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The Editor's Corner

WATER IMPROVEMENTS ARE NECESSARY

A concise report presented to council this week by Mr. Roberts, consulting engineer, detailed changes and improvements which should be made in Georgetown's water system. Chief of these are chlorination, the installation of meters, exploratory drilling for new sources of supply, investigating for leakage and replacing of obsolete mains. Estimated cost of implementing the report is \$80,000 and the project would carry itself with no increase in general tax rate.

A cursory examination of the report would suggest that it is sensible and necessary in order to ensure a safe and adequate water supply in years to come. Chlorination has been suggested so many times by the Ontario Department of Health that it has become repetitious, and this summer's water shortage has indicated that wastage must be curtailed in order to conserve existing supplies.

While the tax rate will not be jumped to pay for these improvements, it must not be assumed that providence is going to provide \$80,000. The project will be carried in increased water rates and with meters installed; each water user will pay his share according to the amount of water used. The rate structure which will be adopted will mean an increase of at least two dollars a year to every consumer, and more than this to those who use large quantities of water. However, charges will not be exorbitant when compared with other municipalities in Ontario, and no serious objection should be voiced by ratepayers for some extremely necessary improvements to an important public service.

POT POURRI

Rev. John Smith, new minister of Georgetown United Church, has agreed to write a weekly Sunday School lesson for the Herald. He follows in the footsteps of Rev. R. C. Todd, whose column was a feature for several years until he moved to Niagara Falls this spring. The High School column is back with us as a solo effort this year by Jo who now masquerades under the name of Lloyd. Many thanks to Mrs. J. Ellerby for her excellent account of the Institute District Annual which appeared in last week's Herald.

The local Legion branch is having a tough time getting building renovations completed. An explosion earlier this year destroyed much of the work that had been done and Sunday's fire was another setback. It was William Hardy (not Harding) of Miami, Florida, who won the Herald subscription for the visitor coming the farthest distance to Georgetown Fair. It's nice to see a choral society once more in town and much of the credit can be given to Tom Warnes who has been promoting the idea ever since he returned home from army service overseas. Hope no one was inconvenienced by the Herald's failure last week to report that daylight saving time would end Sunday midnight. From now on there won't be any gardening after supper. Visiting in Connecticut, it was interesting to learn that in that state, car owners can have their initials placed on the licence plate provided no other licence has the same initials. A permanent plate is used there with a yearly insert for the year date. Another bond issue is shaping up for Georgetown with Council favouring the water improvements recommended by the engineer's report.

THE WEATHER

Perhaps Thomas Richard Henry had something about the weather when he printed the following in his column in the Telegram.

Despite anything the weather men say to the contrary we feel sure that springs are gradually becoming later and colder, and autumns becoming warmer.

Up country years ago people took their first swim on May 24.

Maybe we aren't as hardy as we used to be but in this country now we feel about as much like taking our first outdoor dip on February 2nd as on May 24.

On the other hand the people who pass up September as a holiday month are missing a good bet.

Table with 2 columns: Church Name, Minister, and Service Times. Includes St. George's Church, St. Paul's Church, and St. Michael's Church.

Chatting With Anne

Saw the Editor returning from his New York trip, which reminds us we are supposed to have this column in early this week. While visiting in Oakville last Sunday we heard about something which seems like a good idea. To avoid the noontime traffic the school children go home for lunch at 11:45. This means that they are safely on their way before the rush hour begins, thus making it better for motorists and getting children home at approximately the same time as the father for the noon-day meal.

The 'Vic Kings' spent a most enjoyable week-end with nephew Dr. Kenneth King of Galt. Dropped in for a moment on Mrs. Walter Gray, and found her busy as usual preparing food for the boys who stay there. Mrs. Gray seldom turns anyone away who needs a home. The boys who stay there all have a good word for Mrs. Gray and say it is a home away from home and she is very good to them all. Usually about sixteen people sit down to every meal, and while it keeps Mrs. Gray very busy, she finds time to have a nice flower garden. As she chatted with me she was canning tomatoes, and says her preserves run into hundreds of jars. Quite an accomplishment for one woman.

Quite often people say to me: "Why don't you say this or that about different situations in town, in your column?" Plenty of people read it." All I can say about it is the old saying: "There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it ill becomes any of us, to find fault with the rest of us." "Next case!"

An interesting and lovely service on Sunday morning at St. George's Church of England Harvest Thanksgiving services with Rev. E. Brilling, of Guelph, in charge. Some refreshing young voices in the Junior Girls' choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Ernest Dawson. There are so many good people who give their time to looking after the youngsters, but Mrs. Dawson deserves a special bouquet for her efforts with the girls' choir. Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others, cannot keep it from themselves.

Seems as though we never can sleep in on Sunday morning any more. Two Sundays we have been wakened by the fire sirens. The Legion members must be discouraged at such a run of bad luck. Decided it was too nice a morning to go back to bed, so went driving instead, and saw some lovely late flowers. We have been admiring Fred Fryer's flower garden all summer. It has been beautiful with seasonal flowers, and just now with the deep autumn colours it is well worth looking at.

Welcome home to Mrs. Harry Savings who has been ill in St. Michael's hospital in Toronto for a few weeks.

Norman and Marion Hill, always busy, are a little more so now that they are preparing to move into their up-to-the-minute store. They can well be proud of their accomplishment and are always on the go. Reminds me of something I heard a garage man say last winter. One twenty below zero morning I stopped in for gas, and said something about the weather. He agreed the weather was terrible, but at the moment, Marion Hill drove by, and he said it would really have to be a hundering if Marion Hill and I didn't make the grade. Said he would really worry about the weather if he didn't see us around.

With us for lunch we had our own dear mother, Mrs. Salmon, and our brother, Rev. Reuben Salmon of Chatham. Were invited by Reuben to drive his new Oldsmobile down town, but decided if we did, the people might think it was ours, and would think we should pay our bills. Such is life!

Something we remember of old, are the pies Flo Warnes used to make, and now we find them with about a half a hundred pie pumpkins. Of course they plan to sell a few, but pie it is going to be and we intend to drop around at the right moment. The Warnes are making a lot of improvements in their new home. Fred Warnes and Edward Le Points have done their own room and have reason to be proud of the result. Certainly have some nice people in our neighbourhood.

Most of us are critics of other men's doings, forgetful of our own shortcomings. We can always denounce others' sins, not seeing our own. This little poem sort of brings it home to us. If I am tempted to reveal a tale someone to me has told About another, let it pass, Before I speak, three gates of gold, Three narrow gates: first is it true? Then, is it needful? In my mind Give truthful answer, and the next Is hot and narrowest, Is it kind? And if to reach my lips at last, It passes through these gateways, three. Then I may tell the tale, nor fear What the result of speech may be.

ANNE

FALL EXHIBIT PLANNED BY ARTS AND CRAFTS

The Arts and Crafts of Georgetown hold their September Meeting at the home of Mrs. Paul Ross, 21 St. George's, on Sunday, Sept. 28th. The president, Mrs. M. H. Moyer, welcomed the members and guests. There were 92 members present. The usual business meeting was held and plans were discussed for the Annual Exhibition and Sale of Work of the organization to be held this year on Saturday, November 20th, in the Cathedral Legion Hall. It is expected that this Exhibition will be wider in scope and more interesting than ever before. A delicious afternoon tea was served by Mrs. Ross and Mrs. W. J. Beattie moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Ross for a delightful afternoon. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. S. W. Orr on November 11th.

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