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## The Editor's Corner

IT WILL BE REMEMBERED

Never have we been so impressed with a sermon as that delivered on Sunday morning by Rev. C. C. Cochrane in his farewell address to the Knox Church congregation. Mr. Cochrane spoke with profound conviction on two problems which he believes of paramount importance — the lack of recognition of the Christian religion by the great majority of people, and the failure of individuals and groups to face realities in a grown-up way.

He referred to the scriptural characters of John the Baptist and Jesus, each bringing the same message and the one scorned because of his asceticism and failure to be as one with his listeners — the other scorned for opposite reasons. He likened this scorn to the excuses made for non-attendance at church nowadays — one group claiming that those who go to church are not as good as they should be, and another group claiming that church-going Christians are too far removed from normal living. Both excuses are silly, he said, and he wonders why those who do not believe in Christianity bother to make excuses at all.

A clever parallel likened mass thinking to children's games. Children live in a world of half-reality which is expressed in their play. "You be the robbers and we'll be the cops. The robbers are all bad and the cops will shoot them" is the way the children play it. "You be the Communists and we'll be the Democrats." "You be management and we'll be labour." "You be the racial minority and we'll be the majority" is the way grown-ups play it and he appealed to his listeners to develop mature thinking and an acceptance of responsibility in community, national and world affairs.

In introducing his sermon, Mr. Cochrane said that he would like to say something that would be remembered as long as any member hearing his address was living, but that he was not one who could rise to a specific occasion and usually when he developed an unusually important theme it was to a preponderance of empty seats. We are of the opinion that he rose to this occasion in a particularly impressive manner and his words will be remembered by those whose good fortune it was to hear them.

### A SIGN OF PROGRESS

Those who for several years have been concerned about the lack of any sort of building restrictions in Georgetown will be pleased to see a by-law now in effect which provides certain elementary controls under the jurisdiction of a building inspector who is yet to be appointed by Council. The by-law has been hanging fire since last fall when the 1947 Council tackled a draft by-law in a midnight session and cut it down to size. Much has been eliminated from the original, one of the main things being the zoning of the town into first and second class residential areas, business and industrial districts. The present make-up of Georgetown as a heavily industrialized town mainly populated by high-wage earners is such that any type of zoning is virtually impossible. Nor is zoning feasible in a small town where there are no large problems such as in cities of large industrial areas and slum sections inhabited by low-wage workers.

The most important parts of the by-law deal with certain restrictions on the building of houses and with designating the main business district as a fire area where a number of fire prevention clauses will apply to new building or additions. Dwelling houses erected from now on must have a value of at least \$3000 (as of 1946), a floor area of 500 square feet or more and fifty feet frontage. No dwelling or accessory building is to be less than twenty feet from street or road boundary or less than five feet from either side of the lot boundary. As a concession to Ward 3 residents, who had petitioned through one of their representatives, Cr. Goodlet, houses built in that ward must have a 1946 valuation of at least \$5000. This is the only discriminatory section in the by-law.

The complete building by-law will appear in an early edition of this newspaper and we urge everyone to clip it out for ready reference. Anyone contemplating building a house, business or industrial establishment will have to be familiar with regulations, and time can be saved by knowing these beforehand.

### HOCKEY'S OVER

This is undoubtedly the longest hockey season ever recorded in Georgetown and we would be remiss in not publicly thanking the team, the coach, the hockey club executive and the Board of Parks Management for a wonderful season. As we said last week, there was no shame attached to being beaten in the

Eastern Canada finals by a slightly superior team. The boys were treated royally in Quebec by all reports and the fraternal visits of the adjoining provincial teams should help to develop a good neighbour feeling which is often lacking between Canada's two leading provinces. The 1947 hockey season will be long talked over and already dyed-in-the-wool fans are looking ahead to next year when, thanks to artificial ice, we should field an even stronger team with lots of practice time available in the early winter months.

The sport scene now shifts to baseball and it is to be hoped that summer sport gets a larger share of attention than it has in the past. Last year's team was no world-beater but they played good ball, and gave the few fans who turned out to the games their money's worth. Cheering plays an important part in any sport and larger crowds could help a lot in making a better ball team. This year, too, Georgetown re-enters the lacrosse picture. It is hard to realize that lacrosse has become extinct in a town which was once renowned for Canada's national sport and we shall watch with interest the attempt at revival among the young lads under G.R.C. sponsorship.

### POT-POURRI

A news despatch in the Acton and Milton papers says that plans were submitted at a North Halton High School District board meeting for a 2-room addition to Milton High School and a one-room addition in Acton at a \$65,000 estimated cost. Which makes us wonder if the consolidated school has fallen through?

Artificial ice is to be installed in Milton Arena by next season, it was announced by owner Fred Armstrong at a hockey dance in the county town last week.

The Herald seems pictorially dead this week after a two-week spurge of hockey pictures. We intend to feature more local pictures this year, although the number is necessarily limited. Picture making (or stereos as they are called) is a specialized process which is done by city firms and the charge is too high to reproduce as many as we would like to.

Building activity is still brisk in town. Several new houses are planned in the Langdon survey on Maple Avenue, in the Kentner property off King Street and on the Tyers subdivision on the Norval road. It is also believed that a large property within the municipality is to be subdivided and sold for building lots this year.

It must be nice for the Royal Alexandra theatre management when they book a show like "Carousel." Tried to get seats last week and they were all sold out two weeks in advance, except for a few of the high-bracket orchestra seats. If the show is even half as good as "Oklahoma" by the same producers, it will be coming back in the fall, so guess we'll wait till then.

A number of staff changes at the Alliance Paper Mills these past few months with several long-service employees retiring on pension.

### Mrs. W. A. Wilson Was Life-Long Georgetown Resident

A life-long resident of the district, Mrs. William A. Wilson died at her farm home near town, lot 23, Concession 8, on Saturday, April 17th at the age of 81. The former Charlotte Ellen McCullough, she was the last surviving member of a family of eight children of the late Hugh McCullough and Lilly Ann Reid and was born on the farm where she spent her life. She attended No. 16 school and later Georgetown public and high schools. She was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church and since church union belonged to the Georgetown United Church congregation.

Mrs. Wilson is survived by her husband, to whom she was married on February 16th, 1899, and a niece Miss Charlotte McCullough, who has made her home with them. Rev. R. C. Todd conducted the funeral service on Monday, April 19th, from the home. During the service Mrs. Fred J. Shortill sang "Going Down the Valley". Pall-bearers were six nephews, Charles H. Wilson of Toronto, Hugh McCullough of Chatsworth, Clare Wilson, Cecil Wilson, Melvin McCullough and Alvin Starret. Interment was made in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

Out-of-town friends attended the

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