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The Editor's Corner

IT COULD BE DONE

The planned building of a bandshell by the Lions Club in the park brings forth an idea which has been jelling in the minds of several public-spirited citizens for some time. Georgetown, as we all know, possesses one of the finest natural parks in Ontario — a spacious area which contains plenty of room for all types of recreation, a beautiful wooded section, a stream, as well as a grandstand and the armouries. Up to the present, maintenance of the grounds has been an increasing problem. With the town men busy with other work, there just doesn't seem to be enough time for them to spend on the park. The track takes a great deal of time to put in shape for such events as motorcycle races and the Fall Fair and the smaller-but equally important jobs of grass cutting, field levelling, etc., have often to be postponed.

The idea is being propounded that the park be turned over to a board similar to that which controls the arena. This board, with a grant from the town, and with income derived from renting park facilities on certain occasions, could take charge of things and over a period of time provide better facilities for summer sport. An arrangement of mutual benefit, for instance, could be made between the board and the ball club, just like that between the Parks Board and the hockey club. While revenue from baseball does not at the present time come anywhere near that from hockey, improvements in the park would make better baseball games and in time would draw more spectators. Private groups such as the Fall Fair, Lions Club, Legion, Pipe Band, etc., who use the park on occasion for money-raising activities should be willing to donate some share of these proceeds for park maintenance and would in turn benefit the organizations and the town by helping to maintain a wonderful natural asset.

The logical group to undertake the project would be the Georgetown Recreational Council—a functioning body which uses park facilities extensively and could use them even more were it in better shape. It is suggested that the Town Council should consider the matter and take it in hand as they did so successfully a few years ago with that other great recreational facility, the arena.

AN IMPORTANT MEETING

By the time most readers are perusing this column, the results of an important meeting tonight between the Recreational Council and the Town Council will be known and the town will either have the present G.R.C. functioning with a clearer understanding of their status, or the recreational program will have been dumped in Council's lap to seek their own solu-

tion. Rumours of a mass resignation of the G.R.C. came as rather a surprise last Wednesday when on the surface all had been sweetness at Tuesday's Council meeting when chairman E. V. MacCormack presented a detailed and extremely interesting report of G.R.C. activities since that body's inception: The report appears in full in this issue of the Herald and is a comprehensive picture of the successes attained and difficulties experienced in two and a half years of existence. The report, presented at Council's request, seemed to find favour with a majority of the Council and was apparently the beginning of a clearer understanding by that body of problems encountered by a group of public-spirited men who have given freely of their time to develop an idea which has had the encouragement of the Provincial Government, both morally and financially.

The threat of resignation came after the meeting when members of the G.R.C. presented the fact that Council failed to grant their request for votes of confidence in the G.R.C. and in the Recreational Director and felt that this was the last blow in a series of setbacks. Later reflection was that a more sensible attitude would be to go to Council and itemize a number of things which the G.R.C. considered essential to a continuance of a recreational program. Foremost of these is the proper heating of Teen Town Hall which is the nucleus of winter activities, choosing and equipment of a suitable office for the Recreational Director, and a proper control by the G.R.C. over the portion of the Old Town Hall which has been re-converted from a run-down, unused room, to a bright, useable public hall.

The outcome of tonight's meeting will have a far-reaching effect on future organized recreation in town. It will mean either a continuance of a permanent group which will work to further recreational activities, particularly among the young people, or a return to sporadic organizing for this or that activity which flourishes briefly then dies with the removal of its sponsors. It is to be hoped that agreement will be reached between the two groups to continue providing what should be an essential part of our legacy to youth — the development of clean, healthy bodies in conjunction with active, healthy minds.

POT POURRI

Speaking somewhat cryptographically, the Acton Free Press refers to the Georgetown Council report (Herald, June 2) of the discussion on the High School district and says "by now all will realize how far from fact the conversation drifted". The Acton-Milton publisher is bound on making a last-ditch stand for a Speyside school, we would judge.

The weatherman's wife breaks into print this week with the announcement that Mrs. Ern Batkin designed a prize-winning hat for the Women's Institute District Annual.

The Limehouse news, so excellently gathered by Mrs. Art Benton, has been missing for the past few weeks due to the illness of our correspondent and we wish her a speedy convalescence.

A belated "thank you" to Vic and Jo for keeping us up-to-date with the High School news this past year. Their sign off column was tops in a series of entertaining columns.

The planned meeting of municipal representatives and Halton School Area board members which was to have been held in Georgetown last Wednesday had to be called off when several officials had other engagements, and could not attend. The meeting will be held at a later date, as yet undecided.

The July 1st holiday has been well taken care of by the Legion Branch with a huge entertainment commencing with a carnival and street dance the evening before.

Stricter enforcement of the 2-hour parking by-law downtown is mooted in a warning advertisement inserted by the Police Commission in this issue. The teeth have not been applied in this by-law to date and Council has decided that it should be enforced if it is to remain on the books. The weather this spring has been ideal for both flower and vegetable gardens and it's a treat to see so many well-kept, flourishing gardens as one walks around town. With the announcement of the allocation of the 22 houses in Wartime Housing Project 2, one of the main topics of conversation goes. Delay in announcing the lucky tenants has been unnecessarily long and we cannot agree with the reasoning of the powers-that-be that has kept so many young people on tenter-hooks and has encouraged behind-the-scenes lobbying over such a long period of time.

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