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The Editor's Column

TRACK FANS, ATTENTION

This Saturday an ambitious track and field meet will take place in Georgetown Park under joint sponsorship of the Georgetown Recreational Council and the Gladstone Athletic Club of Toronto. To any track fan, there will be plenty to keep him interested for the meet will include championship matches open to public and high schools throughout the county, open events and the famous 30-mile relay race for the International Silver Trophy at present held by the Gladstone A.C.

Five teams are competing in the relay and the defending champions are promised stiff competition from the Toronto West End YMCA, Hamilton Olympics, Galt Track Club and Toronto Goodwill A.C. Gladstone with its local members, Bill Collier, Bruce Harley and the Emmersons, Bill, Johnny and Jim, has strong ties with Georgetown and will have the local rooters behind them in the gruelling race in which ten men run three miles each. West End and Hamilton Olympics are both past holders of the cup and are expected to field strong entries. Galt and Goodwill, the latter a colored team, are newcomers, but both have many championship runners. Orsie Kissoon of Goodwill placed thirteenth in the Dominion marathon championships and all five teams have many Olympic hopefuls on their squads.

A special attraction on Saturday will be a rhythmic drill presented by Yritys, Toronto club of the Finnish Amateur Sports Federation. Under the direction of Mrs. Lempi Serra (and accompanied by Elena Pezhukova, CBC radio artist, they will present something new for Georgetown audiences. The Brown Twins, Olympic shot put and running broad jump champs are among the competitors in the open events.

All in all, it is a day you won't want to miss and we hope that Georgetown Park will be well filled on Saturday for this noteworthy event.

ANOTHER BULLSEYE

Seems as if the Georgetown Fall Fair is gaining momentum with old age and the 101st annual was in every way the equal of the centennial last year. The ticket wickets were kept humming from 1.30 until after 4 o'clock and it was a surprise to your editor to learn later that gate receipts were slightly lower than last year, for the customers seemed to be streaming in just as fast. Once again we were parked behind the window handling money for most of the afternoon and with a small daughter whose main interest was in merry-go-rounds and fluffy candy to chaperone later, we missed a great deal of interest and a lot of our fair impressions are gained second-hand from those whose time was more free.

We did hear more than one comment that the hall was at its finest. The ladies work section continues to improve in quantity of entries (with a prize-winning cook in the family this was one place we did take a good look), and the pottery demonstrations by Mr. Jesse Wyatt and members of the Arts and Crafts drew many eyes at the armouries entrance. School work again took up a good quarter of the hall and it continues to amaze us what the youngsters can do. Too bad the Grade 7 prize-winning mural was not back in time from the CNE for many were looking for it.

Increased merchant cooperation resulted in many displays in the hall and in a big tent specially erected for this purpose, and all exhibitors seemed well satisfied with results attained. Exhibitors included Dick Riddall, Brill's, Norton Floral and Rosedale Floral in the big hall and Richardson's Hardware, McClure Home Furnishings, Goodlet's Hardware, Georgetown Furniture Sales and G. R. Muckart in the tent. Mr. Muckart had an interesting lot of pictures of homes and stores wired by him with Red Seal wiring. In the centre of the field, Georgetown Motors, Hewson Motors and Scott Motor Sales all had their products on display.

We missed the Leggette Brothers from Oshawa who scored a hit with their riding. Hope they'll return next year and we'll make it a point to catch their act. The Stanger Midway lived up to expectations — not quite as flashy as the CNE midway, but they kept their prices within range and gave value for the money. They promise to be here again next year with the addition of a ferris wheel.

We don't think the directors of Esqueing Agricultural Society are expecting any individual praise for another successful show. The crowd which turned out is the best thanks they can receive for a job well done, and is an encouragement to them and to future fair boards to keep on. And we might give a vote of thanks too to our weatherman Ern Batkin, who staved off a rainstorm till evening, though he gave a dinner-time when a few raindrops fell.

Halton Community Centre

(Press Release from Halton
 Federation of Agriculture)

For many years the towns and cities were looked upon as the opportunity place to go for pleasure and recreation, and this to a certain degree is still true, but for the vast majority does not give satisfaction. Go where you will, throughout this grand Province of Ontario and what do we find? Thousands of people looking for a quiet, clean shady spot, preferably along some stream or lake where they can have a few hours, a day or a week of rest and recreation where they can enjoy the cool fresh air and bathe in the clear, clean water of some running stream or lake. All over this Province, no matter where you go, you will find spots which some individual or group of people have had sufficient initiative to clean up and make presentable. There you will find people enjoying the fruit of such labour, and it is ample proof that the rural district offers the greatest opportunity for the development of health, contentment, and wholesome recreation.

The Directorate of Halton County Federation of Agriculture for some years has recognized the need for some such spot in Halton County, owned and controlled by the farmers themselves. Three years ago when it was suggested a Field Day and Picnic be held the question arose, where can such an event be held in Halton County? The answer seemed to be in some other county or some private grounds. This of course was not satisfactory and the Field Day was dropped for that year, however the next year the question came up again and it was agreed to hold the field day on the fair grounds, Milton, the only site in Halton owned by the farmers of the County. The Halton Agricultural Society deserve a great deal of credit for the development of these grounds. The Society is now on a paying basis and will in the near future be making some fine improvements. However, when it came to holding a field day and picnic the fair grounds did not prove entirely satisfactory, lacking shade and water, both of which are essential for picnics.

Facing up to the problem, the Directors of the Federation made a survey of the County when it was discovered that almost all such places in the county where nature had provided these natural resources, have been taken up and are privately owned by people other than farmers, and in many cases by people who are non-residents of the county. In other words the farmers of Halton are allowing these gifts of God to slip away from them, having been pined right under their own noses. It was then agreed that the Twelve Mile Creek at Lowville on the Wm. Featherstone farm offered the greatest possibilities for the development of a Recreational Centre, field day events and picnic grounds. This Featherstone farm at that time was being offered for sale, and it was proposed that the Halton County Federation of Agriculture purchase this farm and sponsor the development of this site for the people of the county, owned and controlled by the farmers themselves, where farm families, family unions, Women's Institutes, Jr. Farmers, Farm Forums, Sunday Schools, church groups and all such could conveniently hold their annual picnics and other recreational events.

This purchase was made possible by three public-spirited gentlemen of Halton who put up the entire purchase capital for the one hundred acres, sixty five of which have since been resold, leaving the bank, creek flats and bush consisting of thirty five acres at only \$1500 and turning it over to the Federation of Agriculture interest free for ten years. If need be, for the farmers of Halton to prove their ability and appreciation by successfully developing the property for Halton. This is an opportunity for the farmers of today to take up the pioneer spirit and build and develop these grounds in such a manner that will stand out fifty years hence as the efforts of the pioneer fathers of Halton Federation of Agriculture.

This capital cost of \$1500 could be so easily paid off if each farmer in the county contributed an equal amount, less than \$1.00 each. No one will disapprove of the action taken by the Federation to date, all will agree it is a worthy project, both needed and desirable. Many meetings have been held to study this project and the possibilities and all have agreed the development shall be on a pay-as-you-go basis, in other words it shall be done according to the will and wishes of the people.

A committee was appointed at the last Directors' meeting consisting of five representatives from each township. On Monday, September 15th, a bee was held and the committee were gratified to find upwards of seventy turning out to help clear the property. Five tractors were on hand and a good deal of work accomplished. Another bee is planned for next Monday, September 22nd, and interested farmers from this district are asked to come along, bringing tractors, chains, saws, axes, shovels to

help further to put the property in shape.

The door is now open for every individual in the county to take advantage of the opportunity to get behind this worthy project and boost its development. The question for every group in Halton county to ask itself is: "In what way can we as a group help?"

STEWARTTOWN

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