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**SPORTS CAMERA**  
By H. COLES

**ANY RESEMBLANCE** between the Halton County Int. Baseball League of this year and that of last is confined to two perennial entries—Milton and Acton. The withdrawal of Oakville and their subsequent entry into the Toronto District League proved to be only a preview of what was to take place later at an organization meeting. A lack of incentive on the part of Georgetown reduced entries to two in the Int. dist. and prospects for any Int. loop of any kind appeared uncertain at the initial meeting. But, fortunately, other interested clubs were clamoring for entrance. Their knock was welcomed by a perplexed executive who saw in them a solution to a situation without precedent in Halton. Consequently when roll was called, six teams had filed entry blanks with the Secretary—four in the "C" series and the remainder posing as "B".

**IN THE "C" BRACKET** Waterdown (Hans Brasha's home) and Hamilton Recreationalists, an all-Japanese recreational outfit, will supply opposition to Milton and the home club, while Brampton and Paris after finishing the schedule will tangle for the right to advance into the O.H.A. "B" playdowns. It is likely a home and home schedule will be drafted and the possibility exists that Georgetown might enter a club before opening day. The tentative date for opening is set for the 24th of May or the day observed as such. Candidly, the loop this term appears stronger than at any time since Hitler lost his ball game.

**GEORGETOWN'S** demise as an entrant into Int. ranks isn't exactly a compliment to the sporting fraternity's initiative, something we were under the impression she treasured with an intense burning pride. Steamboat Emerson's Herald's article in his column "Around the Bend" justifies that it is time something was done. He along with many others isn't taking kindly to the fact that Georgetown is gradually passing from the baseball picture. Georgetown will probably dissipate among the other teams, with preference to Brampton and Acton according to the same pillar. The fact is that players from the Paperstown are already seeking a spot on the locals. Chapelle lanky pivot of the Rangers was on hand last Saturday. A further of the fork side he is said to flip a mean curve and could be an asset to any fitting squad. How ever additional cut that discloses that the Acton club aren't particularly interested in outsiders if using them would mean elevation to a higher bracket, which is undoubted. It would in the case of Georgetown aspirants.

**MATT TYLER HAS** had the Acton prospects through several brisk work-outs. The nucleus of last year's club with exceptions of the veterans, were out in force and observers are inclined to believe that a strong club will be fielded in an equidistant league on opening day. Last week we committed our first error of the young season when we wrote there was a dearth of catchers. That isn't so, claims Bob Footitt—we have five catchers on hand with "Spike" Scott, hailing from Limehouse, showing promise of capturing the No. 1 receiving job. Formerly with Georgetown Scott was as powerful bat as well. It is rumored that some of Scott's former team mates approached the O.H.A. to beg a boon. They want to play with Acton without forcing the locals into Int. B and seek the O.H.A.'s nod of approval. Among them were "Scottie" Patterson and Everett Wilson, both top-flight players in their own right.

**DISSENSION AS TO** who would assume sponsorship duties for the Intermediates was solved amicably by forming a club independent of any organization to handle executive problems. Although we fail to see much difference between those actively engaged in promoting this year and those of last, we are led to believe it exists predominantly in spirit. It's conceivable the '49 club may have player interests more at heart but we don't think they can eclipse the A.A.A. by exhibiting a smoother functioning executive machine. You can take that any way you want to. Our contention is that the triple A did a splendid job in organizing baseball in Acton.

**COLES' COROLLARY** Machinery is in motion to produce a Junior Baseball club with Bill Holloway, and "Doc" Sirs and others interested. The financial end of it is pretty dim, however, so they may have to manufacture crisp leaves of "do-re-mi" as well as ball players to close the deal. How about the ladies? What's keeping

**The Sunday School Lesson**  
SUNDAY MAY 15, 1949

**JESUS TEACHING ON THE JUDGMENT**  
Golden Text—"Take heed, watch and pray, for you do not know when the time will come." Mk. 13: 33  
Lesson Text: Mk. 13: 1-2, 28-37.  
Exposition: 1. Jesus' Prophecies Destruction of Jerusalem.  
The discourse in this chapter is recorded in fuller detail in Matthew 24, Luke 21: 5-36. Jesus has made his final public visit to the Temple. There he had been faced with the worst form of Jewish apostasy. He had denounced the leaders for their unfaithfulness and warned them that their unbelief would bring disaster upon the people. How heavy the heart of our Lord must have been as He walked out of the Temple never again to enter its precincts as a worshipper! It is a warning that that which stands for God may become so perverted that He no longer owns it. The censures and exhortations of the seven letters to the churches in Revelation all relate to this (Rev. 2: 4, 9, 10, 14, 16, 20, 21, 3: 4, 6, 9-12, 15-21).

**II. The Course of This Age.**  
Jesus seated Himself with His disciples on the mount of Olives, a hill just outside Jerusalem. Naturally Peter, James, John and Andrew wondered when the great catastrophe Jesus prophesied would take place. This gave Him the chance to reveal the nature of the age upon which they were entering. Note its characteristics. First there would be a great deception, false Christs would arise. Leaders have arisen from time to time who have succeeded in hoodwinking the people. Imagine what loyalty to the great warriors of the past 2000 years has cost the nations, what it is costing today! But unregenerate are an easy prey to delusions. The man who follows Christ implicitly will walk in light as He is in the light (John 8: 12). 1. John 1: 7, 15, 19, 90; John 14: 6. The sin and suffering of which is in the world is due to the failure of men to obey our Lord Jesus Christ (John 8: 44, 45).

Second there would be wars and rumours of wars (Mt. 24: 6). With accurate prophetic vision our Lord saw the whole course of this age. His record is one of constant wars. Historians compute that there have only been 30 years in the year A.D. in which there have been no wars and in those years great fear was on the people because there were great rumours of wars. It is the penalty resting on unregenerate mankind that they must ever be reaping the harvest of what they have sown (Gal. 6: 7, 8; Matt. 7: 6).

Our Lord then states what will be the ominous accompaniments and consequences of wars: earthquakes in divers places, famine, trouble and sorrows. This is not an attractive picture but it is a true one. Our Lord never held back the truth because it was unpleasant. Seismic disturbances indicate that even this world suffers as a result of the sin of man (Rom. 8: 22; Rev. 11: 16, 19). Famine is the consequence of world wide devastation and economic dislocation. Here again the earth may suffer through man's sin in being so denuded as to be unable to produce abundant harvests. Trouble has reference to the social chaos created by war, stimulating revolutions and overthrowing society. All of these end in what are called sorrows.

Now the revelation here given was not for the purpose of revealing prophetically a dark picture but to show clearly that Christ is man's only hope. Therefore to know Him, to obey Him, to spread the truth concerning Him and to wait for His coming back to this world is the strongest corrective we can have for the evil that surrounds us and the greatest hope we can give to distressed mankind. Such faithfulness is not guaranteed a pleasant reward, for our Lord shows how the faithful shall suffer persecution. But it is a Christian duty to be faithful.

**III. The Certainty of the Lord's Second Coming.** 28-37.  
We learn from these verses that the exact time of our Lord's second coming is purposely withheld from the Church. The event is certain. The precise day and hour are not revealed. There is deep wisdom and mercy in this intentional silence. We have reason to thank God that the thing has been hidden from us. Uncertainty about our Lord's return is calculated to keep believers in a state of constant expectation, and to preserve them from despondency. We learn, too, here what Jesus would have his

friends do, in the prospect of His coming. We are to watch. We are to live always on our guard. We are to keep our souls in a wakeful, lively state, prepared at any time to meet our Master. We are to pray. We are to allow no strangeness to come between us and the Father, so that we may be ready at any moment to see Him face to face. Finally, we are to work. We are to strive each of us, to shine as a light to be the salt of our own times. Our great desire must be to be found not idle and sleeping, but working and doing. Such are the simple injunctions to which our Lord would have us attend. They ought to stir up in the hearts of all His followers great self-examination. Are we looking for our Lord's return? Do we long for His appearing? Can we say with sincerity, "Come, Lord Jesus." Do we live as if we expected Him to come again? These are questions which demand our serious, constant consideration.

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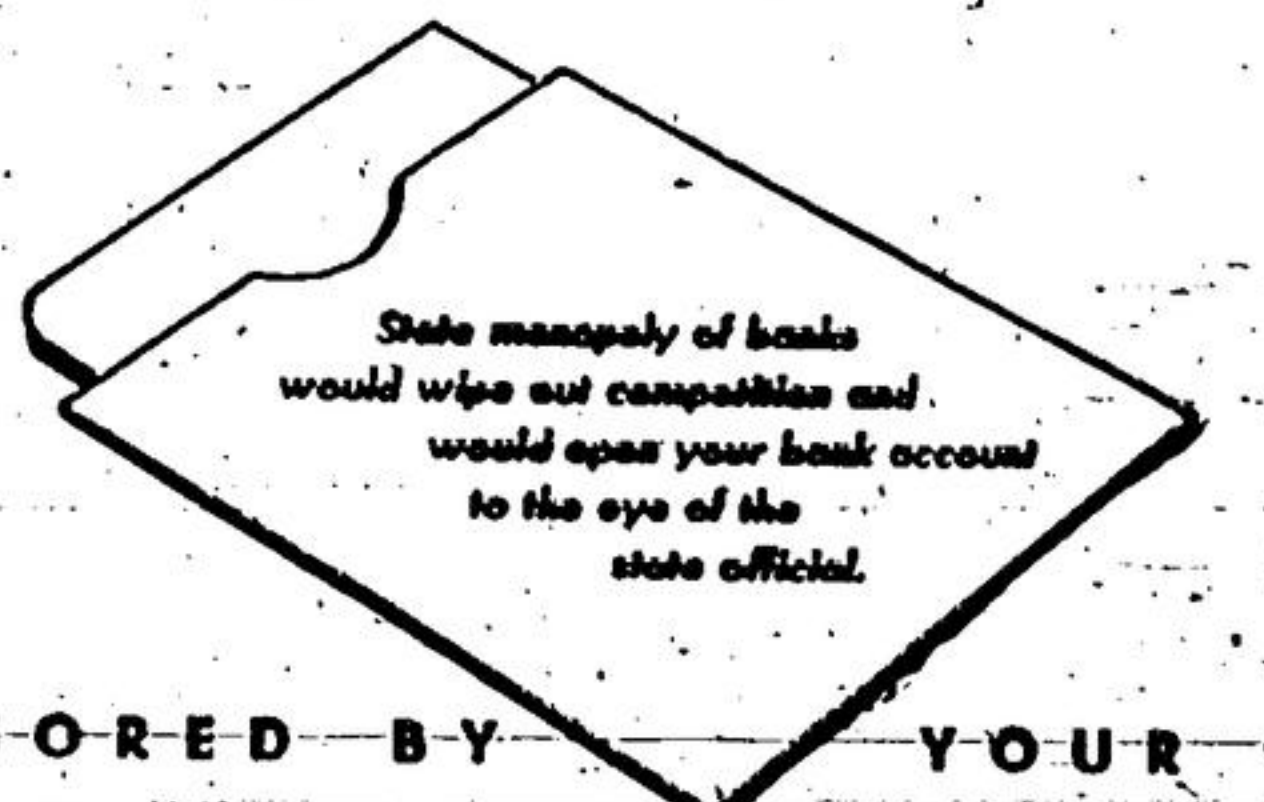


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