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The Editor's Corner

A NEW RECREATIONAL COUNCIL

After several preliminary meetings, a new Recreational Council is on the threshold of organization. If plans are carried through, next Monday the town council will be asked to appoint a new 8-man board of members, selected, by their various groups, from representative bodies in the town. The new council can then start to function with the assurance that it has the approval of a considerable bulk of the citizens, and with some mandate to seek more support from the town, through the town council, than has been accorded in the past.

While the town should be thankful to the 25 volunteers who have thrashed out the question in several long sessions during the last few weeks it is well to keep in mind the contribution of the retiring Recreational Council, which has struggled for three years to keep the spark of recreation alive in Georgetown. A considerable amount of physical property, acquired by its efforts, will be at the disposal of the new group, and a background of successes and failures will give the new council guidance in their future action. The members of the new group will find their keenest supporters among the former members and we should not be surprised to find a number of them heading the activities groups which will we part and parcel of the new scheme.

OUR LOSS AND THEIR GAIN

The phrase may be time-worn, but it seems fitting to say that Georgetown's loss is Brantford's gain. We refer to the promotion of R. H. "Bob" Ireland to management of the Bank of Commerce branch in Brantford and his departure from town later this month.

In the short space of three years, Mr. Ireland has endeared himself to a wide circle of friends in this district and the news has been received with genuine regret, while at the same time they rejoice with him in the excellent promotion which head office has seen fit to grant him. Bob in his turn, while not turning down a promotion, has expressed his own regret at leaving a town where he has been so happy.

A bank manager, coming as a stranger to a new town, is at the same time in a fortunate and a peculiar position. By virtue of his job he has a speedy introduction to most everyone in all walks of life, and has a pre-made position in town affairs. It is possible for him in a short space of time to become extremely popular. It is just as possible for the other extreme to occur. In Mr. Ireland's case the first proved to be true. He has shown a keen interest in town affairs, without allowing himself to be overburdened, as many bank managers are, with too many positions as treasurer and as a member of every group in town. He has made it a pleasure to walk into the bank, making everyone feel at home with a friendly word which did not imply mere friendliness for business' sake. It is our prediction that Brantford will not be the last stop in a steadily-rising banking career.

A REPLY TO THE LETTER

While it is not our intention to prolong a controversy which has many points of argument on both sides, a few observations on last week's letter from three members of the local ministerial association might seem to be in order. Two editorials which prompted the letter were not written in the spirit of depreciating the importance of the church or its work. It is our belief that the church is and should be the guiding factor in the every-day life of each man whatever be his creed, and the last thing that could be wished would be to weaken this. At the same time, the church cannot be impervious to constructive criticism, and to debate on certain aspects of religion which change with the times.

The matter of Sunday Observance most certainly belongs to this category and "honouring the Sabbath day" is a question of degree, on which no two men, ministers or laymen, stop at precisely the same point. This province today accepts many things which our forbearers branded as sacrilegious. Trains run, Monday morning newspapers are printed, swimming, golfing and skiing at private and public clubs are enjoyed, radio programs employing paid performers advertising commercial products, and other programs employing paid performers as sustaining shows are widely accepted, garages are open to serve pleasure-driving motorists. We believe that the playing of any healthy sport can be part of the Sunday picture without detriment to a destruction of Sunday as a day of worship. We believe, further, although it does not enter into the present controversy about renting of the arena to private clubs for practice, that the enjoyment by paid spectators, outside of church hours, of Sunday sports cannot harm Sunday religious observance if religion has the power which



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JOHN M. SMITH, Minister

it should and must have. If church attendance is based on the fact that there must be legal protection to ban anything which might tend to interfere with people attending church, then the church is in a perilous position and must do some investigating to determine what is wrong. We do not for a minute believe that this is the case. The Christian church has endured for almost twenty centuries, through changing times and changing ideas. There is no reason why we should continue to buck in Ontario a situation which exists, as already pointed out, in such places as Quebec, in England, in many continental countries and in most of the United States, without detriment to the church.

The number of comments received which favour in whole or part the ideas expressed editorially would lead us to believe that a considerable number of citizens are opposed to the present stringent Sunday observance laws and favour their relaxation to a greater or less degree.

POT POURRI

Writing from Oak Bay, B.C. to renew his Herald subscription, a former Georgetown man, C. B. Dayfoot says: "I notice you have had an unusually mild winter, but the reverse is true on the Pacific coast. We have had frost enough to make skating on the ponds and small lakes. The young people have much enjoyed the unusual treat. I too have had a chance to renew my skill at snow shovelling and have really enjoyed this snappy weather." . . . Acton has won a protest at not having adequate representation on the High School District board. G. A. Dills, the Acton publisher resigned in protest and a replacement appointment was made. At County Council last week, Mr. Dills was appointed as a second representative. At the same time, Ern Batkin, our weather man became a board member giving Esqueness (Georgetown?) three men on the board . . . A bright new feature of the Toronto Telegram is a radio column known as Kester's Korner. An article last week in which he described the introduction of a television set into his home was a particularly fine bit of writing . . . Doris Armstrong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Armstrong, was featured in a skiing photo made at Huntsville in an issue of the Toronto Star last week . . . A new Provincial Paper employee publication "The Barker" has just made its appearance and features a good share of Georgetown news, gathered by Trevor Williams, who is local correspondent. A special booklet has also been issued containing individual pictures of all the members of the Quarter Century Club recently inaugurated by the company . . . We note an addition being made at the rear of George Muckart's building on Mill Street . . . And the new addition at the Provincial Paper mill which will house the offices is proceeding rapidly . . . The sudden death of Jack Toft, one of Georgetown's popular young men, spread gloom over town during the week-end. Death at any time is a tragedy, but it is particularly sad when it comes to a young man in the prime of youth . . .

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