

**In the Mail Bag**

# Sewage Facilities Not Only Factor in Planning

Dear Sir:  
I read with interest your columns in last week's Herald dealing with the impact of currently projected developments on the town's sewage treatment facility.

The lack of advance planning with respect to waste disposal capacity was all too obvious from the indecisive and procrastinating nature of the comments reported. Even more revealing to me was the confinement of a discussion on municipal development to sewage treatment capabilities, which demonstrates the limited horizon of our decision-making processes.

In appraising the benefits associated with housing and industrial developments, cognizance must also be taken of accompanying increased expenditures for water and sewage services, education, road maintenance, garbage collection and disposal, traffic control, policing and fire protection, to name but a few. Of equal importance to the individual, one must consider increased needs and demands for essential community facilities to serve a growing population, such as libraries, swimming pools, arenas, playgrounds, parks and other recreational amenities. Certainly, some of such existing facilities in

Georgetown are already over-extended and failure to consider increased needs of this type on the balance sheet has, and will continue to produce, a reduced quality of social experience for our present citizenry.

Certainly, the provision of an improved tax base, increased job opportunities and adequate housing are legitimate major priorities for municipal officials. However, we should be certain that presumed benefits from specific developments are to the overall advantage of the town, considering all the ramifications of such developments. To be confident, in this regard, we need the benefit of a well-charted course.

For me, the sewage plant discussion, therefore, calls forth the broader question of whether council is attaching sufficient emphasis to long-range planning and adequate benefit-cost analysis of potential planning and development alternatives, including consideration of the numerous factors that must be considered within variable growth projections. Such evaluations are vital to ensure that continued development will optimize both the financial stability of our town and social and personal opportunities for its inhabitants.

If we fail to fashion forecasts of

change into a dynamic and unified plan of progressive municipal development, we may well leave a legacy of limited community ex-

pectation for succeeding generations.  
—C. F. Schenk

## Silverwood News

The November meeting of the W.I. was at the home of Mrs. George Burt on Thursday the 11th at 8 p.m. There was a good attendance as the husbands were invited to the meeting.

Mrs. Giffen, president, opened the meeting with all singing "The Maple Leaf" with Mrs. Don Lindsay at the piano.

The roll call was answered by "A law we are thankful for".

Minutes of the last meeting were read and the business taken care of. Mrs. B. Lindsay, citizenship convener, had a guest speaker Gary Glover, a grade 12 student from Georgetown. We all enjoyed him very much. It is nice to know a young person can speak so well on a trip he had won to the United Nations.

Our next meeting will be at Mrs. Ironside's in December for a Christmas party.

The meeting closed with the Institute Grace. Lunch was served by the lunch committee and a social hour spent.

Mr. Wm. J. Scott from W. Lafayette, Indiana, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Scott from Toronto were dinner guests on Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Scott.

Mrs. Minda Orbett has returned home from an enjoyable two week vacation in Mexico.

Quite a number of ladies from our branch attended the Halton District Day at the Master Feeds Research building last week and enjoyed the program and also the guest speaker Mrs. Westlake from Brampton.

Mr. George Burt, George Henderson and Bob Jepson enjoyed a hunting trip at Westree, but didn't bring back a moose.

—Mrs. George Burt.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Flanders was a former country comprised of parts of France, Belgium and The Netherlands.

## 700 Will Attend Witness Rally

About 700 delegates from nine nearby congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses will attend a three-day seminar at Orangeville District Secondary School, November 19, 20 & 21. Melville Taylor the local presiding minister announced this week.

"Of course," Mr. Taylor said, "many will be accompanied by their friends who are not witnesses, and a large segment of the public always attends the public discourse on Sunday afternoon. This time will be no exception, as William Veenstra, District Supervisor of Toronto will deliver a lecture with the title - "Can you live Forever - Will You?"


**COLLAPSE**  
The convention will stress the building of faith and spirituality in an ever increasingly materialistic age. Typical of the program will be portions entitled "Study is Rewarding, Upholding Conviction and Displaying a Proper Spirit".

Following the public lecture on Sunday, Alex M. Didur, Circuit Supervisor will discuss the collapse of all religion in the foreseeable future in his address "Preparing for the Trials Ahead."

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## Tells W. I. Antiques Are Good Investment

Tuesday evening, November 8, the public relations W.I. meeting was held in the Fellowship Room of Hillcrest Church with Mrs. Frank Ruddled as hostess, and members from Scotch Block and Hornby as guests.

President Mrs. Percy Cox opened the meeting and roll call was answered by bringing an antique article. Many interesting ones were brought. Mrs. James McPhail reported on the successful catering to the Arts & Crafts exhibition at Norval. Mrs. John Ruddled gave a full report on the District Day held at Master Feeds November 8.

The program was in charge of Mrs. F. Ruddled who called on Mrs. Francis Thompson for the motto, "There is no pleasure like meeting an old friend, unless, perhaps, making a new one." Piano duets by Mrs. Frank Wilson and Mrs. Lloyd Davison, after which Mrs. John McNabb introduced the guest speaker, Max Storey, jovial auctioneer from Rockwood, who held everyone's interest as he spoke on antiques. He had on display many pieces of furniture, such as chairs and an old washstand which had been refinished, old dishes of great value, vinegar jugs and an old copper boiler. He concluded by saying there is no better investment than antiques. Mrs. James Carney thanked the speaker and meeting closed with a social hour.

The Friendship Unit of the United Church Women held their meeting November 9 in the large schoolroom of Hillcrest Church at 12.30 when around 30 members and visitors sat down to a delicious pot luck luncheon.

After lunch, leaders Mrs. James Carney opened the meeting with two minutes' silence for a dear member, Mrs. Murray Bridgen, who died the Sunday before. Prayer by Rev. Lynne Adams followed. A welcome was given to visitors, with a special one to Mrs. Charles Austin of Elora, who dropped in to have dessert.

Mrs. Clayton Wilson read a letter of thanks from Miss Lillian Taylor in Angola, Africa. Mrs. J.M. Wickson introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Stanley Turner of Streetsville who has been 11 years in the florist business. The group was well entertained for more than an hour, as he made beautiful bouquets and corsages with pink and dark red snapdragons, miniature carnations and single mums. He had different Christmas decorations and ideas. It is most interesting to create and design with flowers if you have the materials to work with. Several of the women had lucky numbers and received the bouquets he made.

Mrs. Doug Peattie, Mrs. Vern Pickett, Mrs. J. M. Wickson, Mrs. James Carney and Mrs. Claude Pickett. Mrs. Thomas Howden won

the corsage for a November birthday. Mrs. V. Pickett gave the courtesies and meeting closed with prayer.

All her school friends and Brownie chums are glad that Marilyn Bird 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bird, is home again from her week's stay in the

Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, for a hip correction.

She will have to be in a cast for five weeks yet, after which we hope for improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ruddled motored to New Liskeard for a week to visit with her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Roy

Christian.

We were all shocked and saddened last week-end to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. Murray Bridgen. One felt she had many more years to live, but in that, we have no say. Our deepest sympathy goes to her husband and family.

—Mrs. J. Bellbody.

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