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## The Editor's Corner

### A SWIMMING POOL FOR GEORGETOWN

With the sewerage system soon to be in operation, there is a possibility for some local organization or group of organizations to provide something which has long been needed in Georgetown—a proper swimming place. Acton is at present raising a large sum of money for the construction of an artificial pool, Brampton already has one, while Georgetown which prides itself on being as progressive as the next has this one serious recreational lack.

We are fortunate here in having a natural place for a pool. The marshlands beside the shoe factory on John Street would ideally suit. The creek could be dammed under the bridge, a dredge and bulldozer used to level the property and presto, a swimming pool which would require no artificial filling and emptying, chlorination and mechanical care like an artificial pool. The lack of a sewerage system was always a stumbling block to any such scheme because of the dumping of mill waste in the creek and consequent pollution. Now this will stop and the water will regain its purity.

It is to be hoped that some local organization will start planning now and have the pool in operation by summertime. It shouldn't be difficult to raise the money necessary for a public improvement which will have such widespread use, both among children and adults.

### SUNDAY SPORTS

Listening in to a recent broadcast of "What's Your Beef?", we perked up when we heard Georgetown's Bob Goldham announced as one of those to be interviewed. The program had been recorded at some event at Leaside where the Chicago Black Hawks were guests. Bob, whose mind naturally runs to sports, a "beef" that certain types of Sunday sports should be allowed, and particularly referred to skating in public arenas. He believes that Sunday is the only day on which many fathers can get together with their children and that a father should be able to teach his boy some of the rudiments of skating and hockey on this day.

We are in full agreement with Bob, and as readers of this column may remember, we carry our views much farther and tend to a much more wide-open Sunday than is at present enjoyed in Ontario. Old customs die hard, and while there have been many improvements these past few years in making Sunday a sensible day of rest, there are still hangovers from the old days which should be abandoned. The argument is always advanced that an open Sunday leads to an atheistic community, that church attendance will drop, that Sunday entertainment makes certain people work and deprives them of their day of rest. All of these can be refuted by various facts, the strongest being that our neighbouring province of Quebec, which has a much more open Sunday is fundamentally the most religious of all the provinces.

There is, of course, no good reason for stores and shops to keep open on Sunday. Custom has established this as a closed day for them, and there is no agitation, either among shoppers or among storekeepers, for a change. We do think, however, that the vocal minority who would have a day of rest a day of monotony are wrong and that measures should be taken to correct a situation which does not need to exist. It would be interesting, just for the record, to have a straw vote on Sunday observance in Georgetown sometime.

### POT POURRI

The town does somewhat better financially on dog tags than was inferred in the council write-up last week. The assessor retains 50c on each tag sold, rather than 50 per cent as was reported. Those readers who were mystified about the introduction of Joe Blow has a new columnist may have figured out that Jay Bird is one and the same. The change was made after this column was written and a correction was forgotten. Incidentally, we hope you are enjoying the new column which had its birth when we endeavoured to start a "What's Your Beef?" column. Jay Bird thought it would be interesting to write a column along a similar line, we liked the idea, hence the column. The Roxy Theatre has been getting lots of publicity via the daily newspapers for the star of "Down to Earth" next week. Rita Hayworth, who at time of writing is on the eve of her third marriage (to the wealthy Aly Khan) has been the subject of a great deal of critical comment for an European jaunt with her husband-to-be who is not yet unattached from wife number one. It happened to catch an entertaining radio show "Leave it to the Girls" on Saturday only to

find it was the last of a series. It was modelled on the quiz show idea with a panel of men and women discussing current topics. Gene Raymond and Turhan Bey were among the stars. . . . Joan DeVries, who was formerly on the Phoenix House staff has changed positions and is now at the Royal Bank. . . . Syd MacKenzie was fortunate in escaping injury in an auto accident in Hamilton last week in which two men who were passengers in the same car were killed. . . . No major damage was noted in this district last week by a wind-storm which caused serious trouble in other sections of the province. Two trees were toppled at the High School and a window broken by a falling tree limb at Jack Williamson's home on Charles Street.

### Comments on the Lesson

by Rev. John M. Smith

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30th

"The Temptation of Jesus"

Following his baptism Jesus left John and his many followers on the banks of the Jordan and went off into the wilderness where he spent time alone pondering his great Messianic mission, and the Divine proclamation "This is my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased", Mt. 4-17. This business of establishing the Kingdom was no simple task; it was a task which called for a preparatory period of quiet meditation, serious thought, and prayerful communion with the Heavenly Father. Such a time of fasting and thinking called for plenty of will and determined endurance for it meant weariness and fatigue; it meant moments of high exaltation and moments bordering on despair and serious questioning. Physically, mentally and spiritually, a terrific struggle was taking place in the life of Jesus during these desert days. In him was the Kingdom of God but the Kingdom of Evil was on the attack.

We speak of this experience as "The Temptation of Jesus". Somehow he comes closer to us when we know that he too was tempted. The writer of the Hebrews puts it this way: "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" Hebrew 4:15.

The Biblical Basis: Luke 4:1-13

This passage tells us the story of the threefold temptation as Jesus probably told it to his disciples at a later date in his ministry. In pictorial form we visualize the desert scene and the lonely fasting, praying and thinking Christ. A terrific inner struggle is taking place — Jesus is being tempted.

1. "Command this stone that it be made bread": This might be interpreted as being a temptation to use his power to turn stones to bread for his own physical gratification in his hour of hunger. More likely it was a temptation to launch his kingdom on a "bread and butter" basis — social reform. How quickly he could rally throngs on that platform, but he realized that man does not live by bread alone. Social reform was necessary but there had to be a spiritual foundation.

2. "Worship me, all shall be thine": This can be interpreted as a temptation to compromise — a temptation for Jesus to adopt the ways of the world, establish earthly power by rallying his people, overthrowing the enemy and establishing himself as lord and master. This would certainly receive the full-hearted support of the Zealots and even other less patriotic Jews. Jesus, however, was convinced that this was not in accord with God's will and refrained from establishing his kingdom in this military fashion.

3. "Cast thyself down from hence": Here was a temptation for Jesus to do the miraculous and sensational and so win the people to be his followers. Again he realized that this would be but a mockery of the power of God. Thus it was that Jesus came to the conclusion that only in humble complete obedience to the will of God could he usher in the Kingdom; thus it was that he left the wilderness and returned to his people to live in absolute submission to his Heavenly Father, whatever the cost.

This does not mean that for Jesus temptation was past, once and for all. For the present he had won the victory, but being tempted as we are, he constantly had to fight the battle of God's will against evil, until the ultimate triumph was achieved.

#### The Application:

As we meditate upon this account of the temptation we would do well to consider:

1. That Jesus was prepared to meet temptation —
  - (a) By his knowledge of God and the Holy Scriptures.
  - (b) By faith in God's power;
  - (c) By a vision of God's purpose and will;
  - (d) By knowing the lesson of obedience to God and His Will.
2. That we likewise can prepare ourselves to meet temptation, and by so overcoming it serve our Christ, in the establishment of His

Kingdom.  
 3. That from the example of Jesus we too ought to learn to:  
 (a) Trust the God by whose will we live — confident that he will supply according to our need.  
 (b) Worship this God, the Lord and Creator, and give no preference to any other, not even for worldly gain.  
 (c) So live that we do not tempt the God whom we worship as gracious and merciful.  
 (d) Be aware of accomplishing good things by questionable means.  
**Helpful Quotations:**  
 "The voice of the tempter stands some time or other at everyone's side, and bids him do what is not lawful and right, bids him get his own desires above the will of God."  
 "Doing God's will in this kind of world, one takes the risks involved."  
 "If the way of obedience means leaping over a precipice—or going to the Cross — that is one matter but to thrust oneself into peril, merely to provide God with the occasion for a miracle, is not faith but presumption."  
 "Any man setting out to give leadership will have problems, temptations."  
 "Unless we are willing to face our temptations and do something about them, there is not much value in talking about those of others."

### Mrs. George Sunley Was Sister of Georgetown Man

A sister of Mr. Charles Parker of Georgetown, Mrs. George Sunley died at her home in Grimsby on Tuesday, January 19th, after a short illness. Mrs. Sunley was born in Erin Township in 1870 and was formerly Janet Parker, a daughter of the late Hector Parker and Sarah McMillan, pioneer township residents. Following her marriage in 1890, she went with her husband to the west and lived until 1930 in Minnesota, Manitoba. She had since lived in Grimsby. Besides her husband she leaves a family of three children, Lois A. Parker of Toronto, Mrs. G. M. Loty (Annabelle) of Elora and Mrs. D. H. Root (Pearl) Erin Township. A son, Hector, died in infancy. There are four grandchildren. Only surviving members of a family of ten are two brothers, Charles Parker of Georgetown and Hugh Robert Parker of Vermillion, Alberta. Deceased members of the family are James of Arkhill, Mrs. S. E. McNeil (Sarah), Idaho, Montana, Mrs. George Robertson and John of Eramosa, Thomas A. Portage-la-Prairie, Man., Colin W. Rosedale, Man., and Daniel Hector, Everton.

Following a funeral service in Grimsby on Thursday, interment was made in Everton Cemetery. Pallbearers were: Ceces McMillan, George Loty, David Root and Hector Parker.

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