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The Editor's Corner

SECULARIZATION OF FERGUS CHURCH

A unique religious ceremony in St. James' Church of England, Fergus, last week occasioned from the recent sale of the building and the planned erection of a new place of worship. In view of the original dedication and consecration of the building as a religious place, a secularization service was held. The minister read a petition from the congregation giving the reasons for the request, following which Right Reverend L. W. B. Broughall, Bishop of Niagara, declared the consecration removed and the reversion of the building to secular use.

In his sermon, the Bishop reminded the congregation that the church is made up of souls, and that while a building may be beautiful and admired, we look to the people who minister there as the real church. Thus when the building is secularized, the church itself does not suffer, as wherever the congregation might gather in the name of Christ, they are on holy ground.

CIVIC HOLIDAY IN GEORGETOWN

Next Monday, August 6th, has been proclaimed a Civic Holiday in Georgetown, and thanks to the activity of the local Legion branch, there will be no cause to complain that there is "nothing doing" in town that day. For some months now, an energetic committee headed by Fred McCartney, has been busy with plans for a "Victory-E" Celebration and advance publicity promises a big day for young and old.

In the afternoon, a midway, games, bingo and races will draw crowds to the Park, and to ensure that every youngster will share in the fun, there is no admittance charge for children. In the evening there will be a garden party featuring a group of Toronto entertainers, dancing in the Armouries and the grand drawing for lucky draw prizes. There'll be no need to go out-of-town for amusement next Monday, so let's all turn out and make it a real jamboree.

FALL FAIR'S A' COMIN'

Now that summer's half-gone, our thoughts turn to Fall and we begin to look forward to Georgetown's Fall Fair—the 99th this time, and one which promises to outshine its predecessors. The fall fair is an institution which lends a certain charm to rural life and in no community is there a better fair than this.

This year the directors are anxious to enlist the support of the ladies to bolster the domestic science classes, which have fallen off rather badly in the past few years. There is a good prize list which makes it profitable for the culinary experts to display their wares, so how about it, ladies!

The secretary reports that cattle and horse classes are expected to reach a new high. A new feature will be a poultry lawn show, jointly sponsored by the Fair Board and the Georgetown and Halton County Poultry Association. The Board is fortunate in this regard to have C. E. Herrington, who has a wide connection in the trade; helping to promote the show, and it is expected that many Ontario exhibitors will be on hand with their prize stock. Another highlight of the fair will be arts and crafts exhibits, for a group of Georgetown ladies have been active in promoting handcraft through their cooperative organization, and are always ready to show fair-goers what can be done in this field.

There will, of course, be lots of amusement—a large midway has been engaged, there will be both harness and road races, high jumping horses, and we fully expect to see the largest crowd in history this year jamming into the Fair grounds in the park. September 8th is the big day, so mark it on your calendar now!

IT TAKES TIME

Everyone would like to see all our Georgetown boys home from overseas this month, and yet it is an impossibility to provide transport for this purpose in a short space of time. Some idea of the magnitude of the task of re-patriation can be gained by figures recently quoted in a daily newspaper despatch. Twenty-six Pullman and hospital trains, which if lined up, would extend a distance of nine miles, were required to move homewards the 10,000 veterans who recently came home on the Ile de France and the Letitia. It is to the credit of the railway companies that within an hour after the ships docked, the trains were rolling westward at the rate of one every half-hour. It is interesting to note that on the trip from Halifax to Montreal, food consumed included 20,000 pounds of meat and 18,000 eggs.

This gives just a small idea of the work involved in returning our men to Georgetown, and to the



AT HIS DESK AGAIN

Here is Andy Clarke culling the happenings throughout Ontario and weekly newspapers of this Neighbourly Quebec, following an illness which News broadcasts, heard over the CBC Mid-east network from Toronto, on Sundays, at 10.05 a.m. Andy is resuming his pleasant task of presenting the human interest side of the daily

thousands of communities all across Canada. It takes time, and speedy as the service is, it will be several months yet before the last of our Georgetown boys will be with us again.

SUMMER SPORTS

This summer there has been a real revival of summer sport in the district, and a live-wire series of softball and hardball games is being held in the park. We are indebted to Joe Stamp for his efforts in keeping Herald readers posted on the series and for doing a one-man publicity job which is helping to revive baseball interest in town. Don Brill has been keeping us posted on the hardball league, and doing a remarkably good job of reporting in this field. It has been impossible for your editor to get out to the games, but we have heard that there aren't as many spectators as there should be, and it is hoped more fans will turn out to give the teams their support. It's the kind of sport we like to see in town—home talent, with no imports, and good, clean entertainment for our local lads.

Then, too, we have an active lacrosse team at Norval, once again publicized by J.J.S., so there's no lack of good amateur sport in the district. Regarding the local ball games, we think it would be a good idea if there was a notice board somewhere in town where forthcoming games could be advertised. We would suggest erecting a board on the corner of the Municipal Building, where fans could keep posted on coming games. There's no reason why a crowd of two or three hundred shouldn't be on hand for every game, and we think they would be if they had some notification.

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