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## The Editor's Corner

### ANOTHER GOOD FAIR

Sunny skies were matched by the broad grins on the faces of Esqueving Agricultural Society officials on Saturday when another big Georgetown fair was greeted with perfect weather. The fair now has an unbroken string of over eleven years of good weather for the annual show. Saturday was the best yet. Just cool enough, lots of sunshine, and it drew people out in greater numbers than any other year with the exception of the centennial in 1946. The turnstile clicked merrily all afternoon and chalked up almost 3,000 paid admissions, plus the hundreds of school children and exhibitors who have free passes to the show.

Everything was perfect. A merry-go-round and an airplane ride, plus pony rides pleases the kiddies. There was the usual pink fuzz candy, balloons and novelties to buy. The Lions Club operated a bingo plus a fortune wheel, with the hockey club making up some of the season's deficit with another game of chance nearby. Several local organizations operated refreshment booths, including St. George's Choir, St. John's 50-50 Club, the Girls Pipe Band and St. Alban's Guild.

The hall exhibits were of better quality and more tastefully arranged than any we can remember. Particularly pleasing was a new idea in school exhibits. This year, instead of a large volume of individual exhibits, each grade at the school had worked on a mural display and the results were most pleasing. One grade had taken Mexico as their study, another had worked on the theme of wild flowers, still another told the story of Laura Secord, while the entrance class had a true work of art in an illustrated map of the town. This was we believe, an improvement on former displays and had more general appeal to the public at large.

Flowers were another noteworthy section. Ladies work was on a par with its usual excellence, while the domestic science classes were crammed with a record number of entries. So numerous have these displays become that it will be necessary next year for the fair board to provide more display cases and more hall space.

There were some disappointments of course. The junior farmers grain show, once one of the hall's chief features, had a very small entry. Grain and vegetables, in general, did not draw enough entries and had it not been for a few exhibitors who made many entries this section would have been a complete flop.

The horse show was down somewhat in entries, though still a first class show. Cattle classes were big and were perhaps the outstanding part of the livestock section, along with the poultry show. There were some good entries in sheep but swine were not plentiful.

The baby show has established itself as a permanent feature of the fair and there was plenty of excitement around the tent as the judges weighed the merits of the babies. Entries in McGowan's pet and novelty contest were disappointingly small, and there is some question whether the sponsors will be prepared to go on with it another year. Too bad, for it is a novelty which draws crowd support and we cannot understand why more children do not enter the show.

All in all it was a good fair, and everyone is satisfied. There is money in the treasury to pay off the prize list in full, and with such a public response directors are encouraged to plunge into plans for another year.

### NO WONDER THERE ARE WARS

Sometimes we think there will be no end to wars until we learn to live in harmony among ourselves. We are all too prone to argue among ourselves as individuals, as families and as municipalities, right up to countries and races.

At present another municipal battle is shaping up in Halton over the new assessing system. For years trouble brewed every year in county council when the question of splitting county costs came up for review. "We Wuz Robbed" became the popular way for any county councillor to speak of his home territory and it was seldom that any town or township thought they were getting a square deal.

A few years ago the government devised a new standard form of assessing which, in theory, is as perfect as can be obtained. It provides a yardstick for measuring all types of property within a municipality, with a county assessor to correlate the parts into one whole. Considerable money has been spent in hiring and training assessors (the new system made assessing a full-time job) and in administration. Finally this year all municipalities had completed their assessments and county council passed a complete new cost split-up which should end all animosities.

What happens? Oakville and Burlington immediately begin battling in the south end of the county. Georgetown expresses itself as unhappy with their share and, and it looks as if we are in for another round of counter-appeals and arguing. An Oak-

ville paper has gone so far as to foolishly declare that the town should become separated from the county, for all the town gets for their county rates is a jail and a few county offices.

What the solution is, no one seems to know. If the county assessor has done his job anywhere near properly, there should be no glaring errors in the new system. If each local assessor has done an honest job of assessing within his municipality, then everything should be near-perfect and there can be no cause for argument. At least, there are figures to back up their story, allowing for the fact that some of the valuing must rest in the assessor's judgment.

### POT POURRI

Jack Coynett, who started his drug apprenticeship at Robb's during the early war years, is now owner of his own drug store at LaSalle in Essex County. After serving with the air force, Jack, who is a Dundalk boy, went to pharmacy college in Toronto, where he was a classmate of Walter Cook and Stewart Young. He started up a drug store in LaSalle after working in Windsor for a few years. Sport fans are still hoping that by some miracle, Maple Leaf star Bill Barilko will be found safely. Barilko with Timmins dentist, Dr. Hudson, has been missing in a plane flight from a James Bay fishing trip for several weeks, and an extensive air search is still being carried on for trace of their plane. Two new comedy radio shows tickle our fancy for week-end listening. On Friday, Rayburn and Finch do some fine parodies for their sponsor, Pontiac cars, plus some good music. We particularly like the way the commercials are embodied in the show and not overdone. Saturday night, Inside Bob and Ray, is a similar type of show which specializes in making polite fun of other radio programs. Advice to motorists who sometimes forget is contained in this little jingle:

"When you're driving home tonight,  
 When passing, turn to dim from bright:  
 Remember the other fellow wants to  
 Get home in one piece, same as you."

Tom Grieve vouches for this story which happened in the little town of Colborne. A man was invited by a neighbour to taste a piece of her newly-baked cake. A couple of bites and there was a crunch as he bit into a diamond ring. The valuable ring had been lost for weeks and the housewife had given up hope of ever finding it. She surmised that it had dropped into the flour bin during a previous baking session and had been incorporated into the cake in a cup of flour. A note from Joan Main with her subscription renewal says that she has changed her address from Westmount, Quebec, to Mount Royal. Joan, who has been nursing in Montreal for a year has enrolled for a post-graduate course at McGill University which she will complete in June.

## "Get Together" is Municipal Board Advice to Georgetown, Esqueving

A dispute in the sharing of costs of North Halton High School district between Georgetown and Esqueving is no farther from settlement after a hearing before the Municipal Board here last Tuesday.

The dispute first arose when Esqueving declined to pay costs on the equalized assessment established for 1950 by county council. A board of arbitration, composed of assessors in the five municipalities which comprise the district established a new cost-split to agree to the new levy which increased local education costs considerably and appealed for a hearing before the Municipal Board.

The hearing, first set for June was postponed until last week when chairman R. H. Yates and George A. Lister sat here for the hearing at the municipal building. Harry Willis, Toronto barrister represented Georgetown at the hearing. LeRoy Dale, K.C. appeared for Esqueving. C. F. Leatherland for Acton and George Elliott for Milton. Nassagaweya was not represented by counsel but clerk L. C. McMillan attended the hearing.

After hearing all evidence, the board recommended that the parties get together and arrive at a settlement, as any decision by the municipal board is binding for a five year period. If no agreement is reached privately the board may hold another hearing this fall.

### FARM NEWS

**Further Homemakers Awards Announced for Exhibition**  
 Individual awards in connection with the special competitions open

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to members of Girls' Homemaking Clubs have been released by Miss Florence P. Eadie of the Women's Institute staff, Toronto. Halton club members listed among the prize-winners are as follows:  
 First prize group awards: Jean Bird, Ashgrove; Eleanor Stark, Ashgrove; and Ruth Featherstone, Nelson.

Second prize group awards: Mae Wingfield and Barbara Cunningham, of Ashgrove; Ruth Barnes, of Norval; and Marie Marshall of Milton.  
 Third prize group awards: Joan Wrigglesworth, Hornby; Donna Marshall and Barbara Tanker of Ash; Ruth Wilson, of Norval; and Ruth Brown, of Limehouse.



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