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The Editor's Corner

PAINSTAKING WORKERS

One can have nothing but admiration for the members of this year's public school board who are putting so much work into their job of building an auxiliary public school. Soon after their election in December, the board started planning for the new school and their first job was to sell the necessity of action first to the town council and then to the ratepayers who showed their faith in the judgment of the board by a decisive affirmative vote.

With the first hurdle crossed, the school board would have been justified in taking the next one easier by hiring any of a dozen or more reputable architects to go ahead with plans, but instead of this they went to the added trouble of visiting half a dozen new schools, some of them twice, within a radius of fifty miles of town, choosing the ideas which seemed best suited to a school here, then hiring the firm which they believed could best give them a perfect Georgetown school.

The same care is being used in selecting a building site. Where others might choose a site on snap judgment, the school board is at present looking at every available property, sizing up its advantages and disadvantages with a determination to place the school in the most advantageous location possible.

Residents of present and future years will owe a large debt of gratitude to the men who are giving so freely of their time to assure the best in education for future generations. We congratulate the men responsible, chairman Edwin Wilson, Ross Duncan, Stan Finlay, Harry Shortill, Ray Salter and Cecil McNamara, not forgetting principal Howard Wrigglesworth who is always on call for his advice.

RESPONDEZ, S'IL VOUS PLAÏT

People are often intrigued by the letters "R.S.V.P." which appear at the bottom right hand corner of wedding and other invitations. The letters stand for "Repondez s'il vous plait" which is the French way of saying "please reply". Why the French is used is not known by the writer, though it might go back to the days when the intermingling of French nobility in England led to the wholesale adoption of French phrases, many of which were permanently absorbed into the English language.

Wedding invitations seem to follow a set standard. For instance, an invitation to a church wedding usually goes "Mr. and Mrs. John Doe request the honour of your presence" while at a house wedding they "request the pleasure of your company". It has never been customary to include the names of the groom's parents on an invitation, though lately this is becoming a more common practice, particularly when the groom lives in another town and is not so well known in the district.

Standard custom for weddings is to enclose the invitation in a plain white envelope which has no gum on the flap, then to place this envelope in a slightly large envelope which is sealed and addressed for mailing. Here again, the reason is unknown to the writer. It does seem to give an extra touch of formality to the announcement. On one occasion a few years back we

can remember a young bride-to-be complaining that some of the envelopes we had supplied with her order had no gum on them and she hadn't noticed it until they were all addressed. We didn't have the nerve to tell her at the time what she had done, so apologized for the mistake and broke another box of envelopes to make up for the spoiled ones.

Often there are enquiries about how to answer an invitation received. Wedding etiquette says that one should answer in handwriting, repeating the exact wording of the invitation "Mr. and Mrs. John Smith will be happy to be present at the wedding, etc." This custom is falling more and more into disuse and we should say that it is quite acceptable to simply write and say that you are coming. It is best to write, for it is a busy time for bride-to-be and mother and it is easier to plan the wedding meal if all acceptances are in writing and can be sorted out beforehand for the caterers.

POT POURRI

The rainmaker must be laughing up his sleeve. Last year when water was desperately short in Georgetown lawns and gardens shrivelled to nothing during the drouth. This year, with water in abundance, the ample rainfall has reduced use of hose and sprinkler to a minimum and the lawns are greener and gardens more prolific than we can ever remember them. . . . A coat of paint on the building is completing the remodeling of Harold Marshall's apartments on Queen Street and it is a fine building indeed which Harold has transformed from an old frame house. . . . Wakefield Ford has built a two-car garage behind his house on Edith Street and put in a low stone wall between his property and that of his neighbour, Mrs. D. L. Herbert. . . . Quite a job of filling that Dave Saxe is doing on the highway on the far side of the creek past his garage. A great part of the earth is coming from the excavation for the new John Bell house on lower Main Street. . . . Melvin "Red" Taylor started work at the Dominion Store on Monday, replacing Jack Stoddart of Terra Cotta who has been working there for several months and who resigned his position last week. . . . Things that might have been: John F. Hughes tells us that when Upper Canada College bought property this side of Norval several years ago it was with the intention of building a new college on this site. Had this happened it would be logical to assume that most of the teaching staff would now be living in or near Georgetown. The land is being used for reforestation and each year boys from the college come out on tree planting expeditions. . . .

STEWARTTOWN

Mrs. Lawson is Hostess For Institute Meeting

Esqueing Women's Institute held their August meeting at Mrs. H. P. Lawson's home Tuesday evening. Mrs. H. P. Lawson and Mrs. M. Roll Côté were hostesses for refreshments assisted by Mrs. D. Lawson. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Buckles and wife daughter Hilda of Toronto were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. Humphreys last week. Visitors with Mrs. J. Standish over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. R. Standish and children Edward, Richard, Rosemary, and Rodrick of Thorold. Two or three cars went from here Lawson conducted a musical quiz to the Black Knights parade in which Mrs. R. Harris got the most

correct answers. Mrs. A. Grant followed with a clothing store stunt. Mrs. H. P. Lawson and Mrs. M. Roll Côté were hostesses for refreshments assisted by Mrs. D. Lawson. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Buckles and wife daughter Hilda of Toronto were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. Humphreys last week. Visitors with Mrs. J. Standish over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. R. Standish and children Edward, Richard, Rosemary, and Rodrick of Thorold. Two or three cars went from here Lawson conducted a musical quiz to the Black Knights parade in which Mrs. R. Harris got the most

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