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The Editor's Column

RENOVATING THE TOWN HALL

The auditorium of the old Town Hall, vacant these many years, is gradually coming to life. For many years it has stood silently watching the town grow larger, almost forgotten by those who knew her, and unacquainted with the many who have moved to town in the last few years.

Some weeks ago, Hal Newman, whose new job as recreational director necessitated an office of some sort, took us up to the hall to point out its possibilities. It was our second visit to the building, the only time previous being one Hallowe'en back in 1941, when the town had a children's party—the last time to our knowledge that any public activity has been held there.

And there, as we looked beyond the dust and the cobwebs, the pigeon refuse and the broken stage sets, we saw it — the Recreational Centre which we have been talking about these past years, all ready built with only some minor repairs and a clean-up needed to provide one of the best recreational centres in Ontario.

Our next visit to the hall was last Thursday evening, when the Recreational Council held a business meeting there. What a change greeted our eyes. In intervening weeks Teen Town had been at work and the building was once again taking on signs of life. Broken windows had been replaced, plastering repaired, the debris of stage scenery removed, and a gradual metamorphosis was changing the old lady back into a fresh young girl again. One wall gave an idea of the color scheme — cream with maroon trim. The beautiful brown-stained ceiling needs no retouching. Pigeons are being evicted, and Mr. Newman's office in the tower-room will have a false ceiling to reduce the excess head-room which is unnecessary in modern buildings.

FUTURE PLANS

Under the leadership of Mayor Emery Thompson, Teen Town Hall will be playing an important role in community life before the summer goes by. The young folk are aiming to have the hall in shape for opening the end of June. They are planning an old furniture drive — a house-to-house campaign to pick up any discarded furniture which could be used to outfit the hall. They are planning on dances for fund-raising to supplement the fifty cent half-yearly membership fee.

The local drama group have indicated their desire to use the stage for rehearsals and plays and to them will fall the task of replacing the old sets and backdrops. The girls are making window curtains, and Mr. Newman's art classes, which will start soon, will take care of mural decoration. Markings for badminton courts are still there, and perhaps we shall see a revival of this popular game, which has been absent from Georgetown for some years.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

There still seems to be misinformation about the financing of the Recreational program in town and where the money is to come from. The Town Council has seen fit to guarantee payment of the director's salary by a grant from public funds. This grant covers only the salary, which was all that was asked by the Recreational Council. The rest of the money must come from two sources — fund-raising projects and public subscription. To date, several donations have been received from organizations, firms and a few individuals and some \$75 was realized from the High School musical concert. Other than this, no other finances are available to meet current expenditures, or to help pay off the cost of last winter's juvenile and midget hockey. The bank deficit at present is somewhere around the \$300 mark.

The amount of money needed is not enormous. Where other communities ask for tens of thousands to build and equip a new building, this is not necessary here. But money is needed, and small donations from many will help to make the program bigger and better. First financial hurdle is to clear up that \$300 deficit and allow a few hundred dollars more for current expenses. The Recreational program embraces such things as the O.B.A. Juvenile ball team, as well as the numerous midget and juvenile softball and hardball teams now operating. Certain equipment is necessary for this and must be purchased. There will be certain expenses in connection with the Town Hall renovating, supplies to buy for art and hobby classes.

The Recreational Council is considering a house-to-house canvass for these funds. You don't have to wait for that! Any donations you care to make now will be acknowledged in the columns of the Herald and will certainly be appreciated.

RETURN TO UTAH AFTER VISITING WITH RELATIVES

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wrigglesworth left yesterday on their return trip to Ogden, Utah, after visiting for several weeks with relatives in the district. It is 19 years since Mr. Wrigglesworth has been home and he noted many changes, particularly on Main Street where the names of O'Neill, McBean, Blackburn and McGibbon were the only familiar ones from the days when he worked in the Merchants' Bank. At that time the bank was located in premises now occupied by Richardson's Hardware, and the late F. M. Scarf was manager.

Mr. Wrigglesworth left town in 1908 and was with the bank in Yarker near Napanee and in various towns in Alberta until the spring of 1918, when he went to the states for a visit and liked it so well that he decided to make his home there. He returned to Canada in 1918 and served in Russia with the Canadian army. Mr. Wrigglesworth has a public accounting business in the western city which incidentally doubled its pre-war population of 45,000 during the war years. His wife is a native of Utah.

He is a member of a pioneer Esqueving family, being a son of the late John Wrigglesworth and Mary Hall. His brother, Norman, retired from farming

a few years ago and now lives in Milton, while another brother, Fred farms at Ashgrove. Howard Wrigglesworth, Georgetown Public School principal, is a nephew. On Sunday, a family picnic was held at the home of another nephew, Clifford, who farms on the Hall homestead at Hornby. Some 63 members of the family were present and enjoyed a happy time together.

Mr. Wrigglesworth is a member of the Ogden Lions Club and during his visit here had the pleasure of sitting in on a meeting of the Georgetown Lions. The trip from Ogden was 4476 miles return and he hopes to be back for another visit three or four years from now.

FIVE HOUSES BEING BUILT ON KING STREET

Johnson and Summers, Limehouse contractors, have been engaged by Mr. Victor Diggins to construct five new houses on the King Street property adjoining his residence. The firm has already started construction and expects to have them completed within the next three months.

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