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### Our Town is Musical

Georgetown's outstanding showing in both public and high school classes at Halton Music Festival is quite the talk of the town. The town has always ranked well in the standing, but this year the boys and girls excelled themselves. It speaks well, both for the native ability of the students, and for the training imparted by Kenneth R. Harrison, music teacher at both schools. Anyone who has had any experience with young voices will know just how painstaking a job it is to properly train choirs, trios and duets for festival competition. And to know that Mr. Harrison was also interested in the Peel festival, plus carrying on his regular duties as organist and choir leader at a Guelph church and planning a high school

musical concert last night, gives an idea of the magnitude of his duties this past month. With such an interest in music indicated locally, we wonder if Georgetown couldn't invite the festival here next year. It used to be the custom to move it from town to town each year and while it is easier planned in one centre, and the facilities offered are excellent, yet there are advantages too in giving people in other towns the opportunity to have the festival in their own locale. Last time it was in Georgetown was back in 1940, when it was held in St. John's Church. Since then, we have at least two other potential sites—Wrigglesworth School auditorium and St. John's Hall.

### Good News for Students

Generosity of a local merchant and a local business firm opens a new field for high school students who plan going on with their studies. It is a magnificent thing which Sid Silver and the Smith and Stone firm have done in establishing bursaries which will materially assist deserving students. The Smith & Stone scholarships have one restriction, that they be used only in the study of engineering. This is logical, of course, as the company is interested in training engineers, and has, in fact, given positions to local boys during and after their engineering

courses. Mr. Silver's awards, established in memory of his father are much broader in scope. This cash award can be given not only to a student going on in any university course, but can be applied to any type of advanced study. We should interpret this as meaning that such courses as nursing, art, radio technician, could be considered as professional study. In years to come there will be many young people who will look back on the bursaries with gratitude for helping them along their life's career.

### Clean-up Week

The fire brigade executive has asked that mention be made of Clean-Up Week, or Clean-Up Two-Weeks, as it would be better called, which will be observed from May 9 to May 23rd. It is the time of year when people are asked to clean up public or private places where fire hazards exist. We all have them . . . a cellar corner where odds and ends are stored . . . a factory where oily rags are not properly disposed of . . . a catch-all in a Main Street cellar window where a carelessly drop-

ped cigarette could set rubbish on fire. The brigade will be making a routine check, particularly along Main Street, in conjunction with Clean-Up week and we hope they get a good reception when suggestions are made for safety precautions. It would be a good time for businessmen particularly to think about placing a fire extinguisher in a strategic place, to clean out dirty chimneys and furnaces, and, as mentioned above, to clean out the catch-alls under the grating which leads to the basement windows.

### Pot Pourri

New residents of town are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stief and their two young sons, Larry and Dennis, who are living on Temple Road, in the house formerly occupied by Mrs. Margaret Wardlaw and family. Mrs. Wardlaw has moved into a newly-built house nearby. The Stiefs moved here from Listowel and Mr. Stief is working in town with Tom Hewson . . . Gardening season is here and so are complaints about dogs and children. One lady hopes her neighbours will keep their dogs tied up when the May 15th curfew comes, for already she is plagued with pawprints in the newly-planted rows of peas, radishes and potatoes. Another lady says she knows how hard it is to keep children off the gardens and hopes parents will warn the kids to stay on the grass and roadways. And so, spring has arrived . . . Setting out for their new home in Victoria, B.C., Mr. and Mrs. Jim Baysarovich and their children left town last week-end. They are driving through the States and will be resting up en route after a hard year of work at the Corner Cupboard . . . Mrs. J. S. Rankine, who has many friends in town and has often visited here, has moved here from Walkerville. She has been trying to locate in Georgetown for some time and has an apartment at the home of Pius Rau on Guelph Street . . . Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Evans mo-

ved from town last week and are making their home now at Ahmic Harbour. New residents of town are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Devereaux who bought the house tenanted by the Lew McKibbons on Parkview Drive. Mr. and Mrs. Devereaux moved into town after selling their farm near Limehouse to Mr. and Mrs. Newton Ruddell. The McKibbons are now living in a new house on Guelph St. . . . That Halton is a leader in Ontario was shown again when the sale of TB Christmas Seals topped all Ontario. Our county has one of the hardest-working committees organized to deal with tuberculosis work and the public support accorded them is the best reward they could ask for their work . . . Bright red seems to be the style in cars this season, judging from the number of them appearing around town. Two-tones are also still very popular . . . Quite a few shifts in downtown stores these past few weeks. Mrs. Norman Marchant has joined Silver's Shoe department, with Mrs. Albert Dawson replacing her at the Georgetown 5c to \$1.00 Store. Bob Harris, who has been working at Budget Market since selling his store at Stewarttown is now at Farnell's . . . Further evidence of the growth of this part of the country is seen in plans announced this week for building a new 3-room school at Norval . . .

### Wins Dramatic Prize Peel Music Festival

Margaret Kent, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Kent of town won the Robert Simpson Co. scholarship at Peel Music Festival, which entitles her to \$25 in lessons in elocution and dramatics.

Margaret entered six classes at the festival and placed first in three classes of creative-dramatics, as well as winning two silver medals and a bronze medal in elocution. The 9th Grade Port Credit high school student has starred in plays at the school and is intensely interested in dramatics. Her festival win was not all roses, for she performed with a severe case of

laryngitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Kent, who are the new proprietors of Fairview Inn, moved to town last week and are living in part of Lt.-Col. Gordon Brown's home on the Stewarttown road.

Plans are underway for a big celebration in town on Coronation Day.

### Like Jason, Uncle Sam Quests "Golden Fleeces"

As the U.S. begins its partial mobilization program, Uncle Sam is loosening his purse strings to enter the international market in an expensive quest for large supplies of wool, which today is truly the "golden fleece."

A compelling reason for the intensive buying program is indicated by the recent disclosure that the country has failed to build an adequate stockpile of wool to meet the present emergency. Meanwhile, prices for this vital commodity have soared to the highest level in history, notes the National Geographic Society.

Although practically every nation grows some wool, most of it comes from Southern Hemisphere countries—Australia, Argentina, New Zealand, South Africa and Uruguay. Australia is the world's leader, accounting for about one-fourth of the international supply. Large producers in the Northern Hemisphere are the United States, Great Britain, Spain, France and Italy.

But U.S. demand for wool has far outdistanced the domestic supply. The nation normally consumes about 500 million pounds annually, domestic sources yield little more than a fourth of that amount. At Boston, long a center of wool trade activity, prices in recent weeks have risen to as much as \$3 a pound for certain good grades of cleaned wool.

### Oil Shale May Be Major Source of Liquid Fuel

Colorado oil shale which may some day be a major source of liquid fuel for the nation contains little or no oil in its natural state, according to a report by four Bureau of Mines investigators to the American Chemical Society.

Laboratory studies of selected samples showed that shale is composed of organic material and minerals, the organic matter being the part which yields oil when sufficient heat is applied. Iron, aluminum, calcium, magnesium, sulfur, sodium and potassium were among the minerals found.

Oil-shale deposits of the Green River formation exist over an estimated area of 16,500 square miles in adjoining portions of Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming. These deposits constitute a potential source of liquid fuel which is estimated at 200 billion barrels of oil, or several times our known petroleum resources. The richest and most accessible oil shales of this formation are in western Colorado. A laboratory investigation has been made of six selected samples from this area.

### New Jersey Early Producer

New Jersey was the first state outside of New England to manufacture iron. The first furnace was built about 1674 in Monmouth County by Henry Lennard, a prominent Massachusetts ironmaster. Northern New Jersey blast furnaces originally operated on bog ores, but the industry developed rapidly with the use of the rich magnetite ores of the area. Foremost mines in colonial days were in the Susquehanna and Ringwood deposits. In Eastern Pennsylvania there were many furnaces operating on local timber and pockets of ore. One of the old iron plantations, called Hopewell, in Berks County has been purchased by the government and partially reconstructed by the National Park Service. At present steelmaking plants are located at Bethlehem, Coatsville, Harrisburg, Ivy Rock, Philadelphia, Phoenixville, Reading and Steelton in Eastern Pennsylvania; at Roebing, New Jersey, and Claymont, Delaware.

### Columbium Sources

Relatively important producers of columbium, as now known, are the Belgian Congo and Brazil. In 1946, it was reported that rich columbium deposits had been found in the Ural Mountains of the Soviet Union. The southern part of Manchuria, from which Chinese Communists have been moving in on the Korean struggle, was said, in 1947, to contain uranium and other ores, mixed with columbium. Within recent weeks, Norway has announced plans for working new-found columbium-holding deposits.

### Cordage and Twine

A total of 388,344,000 pounds of cordage and twine was produced during 1950, according to a recent study of the cordage and twine market. The market in 1950 consumed more than 157,000 bales of cotton, as compared with 152,000 bales in 1949. Of the 1950 total, 235,122,000 pounds were twine and 153,212,000 pounds cordage. Twine used nearly 83,000 bales of cotton and cordage took over 74,000 bales.

### Steel, Iron Seek Bottom

A solid piece of steel or iron would sink to the bottom even where the ocean had the greatest depth. There is a slight compression of the water at great depth but, practically, the density remains the same as near the surface. A body will float only if its average density is less than that of the liquid in which it is placed. The average density of an object is equal to its total weight divided by the total bulk, and that of the solid steel is several times as much as ocean water.

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