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Treat All Alike

It is encouraging to note in an editorial in the Acton Free Press, that Georgetown may have a gymnasium in the high school sooner than we would have believed.

Though not a member of the high school board this year, we have retained an interest in school affairs through several years as a member, and well recall the flat refusal from the Department of Education, when new school plans were being discussed, of any grant for a gym in the three schools which the board administers.

Mr. Dills' editorial covers the subject, and in order that interested people in Georgetown may also be informed, we are taking the liberty of reprinting it below.

Judging by the plans being shown the public in other towns the ban on some of the so-called frills on our school buildings are being lifted. A proposed new high school for Midland and Penetang district is to have a cafeteria, gymnasium, cadet equipment, storage equipment, rifle range and, of course, some

classrooms as well as shops, music rooms, home economics rooms, etc. The construction is to get underway this fall.

In view of the fact that auditorium gymnasiums were denied all three schools in North Halton District only a year ago it would appear there has been a changed attitude in the Ontario Department of Education. Even a government so top heavy on one political party as the Frost government would surely not play favourites with any of the municipalities in the province, particularly not against Halton which has been so loyal to the party in power.

It is fortunate that when the new additions were designed in North Halton that plans were drawn for extensions denied by the Department of Education in the original approval. Now that such "frills" are again being sanctioned in new school buildings, at least the auditorium-gymnasium part of the schools in Acton, Milton and Georgetown will surely be given the same treatment as other Ontario municipalities.

Pot Pourri

The R. B. Shortills have moved to Norval and their house at 104 Guelph Street is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mossop and sons Danny and Percy who moved into town from R. R. 4. Mr. Mossop and Danny work at Smith & Stone and Percy is a high school student. . . . Irv Ernewine, a Brown's bread driver here for several years, has moved with his family to Kitchener. Still in the same business, he is employed there with another company, Canada Bread. . . . Bill Boal, who has been assistant manager of the Seville Theatre, Montreal, since leaving town, has a new position at head office in Toronto. . . . Sometimes a reporter misses the obvious, and we have just realized that after being in charge of planning a little event for the Men's Club at St. George's Church a few weeks ago, we forgot completely to put a news item in the paper. While it's too late to give complete details, we thought Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters should be mentioned, in case they might be wanted for future bookings. They can be contacted through Mayor Armstrong, Dick Riddall, Charlie Harris or Cec Davidson. . . . Had a chat with Eric Timms, who moved to Brampton after giving up his job at the C.N. Express office. His wife and baby son are at present away on a trip home

to England. . . . Home after completing her first year university at Western in London, Marilyn Bell has taken a summer job in the office of Barrager's Cleaners. . . . Formation of a Rotary Club in town is indicative of Georgetown's growth, for it is the first time that two service clubs have operated in town. . . . A group of officials from the new Ford plant at Oakville were guests at the golf club on a recent Saturday and expressed interest in joining the club which still has not reached its full membership. . . . Fred Chapman, who will soon be leaving the Commerce bank branch for his new Peterborough position, says people seem to be more interested in his successor than in his move, for the first thing they ask is "Who's the new man?" Fred will be missed, we can assure him, for not only has he been active in a number of organizations, but he has a pleasant personality and friendly manner which makes friends easily. . . . Regret at his leaving town is coupled with pleasure at his promotion, which is as it should be when we lose a Georgetown neighbour. . . . Principal Harold Henry of Chapel Street School is planning to attend another term of summer school at the University of Western Ontario, London, this year, one step further to his B.A. degree.

Mrs. William Cooke, 91 One of Senior Citizens

Last surviving member of one of the district's pioneer families, Mrs. William Cooke, Wesleyan St., died at her home on Sunday, May 23rd, aged 91 years. Despite her advanced years Mrs. Cooke always maintained a very active interest in Knox Presbyterian Church, and before moving to Georgetown, in Norval Presbyterian Church. Right to the last, she was also keenly interested in all civic projects.

Mrs. Cooke was the former Frances Ethel Ruddell, daughter of the late Joseph and Emilee McCraney Ruddell. She was born on the farm home at Ash Grove, where her parents were among the first settlers. Later the family moved to Oakville, and she was married there to William Cooke who predeceased her in May, 1930.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Cooke farmed on the Cooke homestead, on the 8th Line, Equus-ting. The farm had been granted to the Cooke family by a Crown Deed. Twenty six years ago, Mr. Cooke retired and bought the house on Wesleyan Street, in Georgetown.

Rev. Alex Calder of Knox Church was the minister at the funeral service held at her late residence on Wednesday, May 23rd. Interment was in Ash Grove Cemetery. The pallbearers were five cousins, Howson, Frank, Jack, Newton and Fred Ruddell and a grandnephew, Stuart Jamieson, Toronto.

Two children predeceased their mother, a son, Victor, who died in 1933, and another son, Wilfred, who died in infancy. Mrs. Cooke was the last surviving member of her immediate family. There are 6 nieces and 6 nephews surviving.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Mrs. H. B. Whaley of Mobile, Alabama, has been in town for the past week to attend the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. William Cooke.

Mrs. Robt. Roscoe of St. Catharines and her sister, Mrs. William Stuart of Dundee, Scotland, were Saturday visitors with Mrs. Robert Waldie a week ago.

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