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The Editor's Corner

DAY OF PRAYER MARKS 5TH WAR ANNIVERSARY

As His Majesty, King George VI calls the Empire to a Day of Prayer on Sunday, September third, we see before our eyes the first flush of victory dawning in an oppressed and war-torn world. It was exactly five years ago to the day (Sept. 3, 1939), when war was declared. We have, since then, fulfilled Winston Churchill's forecast of days filled with "blood, sweat and tears"; days when it seemed probable that victory seemed too far off to even think about; and days when we dared not let our thoughts follow to the end the direction which they were taking. Britain and her Allies have blazoned the path to freedom for all peoples who consider that life is not worth living without it.

The liberation of Paris last week was symbolic to the French people, and to all Nazi-occupied countries, of their complete liberation from the German yoke. A brilliant Allied victory in France cannot be long in coming. Germany, with her race of super-men, will be at bay, with converging armies on three fronts. Evidently Nazi fanaticism is still rampant, and although none can say for sure, it is quite possible they will resist fiercely to the end. But the end is assured, and as we gather in our churches next Sunday, let us pray that complete victory may come soon.

MUCH NEEDED ASSET

From all sides come favourable comments on the great improvement already wrought on the vacant Mill Street lot next to the Post Office. The Georgetown Lions Club bought this property, which at the time of purchase was a very unattractive piece of land, and have had it graded and levelled off. The "ugly duckling" is showing definite signs of becoming a "swan."

Before the metamorphosis can be completed, however, the Club hopes to raise enough funds to make a lovely little park there for the convenience of the public. Last week they held a street dance and carnival, which was well-supported by the citizens, proceeds of which will go towards this worthy cause.

A little park of this kind has long been needed in Georgetown, and will be a decided asset to the town from the standpoints of convenience, pleasure and beauty. We wish the Lions Club every success in their endeavour, and hope it won't be too long before we'll have a pretty park in which too pause before—or after—the climb up-hill to the stores on Main Street.

ACTUAL ENACTMENT FALLS TOO SHORT

When religious education was proposed to be given to the students in the secondary schools in Ontario, a fairly strong voice of protest was heard throughout the province. Evidently the Drew administration has lent a listening ear to those who claimed that such a course would be fraught with difficulties due to the differences in bible interpretations by the various denominations, for the proposal, and the actual enforcement, are widely different.

Certainly, no one could object to the mild program to be undertaken in grades land 2 only of the Public Schools, when the new term opens in September. The religious instruction will be two half hour periods at the beginning or close of the school day, and may be conducted either by the teacher, or a clergyman of any denomination, as resolved by the particular school board. The course is optional, and school boards, parents, pupils or teachers who have conscientious objections to religious instructions may be exempted. For those children who will be receiving instructions from the teacher, the course is prescribed to insure that the teaching will not be sectarian in character, but that the fundamental truths of religion, upon which there is substantial agreement among all branches of the Christian faith will be presented.

Why this program should be announced as "new" we cannot see, for it merely maintains and extends the present regulations for religious teaching in the schools, by clergymen of various denominations. The whole matter of religious teaching in our Second-

To our mind, the students in High Schools would benefit far more from religious instruction than do the little tots in the first public school grades. The young adolescents, were, we thought, the important people whom the religious instruction was to reach. The boys and girls of this age-group have in most cases outgrown Sunday-School, and are at a dangerous period when they are apt to drift away from church entirely.

We believe it is this gap in their religious life which accounts in large measure, for the rows of empty pews to be found in many churches today.

We don't mean to say that the beginners in Public School should not have religious instruction, because we realize that at their age too, this teaching is important. Admittedly the original proposals for religious insruction in High Schools could have stood some changes and modifications, but certainly the present enactment falls much too short of the originally announced intentions. Surely the system to be inaugurated in grades 1 and 2 of the Public Schools could have been extended throughout the schools and to all grades of the High Schools as well.

TO BE BEST YET

Much as we dislike to admit it, there's an undeniable tingle in the air these days, telling us autumn is at hand. The summer has been a fine one, both from the standpoint of personal comfort, and from the agriculturists' point of view. There has been ideal weather for holidays and for working. The crops throughout Canada are the best in years, and the rich farming district in our own vicinity is no exception.

This being the case, Georgetown Fall Fair, on September 15 and 16 promises to be the best yet held. It will probably establish many all-time high records in quality and quantity of exhibits. We have had a few "sizzler" days too, and we hope the busy housewives took advantage of these to sit in a shady spot plying embroidery and knitting needles, so that the Women's Handicraft exhibit in the hall will truly reflect the skill of Georgetown's fair sex.

The prize list is the best in several years, thanks to the generosity of many public spirited citizens and firms. You may have a copy for the asking, either at the Herald Office, or from the Secretary, Garfield Mc-Gilvray. The actual Fair Day Programme is a full one, including parade of School Children, Girls' Pipe Band, Baseball Game, Baby Show, Concessions, Refreshment Booths, Light Horse Show, Harness Racing, Trick Horse, High Jumping Horses, Potato Race and Musical Chairs on horseback. It will be Georgetown's Sixth War-time Fair and the 98th consecutive Exhibition of the Esquesing Agricultural Society It promises to be the best yet. Meet you at the Fair.

A BIT MORE HISTORICAL DATA

A book of historical and commercial sketches of some southern Ontario towns in the year 1886, has been brought to us by one of our readers. Of the outstanding businesses and factories chronicled in the Georgetown sketch, only one name has a familiar ring here to-day. It is that of Mr. D. Reid hardware merchant, who owned and operated the business still carried on today by his son, Mr. Jack Reid. At the time this history was written, Mr. Reid had been in business in Georgetown for twenty-two years, so that makes it 80 years "Reid's Hardware" has conducted a business in Georgetown. In 1886, in addition to a complete stock in hardware, there was a special department for dealing in coal. Mr. D. Reid built the present? day three-storey stone building

In our historical write-up of last week, we inadvertently mislaid the copy concerning J. N. O'Neill's
"Carriage Works" in the year 1913. It was one of the
town's substantial industries, for in addition to the
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A Progressive-Conservative Letter

TO THE CITIZENS OF HALTON:

There are periods in history when leaders among nations and citizens within nations, as the trustees of civilization, must rise to defend the heritage of the ages. For a period of 4000 years history and Holy Writ inform us of the truth of this. During that period, mankind, struggling through a process of trial and error has from time to time stood shivering on the brink of disaster—then, under God, a Leader has arisen to save the people.

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