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The Editor's Corner

WATER SITUATION SERIOUS

The attention of all Georgetown water users is drawn to the serious situation existing at present at the reservoir. It was reported on Monday by the Town Foreman that the water level at the Silvercreek reservoir had dropped five feet. The situation was viewed with much concern, and town officials ordered that immediate steps be taken to curtail all unnecessary use of the water supply.

Special attention was drawn to those using garden and lawn hose, and the continued use of these has been prohibited. Notices have been placed in all parts of the town, and official notice has been broadcast by sound truck, that those found using unnecessary water will have the source of supply cut off.

Citizens are urged to cooperate to curtail the use of water as much as possible until the emergency is past and reserves are replaced. The low water pressure could be a menace to the whole community should a fire break out and in view of this fact alone one can realize the seriousness of the whole situation.

GETTING READY FOR FAIR TIME

With the thermometer hovering around 90 in the shade, and the hot sultry days of July upon us, it hardly seems time to be writing a fall fair editorial. But it takes many weeks to plan for the annual fair day, and the directors of the Esquering Agricultural Society are now busy lining up a program for your enjoyment.

The fall fair is one institution that seems to have weathered the times, and has come through good times and lean, down through the many long years. But this has not come by chance, it has been through the service this institution has rendered to the community and the farmers of the district. The fall fair is the show window of the community, where Mrs. Jones vies with Mrs. Smith for the best pickles, and Mr. Jones' span of horses gives those of Mr. Smith a run for their money. It is through this quiet competitive spirit that the best baking, the best livestock, the art, etc., is brought out and the standards of the community life held high.

So when you are asked to support this great agricultural institution, by your exhibits, by your presence at the fair, and by your donations, keep in mind the service the fall fair is trying to render to your town. Very few towns would like the thought of being without a fair; in fact more and more places are realizing this and new fair boards are being set up from time to time — until now there are nearly three hundred operating in Ontario alone!

STAY OFF THE TRACKS

Last week we had a visit from Constable Markle of the C.N.R. Investigation Department. He was a very friendly chap, but seemed to have a problem on his mind. He was worried about the number of boys and girls playing on the railway tracks. He didn't want to see accidents happen to these boys and girls — nor did he want to see serious accidents caused by thoughtless boys who destroy light signals and do damage generally around railway property. He wanted us to help him out, and warn these lads about the seriousness of their acts. The breaking of signal lamps, etc., could cause untold loss of life, both to trainmen and passengers, and no one would want to see this happen.

So the best warning we can give to parents, is to keep your children off the track — it is for their own safety and the safety of others.

Constable Markle would have liked to address the children at the schools, but it is holiday time, so he has forwarded us a copy of the address he usually gives to boys and girls, and we print it here with the hope that boys and girls in Georgetown will benefit from his timely warnings.

Today, I am going to take you on an imaginary trip along the railway tracks. I will point out to you the hidden dangers that lurk along every foot of the shining steel rails.

As we approach the railway crossing, we see a large white sign with black letters reading "Do Not Trespass". This means you, boys, girls and adults. Trespassing is punishable by a law.

Several weeks ago, the Guelph Mercury carried these headlines, "Tumbles under train, Youngster loses Leg, Condition Said Fair." 6 year old victim dragged 20 ft., suffered poor night at Hospital. This unfortunate little school boy, had his right leg severed from his body when he fell under the wheels of a moving freight train, while trying to catch a ride on the side of a freight car, on his way to school. The little boy was very brave and except for a few whimpers shed no tears on his trip to the Hospital. This could happen to

you. If this little boy had used the sidewalk instead of the railway tracks, he would be running and playing this summer.

As we stop at the crossing to let a train pass, we see an automobile racing to get over the crossing ahead of the train. The signals are heralding the approach of a train, the crossing bell is ringing, red lights are flashing, but the car roars toward the crossing. What happened? Three people killed. No matter what you drive, (bicycle or tricycle) look both ways before you cross a crossing.

While at the crossing, we see a boy riding his bicycle along the tracks. This boy did not hear the train behind him, when he did it was too late. He was seriously injured and is still regretting his short cut along the tracks, on his way to school.

Before we leave the crossing, we notice two railway employees who have been repairing switch lamps and replacing insulators. These have been broken by a group of thoughtless children, who were caught and made to pay for the damage. These two pieces of railway equipment are very essential to the proper operation of railway service.

As we near a wooded slope, we see a small gasoline rail car approaching. We stop and there are two large stones on the rails. We shout a warning to the man on the gas car, who sees the stones in time to remove them and prevent the derailment of his gas car. — And possible injury to himself. As we cross our wooded slope we come to the old swimming hole. Here we see our favourite diving board and float. There is not a cripple in the crowd. They do not play around the railway.

Will you all pledge to stay off the railway tracks, and if you have any smaller brothers or sisters, use your superior knowledge to keep them from injury along those shining steel rails?

BRAMPTON MINISTER TO PREACH HERE

Arrangements have been made to have Rev. R. H. Davidson of Grace United Church, Brampton, take the services at Knox and Limehouse Presbyterian churches for the last two weeks in July. It is announced by Rev. J. L. Self, Interim Moderator. Rev. Gordon Faraday will

preach for the five Sundays in August.

ENGAGEMENT

Mrs. Uida Merley of Milton wishes to announce the engagement of her daughter, Thelma Pearl, to Robert John Jenkinson, son of Mrs. H. Jenkinson of Georgetown. The marriage will take place in Carmen United Church, Toronto, on Saturday, July 24th.

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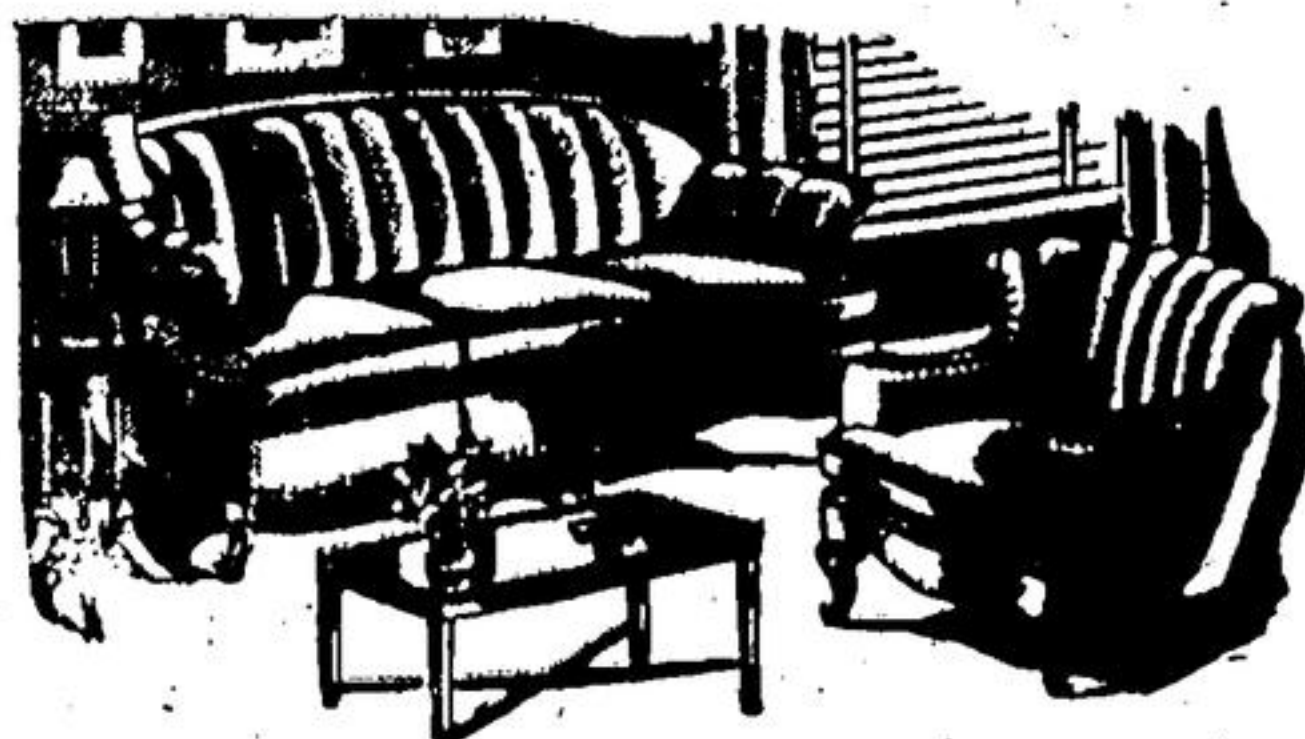
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