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**MRS. HARVEY LEE'S
MOTHER DIES IN CITY**

Mother of Mrs. Harvey Lee, of Normandy Boulevard, died last Monday at Toronto General Hospital. She had resided at 38 Somerset Avenue, Toronto. In failing health since she suffered a stroke six years ago, Mrs. Lee had been ill in hospital for three weeks before her death.

She is survived, by her husband and five children, Dorothy, Mrs. A. Bankerville, Richmond Hill; Ina, Mrs. Harvey Lee, Georgetown; Ruby, Mrs. Melville Dunbar, Toronto; Donald Aiken, Oakville; and Harvey Aiken, Toronto.

Interment was made in Park Lawn Cemetery on Thursday after the funeral service at the McDougall & Brown Chapel.

DIRECTORY

**Secretary-Treasurer
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Secretary treasurer of Alliance Paper Mills, Ltd., Peter F. J. Dolan, died at St. Catharines General Hospital on Saturday. Mr. Dolan, who was 54 years old, had been in ill health for several months. He was well known in Georgetown, having visited the company's mill here on many occasions.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Tansley, three brothers, T. J. Dolan of Stratford, Major J. I. Dolan, RCASC, serving in Korea and Leo Dolan of Merriton, and one sister, Mrs. John D. Stanton, Birmingham, Michigan.

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The Editor's Corner

Can't Be Done as Cheap!

Council's action in moving to inaugurate garbage collection by municipal employees is surprising in view of the cost of the privately-operated collection which has been the rule ever since garbage collection was added to the tax rate several years ago.

At present roughly nine hundred homes enjoy weekly collection in the winter months and twice-weekly collection all summer. Main street has twice weekly collection all year round. At a total cost of \$4200 for the year, this figures out at about 9c a house per week. Can we do it that cheaply?

At first glance, the answer is "yes." If a private individual can do it for that and make a profit, surely the town can do it more cheaply.

But examination of the facts does not bear this out.

The contract is held by a firm which has a number of trucks and a supply of manpower which allows certain employees to be used on the garbage collection with other employees available for part-time work when required. The firm has had several years experience at the job and has given good service. Rarely have there been complaints, and rain or shine, the garbage truck has made its allot-

ted rounds regularly and efficiently.

It is argued that at certain times of the year, the town is somewhat overstaffed and garbage collection will provide fill-in work for these men in their off-time. But we must realize that garbage collection is something which must go on day after day, week after week. Suppose the town uses all employees full-time during certain seasons. It simply means that someone else must be hired to collect garbage at these times or someone else must be hired to do the men's work while they are collecting garbage. Either case means more wage payments from the public treasury.

Can the town hope to maintain a truck, allocate time of regular employees for the work and pay part-time help any cheaper than the present contract?

Council's first move must be confirmed by a by-law amending the present garbage by-law. Before this is done, perhaps the town fathers will reconsider a move made in good faith by them in the interests of economy at the time of striking the tax rate, when apparent economy sometimes overshadows other considerations.

May We Hope?

There is speculation that Finance Minister Abbott, in his budget speech later this month, will announce reductions in the tax on electrical goods. Georgetown is particularly interested in this because of the slackening in production in our largest industry which has caused short hours for all employees and a marked reduction in the number of men and women employed in the three Smith and Stone plants.

Exorbitant taxes on refrigerators, stoves and radios this last year has forced prices up to such a point that considerable buyer resistance throughout Canada has put producers in a serious position. To move present stocks, retailers have resorted to drastic price cuts, in many cases making no profit at all on the sale. This is not a healthy situation. A retailer who has had to clear goods without profit is not anxious to stock up with any more. Wholesalers, finding they cannot get dealers to stock their normal supplies are not buying themselves. And so factories are not running at capacity and have had to reduce work hours and cut staff. This of course affects the income of workers and makes them less able to

purchase the high priced goods. Equally important is the secondary effect on people not directly connected with the industry and whose own wages have not suffered. They become cautious, delay buying not only electrical goods but everything else, and first thing we know a recession is in the making.

Had Georgetown been located anywhere but within the Toronto radius, the Smith & Stone layoffs would have had a catastrophic effect on the town's economy. As it is, up to the present, any man out of work has been able to become employed at Malton, where the vast Avro plant seems to require an inexhaustible supply of labour. How long this could keep up is problematic, for even the largest plant must have its saturation point. What could happen to Georgetown's retail business, property values and potential for new residents if we cannot continue full employment is something we don't like to think about.

Let us hope that Mr. Abbott puts us on the road back to the good old days of a year ago, when there was work here, and plenty of it, and our men did not have to commute to Malton to earn their daily bread.

Pot Pourri

As a wind-up to their year's activities, the new Ladies Curling Club entertained members of the Royal Canadian Club of Toronto to an afternoon's curling and a social time afterwards. The ladies had met the Toronto curlers at a bonspiel in Brampton a few weeks ago. A note from the Lord's Day Alliance reminds their friends in Georgetown that Mr. F. L. Crawford will be calling in town within the next few days. Final results of the county Christmas Seal campaign held by Halton TB and Health Association shows a total of \$8272 collected in the campaign. In our round-up of Florida vacationers recently, we neglected to mention that Magistrate K. M. Langdon was also down south. In case he is wondering who was in the car that honked at him in traffic in St. Petersburg it was Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cleave. They were stopped at a traffic light when they noticed the familiar car, but before

Mr. Langdon could recognize them the signals changed and they lost him in the traffic. Our first major "boob" since converting the small ad column to a classified one occurred last week. A house advertised for sale by Len Rayner was mistakenly placed in the For Rent column. Mrs. Rayner reports she was quite worn out answering the phone for the next few days and didn't realize how many people in Georgetown are looking for a house to rent. Those who heard Adam Gaw in his recital at Knox Church last year may have noticed that this young Canadian tenor was soloist at the Pop Symphony in Toronto a week ago Friday. Billed as Canada's John McCormack, we heard him sing a group of Irish numbers and were much impressed by his clear and beautiful voice, which reproduced particularly well on the radio. Let's hope this will be the beginning of a bright musical future.

Weekly Chuckle...

At a movie version of a popular novel, a theatre patron watched in surprise as a dog, seated in front of him, seemed to follow the picture intelligently and at the end of the show joined the audience in clapping his paws together.

"Pardon me," said the patron, addressing the dog's master, "but I was amazed to see what an interest your dog took in the movie."

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Mrs. Hicks of Minden, was killed in an automobile accident last week. She was a sister of Mr. Cook who last year moved into the late Mrs. Appelle's house in the village.

Exequies Women's Institute held their March meeting in the Hall, Mrs. Robert Harris presiding. Letters and messages of thanks were received from the sick for fruit received. \$3.00 was voted to the music festival. The annual meeting will be held in the School Wednesday evening, April 9th.

Junior W.A. meeting was held at Mrs. Baily's home. Ruby Tennant chose the hymn "There is a Green Hill far Away" and conducted the Worship Service. The Thursday Pledge was remembered. The Chinese and Japanese kindergartens in British Columbia.

Jackie Barclay entertained several of her little friends at a party on her birthday last Thursday.

Happy birthday wishes for Donald Hodge who will be 12 on Sunday April 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Sanford, Mr. and Mrs. E. Sanford and Bill visited friends in Mount Dennis on Saturday and attended the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Sanford's aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Standish and family of Thorold were visitors in the village Sunday afternoon.

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