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The Editor's Corner

DIAL TELEPHONES COMING

Indicative of the progress and growth of Georgetown is an official announcement this week by the Bell Telephone Company that dial telephones will be in use in the Georgetown district in 1953.

The company has purchased the old Ruston property on Main Street and plans to tear down the present building and erect a modern one which will house the complicated equipment needed for operation of the mechanical dial system. New cables will be laid in town, and the tremendous job will begin next year of converting all present telephones to the dial apparatus.

The new system will have definite benefits in faster service, plus an added factor for residents of Glen Williams who will have their country lines replaced with private and two-party service. From time to time there are complaints of delays in placing calls, of poor connections and other minor annoyances which are bound to crop up in a manual system, particularly when old equipment is being used. Business firms, particularly, will be glad to have faster service.

However, there will be some regret, too, when one thinks that most of the present staff of telephone girls will be replaced by mechanical devices which will take away the "personal" touch from making a telephone call. There is something friendly about a voice saying "Number, please" "The line is busy", "One Moment, please", "Here's your Party" and "I'll Ring Again."

But such is progress. Machine replaces man, or in this case woman, and the day will come when telephone girls will be as extinct as horses and high button shoes.

LIFE IN TEXAS

In a letter to Georgetown friends, Dr. and Mrs. Doug Maplesden report everyone well and happy at their home in Flat Top Ranch, Walnut Springs, Texas.

Dr. Maplesden, who worked at the Provincial Paper mill here before joining the air force, attended veterinary college after the war, then practiced at Seaforth before he took his new position on the Texas ranch.

With Anne and John they flew to Texas last April, enjoying the novelty of the long trip by air, and amazed at the fact that leaving cool, frosty Ontario warmly dressed in coats, they were the next day basking in the summer air. The wild flowers were beautiful in Texas in the spring, and sunrise and sunsets are indescribably beautiful. Their home is situated on low, rolling land with nothing to obscure the view and they can see five miles in most directions.

Main topic of conversation in Texas last summer was the heat. For over 25 days during July and August the temperature went up higher than 105 degrees, the most prolonged hot spell that Texans can remember in many years.

Dr. Maplesden enjoys his work as ranch veterinarian, where beside his general duties he will work on special problems such as sterility. Flat Top has 2,000 head of purebred Hereford cattle of top blood lines, and the ranch raises no commercial animals, selling only breeding stock. Seventy miles south of Fort Worth, the ranch acreage is 18,000 acres. Another Halton native, Mr. Roberts who comes from Campbellville is ranch foreman.

POT POURRI

Dr. A. H. Wilson, a district native who has been practicing dentistry at Westville, Nova Scotia, has recently moved to New Glasgow, N.S. Dr. Wilson is a brother of Frank and Clayton Wilson, Ashgrove, and Mrs. Stanley Gowland of town. A note from Frank Tighe, formerly of the office staff of Smith & Stone, tells us that he is now living at 8468A San Gabriel Avenue, South Gate, California. Mr. Tighe is working for a large construction firm, United-Bell which maintains its head office in Los Angeles. Renewing his subscription to the Herald, Gordon Wrigglesworth says "I wouldn't want to do without the paper from the old home town even though it now contains many names which are new and unknown to me. Also I hope to continue my subscription at least until such time as I can read that Georgetown has a winning ball team as well as a top hockey team and band. Or should I live that long, We'll admit that baseball in Georgetown hasn't seemed to develop the same enthusiasm as hockey these past few years and the teams have hardly been "winning" ones, but it isn't so long that Georgetown was a real baseball town and it could happen again, Mr. W. Meanwhile there are a few keen sports who are keeping the game alive and one of these years there will be a revival of interest among the fans. Mr. Wrigglesworth is a public accountant in Ogden, Utah. Familiar faces missing when the indoor bowling season opens will be Mr. and Mrs. Alf Kirby. Alf left the local Alliance Paper Mill some time ago to return to the mill at

Merritton. They are selling their house on King Street, and Mrs. Kirby will be moving to Merritton soon too.

Attention is drawn by a highway resident to the lack of a Stop sign on the Albert Street approach to the highway, which creates a dangerous situation for any stranger driving along that street to the highway.

Everyone is happy to know that King George is recovering successfully from a lung operation which has been the major world news for the past few weeks. The Canadian tour of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edburgh was postponed a week and instead of coming by boat the royal couple will now cross the Atlantic by plane. The tour will be carried out as scheduled, with all dates advanced a week. They will be in Toronto on Friday and Saturday, October 12 and 13. In spite of strong rumours of an Ontario election this fall, a short session of the legislature came and went last week with no election announcement from Premier Leslie Frost. It is almost a certainty that 1952 will see an election. Meanwhile world interest will centre on the British elections, and there is much speculation whether the Labour Government can keep in office. The Conservatives are still led by the great wartime leader, Winston Churchill and are promising to de-nationalize the steel industry and to stop the strong program of nationalization which the present government adopted when it took office after the war. Old timers, and we include ourselves in that category, will get a kick out of a special series of broadcasts over the NBC network Sunday evenings which mark the anniversary of the broadcasting company. Fibber McGee & Molly star on the show and supposedly are twisting the dial back in the 30's to catch snatches of popular radio programs. Sunday night they treated us to such old favourites as Joe Penner, Ed Wynn and Graham McNamee, Ruth Etting singing "Shine On, Harvest Moon," Gene and Glenn and Ainos 'n Andy.

Carrot Hand, Giant Aster Are Oddities of Nature

Two oddities in the vegetable world have been drawn to the attention of the Herald this week.

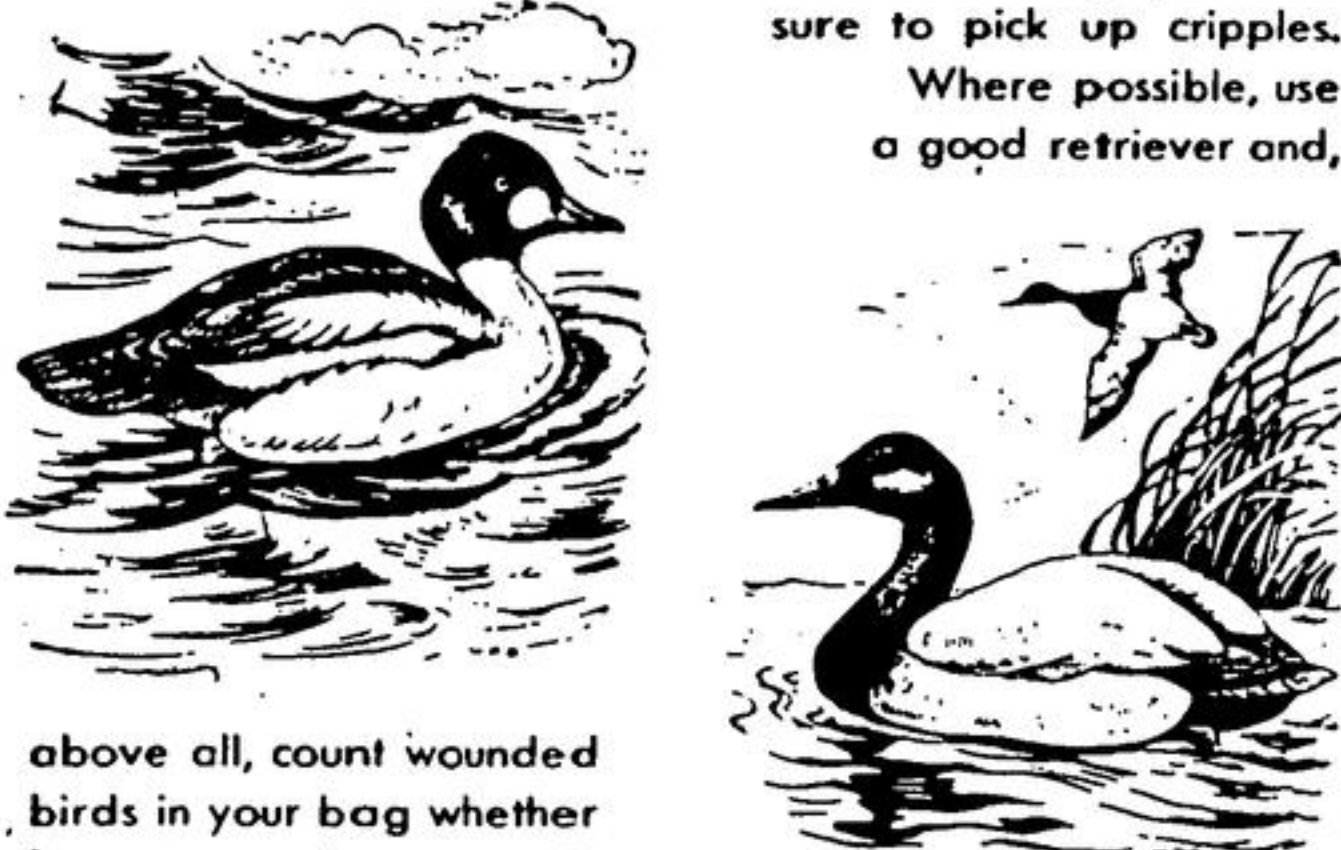
Mrs. M. Lawr brought to the office one of the most striking examples of nature's imitations in the

form of a carrot perfectly shaped like a hand. The carrot has four fingers and a thumb, arranged in most life-like fashion.

W. A. Ostrander has potted an aster plant, he tells us, which has 88 blooms on the one plant. The flowers are blood red and are Heart of France variety.

BECAUSE IT GIVES YOU PLEASURE . . .

. . . you should do your best to preserve duck hunting. And here are a few hints that will help. Don't shoot until the duck is within range, and be sure to pick up cripples. Where possible, use a good retriever and,



above all, count wounded birds in your bag whether you recover them or not. Wise hunting today conserves for tomorrow's holiday.

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GORGEOUS GEORGE AND BURT LANCASTER

With one of his Hollywood buddies, the famous wrestler Gorgeous George, is pictured above. He will be drawing crowds to Guelph Arena next Wednesday when he headlines an all-star mat show which also features The Great Foxo, another TV wrestling star.