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The Editor's Corner

WHO'S FOOLING WHO?

The trend towards a centralized government providing the people with increased public service by refunding large portions of taxes to the people is nowhere better exemplified than by the present Ontario government. While we do not disagree with the theory, we do not feel that our elected representatives are playing fair when continual reference is made to these refunds as grants and the implication that they are gifts. To take education as only one example, much was made of the fact in the recent election that increased school grants have been, and we quote, "a saving in the tax bill of every local property taxpayer in every municipality in the province." Much was made of the fact that in five years, education grants to Georgetown had increased from \$2756 to \$20,102. Is there any intelligent taxpayer who thinks that a kind providence has provided this extra \$17,000 out of a blue sky and that the taxpayer himself is not paying the shot? Quite the contrary, for the reverse is true. We in Halton, one of the wealthier sections of the province, are in fact paying more for education than some of the poorer backwoods municipalities which cannot by themselves support a decent educational standard.

Looking at it in this light, we are proud to be able

to share with our poorer relations in order that all may benefit to make a greater province. There should be no need for the hocus-pocus of free grants for this, that and the other thing. Our government should have the courage to tell us the truth, for we believe the people of Halton would be happy to know that they are givers rather than receivers.

THE CONSCIOUS MINORITY

A thought-provoking talk by John W. Hamilton of Ancaster at the Lions Club meeting on Monday was a challenge to his listeners to combat the rising tide of Communism in Canada being promoted by what he terms a "conscious minority" who sacrifice everything for their ideology in the belief that by this means they will eventually control the majority. Small groups, such as he addressed, don't realize their own importance, was the speaker's contention, but in his fight which he began in 1921 against Communism, he has proved that the conscious minority doctrine can be borrowed from the Communists and used as a weapon against them. As an example he spoke of a small group which he originally organized which has spread to branches in England and the States. Literature prepared by himself has had a widening circulation, some printings reaching as many as three-quarters of a million copies, and all from the origination of a small group of citizens pledged to battle reaction and class strife.

He warned that the recent Ontario elections showed how close Communism was coming to Canada's doorstep, and that the CCF would soon realize that they were going to be controlled by radicals dedicated to the overthrow of a way of life which has been evolved over the past hundred years. Organization, purpose and belief must be the weapons of those who oppose Communism if we are not to go under, was his warning.

CLEARING THE AIR

Last Wednesday's meeting between the Town Council and G.R.C. accomplished what had been hoped — a closer liaison between the two groups and a brightening future for organized recreation in town. A vote of confidence in the G.R.C. and the Director cleared the air for the future and both groups came out of the meeting with a better understanding of the other's viewpoint. The G.R.C. made four specific requests which they felt should be implemented to give full scope for a recreation program. Foremost of these was the heating of the Old Town Hall and the providing of a well equipped office for the director, with an auxiliary room for arts and crafts. Further suggestions were for more control of the park and for the town's aid in securing use of the armouries for indoor sport. While it could not be expected that Council at one meeting would give clear passage to the whole program, the vote of confidence has been followed by definite action towards heating the hall and by a promise to do what could be done with the armouries. A promise was also made to consult the G.R.C. in matters affecting Teen Town Hall and to make a charge for its use by outside bodies in order to augment G.R.C. funds.

It is now possible for the G.R.C. to go all-out on a comprehensive program which will by its activity convince Council even more that the idea is worthwhile. It is still not without the remotest possibility that the park in turn will not be turned over to the G.R.C. to make of it a summer sports centre similar to the arena which provides a winter recreation headquarters.

POT POURRI

The Home Soap Band will find themselves up against stiff competition on Saturday at Waterloo, being grouped in a class where they will compete with four city bands. Size of town does not necessarily mean quality of musical talent, however, and Georgetown is hoping for another first prize. Rumour has it that London Tech is the band to beat. The Lions boat trip planned last Thursday aboard the S.S. Cayuga was postponed till a later date due to cold weather. A new feature "Chatting with Anne" which appears this week for the first time is an innovation, com-

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binning personal items with bits of friendly gossip. Comments by our own readers, for whom the column is primarily intended, could be welcomed by the editor and by Anne herself. Much food for thought in an address to the Lions Club this week by John W. Hamilton of Ancaster whose opinion it is that a "conscious minority" of Communists must be combatted by a "conscious minority" of democrats, or else Communism will eventually be in control in our country as they lay in wait. Georgetown will have their first glimpse of the new Senior Girls ball team when they appear on the local diamond on Monday night. Efforts are being made to have the diamond graded before the coming season. Acton is making plans for a swimming pool, which makes us wish that Georgetown could provide a similar facility, the primary recreational lack in what otherwise is a near perfect town.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Dundas June 18, 1948

Dear Editor:
 I always love to read of the doings in the good old town of Georgetown. This week I was glad to see the letter sent in by Anne Hart. A few more of this kind would help a great deal and it would cost no more.

As far as the councillors are concerned, they deserve a lot of credit — instead they are criticized for standing by what they believe to be right and best, for they are certainly passing through a very difficult and trying time.

A lot has been said concerning the new sewerage system. I am quite sure that after getting straightened away no one would want to return to the old outdated system. One cannot have alterations without some inconveniences and one can verify that every time housecleaning times comes around. I really think that Georgetown has accomplished something worthwhile

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