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The Editor's Corner

Improvement at the Library

Cooperation of council in supplying funds to the Library Board for needed renovations to the library building will greatly benefit a building which is one of the town's greatest assets.

There has been some talk of a complete new library building, and while this would have some definite advantages, the majority of citizens would rather see the old site kept and the building put in better shape. There is some historical significance in retaining the old church building which was deeded to the town in perpetuity, providing it remained a public library. Perhaps newer residents of town will not know that it is the former Congregational Church.

The immediate need for renovations has been pointed out forcibly to council by the library board, which has had several meetings with council and the property committee. It had been hoped by the board that council

might consider increasing the debenture debt in order to make all improvements at once — an expenditure of \$25,000 or over. However, the Board realized also that the already heavy debenture debt must be kept from any further increase because of the forthcoming public school loan and a possible new high school in the next few years. The board is satisfied with council's offer to take \$1,000 from current taxes and add this to the 1952 grant, and members are already planning how the extra money can best be used.

The suggestion has been made that a competent architect be hired to prepare a master plan which can be carried out over a period of years. This would appear to be a sensible method of approach, for money can be wasted if the job is done piecemeal and a definite plan will give the blueprint for Georgetown's library of the future.

New High School Coming

Georgetown council's action in being the first to approve North Halton High School Board building plans was gratifying to board members. At time of writing Acton has joined Georgetown in giving the go-ahead sign for new schools at Georgetown and Acton and addition of a gymnasium at Milton. Word is expected this week from Milton, Esqueing and Nassagaweya which are the other three municipalities forming the district.

The school problem is one which has been well aired in North Halton these past five years. At various times, the merits of one, two and three schools has been discussed. There have been motions and amended motions, discussions with councils and with the Dep't. of Education, until the final decision by the

board to drop any idea of closing any school and supplying adequate, modern buildings for all three towns.

Once council approval is given, it behooves the school board to waste no time in laying their plans before the department, hiring an architect and calling for tenders for the new buildings. Georgetown is faced with inability to house all high school students in another year or two, as enrolment will grow rapidly. Acton is in the same position or worse for in that town the high school board rents premises from the public school which are needed for elementary education.

It is to be hoped that the new schools will be built and ready for occupancy for the 1954 school term.

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Thanks go to Fred Helson for the three pictures of the juvenile hockey team which appeared in last week's paper. Fred followed the team to Lindsay and went to considerable trouble to get some good "shots" of the boys and his interest was appreciated. . . . Incidentally, for the first time we used a new type of plastic plate which has been developed and is being used by such city papers as the London Free Press and Guelph Mercury. The new process is easier on the pocketbook and pictures are about half the price of the established method of stereos. . . . Apologies for an apology. It was Mrs. Orval Rayner, not Mrs. Len Rayner, whose house was advertised for rent, not for sale as it should have been. . . . The old Herald office has been rented by Henry Helfant who established a clothing store here in the Cordaro Building last fall. The new tenant will be moving into the building later this month. . . . Decision of Dominion Stores to close their store here leaves the adjoining building vacant also. It has not been rented as yet. The Bell Telephone will make it a three-room when they vacate their present building next year for a new building which will be built on the site of the old Ruston home, slated to be wrecked. . . . Deputy Chief Jack Harlow of the local volunteer fire brigade attended a recent 5-day school in Toronto, which is held annually to acquaint firemen with lat-

est developments in firefighting methods. . . . Marie Armstrong is the new clerk in MacCormack's Drug Store, replacing Mrs. Jim Ritchie who has gone to work at the Dominion Seed House. Marie attended school in Toronto last year and has been studying at Brampton Business College this year. . . . Business changes on Main Street continue to come thick and fast. . . . The Rose Bar recently changed hands when Mr. and Mrs. Coleman sold the business to Harry Holmes. Some new people have reopened K's Grill which has been closed for some time. Saxe Motors has been sold to Vern Crawford and Ev Martin. Today Harry Marcus tells us he has sold his clothing store to two new men from the city. . . . We were pleased to see an end to the garbage discussion at council Monday and think council did a wise thing in dropping plans to have garbage collected by municipal employees. We could see nothing but trouble ahead for a municipal collection system. . . . It never struck us until we watched two high school girls perform the Charleston at the commencement last Wednesday, that the dance will some day be considered a folk dance. It seems such a few years ago that we watched people dancing it seriously, and now, along with the Black Bottom and the Big Apple it is passing into the realm of history. Times does go along!

Weekly Chuckle . . .

The young man, a spark in his eye, walked into the princely-looking boat store. He looked around and picked out a snappy, richly coloured yacht.
 "If I bought this yacht on easy payments," he asked the salesman, "how long would it take me to pay for it completely?"
 The salesman gazed thoughtfully at the prospective customer.
 "How much," he countered, "can you pay each week?"

The young man rubbed his chin.
 "Well," he said finally, "I can pay twenty-five dollars a week. I imagine I can pay off about five dollars a week on this boat."
 The salesman's eyes popped.
 "Five dollars a week!" he cried. "Why, at that rate, it would take you more than three hundred years to pay off this yacht!"
 The young man gazed longingly at the trim craft.
 "So what?" he mused. "It's worth it!"

LEGION NOTES

BEFORE WE give you the little bit of news we have this week we would like to get a point across as far as this column is concerned. Legion Notes are supposed to consist of news of the Branch. . . . and news in the newspaper world is something that has happened, not some event taking place in the future — THAT is advertising, and as a newspaper derives its income from advertising, it can hardly be expected to give it free in the news columns. We think that the use of this column has been given in the past to various Legion activities that are non-profit making, or possibly a mention of the annual kiddies' Christmas tree, or other activities of a similar nature. This whole matter has been brought up in answer to criticisms we have heard of our column not carrying enough publicity for certain events. This is most certainly not true, as in the first place the editor of this paper is the one who should be seen for publicity — as after all we only work here, and have not the authority to decide what is news and what is "publicity". . . . that word publicity, incidentally, in our opinion, as in the opinion of any person who has had anything to do with a newspaper, being just another way of saying free advertising! So in the future, if you have any news, by all means give it to us, we're always glad to have it, and we never have been forced to draw the line too closely, but if there happens to be an event in the future that you wish publicized, please see the editor, that is his department. . . . as we said before we only work here!

And as a last word on this we also have heard that a number of people feel that there has been too much Legion News devoted to the hockey this winter. To that we'll merely say that if anyone comes along with an idea like sponsoring kid hockey, and further, PUTTING IT OVER, the way Alf Scotty and the rest of the boys did, then they will get as much credit as the hockey news had. In fact, while we are on the subject of the Legion Notes, we'd like to say that we are always open to criticism, providing it's of the constructive, and not destructive type. In fact, we'd be only too happy to have the various members of our Branch, contribute the odd column. After all, though we do enjoy writing it, it does take a lot of time, and certainly we'd only be too happy to have someone else, have a crack at it.

JUVENILES went to the Town and Country last Thursday as guests of Harold McClure and Sid Silver. We hear the restaurant didn't make any money on that crew! The outing finished up with the wrestling matches at the Gardens that night. Everybody reports a good time.

THE NEWS ITEM of this week, of course, is the wonderful success The W.A.'s production "Shooting Stars" attained! Originally scheduled for a two night stand, it was so successful the first two nights, that it was held over for a third performance. The various parts of the show were excellent, with all the performers acting like seasoned veterans. . . . Heard several of the ladies in the audience say they'd just love to adopt any of the Pretty Babies! — They WERE cute little rascals, weren't they? . . . Congratulations to the Auxiliary on a wonderful show. We hope to see the day in the near future when they put on another show. Certainly, there is plenty of talent here for one. . . . The ladies of the Auxiliary as a whole, as well as the every member of the cast are to be commended for the hard work and effort that went in to organizing and producing this show. A very worthy achievement for any organization.

A full news report of this very successful show will appear elsewhere in the newspaper.

WE WERE not present at the exhibition game in Toronto last Saturday, so can't give you a report on it, other than the score, 11-3. However, we did hear from one spectator (Dick Prust) that these Marlboro "midgets" most of the midgets being slightly bigger than George McClure) really play a rough rugged brand of hockey. . . . Ah, well, twas rill a great season. . . . wonder if Scotty can tear himself away from the golf clubs long enough to get our softball team organized? (and don't tell us it's too early), that could apply to the links as well, you know.

NATURALLY, the weekly social and dance is cancelled this week, as the Legion will be closed all day Friday. Our favorite sax player says times are tough these days. . . . especially around Branch 120! Ask him to elucidate, fellows!

WONDER HOW the ladies are making out with their proposed dart team? At the last general meeting Alex Taylor was put in charge of arrangements for this, and we understand he, along with the sports committee have been looking into

DIRECTORY

60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Friends are invited to drop in at Limehouse Community Hall from seven o'clock on Saturday, April 12, to offer their congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Alrx Dobbie on their 60th wedding anniversary.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Dobbie (she is the former Nellie Scott) were born, reared and married in Limehouse, to which place they will return for their celebration. They now reside in Hamilton.

Two sons were born to this union. Major Franklin H., now deceased, served in World War I and had been retired after 31 years of service in the army. William J., who served four years in the first war, is now a resident of Cleveland, Ohio. They also have four grandchildren.

Occasional Chair for Retiring Paperworker

Martin Cummins, a Provincial Paper mill employee since 1924, retired on pension last week.

On Friday, fellow employees gathered in the finishing room where he worked for many years as a table man, and a presentation of an occasional chair and smoker was made by Hugh Dickie. Mr. Cummins is a member of the Quarter Century Club of the company.

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HAS ANYONE thought more about making that proposed trip to Kitchener, mentioned at the last meeting? Let's know what you think, fellows.

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