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The Editor's Corner

AN IMPORTANT LETTER

It is to be hoped that every ratepayer read the letter in last week's Herald from public school board chairman Edwin Wilson in which he outlined fully the reasons why an auxiliary public school must be built and ready for use by September, 1952. The story has been told in instalments in this column and in the news columns of this paper, but this was the first official statement from the board to the public. It will not be the last. Mr. Wilson and his hard-working confreres have set themselves a major task in presenting to the public the complete picture of public school conditions and they have carefully estimated future requirements. No ratepayer who looks to the future and is interested in town progress can fail to see his duty when a vote is taken. It will cost money, certainly, but it will also cost money if a school is not built and there will be a serious retarding of the high educational standards which up to now have been enjoyed.

A GROWING TOWN HAS DIFFICULTIES

The question of a new school is one outcome of a growing town. It is only one. Sewer extensions, sidewalks, hydro, water and roads all come into the picture when a small town starts expanding. And unfortunately they are all major capital expenditures which cannot be delayed for any great length of time. The end result is that it is impossible to carry on without incurring a growing capital debt. Some think that new industry is the answer. Get a new plant to locate here and it will solve all the difficulties. Quite the contrary. It would intensify the problem. Just suppose that a new industry which would employ, say two hundred workers were to open here this year. A certain proportion, but a small one, would be composed of local people, but the great percentage would be new residents. In the course of time many of these would build their own houses, and once again we would have the same merry-go-round—sewers, water, hydro, roads . . . and possibly another public school addition five or six years from now.

In the long run, of course, a growing town pays off. There are more people to pay for the improvements, and while temporarily the tax rate has a bilious look, it eventually tapers off. But for the present we are caught in a sea of rising costs, and the only thing to do is grin and bear it . . . and pay.

There is, of course, the possibility that people employed in town will shun high taxes and build their homes on the outskirts. But this situation too will rectify itself in time, for gradually there will be agitation in such communities as Glen Williams for civic services, and we can envisage the day when Georgetown will take the Glen into its boundaries, along with such sections as along the highway past Wartime Housing.

WHERE ARE THE HOCKEY FANS?

There is no group of citizens who deserve more praise and more sympathy than the members of the hockey club who this year have carried on nobly in the face of an apathetic public interest in the game. It is hard to believe that the arena, which last year packed over a thousand people into each game during the season and had sell-outs for most of the playoff games, should this year see crowds of a few hundred. Particularly is it strange because indications are that this year we have the best team in the O.H.A. and every player is a "home brew."

Least we hear someone saying "Who is he to talk?" we can explain that we have never been a one hundred percent supporter of hockey, because of a combination of a job and health which does not permit us to take in many games. We have to be content with being a moral fan who appears at the end of the season when milder weather precludes any possibility of illness.

There have been several reasons advanced for the poor attendance this year. Too early a start last fall, matching the Raiders with poorer teams in a league which didn't have the appeal of Acton, Orangeville and Fergus, and a hike in admission prices when times are settling down. All these have no doubt had their effect, and poor playoff competition has put the kibosh on anticipated gate receipts for these.

It isn't too late to show some real support for team and executive by attending the Lakefield series. Let's have one full house this year and give the Raiders a real cheering section.

POT POURRI

Among those attending the Hairdressers Convention at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto last week were Ivan Hay who operates Vogue Hairdressing and Bruno Schisizzi, proprietor of Lillio's Beauty Salon. Principal J. L. Lambert was one of a group of high school principals who attended a luncheon at the Ryerson Institute of Technology, Toronto, on Friday. The purpose of the meeting was for officials of the school to explain the various courses offered in this fine Government-sponsored school. . . . Ken McMillan relays to us, via Tory Gregg, that Bucko McDonald and his Sundridge Beavers are looking forward to meeting the Raiders again this year. Bucko says he has never enjoyed a series so much as last year's and he is looking for a new pair of corsets this time. . . . Doreen Appleyard was the winner of two passes to the Roxy last week to see "Mrs. Mike." Doreen correctly identified the mystery voice at the theatre as that of Mrs. Vic Smith, wife of one of our local provincial policemen. . . . A reader compares police expenditures in Toronto and Georgetown and says that "here" it figures out at \$2.70 per capita and in the city at \$5.00, which is one more proof that smalltown life is better than the city. . . . Driving to Toronto Friday for a business appointment, we wondered afterwards why we didn't take the bus or train. As usual, we found Simpson's indoor parking full up, and then threaded our way back to Front St., detouring around the Yonge subway construction, and ending up on Front, west of the Royal York. And the bill for an afternoon's parking was \$1.10. With Georgetown and Lakefield playing off in the semi-final hockey series, it will be news to some that a former local lawyer, Bill Grant is mayor of that town. He used to live in the farm home on the 8th Line now owned by D.J. H. Wright. . . .

FORMER MERCHANT W. H. WILLSON DIES

Rev. John M. Smith conducted a funeral service at the McClure Funeral Home last Tuesday for William H. Willson who died the previous Sunday in Clarkson at the home of his daughter. Interment was made in Greenwood Cemetery and pallbearers were two grandsons, Campbell and Glenn McLeay, W. G. Marshall, Joseph Gibbons, Jack Armstrong and Roy Bradley. Mr. Willson was the last surviving member of one of Georgetown's oldest families. He was born in 1880 in Georgetown before it was an incorporated village, in a house on Chapel Street in the vicinity of W. C. Cunningham's residence. His father, John G. Willson had a furniture and undertaking business here. The factory was located on the site of the present Cordaro Building on Main Street, and Mr. Willson made his own coffins as well as other items of the furniture. With his brother, Albert, W. H. Willson was a partner in a jewelry store and later took over his father's furniture and undertaking business, which he conducted for over thirty years. He retired in 1927, selling out to Harold McClure, the present proprietor. A well-known musician he was at one time choir leader of the then Methodist Church and for a time led the Glen Williams Brass Band. One of a family of three boys, he was predeceased by his brothers, John and Albert. His wife, Gertrude Williams, member of another old family which gave Glen Williams its name, died in 1943, and he was also predeceased by a son Harvey and a daughter Grace. Surviving are one son, Charles, who is clerk-treasurer of Georgetown and one daughter, Mrs. R. W. McLeay (Josephine) of Clarkson. There are five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Celebrating her 7th birthday on March 21st, Ruth Hancock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hancock had a birthday party at her home on Riverview Crescent. Her guests were Barbara Lundy, Charlene Day, June Allen, Jean Penrice, Helen Muckart, Susan Whitmee, Jill Chapman, Sandra Bradley and Marilyn Sorenson.

Medical Missionary is Speaker to Baptists

Dr. H. A. Wolverton was the special speaker at both services on Sunday at the Baptist Church. He has spent 35 years as a medical missionary and is planning to return to India next fall. In the morning he told of the victories of the Gospel among the people of India and revealed that the power of the Gospel is able to save today as in days gone by. Motion pictures of Baptist medical work were shown in the evening, depicting hospitals and doctors and nurses at work with the people who came to be treated.

Dr. and Mrs. Telford Blehn and daughter Judy of Sarnia were week-end guests with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blehn.

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CHORAL COMMUNION—11.00 A.M.
EVENSONG— 7.00 P.M.

SURSUM CORDA

Lift high thy thanksgiving! Already pure hearts are outpouring
Love-gifts for the living from offerings brought for the dead;
Already the songs of the faithful are heavenward soaring.
And Christ is revealed in the mystical breaking of Bread.

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