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... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

History to Be Recorded

While not a primary reason for formation of Credit Valley Conservation Authority, the marking of historical sites along a planned scenic route is an interesting and important sidelight of the authority's interest. And possibility of obtaining a building suitable for historic displays is possibly the first step in establishment of a museum in this section of Halton which would truly be a wonderful acquisition for future generations.

It is in the authority's mind to place wooden markers, painted brown with gouged letters painted yellow, to note historical places. Attractive signs of this type are already being used in the Bolton district and will have been noted by many local residents. The markers would be placed on two cedar posts, giving a rustic effect in harmony with the historical theme.

A lengthy list of suggestions has been com-

plied by Anthony Adamson, historical chairman for the authority. Among them in this district are the millsite at Huttonville; the Forster (20th century painter) birthplace south of Norval; and Norval, Glen Williams, Limehouse and Terra Cotta.

While not mentioned in his report, undoubtedly Georgetown would come in for mention too with the old dynamo, site of the world's first use of industrial hydro power when it was transmitted to the old "lower paper mill." And, if the story is correct, that Timothy Eaton had his first store in Glen Williams, this would be a suitable place for a marker also.

Mr. Adamson will be pleased to have any authenticated details of early history in the area, and the Herald will be pleased to turn over any such information to him.

A County Museum

From time to time we have mentioned editorially our hope that some day a museum could be established in Georgetown or district.

With the Conservation Authority to give guidance, perhaps a few interested citizens will get together soon and form the nucleus of such a museum, for the longer we wait, the harder it will be to accumulate tangible evidences of past history.

According to Mr. Adamson's report, his committee is of the opinion that such a museum should be in a conservation park and contain items referring primarily to the Credit River and its watershed. A pioneer village is already in existence near Woodbridge, and there would be duplication in establishing another so near.

"The valley of the Black Creek at Limehouse

Other Ladies in Politics

When in a December editorial, we said Mrs. Anne Currie was the first woman to be elected to public office in Georgetown's history, we were wrong on at least five counts.

It is true that Mrs. Currie is the first lady to sit as a councillor.

But there have been at least five ladies elected at various times as school trustees. The most recent was another Anne, Mrs. Harry Watkins, who now lives near Milton. She was a member of the 1949 Board of Education which was in existence for only one year, to deal with matters affecting the town's high school, and, at that time, sole public school. Seven candidates vied for the six seats on the new board, and Mrs. Watkins was one of the successful ones. A few weeks later, she moved from town and resigned her position.

When Cec Davidson drew this to our attention, our face was red. Why? Because we were

was once a remarkable little centre of industry, with woollen and saw mills, lime kilns, and a forge," he says. "I believe that our historic displays should be of an industrial nature, describing the rural, industrial economy of our watershed, based on water power which is quite disappeared. In the remarkable Limehouse site, a brick house now stands, and could be used as a focus."

Mr. Adamson's ideas give a new slant to us on what a museum could be, and are certainly worthy of consideration.

Such type of museum would give more continuity to an historical group, which instead of gathering miscellaneous, unrelated items, would have a goal in mind. We favour it.

also a member of the short-lived board of education - chairman, in fact, and we have always joked that either we were such a bad one they decided to dissolve the board, or such a good one that a successor couldn't be found. What did happen, of course, was that Georgetown joined the high school district the next year, and left high school matters to an appointed board, reverting to a system of electing public school trustees.

Fred McNally is credited with supplying the names of four other ladies who have served in elective offices, though we believe they received acclamations to the position of public school trustees which has been more the rule than the exception on this board. Mrs. Percy Cleave was a member of the board about twenty years ago. Earlier, the late Mrs. W. A. Wilson, Mrs. Herb Kennedy and Miss Annie Ryan had served terms as school trustees.

SILVER-WOOD

THANKS FROM SPRINGHILL FOR XMAS MONEY SPENT

The January meeting of the Silver-Wood Institute was held at the home of Mrs. H. Marchington, with

the president Mrs. W. R. Norton in the chair. The meeting opened with the Maple Leaf and the Mary Stewart Collect, followed by roll call: "My favourites way to relax." This brought a variety of answers: from gardening to mending socks!

Current Events were given by Mrs. D. W. Shier, and the motto "Be too large for worry, too sensible for anger, and too happy to think of trouble" was ably given by Mrs. R. R. Corbett. An interesting letter from Mrs. Fidel Allen of Springhill, N.S., was read, in answer to one with the money collected at the Christmas meeting. Although Mrs. George Henderson, the convener for "Health" was unable to be present, she had arranged for Vern McCumber to show us pictures on the government hospitalization plan, pictures and words, which covered every aspect of the plan. Thanks were extended to Mr. McCumber.

Mrs. Corbett and Mrs. H. Lindauer were assistants to the hostess in the social half hour that followed.

Best wishes of the community go to Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Lindsay, and her husband, Tom Garberry for a happy married life in their home in Bolton. Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay had a busy Christmas month, with Mary's wedding, and the birth of two granddaughters, to Jean, Mrs. Davidson of Guelph, and to Mrs. Bruce Lindsay of Georgetown.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ford and daughter Maureen of Bolsover visited with the Harry Marchingtons during the holidays.

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Georgetown, Ont.
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Dear Mr. Editor:
I had the pleasure of meeting the members of the Girls Pipe Band on Monday evening, and my impression is that there is prospect of another band similar to the one we had in 1942.

I would like to have some new members, girls who can play piano, guitar, piano-accordion, violin, tap dance or sing, etc., so we can be in a position to have a variety of entertainers for programs - but such entertainers must learn either the pipes or drums as well. I would like to have about four girls learn the clarinet for 2-part harmony, in conjunction with the pipes and drums. True, no other pipe band has done such, but if we only copy from someone we will never be any better than they.

If you are under 40 or over 12, married or single, have determination and dignity, you will be welcome. The music will be taught if you already do not know. You must buy your pipes, but uniforms will be supplied.

As you already know, the Lions Club has taken over sponsorship, but there is a part you can play and that is, give us your goodwill and support whenever you can. No one could produce an outstanding band without full cooperation of all its members. Then, can we have yours as well?

If you are interested, drop a line to the secretary, Girls Pipe Band, Georgetown, then we will

VICKIE LAY PUPILS PASS DANCING EXAMS

Pupils of the Vickie Lay School of Dancing who successfully tried their examinations recently were in CDTA Tap Grade 1, Jane Bouskill, 82, highly commended; Joy Haines, 74. Ballet Cecchetti Grade 2, Maureen Hopburn, Commended, Diane Greenwood.

—Those things that come to the man who waits seldom turn out to be the things he's been waiting for.

arrange for an interview. Thank you for your valued space in the paper.

Roy "Mac" Magloughlin
Pipe Major

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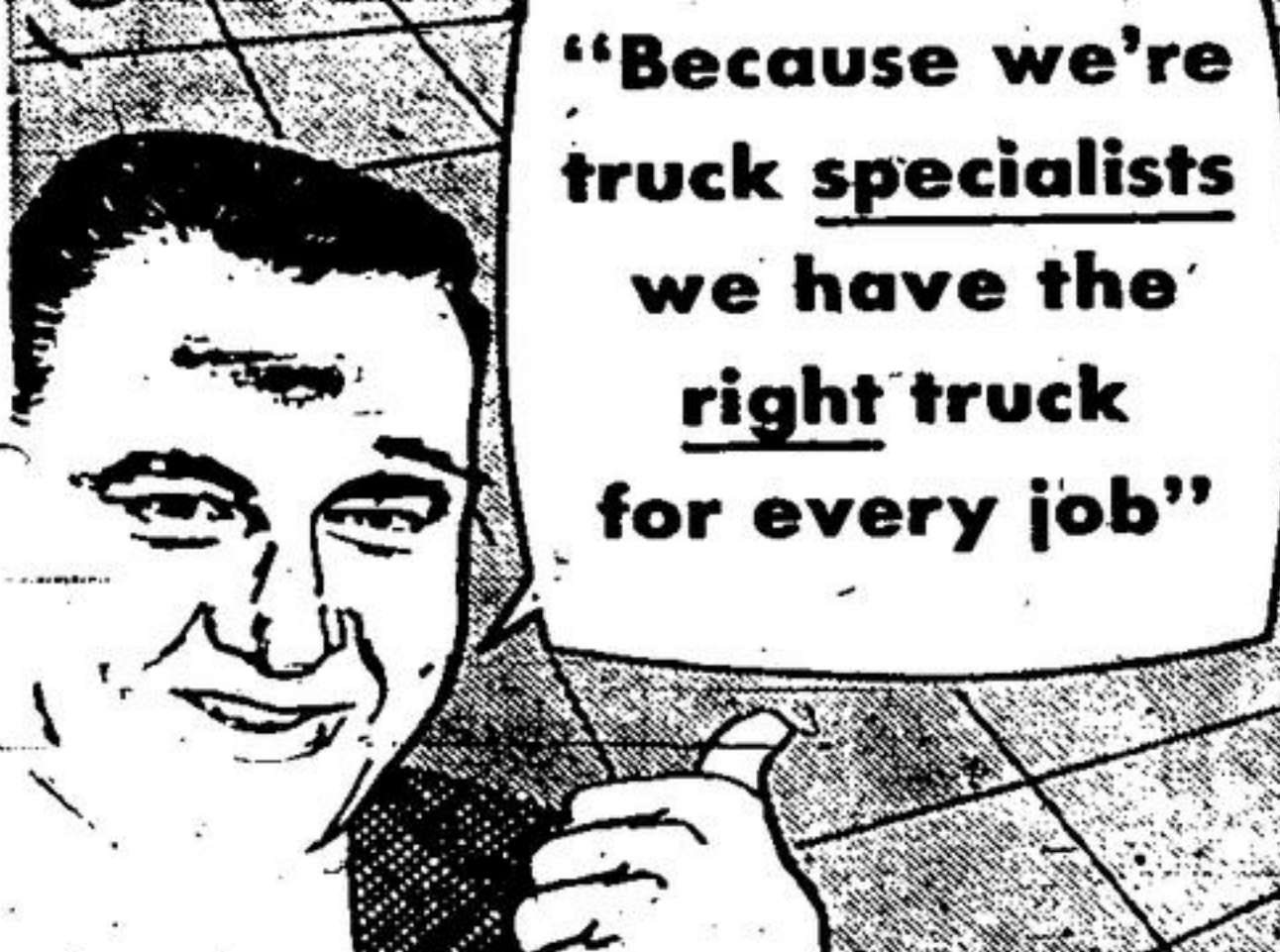
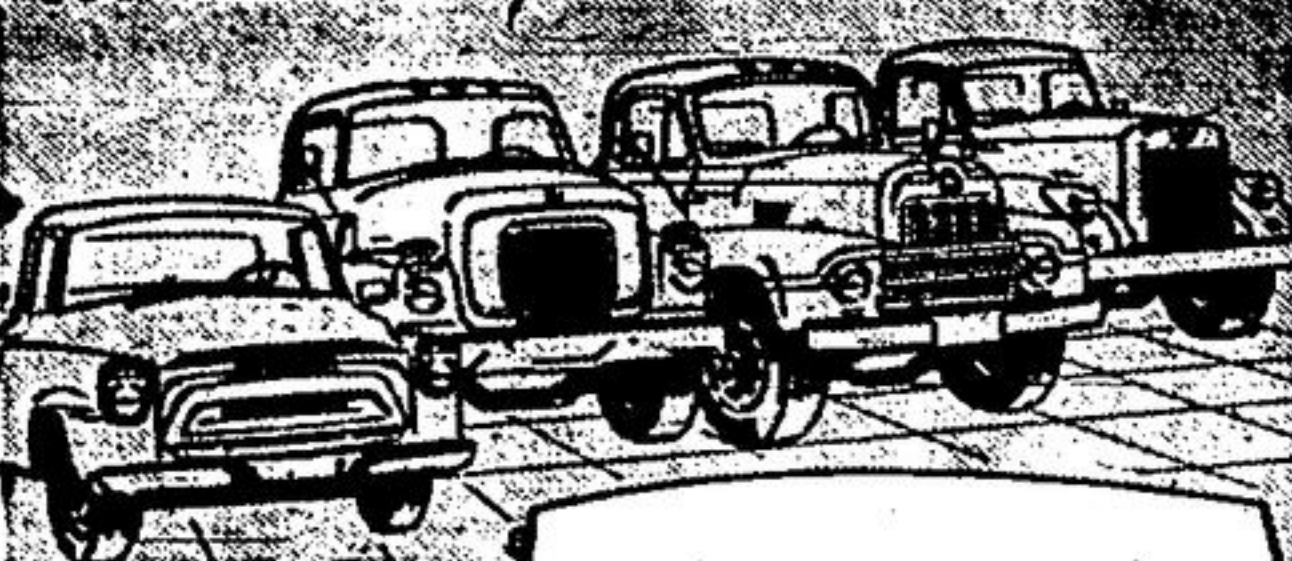
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