The Queen Street resurface which was put over the concrete a few years ago is getting bumpier and bumpier and motorists are hoping that it will be repaired this year . . . An enlarged list of summer resort advertising appears in this issue of the Herald and will provide useful tips for those who have not booked accommodation for their vacation yet . . . Notice Ray Bowers is making some changes in his garage on the highway designed to give him more space in his workshop . . . G. P. Knifton, who opened an optometry office here last week accomplished what we thought was the impossible. Coming to town a complete stranger, he found an office (where Freeman Kersey used to be) and located an apartment for his family, all in the space of a couple of days . . . Two fourteen page papers in three weeks has kept the Herald staff out of breath and has provided readers with more news than usual. A few more like that and the editor's hair will all be gray. It takes a powerful lot of writing to fill fourteen pages . . .

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