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The Editor's Corner

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE SATURDAY

Yes, children, Santa Claus has sent word to the Lions Club that he will be at their Community Christmas Tree next Saturday afternoon at three o'clock, and he's looking forward to seeing you all there. He'll have an orange in his pack for every boy and girl, even though the candy may be missing. You know, children, Santa has run into the very same problem that faces your mothers at this time-he just can't get enough sugar to make his usual candy treat. But the important thing is that he WILL be here, with his helpers, parade, and the Lorne Scots Band to play those Christmas hymns and carols he loves so well.

After Santa has renewed acquaintances with the children, there will be a monster raffle for turkeys, geese and chickens, so we hope mother and dad won't go home right away. With the number of fowl being drawn for, they have an excellent chance of winning one. And the happiest part of it all is that even if they don't win, they'll know that the proceeds from their tickets will go towards helping some children less fortunate than theirs. For that is the main phase of Lions Club work-helping underprivileged children-a necessary job the year-round, but one which is especially appropriate at Christmastime.

So, boys and girls, and grown-ups too-we'll be looking for you at the Christmas tree on Saturday!

ARENA HAS NEW MANAGEMENT

The legal technicalities in connection with a board to manage the arena have finally been ironed out With the resignation of the original Board of Parks Management, erroneously known through the years as the Georgetown Cemetery Board, and the passing of four new by-laws, the Cemetery Board will continue the fine work they are doing in connection with the cemetery, and will have no responsibility for the management of the arena. This step was taken in accordance with the wishes of the Board. Council was then enabled to appoint a committee of men to look after the arena, and this was done at the last regular meeting of the 1943 council.

As one ratepayer in town pointed out at Nomination Meeting, youthful delinquency in Georgetown is becoming a problem. It was as a means of combatting this trend, and also with the idea of giving pleasure to those adults who enjoy the winter sports an arena can provide, that council this year was determined not to lease the arena or let it fall into private hands.

Co-operating with them now we have a group of public-spirited citizens who have taken on the responsibility of running the arena. We hope the young people will remember it is mainly for them that these extra burdens are being shouldered, and govern themselves accordingly. The committee which is looking after the arena deserves the thanks of the ratepayers for their attempt to turn a public liability into an asset, as well as to provide an opportunity for good wholesome recreation. We wish them success in their new ven-

JOHN BRACKEN'S SPEECH

Reading an account of Progressive-Conservative Leader John Bracken's speech, presented to the Canadian people last Thursday night over a local radio station, we wondered on what grounds the governmentoperated C.B.C. had refused him permission to purchase time on the network. If excluding politics from the air in between election times is the answer, we wondered why it had allowed Mackenzie King's broadcast to be radioed, unchallenged, to the listening Canadian public recently. His speech contained just as much of what his party "is going to do", and less discussion of the fundamental principles on which the nation should be built, than John Bracken's speech contained. Those in power should adhere just as strictly to the rules laid down in this respect as those who differ in their views. To us this action taken by the C.B.C. sounded a solemn warning of what can happen when a state becomes all powerful and impatient of correction.

Mr. Bracken's speech was not of a controversial nature. It was a calm argument on the best way of life for Canadians in the future. Mr. Bracken maintained that this could be brought about by decentralization of vovernment, not centralization; co-operation, not state dictation; expanding production, not scarcity; and widening trade areas, not restrictive practices.

Mr. Bracken said he favoure labor having a volce in industrial management through joint labor rement production committees. To this he added



LOURDEN HERVICE IN BOMBED LONDON CATHEDRAL

There was a Lourdes service for the Blessed Sacrament in the procession. sick in the ruins of St. Ocorge's Cathedral, Southwark, on the Frant of sion passing through the Dirge crowd the Assumption, when Archdeacon who thronged the ruined cathedral. Amingo preached and carried the

Picture shows Part of the proces-

THE PRAYER OF A HAILOR

Non I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep: Lord, protect me in my dreams Grant no other sailor take My cluses and socks before I wake.

Dear Lord, guard me in my slumber Keep my hammock on its number; May no clews and lashings breek And smack my dome before I wake

Keep me safely in Thy sight; Grant no fire dr.ll for to-night And in the morning, let me wake In haunting smells of strioin steak

Make things better than they seem; Grant seven years may waiftly fly And all hardships pass me by.

lake me back to solid land. Where they scrub no decks with

Where no demon typhoon blows, And only women wash our clothes.

a proviso: "If management is to be held chiefly responsible for maximum employment, labor must share the responsibility for maximum production and the government accept the responsibility for co-ordinating the efforts of both.

"Expanding production is the basis of prosperity," said Mr. Bracken. "The economic organization of yesterday was unable to achieve it or sustain it. State socialism can never achieve it, for socialism is rigid, centralized and coercive. Our aim is to expand production, with a corresponding increase in the national income, with a minimum loss of liberty."

In seeking to explain the ways which are open to Canadians at the political and economic crossroad they are rapidly approaching, Mr. Bracken declared:

"The alternatives are continued chaos, on the one hand, or regimentation on the other-chaos with its frustrations, or regimentation, with its deadening effect on the impulse to produce, its inevitable tendency towards dictatorsh p, and the certainty that all material increase will be skimmed off to nourish a growing bureaucracy. There is no advantage in just changing masters. It is tyranny that we must destroy. It matters little whether the tyranny is to be found in financial offices in St. James street, Trades Union Offices in Philadelphia, or administrative chairs in Ottawa. We want to be free men, working in voluntary association with each other to decide our destiny ourselves and choose the best way of reaching it."

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