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## Dear Ratepayers:

I am unable to contact you all personally so I felt I could reach the greatest number by putting this letter in the Herald to solicit your vote for me as Deputy-Reeve.

The coming year there will be large projects to be undertaken and difficult decisions to be made.

I was, for eighteen years, a member of Georgetown Council, five for Mayor, eight for Reeve and five as a member of Council. During this time I have gained considerable municipal experience.

Several people have asked me to run as they felt there were so many problems to be solved this coming year and that I might be of help.

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## Your Teacher . . .

### . . . Mr. Prouse

by G. Scott

On a medium farm four miles from Lindsay, a tall youth rose between 5:30 and 6:00 every morning, dressed quickly and darted outside and took off on a two mile run. Returned as quickly as he had left, did his chores, ate his breakfast, climbed on his bicycle and pedalled fiercely for eight miles in order to get to Lindsay Collegiate for 9 o'clock. Come end of day he would climb on his bicycle again and pedal for home, eat, study, sleep, rise again and run two miles and so on. This was an ordinary day. Allen Prouse had to put in to get his education. No buses, no cars—just walk and bicycle. You ask did he have time for anything else? Yes, he did.

This running in the morning was a conditioner. You see he was the champion mile runner at Lindsay Collegiate, a school of over 1,000. Along with three other boys he was on the school's champion relay team. The race was four miles long so each boy had to run a mile each—think of it! Twice around the track at Georgetown Park. He also high jumped, his highest being 5 feet, 2 inches, and come winter played for the local hockey teams.

Academically, he was just as active. He liked mathematics and science. Just to let you see how much he liked them, in his grade 13 exams 90 was the mark in geometry, 87 in algebra and well I think you see what I mean. He was also a lieutenant in the cadet corps of the school, something from which he has never got away.

To wrap up his high school days he delivered the valedictory speech at the graduation exercises of the Collegiate. An honour for any person but a real honour to be picked from a school of over 1,000 pupils.

Mr. Prouse then attended Peterboro Normal and taught public school for five years. In the summer of these years he studied and successfully passed his B.A. degree, thus qualifying him for high school teaching. I should like to mention that he had now changed "cycles"—that is he now had a motorcycle and for the next ten years I'd venture to say he was the terror of 101. However, he thought he would like a roof over his head and later bought a car.

In 1945 Mr. Prouse came to Georgetown High and has no plans of moving. Right up to his neck in work he can't move away, as he is the chief instructor of the cadets in the school. He is well qualified for this. You remember he was lieutenant in his own school corps, he also belonged to the reserve air force during the war and is now captain.

Mr. Prouse teaches history, geography, algebra and geometry and is fully qualified to teach physical education, as he took three years of this. He is married and has three children. He is an elder of the United Church of Canada and it looks as if he just can't stay away from teaching—he is a Sunday School teacher of the adult class. He hasn't always done adult work as he was president of many Young People's Unions in various towns in his younger teaching days. He is still very interested in the work though. If teaching and other of his many jobs don't interfere, he tries to get in some carpentry.

The school is grateful to have him and we hope his teaching days will be many as he goes quietly about his work contributing to the achievement of a better America.

### DIOGENES

Bob Hess

Have you ventured into room ten lately? If you haven't, don't. The better part of valour is discretion. This is the western headquarters of the Society for the Advancement of East Siberia's Natural Resources—some call it the N.K.V.D.

The skulls boys departed Thursday—droopy eyed and perspiring. We had thought there was a blizzard outside but it was just the steam in the room. Wilfred's left side, next to the radiator, was turning a livid red. An acrid odour pervaded the room. The flesh was beginning to smoke. We last read ninety degrees before the mercury evaporized. So what do they wear Friday?—tee shirts, etc, etc and what happens? You guessed it. Three had to be carried to Lit. class frozen stiff. Brian was quite brittle and lost an arm when he was against the door—a terrible accident. Naturally the medicinal rum appeared in profuse quantities in containers of all shapes and sizes, from Sandy's thimble sealed with scotch tape, to Barry's handy four quart family size. More naturally it went the way of all good rum. On this day of great occurrences, it was most unfortunate that the thermometer could not be read. The mercury was in little cubes.

So you see, kiddies, those of the 5th are a rugged, not a scurvy bunch. We call this, our cave, Stalling Fen!

—Only 15 shopping days left before Christmas. Don't say we didn't warn you.

## Editorial

Mr. D. Roberts

Every other week, we are indeed privileged to have our "High Tales" published in "The Herald" and we look forward to these, as reflecting the life of the student body of Georgetown High School. The school paper belongs to you, all 252 of you, yet at the moment, its continuance is depending on the efforts of the few—the very few. A paper needs news, opinions, anecdotes, reports of those things which are happening daily in your environment. News-worthy items are not hard to find. The difficulty appears to be putting news to paper. Nevertheless, the editorial staff would appreciate it if more of you would translate these items into written articles. So, forget your diffidence, let's see YOUR name in the bylines. Make your paper into a lively forum of student activity and opinion.

### CADET REPORT

Barry Timlack

The Cadets assembled once again on Wednesday night. It was a very good turnout considering the weather conditions. It goes to show that those who do turn out have an interest in the weekly training. Let's have some more new faces present next week.

The Cadet Corps has been asked to take part in the Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, December 17. The parade will assemble at Lincoln Auto Body at 2:00 p.m. and is scheduled to leave at 2:30. A big turnout will be greatly appreciated.

The new courses in Brampton have not yet been started; more personnel are needed to fill the quota.

Cadets are needed to fill Sr. NCO ranks. These ranks will be given to Sr. Cadets (Grades XI and XII) who come out regularly and prove their knowledge of their training.

There has been a change in the officers of the Corps. A list of promotions will appear in the next issue of this report.

### Junior Complaint Dept.

Jim Gill

#### Giving of Homework

Giving homework this time of year when we are having tests in the various subjects, which will show our report cards is objected to by many students. They do not think that it is fair to have so much homework in almost every subject. Most would not mind some homework, but every night of the week is too much for the reason stated above, and many others such as; work at home, jobs in stores after school, special doings going on that you have to attend. The student body as a whole I think, would appreciate a considerable lessening of the homework. For, as one student put it "We just haven't got enough time for everything if we have much homework."

### The Grey Cup

Terry Harley

High school students took time from their courses, To witness the Eskimo forces, If was proven again, In the west men are men, Though I have heard they do smell like horses.

(There's more, son) The Alouette band played quite jivey, At half time came the Army and Nivey.

They played good it is true, But coach Walker was blue, He had just caught a bad dose of Ivy, In the stands there were Montreal guys,

Sitting helpless with tears in their eyes, Realizing their chance To kick Edmonton's pants, They refused to buy Eskimo pies, (You're covering up the tra la las, the most beautiful part in the whole piece).

Johnny Bright of the Edmonton crew, Punctured holes in the line through and through,

The source of his knowledge, Embraceable College, It's now just Embraceable U.

## Here, There and Everywhere

by Frank O'Neill

The football scene has finally pulled down the shutters at the high school and with it high school sport at Georgetown, and has crawled into a dark, cosy corner to hibernate until next fall. With the holding of the field day in early Fall, there is nothing to look forward to, sportswise, in the spring. A challenge was received from Mount Forest last week to play for the (unofficial) nine man football championship of Ontario, but because of the weather the game is unlikely.

The student council, who incidentally are in their twenty-first year, held their first dance December 2nd. It was a Victory Dance in honour of the football team—therefore everything went off in pretty good style.

Glancing through the paper the other day amid all the Grey Cup clutter, I noticed tucked away in a corner the heading "No Kisses or Fire" and of course was immediately interested. Somebody had written to the Mardon Hall of the OAC stating that the girls "don't know how to kiss." Fair enough as far as I'm concerned, but what happens in the following edition? There is a picture of a fellow underneath the inscription "the coeds prove they can kiss" and he is surrounded by these college gals, each lining up to try and prove the letter was full of hooey. What did the fellow think who was the object of all this affection?—anybody who'd complained must be crazy—the point is, notice that technique, fellas—nuff said!

To return to the student council for a moment, and what is planned socially for this year at the high school? First off the bat of course was the victory dance which will be followed by the Christmas party and then, stated a member of the council, "a formal is being seriously considered for sometime in February, and to close the year there will be another dance."

### CHOIR REPORT

Judy McCumber

The choir led the service in song in St. John's United Church Sunday evening. A fine performance was given as we brought again to you the lovely Christmas carols.

I am pleased to report the results of the Kiwanis Festival. I attended the Festival one day myself, and realized the ability of the participants who were able to bring such honour to our school.

Results are: The triple trio were awarded First Certificate with 86 marks. Sandra Scott and Leanne Darou were 2nd in the duet open class. Betty Jean Anderson 3rd in the mezzo 15 and under; and a certificate in the soprano solo 18 and under. Barbara Lusty and Dawn Flebig, certificates in the girls' solo, 14 and under.

Also participating were Jean Engleby, Claire Bradley, Michael Armstrong and Peter Darlington.

Said Kwong the fullback so fine,  
When down on the Montreal nine,  
"Oh honourable goon,  
Give me ball and I soon,  
Make chop suey of Alouette line."  
(so solly)

Etcheverry gave Parker a chase  
Finally catching him by the lace,  
When asked if in much pain  
Sammy said it's as plain  
As the nose that's all over my face."  
When the Montreal plane came to land,

The hometown reception was grand,  
But the team was surprised  
When they soon realized  
That the cheers were meant for the band.

—Dormant Schlafen.

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