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## The Editor's Corner

MOCKEY IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Georgetown always a hockey town, is even more so at play-off time and so we find things at fever pitch with the Raiders in the midst of an exciting final series with Sundridge. We're still calling Georgetown to win, for while Sundridge is a good team, it has not the all round starring roster that the Raiders possess. Their play very definitely centres around Bucko McDonald, and most of the plays start with him, even though he rarely goes past the centre line. When he does, it is fatal, as witness Storey's five breakaways, which produced four goals here last Thursday.

Perhaps it would be better not to mention the contentious subject of hockey tickets. There has been a mounting demand for seats as the play-offs advanced and there has been criticism of the hockey club, the parks board and the unfortunate volunteers who have handled sales. There are points of argument on both sides, and it is hard to argue with an irate fan who has been unable to get a seat. Some consideration is due, however, to those on the hockey executive and the players themselves who make hockey possible and they are entitled to first choice of seats, though there should be some limit placed on the advance sale.

Another year we would suggest that players and executive be given choice of a limited number of seats and that "options" on reserved seats be sold to those who wish to retain a certain seat all season. The first time an option was not exercised, the holder's option would lapse. The option sale would give the hockey club extra money to carry on in the face of what is always a deficit, and guarantee that season-long fans would get their seats. Another suggestion would be that tickets for the next game be put on sale after the preceding game at the arena wicket, so that a fan would not have to stand in line at a time which would conflict with his working hours.

#### POT POURRI

A fire on Easter Friday has become almost traditional and this year was no exception. The brigade was called at supper time to the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Denham on Academy Road to a chimney fire. No damage was reported . . . A total eclipse of the moon, the first in several years, was observed a week ago last night. It began about 10 p.m. and lasted past the midnight hour . . . Those who saw "The Best Years of Our Lives" at the Roxy last week may have noticed how, in the two years since the picture was made, we have come to accept the longer ladies' skirts as customary. The dresses worn in the picture by Myrna Loy and Teresa Wright were noticeably shorter than the current styles . . . The twin population of Georgetown was increased by two last week with the birth of a son and daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Graff. Other twins which come to mind in town are the Webster girls, Stamp girls, Armstrong boys, Hillier boys, Jack and Beatrice Brill. We imagine there are no arguments in a 'twin' household about who gets up to look after the baby. Mother and Dad both have to pitch in . Mr. W. C. Maguire of Regina, Saskatchewan, who is visiting with his daughter, 'Miss Prairie Maguire and Mrs. I. Webster in Norval, celebrated his 84th birthday last week . . . A man who has led a strenuous athletic life often puts on extra weight when he retires from. active sport. Which makes us wonder just what Bucko McDonald will look like when he hangs up his skates one of these years. While "Bucko" may not remember this, we have pleasant recollections of a time he picked us up while "thumbing" home from Orillia Army Camp. He is a good conversationalist and a great variety of topics were discussed. The occasion is doubly remembered because it was the day we were hurrying to get home after receiving news that we were to be a father for the first time, and luck was against us in rides until Bucko happened along . . . . As we write. this column, (Monday afternoon,) Mr. Jack Makin, who moved from town to Toronto thirty years ago, has dropped into the office to renew his subscription. Mr. and Mrs. Makin were on their way home from a visit in London . . . "Miss Joyce Hamilton wore a gown of pink sweet peas" was what appeared in the Gilliard-Ebsary wedding account last week, thanks to a dropped line of type. Miss Hamilton wore a gown of pink taffeta and carried a bouquet of pink sweet peas is what we meant to say...

## DOG DAYS ARE HERE

This being the season for payment of dog tags, the following bit of humour which appeared in a recent issue of the Assessors' Review, might, put dog owners in a little happier frame of mind. It was written by H. Bennett, Assessment Commissioner of London; Ont.

At this time of year, a number of people think the city of London is going to the dogs, as they read about the City Fathers paring the estimates to the bone to make both ends meat (taxes and expendi-

In London there are about 5,000 dogs, recorded by the assessors (not counting the doggone ones that they cannot get information about). It means London has about I dog to every 18 persons or 1 dog for every five families. Abut 80 per cent of London's dogs are pure bred and about 20 per cent pure bred mongrels.

emphasized by the fact that man's best friend the dog frequently disappears, after the assessor calls. Appeals against dog tax vary, the dog died right after the assessor got his name, or was stolen or left for the country, or even some of the dogs that were females, changed over night into mules at the sight of the assessor.

The Mayor and City Clerk are appointed to designate what are known as tag days throughout the year. A person does not have to buy a tag on these days and there is no penalty attached, even for the Navy League tag day for to assist their watch dog, but the thousands of dog owners have to buy a dog tag by March 1st, under a City bylaw or they become liable for the price of the tag, and a penalty

I have never heard of a dog in London killing anyone, yet I have a number of friends who complain that their "dogs" are killing then lifter walking a few blocks. I tell them they are lucky that they are not paying for a tag for their dogs that cause them pain. Why should our best friend, the dog, have to be provided with a brass tag each year before March 1st when his owner when he marries his best friend only has to pay for a license and is tagged for life. The cost of the licenses is about the same, it is the man who pays

It has come to my attention at various times that people live together, yet did not obtain a tag, I mean license. Maybe all other murried people should apply for a refund of their license money, until these people are forced to pay.

No, I do not know how many cats there are in London. They do not need to be recorded or have a tag, but when I hear a couple of them caterwauling their love song under my bedroom window about's a.m. as they frequently do, I wish a catastrophe would happen to them. No; there is no tax on cats, although their unearthly sounds may tax your nerves.

Yes, I love dogs and have a little Cairn Terries. His license has been paid before March 1st and its number is easy to remember if he got lost. No. 246, so you see the rush the Tax Collector will be in if you get your dog's tag by the time set by the By-Law. Don't wait till you hear his whistle.

The prodigal son had returned. "Father," he inquired, "are you Toronto and Hamilton. going to kill the fatted calf?" "No," answered the old man,

looking the youth over carefully. "No," I'll let you live. But I'll that fat off."

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