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The Editor's Column

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

Entertainment seekers on Civic Holiday haven't far to look, for the Georgetown Recreational Council has booked a full day's entertainment in the park. Starting promptly at 1:30, a 40-event track and field meet will bring not only local competitors but many from outside centres as well, and attractive medals and cups are being offered to those who excel in their chosen events. In the evening a garden party will draw a record crowd, and the advance line-up of talent looks as if the show will be one of the best seen in the district for some time.

While money-making is not the main object of the day, the Council is looking forward to having a few dollars left over, for there are certain expenses which accumulate outside the town-paid director's salary, and proceeds of events such as these are necessary to help Council finances, and in turn to provide more equipment for present and future recreational projects.

We ask everyone's support in turning out next Monday to make it a red letter Civic Holiday in Georgetown. You'll get your money's worth, help a good cause and have a good holiday.

WORTH A SECOND THOUGHT

As this is written and in print before Monday night's meeting of the Welcome Home Committee, we may be barking up the wrong tree entirely when we refer to the letter which appeared in last week's Herald about a memorial swimming pool. Perhaps the committee will have decided on something entirely different, perhaps other more suitable memorials may be suggested. But we do think there is a lot to be said for the plan outlined by Old Soldier.

It seems to be a general theory nowadays that a war memorial should combine reverent memory for those who lost their lives in the war with utility which can be used by their more fortunate comrades, their families, and the children of the community in general. At the same time, a community wishes to honour the men and women in uniform in a more personal way with some individual memento of the gratitude of the citizenry. In most cases the memorial is taking the form of some sort of recreational building or of a hospital, while the individual gifts run all the way from scrolls and certificates to watches, rings and war bonds.

Old Soldier's suggestion of a municipal swimming pool, to which those to be honoured would be given life-time passes, seems to be an excellent combination. We have always thought Georgetown lacked his one thing to make it a perfect community, and it would be an excellent utilitarian memorial. The pool passes would be a good gift to any veteran who enjoys a swim and we should imagine that a godly number of veterans would be pleased to receive it.

STRIKE FEVER

We are getting tired of reading of strikes and threats of strikes, of demands for more pay, for shorter working hours, for union security and the hundred and one odd things which the working man is being led to ask for with skilful direction from a higher authority which derives its livelihood from keeping labour in a constant state of agitation and unrest. We do not for a moment believe that the status quo must be maintained or that the perfect balance between labour and management ever can or ever will be reached for any considerable period of time. But when demands get too unreasonable and when they threaten the economic life of a country and in turn boomerang right back on labour itself, then we think it is time that every clear-thinking citizen does some of that thinking instead of being led like a pack of sheep to the slaughter.

Georgetown has fortunately not been visited as yet by any of the strike fever so prevalent in the country, where such groups as steel workers, automobile workers, lumbermen, newspapermen and textile workers have been on strike for long periods. Each strike has meant vital production hold-ups and our shortage of clothing, cars, electrical appliances and practically every consumer good one can name is due in no small part to these strikes. Furthermore, rising prices are the aftermath of concessions given, leading to the inflationary spiral which we have seen in the United States when the O.P.A. ceilings were lifted and in smaller measure in this country as first one, then another product creeps up in price a few cents at a time.

Is it not time that we asked ourselves where all this is going to lead, and for labour to give as well as receive. Is it not time that the increasing demands of labour be tempered with common sense and that everyone go to work to make Canada the most prosperous country possible, where everyone can buy what he wants to buy and where labour and management achieve the harmony necessary to make production click.

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