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Cut the Cloth to Fit

Georgetown is growing, but we haven't reached the point where it is sensible to spend \$8,000 or more a year on resident engineering.

At present the town is advertising for an engineer at a starting salary of \$6,000. Assuming that a suitable man applies and is engaged, the advertisement is so worded that he can reasonably expect a boost in pay within a year. And he most certainly will need office help, at least part-time, and perhaps field help as well, if he is to justify his salary.

It is not a question of whether an engineer is worth any certain figure, so much as whether the town can afford such a man. In all businesses, one must cut the cloth to fit. There are many things a town can use, just as there are many things a private organiza-

tion needs. We don't say an engineer wouldn't be nice to have. We can agree with councillors that he would save the town some money on occasion. But we cannot see a yearly saving of 8 to 10 thousand dollars.

Last year's arrangement of sharing an engineer between three North Halton towns obligated Georgetown to a yearly expenditure of \$1400. A far cry from the \$5100 offered a month ago, and the \$6,000 plus which now enters the picture.

Georgetown would be much better off with the present system. The town staff do certain major work which time and ability allows. Major engineering like sewers and waterworks is turned over to consultants, both of whom have indicated that the town is served well by its present set-up.

Not a Good Trend

When prominent men like psychologist Dr. W. E. Blatz talk against competition and prizes in school, we wonder just how far this modern trend in education may take us.

Elsewhere in this issue, Dr. Blatz is quoted as saying that competition in the form of marks should be eliminated from the classroom, with the thrill of solving problems substituting this.

"Children are being brought up on the basis of the more skills learned the more money they can make, but very little attention is paid to the development of their emotional lives," he says.

The Blatz school of thought has certainly made inroads on the system when we were a boy. Then, there was a definite grading system in both public and high schools, and there was keen competition for top standing. To be sure, intelligence limitations precluded

every boy and girl from ever attaining the number one spot, while others willfully shirked the study and drill necessary to produce results. But we do not think this competition for marks and prizes had any ill effect on the majority, no matter in what category they fell.

Certainly we must prepare today's children, as we did those in the past, to enter a competitive society. Money is not all-important, it is true, but it is very difficult to cultivate hobbies and develop our culture without it.

No Dr. Blatz, we emphatically disagree with any further inroads on competition in the classroom. We might miss a few painters, musicians and poets, as you say, but society can sacrifice these much more than the businessmen and artisans needed to perpetuate a democratic, capitalistic society.

Pot Pourri

We got our "haiches" mixed in getting a Red Cross news report on the phone for last week's issue. It was Mrs. Bob Hoare, not Mrs. S. W. Orr who resigned as secretary.

People like to come back to Georgetown, and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Timms and young daughter Rita are renewing acquaintances since moving back from Brampton. They are living on Main St. S. in an apartment vacated by the Ernest Balls, next door to Berwick Hall where they formerly lived. Mr. Timms is still employed in Brampton. The new look in Cotton Bros. store draws all eyes to the 4 corners these days. The building has had a complete renovation, with a back addition to the ladies' side, new lighting, tile floor, smart colour scheme and new display windows. Certainly a forward step for Main Street which will benefit all merchants. Little acts of kindness are always appreciated and remembered. Sunday we drove to Burlington to see friends who live in a

new subdivision, and enquired about a street from a policeman. "Turn around and follow me" he said, and we drove in style to our friend's home with a police cruiser escort. He drove away before we could properly thank him. We were amazed at the mushroom growth in what we remembered as a small town fifteen years ago. Burlington is not so fortunate as Georgetown, for as it grows it becomes more and more a Hamilton satellite. Georgetown is far enough removed from cities to be able to keep its individuality after growth. A private hospital in Georgetown is now a distinct possibility, and there is nothing which would be more welcome. Georgetown is possibly the only town of this size in Ontario which offers no hospital facilities whatsoever, and the town must count heavily on Brampton and Guelph to supply all hospitalization.

Plan Communion Breakfast Deanery AYPFA Meet Here

The members of St. George's A.Y.P.A. have plans laid for a monthly Corporate Communion on the second Sunday of each month with breakfast afterwards in the church house. Chairman Brock Bradley and the committee members Ken Gregory, Brian Hyatt and Kerry Jepson are in charge of the arrangements and ration committee.

Many of the A.Y. members are planning to go to Guelph for the annual Diocesan Conference which begins Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. Bishop Bagnall will address the young people at the banquet in St. George's, Guelph, at six o'clock.

On the following Saturday, the Halton Deanery A.Y.P.A. will hold a Rally at St. George's, Georgetown, commencing at 1:30 p.m. The annual election of officers of the A.Y.P.A. will take place and the afternoon discussion period will be led by the Reverend Clark Raymond of St. Timothy's Church, Hamilton. Chairman and Local Council President Bob Lucas anticipates a large registration and has arranged a well-balanced programme. The installation of officers will take place at 5 p.m. in St. George's Church. The address at the banquet will be given by Mayor Jack Armstrong. The rally will conclude with an evening of games and dancing.

ONCE LAWYER HERE IS PETERBOROUGH WARDEN

A former Georgetown lawyer, Bill Grant has become warden of Peterborough County.

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