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The Editor's Corner

PROFESSOR HUTT

What remains of man on this earth after he crosses the Great Divide is reflected in the memories he leaves in the hearts of his friends and family. Some of us are privileged to leave a store of treasure in good deeds and kindly thoughts, and such were left in abundance by our good friend, Professor H. L. Hutt. There was genuine sorrow in town when word of his death was received for "the professor" as he was familiarly known had at one time or another made the acquaintance of practically every citizen.

Of late years he was best known for his humorous column on The Weather — a column which he inaugurated in the Herald and which when the task became too onerous for his failing health, he turned over to Ern Batkin. The job of course entailed more than the mere writing of a weekly column. That was merely the culmination of a week of faithful recording for the Dominion Meteorological Service, a job done gratis which in its small way is a valuable contribution to Canada in compiling an accurate chart of Canadian weather.

One of the most ardent of local gardeners, he brought to his beautiful iris and gladioli the skilful care acquired in years of experience as a student and a teacher. And while he pretended to carry on a commercial business it was more in the nature of a hobby for rare was the visitor who didn't carry away a beautiful bouquet or some choice bulbs or some valuable tips on how to raise these beauties of the flower garden. His memory will live, not only in the flowers here and there which got their start in his garden, but in countless other places — in station yards made brighter years ago by his advice, in backyards beautified under his guidance as an employee of a Toronto real estate firm, in the training which he passed on to his students at the Ontario Agricultural College and which has in turn been passed on by them to new generations.

It is truly a wonderful heritage that he leaves behind and the sadness of parting is tempered with this knowledge that he lived a full and generous life dedicated to the things of nature which he loved.

A FINAL REMINDER

Another week sees the end of an intensive ticket-selling campaign by the local Lions Club with the object of raising funds for a band-shell in the park. While sales to date have been encouraging, the objective is not yet in sight and many more tickets must be sold if enough money is to be available to proceed with the job. The past year has been encouraging in the history of Georgetown's only service club as a review of activities will show.

The Club contributed a public service in taking an accurate census of the town which showed that population was 3113, much above official census figures. Bicycle racks were built and placed in several downtown locations. The Community Christmas Tree, an annual event, provided 950 bags of sweets to local and district children. The mobile X-Ray Clinic was brought to town and over 2100 persons were given a free X-Ray. Toilets and wash-basins were installed by the Club in Teen Town Hall. A special tag day raised \$123 for Food Parcels for Britain. The champion Intermediate, Juvenile, Midget and Bantam hockey teams were entertained at a gala banquet. The Club also helped in several smaller ways by transporting the Lorne Scots Band to the Exhibition last fall, by taking charge of the gate for the Agricultural Society at the Fall Fair, by providing the annual St. Patrick's Dance as one of the year's entertainment highlights, among others.

These things are but a start in the work which a live-wire service club can perform with the backing of the public. The present project is by far the most ambitious financially yet tackled by the club in the last ten years. The band shell will be much more than that. It will provide a permanent location for any event put on by local groups in the park. It will provide dressing room facilities for events such as ball games, track meets, etc. and might conceivably also have sanitary facilities to be used on any public days in the park. Members of the club have been working hard to get outside donations for this by selling tickets at out-of-town events in Brampton, Guelph, Waterloo, Huttonville and numerous other places, realizing that this would help swell the total funds. Local and district residents must realize however that their donations must be generous also in order to swing it and that a quarter will not do a dollar's work.



"Welcome to Canada!" says Hon. James A. MacKinnon, Mines and Resources Minister, as he greets Bonnie six-year-old Frances McMonigle, one of 40 immigrants to arrive at Montreal Airport on the initial North Star flight under the Canadian Government Air Charter plan. Frances seemed very happy to be in Canada. She continued aboard the TCA North Star to Toronto where she will live with her grandparents. Other passengers were delighted to be here, too, and for many it meant a happy reunion with relatives and friends. All were intrigued by the scarlet tunics of the "Mounties".

TRUCKS ARE NOT FOR PEOPLE

An editorial in the Ottawa Evening Journal draws attention to the dangers of using commercial vehicles for carrying people to picnics and parties and a local trucker who says he has often turned down such requests says it explains just why he feels the way he does.

Many trucks, the article points out, are not equipped with the kind of bodies which makes them safe for passengers, especially loads of 25 or 30 young people who cannot be expected to remain still. It is a frequent sight on the highways to see loads of young people in a stake-body truck, although obviously this type is highly dangerous and affords practically no protection to passengers. It is a natural temptation for a truck owner to want to be a good fellow and give his neighbours and their children an outing in the country. Often this is the only type of transportation available. But it is dangerous and there have been fatal accidents resulting from the practice. It is doubly dangerous when the truck is an old one, when the body is not rigid, when there is overloading, or if a young driver likely to show off or take chances is in charge. Even at the expense of spoiling a picnic, or ruining a care-free party, highway police should take action in such cases. In the long run it may be a kindness, though one not likely to be appreciated at the time.

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