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The Editor's Corner

DEATH TAKES HEAVY TOLL

Last week and this, the pages of the Herald have contained much sad news of deaths of town and district residents. Three of these particularly have been tragedies, inasmuch as they removed young men just at the threshold of life, and ones who had only begun their contributions to community life which would have increased in value as the years went by. While death at any age brings its grief to those left behind, it is particularly shocking when it comes suddenly to young men in the prime of life who leave young widows and children. Our sympathy is expressed to the wives of Robert McLaughlin, Fred Humphrey and Doug Raine to whom fate has dealt such a heavy blow.

A VALUED CITIZEN

The week's news also contains the death of one of Georgetown's best citizens. John N. O'Neill, whose name was intimately associated with the business growth of the town. At the time of his retirement a few years ago, Mr. O'Neill was one of the oldest Main St. businessmen, and a man honoured and respected throughout the countryside for his fair and honest conduct of his business. The O'Neill Block which houses the businesses of Henry Davis Wood Products, Eaton's, Carroll's, Mahers and Duffy's Restaurant, was erected by him after a disastrous fire which destroyed his first place of business and it is and will remain one of the finest business buildings in the town.

POT POURRI

Albert Tennant, who has been associated with Paul Larsen in the local contracting firm of Star-Builders, has accepted a position in Toronto with Milne & Nichols and will be commuting to his new job. . . . Renewing his subscription, Fred Warnes of South Porcupine writes: "Regarding Bill Roney's peach tree, my late father, Fred G. Warnes, planted one at our former home, where Mrs. Fred Yates now lives, in 1928 and in 1932, the year my father died, this same peach tree produced six eleven quart baskets of peaches. If I am not mistaken, Mr. Yates cut this down along with other trees after he bought the house. So I think my father had the distinction of planting the first peach tree in Georgetown unless there were others which I never got to hear of. . . . Another business change on Main Street is noted this week when Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McGowan open a children's wear shop in Vi's Variety Shop which Vi Louth opened some time ago. Mr. and Mrs. McGowan recently moved here from Lucan and are living on Ostrander Boulevard. . . . The Herald is doing a swell job for the community" writes Arnold Brill, renewing his subscription from Montreal. Thanks, Arnold, letters like that make us try harder to produce a good newspaper. . . . The death of Howard Oram in Toronto removes a friend whose occasional contributions to the Herald were always appreciated. Mr. Oram, a GHS graduate had a great love for his old school and from time to time he would send in a story of the old days or bring us up to date on the whereabouts of former graduates.

THE NEWSPAPER DOG DAYS

This summer it has sometimes been a hard struggle to fill up the pages of the Herald with enough interesting news of the town and district. It seems that in summer, with organizations calling a halt for a vacation, with council meeting only once a month instead of the customary twice, and with so many people out of town on vacation, that nothing much happens. It is at times like these that we often wonder on a Monday morning just what we are going to have in the paper, and occasionally you will note a column or two of what is known in the trade as "boiler plate" — prepared copy which newspapers can buy in plate form and use when copy is scarce. This is one of those weeks, although it differs because on Monday we had a great number of "leads" on stories and thought it would be smooth sailing until the man in charge of making up the paper said that he had already used everything up, with the exception of a couple of important items which he was saving for the front page. Another editorial, of course, was the suggestion — but what it would be about. We had a dandy idea from one of last week's news items, but Round the Bend beat us to the punch. We could mention the roads, but everyone else seems to know as much about road conditions as we do, and besides it won't be long until Georgetown once more has roads as smooth as glass. We could tell them where the liquor store will be located and who the personnel will be, but this is still in the rumour stage, and a newspaperman has some scruples and must wait at times till the news is official. We could chase down the rumours that bob

up every now and then that the lower paper-mill is going to open again, that Loblaw's are going to build a super market here, or that someone or other has bought the golf-course. We might find out if the Bell Telephone are going to give us dial telephones by 1951, or where all the new factories which were locating here have finally settled. Or we could write a red hot editorial on how small businessmen are required by the government to collect and remit sales tax, unemployment insurance and income tax and to send enough information to choke a horse to the Bureau of Statistics, all without any remuneration for their time or out of pocket expenses for stamps, paper and cheques.

But unfortunately, the dog days for news are also the dog days for the editorial writer and when the sun is shining and the hot summer days are upon us, the old brain doesn't seem to be hitting on high either, so ideas like these must be saved till a later date. But there, our typewriter measure tells us that we have enough to fill up this week's editorial column, so we can get back to the business of news gathering and forget this column for another week.



U.N.'s International Tuberculosis Campaign, protecting the health of the rising generation, reaches into a Czechoslovak town to vaccinate this boy against TB. Some 100,000,000 youngsters are to be tested and those found untouched by TB vaccinated.



Orphaned during the war, this brother and sister are on their way to new homes found by the U.N. International Refugee Organization (IRO). Thousands of other children were cared for in camps and reunited with their parents through the IRO.

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