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## The Editor's Corner

### GIVE CREDIT WHERE IT'S DUE

We are at times too inclined to criticize men in public life who give their services gratis or for a small remuneration which does not reimburse them for the effort expended. In every town there are men who feel it their duty to serve in some public capacity and it is well that certain individuals are so inclined, otherwise where would we get our town councils, school boards, hydro commissions, recreation councils, library boards and other such groups. The same goes for semi-private organizations such as churches, lodges, service clubs and unions. Each must be headed by an executive and each executive must have a fair share of support else the strength of the organization is weakened.

Any man or woman who seeks office or has it thrust upon him must of course realize his decisions are open to criticism and must be prepared to be the subject of critical comment. However this criticism should be constructive and we have no sympathy for those who would tear apart with no suggestions as to how to put together in a better form. Honest criticism is always welcomed by broad-minded men in public life and their decisions can be aided by other thinking citizens who do not agree with some of their decisions.

Town councils, particularly when they are faced with several large and expensive decisions as the Georgetown councils of the past four or five years are perhaps the butt of more destructive criticism than any other groups. From time to time people are heard to say "what a bunch of spendthrifts we have on council" or "why doesn't council do something about this or that". The very people who criticize expenditures are the ones who speak loudest about poor roads or lack of better educational facilities. Their criticism is not tempered with thought which would produce concrete suggestions as to how these improvements could be made or how money could be saved.

The Recreational Council and the Parks Board are two other groups which have had their share of destructive criticism also, and in lesser degree one could cite every public group in town.

Let us think before we talk in the future. Let us be prepared to serve in public office, or if this is impossible, to at least attend a few meetings of an organization and find out how it functions before we make free with our criticism. And let us remember at all times that man is but human and allow a fair measure of error without expecting perfection in every decision.

### A WISE DECISION

Announcement by the Board of Parks that admission to the arena in the evenings for skating or hockey games will be barred to children under 12 unless they are accompanied by their parents, will meet with general approval from the public. The Parks Board has always been troubled with the problem of unsupervised juveniles who are a nuisance around the building and a worry to board members who do not feel their job calls for them to be "baby sitters." Many instances are on record of people leaving their young children at the arena while they take in a show or a bingo game, do some shopping, or have a drink at the "pub." It is not the proper thing to do and the board's action is in itself a protection for these parents who unthinkingly leave small children at a time when they should be in the care of a grown-up.

The Board has one "rider" to the decision, which is that for organized minor hockey under the GRC or other competent supervision, the new regulation does not apply. It also reminds the public that free skating is planned for Georgetown Public School children on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday afternoons.

The cooperation is asked of parents not to allow their children to go alone to the arena in the evenings, and of grown-ups who might be tempted by a sad little face saying "take me into the game, mister". It is the one way in which juvenile delinquency can be stopped in the bud, for children who are allowed too much freedom in their formative years are those who are hard to curb in later life.

### WHAT'S YOUR BEEF?

Too late for publication last week came a "beef" from Councillor Cecil Davidson, which ties in with one of last week's editorials and also with the above.

"During the past year," he says, "I have come to the conclusion that there must be at least a million citizens in Georgetown judging from the number of suggestions, comments and complaints received. However on the basis of attendance at nomination meetings, the town's population seems to be about thirty or forty people."

"Therefore, Mr. Editor, my beef is 'Why don't the people of Georgetown attend these nomination meetings in hundreds, and take the opportunity to discuss and hear discussed all matters pertaining to town business?' Every citizen, be he ratepayer or tenant is welcome, in fact, urged to attend."

### POT POURRI

The Santa Claus parade in Toronto on Saturday drew its usual quota of Georgetown children, while several made the trip to Guelph where this jovial gentleman also put in an appearance under the sponsorship of Guelph Junior Board of Trade. His friends here are happy to see Bob Goldham back in his regular defence position with Chicago Black Hawks this year. Bob had two nasty arm breaks which interfered with his professional career, the last late in the season last year when Chicago was fighting for a play-off berth.

Lots of hockey in store until the end of this year with the formation of the 4-team pre-season league which will play double-headers twice weekly in Georgetown. With no hockey to report in Milton, how will "Ravin' Ross" put in the winter? Never realized how the scene changes in town residents every year until we begin the annual chore of printing the voters' list. There are hundreds of changes to make this year, including the inclusion of 44 voters in the Churchill Crescent housing subdivision in Ward 1.

No radical changes in council for next year are predicted this year. So far we have only heard of one new man who might seek office in Ward 1, and no member of the 1948 council has officially given notice that his hat will not be in the ring. This Friday night will tell the story. The Lions Christmas Tree is planned for Saturday, December 18th this year, with the usual goodies for the children. Lucky draw tickets will be on sale this week for the grand raffle on doll and fowl.

Anyone who reads more than one Toronto newspaper these days is somewhat bewildered about who caused the hydro crisis and why. Sometimes we wish the political leaders would get together with the daily editors and discuss the future rather than the past.

Those who remember Robb Richardson, who was teller at the Bank of Commerce a couple of years ago, will be interested to know that he has enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy. The new Community Hall at Stewarttown is filling a real need for the people of Esqueving Township and is being used a great deal for such public functions as dances, card parties and presentations.

### Better Business Bureau Manager Speaks Here

On Friday evening in the Baptist Church Sunday School rooms, A. H. Haskell, general manager of the Toronto Better Business Bureau addressed a public meeting under sponsorship of the Local Council of Women. Mr. Haskell spoke on "Fashions in Frauds" and told many informative stories of "rackets" which had come to the attention of the bureau. He warned his audience that "investigate before you buy" should be the watchword for those who do not wish to be defrauded.

group was chairman for the evening. Entertainment included readings by Mrs. William Cromar and vocal solos by Miss Jean Harley, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. William Thompson.

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