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The Editor's Column

SOME BOUQUETS

There are several things of interest to comment on this week, and some bouquets which should be presented to some of our town and district citizens for public service rendered.

First of all, our hat is off to the Glen for just about the finest "welcome home" that anyone could ever dream up for servicemen and women. There wasn't anything lacking and we can imagine the months of planning necessary to put over the ambitious program. Perhaps the garden party comedian was hitting home when he said Georgetown was "laid out very nicely" and in fact had been "laid out for a good many years." At any rate, Council took some definite action last week to follow the good example set by the Glen and to start plans for a similar welcome here.

Another group worthy of commendation is the Lions Club which put on one of the finest holiday weekend shows that any town could wish for over the Dominion Day week-end. If anything, they erred on the side of offering too much, with a horse show, street dance, Sunday service, sports day, parade and garden party. It was an auspicious start for an annual event and we have heard nothing but good comments on every side.

We are proud, too, of our Lorne Scots Band which won new honours at the Waterloo Festival. Sometimes we are too prone to take things on our doorstep for granted and we wonder how many people in town realize that the Lorne Scots Band is far above being just a "good band" and is in reality among the top musical outfits in the province. With the war over and more recruits available, we'll be looking for something big for them at the C.N.E. when it reopens next year.

While handing out bouquets, we think the taxpayers should be proud, too, of the teen-agers and the Recreational Council for brushing aside the dust of years and putting some signs of life into the auditorium of the old Town Hall. It's remarkable what a bit of paint and elbow grease can do and in the year to come, keep your eye on that building. It's days of usefulness are far from past and it has the makings of a first-rate recreational centre.

One last bouquet, and that to the enthusiasts who have revived baseball in town. Not only have we O.B.A. entries in intermediate and juvenile groups, but the baseball fever has spread among the youngsters and Georgetown is taking its place once more in the summer sporting picture.

ANOTHER MAN OF THE MONTH

Recently we reprinted two articles from "Provincial's Paper", dealing with the Hoare brothers of Georgetown and Merriton. The June issue of the magazine honours another Georgetownner as the Man of the Month and here's what they have to say:

"When Will Merritt, old-time Georgetown paper maker got his first job back in 1904 laying the foundation for Provincial Paper Limited's Georgetown coating mill, he also began laying the foundation for a 42-year career as a paper-maker... a career that is likely to go on for quite a while yet.

After he had finished laying the foundation, he got into the paper business "on the ground floor," by helping the carpenters to lay it. When the mill was finished, he was one of the first employees hired, and he's been with us ever since.

A painstaking conscientious workman, "Will" is a real "small town boy." He dislikes the big city, where he goes regularly to see the big-league hockey games, and prefers life in the quiet, rural community near which he was born. There he spends his spare time cultivating vegetables and flowers, and following lacrosse and hockey.

Although "Will" at one time or another has worked on about every job in the coating mill, right now he's a "paster man" — working on a machine which pastes various types of paper securely together to make cardboard, blotting, playing card paper, and many other specialty lines.

Provincial Paper Limited does all work of this type at Georgetown coating mill, paper being shipped there from our other mills to be coated, pasted, embossed by special processes.

Before 1940, "Will" and his fellow workers used to coat paper on a machine which "brushed" the coating on in a relatively slow process. Now however, coating is done on an ultra-modern machine which "blows" the coating material evenly onto the paper, without fear of streaking, which always had to be watched for in the old process.

"Will" has watched this and many another development in paper coating and pasting with great inter-

est, and like other craftsmen of his experience, has more than a little "know how" about the paper coating and pasting field.

He has lived in Georgetown for 41 of his 62 years, and says he has enjoyed every minute of it. He has two daughters and one son, now 32, who has followed his father's footsteps by also entering the paper business."

HOLLAND AND THE CANADIANS

Canadian troops who fought through Holland when that country was liberated by the First Canadian Army, are soon to receive copies of a fine souvenir book, "Holland and the Canadians", published in Amsterdam by the Canada-Netherlands Committee.

Designed as a gift from the people of Holland to "their Canadian liberators," the book is an outstanding contribution to the literary and photographic records of the past war. Some 42,000 copies have been allocated by the Committee for distribution in Canada and these have now been shipped from Ottawa to Army Public Relations Officers in each of the nine provinces. Unfortunately, there are too few books available to provide copies for every Canadian soldier who saw service in Holland.

Soldiers who served in Holland and who desire a copy should communicate with the Headquarters of their Unit, as a limited number of books have been sent to each unit, the Active battalion of which served in Holland, for distribution.

In a foreword to the book the Dutch Committee pays high tribute to the Canadian Army which "won great glory by its courage and self-denial and filled the hearts of our people with everlasting gratitude."

Immediately after the liberation of the Netherlands, the instruction continues, a desire was felt to offer the Canadian army a commemorative gift which could be kept by each individual recipient and which would give expression to the admiration and gratitude of the Dutch. It was felt that such a gift should take the form of a book, which, under the title of "Holland and the Canadians", would give a picture of the country they had liberated.

The book shows the country before the war, scene of proverbial prosperity with its fertile polders reclaimed during a struggle of centuries with the sea; the quiet cities with their seventeenth century splendour side by side with modern activities, and the picturesque landscape with its broad motorways. Then there will be found pictures of the period of war and occupation including the bombardment of Rotterdam, the looting of the country, the raids, the gradual pauperization of the people and their starvation and suffering during the cold war winters, and also scenes of the underground resistance in the face of death.

With the heroic struggle for Nijmegen and Arnhem began the liberation of the country which, with the conquest of Zeeland and the eastern provinces, ultimately led to the capitulation of the enemy. Finally a number of pictures show the glorious entry and the enthusiastic reception of the Canadians throughout the country.

Altogether there are 150 splendid photographs in this 10x14 inch book, augmented by a text to make up 72 full pages. Mr. J. Nikork, secretary of the Canada-Netherlands Committee, and Major Norman Phillips of Canadian Army Public Relations, collaborated on writing the text and captions, and many of the illustrations are official photographs provided by the Film and Photo Unit of Public Relations.

To many recipients the book will be a collector's item. It will play its part in strengthening the ties between the people of the Netherlands and those of Canada.

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