

The Editor's Corner

WE READ THE WAR NEWS TOO

It may seem odd to readers that as yet no comment has been made on the world situation and the war in Korea. It isn't that we do not share the common concern with events which are transpiring. We admire the States for taking a firm stand against Communist aggression. We think of fine young Americans who are being killed and crippled on a foreign soil which in itself seems hardly worth saving at times. We wonder what will happen to our country should a dread third world war break out and earnestly pray that somehow the Communist tide will be turned before millions of others perish.

We do this as any thinking individual must, but we do not put it into print because it is not the function of a weekly newspaper to attempt any coverage of events which do not directly concern the town and district. As one weekly editor has so aptly put it — if the city of Montreal were to be completely destroyed tomorrow, it would be of no news interest to us unless former townspeople were living there or relatives of local people were among the victims.

While this may sound unusual coming from a newspaperman, it is the only sensible approach that a weekly editor can make to the problem. The dailies have the organization for reporting dominion and foreign events and even they miss out at times. It would be no more sensible for the Herald to cover the Korean war or any other world event than for a local hotel to book in two thousand people for a convention.

One must stick to his own specialty and it is our specialty to report as accurately and as fully as possible all events which take place around Georgetown or items about present or past Georgetown people. And believe us, at times there aren't enough hours in the day for even that.

A SWIMMING POOL, MAYBE

The Lions Club is talking about a swimming pool again. The Club has flirted with this idea for many years, but nothing concrete has resulted. This time it has reached the fact-finding stage — what would it cost, where would it be, how will the money be raised. It is not yet a certainty that the club will embark on the project immediately. But it is a good thing to have a plan and with school board chairman Edwin Wilson, who has done such a good job of planning for the new school at the helm it is certain that the investigation will reveal all the angles.

There are several possible locations for an outdoor pool. The club already owns a lot on Water Street, at present occupied by a lacrosse box. Having a pool in the park would have certain advantages. Locating one in the College View end of town would mean that less children would have to travel further.

There is also the question of combining the idea with an indoor pool in the new public school. That has advantages — year-round use, easier supervision, better cleanliness control. It has disadvantages too — people do not want to swim indoors in the summer time, they want the sun and air.

You will hear more about the pool in the future. This may be it or it may not. It may be built next year, or twenty years from now. But it will be built for it is one big lack in a good town, and it is a project which will have majority support.

POT POURRI


Bill Hewitt, who formerly worked at Scott Motors, has joined the staff of Barrager's Cleaners. . . . An unthinking person did considerable damage to windows on the lower west side of Main Street one evening last week when he walked along with a glass cutter. Jim Goodlet, who showed us the damage, was one of the hardest hit and chances are he will have to have both windows replaced. The damage is not too apparent to the eye, but Jim says that the weakened window is liable to cave in with heavy vibration. . . . Painting and decorating and remodelling is much in evidence on Main Street. Ted Bludd has just finished doing four store fronts owned by J. J. Gibbens—Goldham's, Merv Cook's, Lillico's and the Rose Bar Grill, the latter two in an unusual pink trim. Carroll's had a Hamilton crew at work on Monday. Garner's (the former McBean store) have replaced cracked window glass and are working on the interior to give better display layout. . . . A nice sight for those who walk by the post office is the flower garden which caretaker Alf Rolfe has planted along the rear fence. Last year a row of trees was thinned out there and Alf's flower garden is really lovely with zinnias, petunias, marigolds and other seasonal flowers. And just so it isn't all for the eye, we notice the odd tomato plant. . . . It's a treat to drive to Ballinafad now that the link between the village and No. 7 highway has been paved. Should be good for Georgetown stores too, for it hasn't been a pleasant ride for people from that district. . . . We won't be surprised at anything now, when we find the Odeon Theatre in Brampton selling hot dogs (good ones, too.) We have read that in the States the theatres make more money from refreshments than they do from admissions, so guess the idea is spreading. . . . Phyllis Malcolm Stewart, daughter of Mrs. H. M. Stewart of town played a starring role in "Stepping Sisters" last week with the International Players, who perform in the LaSalle Hotel, Kingaton and got good notices in the Toronto papers. Miss Stewart's role was that of an ex-burlesque queen who had graduated to Shakespearean roles and provided plenty of opportunity for comedy. . . . Speaking of burlesque, did you see those pictures of the chorus girls from Michael Todd's "Peep Show" in Life Magazine last week. Wow!

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