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The Editor's Corner

THE STAY-AT-HOME CAMP

One of the most popular events ever held in town was the recent Stay-at-Home camp which was initiated by the Lions Club under its president, J. L. Lambert. The club had the active support of the Georgetown Recreation Commission and the Ministerial Association in running the two week camp which was held in such locations as the park, the churches, the two schools and various outside centres such as Casa Loma, Norval 'Y' Camp and different picnic grounds near town. There was a great variety of activity for young people up to the age of fifteen, all under competent supervision of Recreational Director J. L. Self and a staff of part-time assistants hired and paid by the Lions Club. The camp was enormously successful, not only with the children themselves but with their parents who appreciated the idea of providing constructive training and recreation for their children during the summer months. One man is even reported to have had to change his own vacation so as not to conflict with his child attending the daily camp, which in itself is an indication that it was worthwhile. Lion Don Barrager and his Boys and Girls Committee were in charge of the work for the club.

With such an auspicious start it is certain that next summer another Stay-at-Home camp will be provided. Experience in other centres has shown that a two-week period in July is the ideal time, any longer period bringing a drop in interest both in those attending and those in charge. Young Georgetown will be looking forward to the second session.

LET'S HAVE A SWIMMING POOL

From time to time we remark on the lack of good swimming facilities in an otherwise up-to-date town and wish that something could be done about it. Another summer has gone by and still no action has been taken. The Lions Club last spring had an idea of making a natural pool at the John Street bridge by damming the creek at that point but had to drop the plan when they were advised by an engineer that it was impractical and that enough depth could not be obtained by a dam. Later, of course, when it was found that the new sewerage system would not take the mill waste, the plan would have been vetoed by this for the time being.

We still think that Georgetown is in a position to build a pool with the proper cooperation from the public. But we think too that it is too big a job for any one service club to tackle. The initial expenditure would be somewhere between fifteen and thirty thousand dollars, and there is considerable yearly upkeep which must be provided as well. There is only one way which could assure a successful conclusion and that is for a group of public organizations such as the Lions, IODE, Rebekahs, Women's Institute, Legion, etc., to band together, form a working committee, pledge themselves as organizations to certain financial commitments and start a public canvas for funds to build the pool. It is not a job which can be done in a day or a month, but the longer we sit back and do nothing, the longer a good town is denied the advantage of a proper swimming pool and the benefits which it could bring our children. We should like to see a local organization provide the spark which is necessary by contacting other similar groups in an effort to get the ball rolling.

MERCHANTS SHOULD KEEP TOGETHER

It is encouraging to see that some cooperation is being exhibited in the newly-formed Retail Merchants' Association and it is to be hoped that the association will keep going and not disintegrate as it has in the past. Everyone benefits by an active organization for not only do the individual members reap their own benefits but the public is provided with better and better stores, a wider range of merchandise and cheaper prices which mass selling can bring. During the war years Georgetown merchants became a pretty snug lot. They were doing all the business they could handle, it was impossible to obtain adequate help and many of them thought that an association was a waste of time. Things have changed and the time has come to examine the market and to try to induce local people to shop at home, as well as encourage more district people to come here for their shopping. The promotion of a liquor store and the placing of signs indicating the shopping district are only the start of many things which the association can do. The government must still be persuaded to establish a motor licence bureau here, parking facilities should be provided, special shopping events can be planned, closing hours can be reviewed, to mention only a

few. And to successfully operate a live-wire organization, each merchant must keep in mind that a cooperative effort is bound to bring benefit to all, depending on their own merchandising ability. In other words, an association can bring more business to town in total and it is up to the individual to strive for his share of it.

POT POURRI

During Ev Cole's three week vacation from his position as collector of customs and excise, his place is being filled again by Mr. Jack McDonald whose home is in Port Credit. Mr. Cole is vacationing at his summer home at Lake Cecce near Burks Falls. A new extension is being built at Georgetown Clay Products to house the Kippin-Ker Company which makes the new plastic boats. Work is under way on the drilling of the well which will be Georgetown's new water supply at the lower end of Main Street. Rumours are that an early decision will be made by the government to establish a liquor store in Georgetown. Town council requested the store a few weeks ago, acting on a petition from local businessmen. Brampton has hired a town engineer, Kenneth W. Langford, a University of Toronto graduate, receiving the appointment Poliomyelitis, the dread disease which takes its annual toll in the summer months, brought tragedy to this district when Bob McLaughlin, popular resident of the Check Line, died in a Toronto hospital on Saturday. Community sympathy is expressed to his young widow and his parents. Les Clark is remodelling his apartment building on John Street and is replacing what was formerly show windows when the building was a store (it was last used by Kemshead's Bakery) by an addition to the two front apartments. While Rev. Alex Calder takes his vacation, the congregations of Knox Presbyterian Church and the United Church are holding joint services in the latter church. Rev. John M. Smith, who spent the month of July at South River, is in charge. Finishing touches are being put this week to the store front at Simmonds Jewellers. The building is being finished in black vitrolite similar to the adjoining Georgetown Furniture Sales.

Round the Bend

with Steamboat

The challenge offered by some of the softball players to the hardball team brought forth a suggestion by some of the oldtimers — why not organize an old timers game. This we think if handled properly is something that should be done every year. It has been the folly of small towns to retire their aging players to pasture and never call them back for coaching or managerial duties after they have reached the end of their active playing days.

If this was made an annual affair and supported the way it could be supported it would not only be a lot of fun for all concerned but it would show the tried and true baseball fans the stars of yesteryear and this game would also keep the old timers interested to the point where they could still turn out for coaching duties on 1st and 3rd base or pass on some of their experience to the younger men.

It has always been the way, in the smaller places, our own town as an example, to let stars such as Fat Walters, Tudor Beaumont, Lefty McManis, the Ritchie boys, Bungy Ward, Clarence "Benny" Benham, Bill Brydon, Harry Woods, Perc Blackburn, Bob McMenemy, Orbie Herrington and others slip out of the picture entirely after they have toiled for years on the diamond. They would enjoy coming back to play again, the fans would love to see them and the present team would under manager Jack McGibson and coach Scotty Patterson cooperate to make the effort a success. It could lead to bigger and better baseball in Georgetown.

It won't be long before the softball playoffs start and then watch the fun. The Glen are rumored to have Murray Ezeard pitching for them. They will need him in the play-offs the way these other teams

are shaping up. The Monarchs still hold down 3rd place in the ladies Senior League. The fast playing Port Credit team are first with Brampton Combes, second. If the girls made a concentrated drive they could finish in 2nd spot.

Fergus and Georgetown start the Halton, Wentworth and Wellington Intermediate B playdowns here in Georgetown with the first game of a best 3 out of 5 series here Wed., Aug. 10. The second game will likely be played in Fergus next Saturday with the next game here next Wednesday night. Fergus had been Georgetown's Jonah all year but if Georgetown play the way they can if they put their minds to it they should beat them.

Georgetown have the edge on the pitching staff, at times a better infield and as yet have never played Fergus with the regular outfielders in the line up. Fergus are capable hitters but if Gibson, Chappel, Scotty and Spud Patterson have their batting eye they should give Fergus a run for their money.

Nels Robinson collared us the other day and gave us proper hints for failing to report in our department the capture of a 37 1/2 inch pike weighing 13 1/2 lbs. by Ken Richardson of Norval.

Ken is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robln Richardson who operate the restaurant which was formerly Nels' butcher shop. Nels tells us Ken was swamped with Americans trying to purchase and photograph the prize. They tell us the only bait used was a worm. Seeing as the Manitoulin are wet now we have reason to believe Nels may have done things to the worm to help Ken land a steady like that.

(Why doesn't Nels read the news columns. July 27-page 7—Ed.)

Malaria Control in Turkey



Streamline a "new outlook" in international health, the U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) is now attacking international health problems with tactics based on preventive rather than curative techniques. Here, under the guidance of a WHO Malaria Engineer assisting the Turkish Malaria Service, workmen spray insecticide for mosquito control in a swamp near a town in the province of Ankara.

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