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THE MAIL BAG:

Didn't "Foil Buddies" Says Vet-Councillor

Dear Mr. Editor:
 Obviously, Mr. Broughton who last week in this column protested the Municipal Council's action in not setting up a rental control board has not always followed your report on council meetings. If he had done so, he would know that members of the Canadian Legion were not foiled by their buddies in the Municipal Council.

He would know that I spoke out strongly for the retention of rental controls, and was supported by the other Legion members in the council.

Had Mr. Broughton as president of the Imperial Vets, along with officers of Branch-120, supported the members of council who were trying to have a rental control board established, the story might be different. It would certainly be a difficult matter now, since our budget has been set and no provision made for the cost of operating such a board.

Some council members felt the cost of operating a control board was not warranted in view of the fact there had been no public demand for it. It was decided by a majority of Council that no action should be taken along this line till it was established that tenants were being victimized by unscrupulous landlords. To me this had the appearance of locking the stable after the horse was stolen. The very fact that a board had been established, would have, in my opinion, put the brakes on the very few landlords in Georgetown who will take unfair advantage of their tenant.

While I as a member of the council accept my responsibilities to the ratepayers, and welcome good honest criticism, I can't help but wonder why the protest over the lifting of Rental Controls was left till this late date.

During the last war, the Federal Government decided that owing to the severe housing shortage, rental controls were necessary. I believe on the whole these controls were quite fairly administered.

After the war, when because of our troops returning and establishing new family units, and because of increased immigration, the housing shortage became more acute, the federal government decided to discontinue rental controls and let the provinces take them over if they wished.

Saskatchewan was the only province that was prepared and did immediately set up a control board. Their system of controls has been lauded by both landlord and tenant.

I have no recollection of any serious protest being launched against the federal government for their desertion of this very important field.

The Ontario government did after some time set up what they called a system of rental controls, but what turned out to be the greatest masterpiece of inequalities ever suffered by tenant and landlord alike.

They in turn decided they did not want to be bothered with something that was not producing revenue, so they deserted the field and left it to the overburdened municipalities, while they nurse the greatest surplus in our history. Still there has been no noticeable protest against their action.

In my opinion, Mr. Editor, Rental Controls are a Federal responsibility, but when the government at Ottawa shirked their duty, the provincial government should have set up and operated a fair system of controls till the housing shortage is relieved.

Since they have both failed, I believe it is the responsibility of the Municipality to set up and administer rental controls in Georgetown.

Also yours for fair play,
 Stan Allen

SILVER-WOOD

STONE FARM FORUM PLANS BUS TRIP

The Stone School Farm Forum arranged to meet once a month during the summer, and the first meeting since the regular Monday broadcasts was April 19th. Plans were made for a bus trip to Niagara Falls and Queenston. Mrs. Henderson, Sr., and Mrs. Wm. Norton attended the 14th annual conference of the Ontario Farm Radio Forum in Toronto on April 7th, and they brought to this meeting full and interesting reports. A game of euchre followed, prize winners being Mrs. C. Valey and Miss I. Keay. Mr. C. Greig and Wm. Norton, followed by a delicious lunch prepared by the ladies.

We are sorry to hear Mr. Laurence Burt is ill and wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Corbett and their two small boys Ricky and Terry are staying with their parents Mr. and Mrs. R. Corbett for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George Davies, Noreen and Diane and also Miss Ruth Goodman, all of Montreal, visited Mr. and Mrs. Horace Bell for the long Easter week-end.

An executive and conveners meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Ern Batkin on Tuesday to arrange forthcoming meetings of the Silver-Wood Women's Institute and plan programs.

Family Connection Ends

Death of Mr. Harry Dayfoot in Toronto last week ended a family connection with Georgetown which began over a hundred years ago when his father established a tannery here which developed later into the Dayfoot Shoe Co. and still later C. B. Dayfoot & Co.

The Dayfoot name was prominent for many years, when members of the family publicized Georgetown across the continent with their line of high grade work boots and ski boots, and did their part in church, school and municipal affairs. In our own brief time in town, Mr. Harry served as a hydro commissioner and his brother Charles a school board trustee, while both took active roles in their church work at the Baptist and United Churches respectively.

As extensive land owners and industrialists, they were among the century's best known families.

We thought at the time, and still think that when Mr. Dayfoot sold the main part of his property for what has now become the Victoria Crescent subdivision, the family name should have been perpetuated locally. Dayfoot Drive would be both euphonious and historically suitable. Perhaps residents of that street will combine someday with town council to keep this link with past years alive. The least a town can do for a family who established our solid roots is to keep a name on some inanimate thing after those who bear the name are no longer in our midst.

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Two contests running in the Toronto Telegram have produced some winners in Georgetown. In the Heidi colouring contest, Barbara Kinrade was twice a winner of a minor prize, and received a colouring book and a Heidi story book while John Bouwman won a story book. The big interest has been in the Lucky Dollars and two local ladies not only won some money but had their pictures on the front page to boot. They are Mrs. Walker Cleave who had a bill worth \$10 and Mrs. Dave Boxford one worth \$50. It is also interesting to note that a sister of Mrs. Will Hunter, Miss Dorothy Coleman of Toronto who was a \$25 winner. Mrs. R. C. Adams has moved from their house on Park Avenue to the apartment vacated by Mrs. J. P. Reid. Mrs. Reid has moved into an apartment in her house beside Knox Church where Hewson & Glancy have their law office downstairs. New residents of town are Mr. and Mrs. J. Suddaby who are living in an apartment in a house owned by Arthur Speight at the Church-Charles corner. Mr. Suddaby is a drover and his wife a stenographer with the Hewson & Glancy firm. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hall, Michael and Mary moved from their Queen Street house last Saturday to their new home in Sunbeam Heights, and another Queen Street couple, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Brown and baby daughter to their new home in the Parkview Blvd. subdivision. Miss Dorothy Stone reports a friendly deer who has been leaving tracks close to her Check Line Home, and hopes he will not repeat his performance of last year when he kept the viola bed nicely cleaned out. If you can't win yourself, next best thing is to be related to a winner, says Mr. and Mrs. Bill Robinson. Ken Robinson of Meaford, who is doubly related to the local couple, won a Plymouth club coupe with his

\$5 ticket in a restricted draw in that town to raise funds for artificial ice in the arena. Such stories always have an angle, and Ken had to be persuaded to buy the ticket for he is a recent bridegroom and saving every spare penny for a new house. He is a lucky man for a few years ago he won a refrigerator in another draw. It's not usual for men to steal the show, but we hear that at the Stalnes-Carney wedding in Norval Saturday it was almost the case. Mary Carney's four young brothers were the men in question, and even if one didn't see them, it isn't hard to imagine. The young fellows, Charles, Peter Bill and Roy range in age from 6 to 13. They were dressed identically in smart navy jackets and grey flannels, bow ties and French cuffs and white carnation boutonnières. Visiting the office last week, former staff member Harold Davison tells us he is now on the permanent staff of the Telegram, where he has been doing relief work in the composing department waiting for his job. Harold, his wife and family of two live at Alderwood. Charlotte McCullough, who has been office girl at Barrager's Cleaners for several years, has traded jobs for one at the Alliance Paper Mills. Beth McGilvray, who moved here recently with her parents from Cornwall is on the bank staff at the Royal. Her father works at the Alliance mill and they are living on Mountainview Road in part of the former Walter Evans' home. A major shift on Main Street is past the "dickering" stage but still not available for publication. News of a business change may hit this week's front page, though we haven't made the necessary enquiries at the time this editorial page was "put to bed". Daylight Saving Time won't be much help to gardeners if we don't get some warm, sunny days to go with it.

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