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The Editor's Corner

POWER MUST BE SAVED

The present crisis in shortage of electrical powermakes it important that each consumer save as much as possible in order to avoid the inconvenience of shutoffs which have been imposed on larger centres. The Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario has ruled that daily consumption of killowatt hours shall be restricted to a maximum of 90 per cent of the average daily consumption in the month of October, 1947. The temporary emergency has arisen because of subnormal rainfall last autumn which has forced two Quebec power companies to reduce their deliveries of power to Ontario.

Full cooperation of large local industry has been accorded the Georgetown Hydro Commission to meet the emergency. Some companies have reduced working hours, others have curtailed certain operations and effected plant economies to cut their consumption to the required 90 per cent. But this is not enough. Smaller companies and householders must do likewise or the matter will be out of the hands of the local commission and the switch may be pulled as in Toronto. Curtailing the use of electric stoves, toasters, heaters and irons is even more important than keeping lights fur-, ned off, for they take much greater amounts of power to operate.

Readers are reminded that this 10 per cent reduction must be made and it is much better to have it voluntarily done at our own convenience, than imposed upon us with no choice. Each and every one of us can help by doing our part.

UPS AND DOWNS IN HOCKEY

Sixteen games played with no losses and one tie last Saturday night is an impressive record for any hockey team and speaks well for the calibre of sport at the local rink this year. While this column is being written before last night's semi-final game with Weston, we don't figure we're going too far out on a limbto predict a certain championship for the Papermakers in their group and a more than even chance of at last copping that elusive Ontario championship which looms larger on the horizon each year.

- Minor hockey, meanwhile, has been on the other - end of the story this year. The Juniors, after several unsuccessful starts and no crowd support, gave up the ghost a couple of weeks ago. Brill's Juvenile OMHA entry was put out of further competition by Acton in the play-offs and a team of GRC all-stars assembled for a juvenile game with Woodbridge took a shellacking. The Bantams and Midgets were beaten by Brampton on succeeding Saturdays in the eastern zone finals at the Arena.

BUSINESS BUREAU WARNING

The Toronto Better Business Bureau with which the local Board of Trade is affiliated, has issued a warning to merchants and individuals suggesting postponing any decision to advertise in or subscribe to a publication known as "The Veteran's Advocate" until a report has been compiled by the Bureau. They further warn of a number of "one-man" blind organizations whose canvassers are endeavouring to sell merchandise allegedly made by the blind. The only such organization recognized in Ontario is the Canadian National-Institute for the Blind which sells their merchandise under the trademark "Blindcraft."

These are only a few-samples of what will become more prevalent as the boom years subside and we can expect more travelling salesmen, legitimate and otherwise, to be making their rounds in Georgetown. Whenever possible, this column will pass on communications from the Better Business Bureau in order to save readers from being taken in by the more extreme swindlers. The only way to be certain of avoiding it, however, is to patronize local firms and do your business with local people whom you know.

ODDS AND ENDS

A three-week vacation from editorial writing makes it all the harder to get back to work this week. The absence of editorials in two issues was caused by space requirements, while the week before last we turned over this page to Mr. A. G. M. Bruyns' observations on the report of the Royal Commission on Forestry Cr. Cecil Davidson had a point in his letter to the editor last week in which the I lerald was criticized for reporting that little could be done about speeding. Unfortunately, however, that was the only topic discussed when Inspector Knight appeared at a council meeting to discuss policing and while we did outlined in the news item . . . Council news has become of increasing importance each year in this growing town and we try to give as complete a report of Council business as is possible. If at times we slip up or appear to place a wrong interpretation on a speaker's remarks it is most certainly not deliberate. Criticism or praise is reserved for this column .

Business changes continue to come and this week we record the sale of Kemshend's Bakery to the Price brothers, who coming from Walkerton make another addition to; the Bruce County emigres now resident in Georgetown . . . and speaking of Bruce, it was with regret that we read of the complete loss by fire of. the new Paisly Argna which had officially opened only a week before, Loss of the \$40,000 building is a terrible loss to a little, town the size of Erin and if any sport followers here would care to send a contribution, we'll be glad to forward it and know it would be appreciated . . If hydro cut-offs should come in Georgetown readers will have to be patient if the Herald arrives late. A half-hour shut-off means a loss of almost two hours in typesetting time as the metal cools off and must be remelted. Walter McGilvray, who is foreman at the Learnington Post, reports difficulties with two half-hour shut-offs daily, which is a big disruption in their working schedule.

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