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Merchants Support Vote For Recreation Fund Grant

C. of C. Speaker Outlines Association Program Christmas Trees for Local Main Street

Strong support for the plebiscite vote for GRC Funds was expressed at a dinner meeting of the Georgetown Retail Merchants Association last Wednesday at the McGibbon House.

President James Goodlet read a letter from the Recreation Commission executive, asking that merchants support their request for a grant of \$2500. The plebiscite will take place December 11th in conjunction with the municipal elections.

Mr. Goodlet pointed out the fine work done by the GRC in such activities as hockey and the Stay-at-Home Camp and said that personally he was one hundred per cent behind their request for funds. The town's share of the cost, after a government rebate will be \$1600.

The secretary was instructed to write a letter to the Herald indicating the support of the association in the plebiscite.

Ask Boxing Day

Merchants will ask council to proclaim Tuesday, December 26 as Boxing Day this year.

For several years it has been the custom in Georgetown to have a store holiday on the day after Christmas. This year it will mean that local stores will be closed from Saturday night at ten o'clock until the following Wednesday morning.

Christmas Decorations

The association decided to again place small Christmas trees along Main Street, each merchant to look after his own decorations.

It was also suggested that the merchants offer to decorate the Lions Christmas tree which stands at the four corners.

Graham Farnell, who is chairman of the hydro commission, said that there are no restrictions this year on outside lighting, although the Ontario Hydro Commission has been asking conservation between the hours of six and seven in the evening.

Speaker Gives Advice

"Don't have a meeting unless you have things to decide" was the advice of Trevor Hamill, assistant Ontario manager of the Canadian Chambers of Commerce, who was guest speaker at the dinner.

Merchants are busy men, he reminded, and unless the executive has matters of enough interest to make everyone feel an evening has

been profitable, it is better to have no meeting. It is important to get members working by placing them on active committees, he said.

Congratulates Progress

Mr. Hamill congratulated the group on their success in helping to bring a motor licence bureau and a liquor store to Georgetown, both of which are bound to increase the business activity in town.

He mentioned several things which a merchants' association could do, including a survey of town and district shoppers to find out where they shop and why. Fire prevention, tourist activities, parking and closing hours are questions which such groups can tackle.

Self-protection from solicitation schemes, which prey on merchants for donation was another good thing which an association could deal with.

Promotion of special sales events was recommended. He mentioned a three-day sale in Listowel, a Santa parade and special Christmas lighting in Brampton as examples of successful merchant cooperation.

BUSINESSMEN BOWLERS

Royals' Joan DeVries Is High League Bowler

Joan DeVries, of the Royal Bank team is leading bowler to date in the Businessmen's bowling league which plays every Wednesday night at the Lucky Strike. She has the season's high average of 274 and high triple of 622.

Ken Richardson has second triple, 612 and third single, 261. Vince Jones of the Royal is second with average of 264. Mary Dobson, Bank of Commerce, has third high triple, 596.

Royals with 17 wins and one loss have a commanding lead of forty points in the league. Their pinfall is 18,732. Bank of Commerce is in second place with 17 points closely followed by Pat Vance's team with 16 points. Bell Telephone has won 5 and lost 13 for 11 points.

Leading bowlers so far this season are:

Joan DeVries	181
Lorne Hunter	179
Ken Richardson	170
Spence McKinnon	169
Mrs. Vince Jones	165
Ken Darch	164
Mrs. Floyd Vary	163
Vince Jones	162
Brock Bradley	162
Mary Dobson	162

Alberta Gov't Buys Kelmscott Farms Some

During the Royal Winter Fair, period, Albert Government officials, headed by the Hon. David Ure, Provincial Minister of Agriculture, inspected the English Yorkshire stock at Kelmscott Farms, Millton. Selections were made of two gilts for the Alberta Dept. of Agriculture Farms at Olds and these animals were shipped from Toronto this week to one of the cars returning Alberta exhibits at the Winter Fair.

Both animals are sired by the imported Ardencote Bradbury 25th and the dams are the imported sows, Dentwood Victoria 143rd and Dentwood Lady Mollington 6th.

Dentwood Victoria 143rd weaned a further litter this week which, at 8 weeks and 3 days, weighed a total of 505 lbs. for 9 pigs, or an average of 56.1 lbs. Her previous litter, her first which included Kelmscott Victoria 36E, one of the Alberta gilts, averaged 49.5 lbs. for 8 pigs at 8 weeks. Two of her litter brothers are on the local farms of Dr. Carl Martin, Millton, and Mr. Archie Gunby, Campbellville.

A further substantial importation arrives in St. John quarantine station next month for Kelmscott and included in the shipment are two bears, sons of Tring Champion Boy 12th and Tring Champion Boy 48th; the former being Supreme Champion English Royal Show 1947 and the latter Supreme Champion at the same show 1949. A son of the 1948 Champion is already at Kelmscott.

E. L. (Jim) Taylor is operator of Kelmscott Farms. He was formerly Massey-Harris dealer in Georgetown.

BRILL'S SANTA PARTY AT ROXY THIS YEAR

A showing of "Alice in Wonderland" will be given at the Roxy on Sunday afternoon when Brill's Dept. Store holds their annual Christmas party. Formerly Santa made his appearance at the store, on Saturday but this year the scene has shifted to the theatre.

Santa Claus is due at 1.30 with his bag of gifts and a clown band is also advertised.

The Setter is an English creation, having been developed centuries ago through cross-breeding of the Spanish Pointer and Spaniel.

Nitrogen Reserved in Air Worth Millions, Says USDA

• Air over every acre of the world's surface contains, approximately 30,000 tons (not pounds) of nitrogen, according to fertilizer specialists of the U. S. department of agriculture.

• Every farmer has this vast free supply on which he can draw. At current rates for nitrogen fertilizers this reserve nitrogen over every acre would be worth approximately \$8,000,000 (millions, not thousands).

• The difficulty in capitalizing on this wealth lies in getting it down to earth and into the earth where it will nourish crops. The only practical way for an individual farmer to draw directly on this reserve supply of nitrogen is to plant legumes and so go into partnership with the nitrogen-fixing bacteria that grow in association with legumes and thus make immediate use of this nitrogen reserve in the air. This is not a rapid way of collecting, but it is a way that farm scientists and practical farmers agree in recommending.

• The fertilizer specialists also point out that the air, the land, and the waters of the earth are the sources of the three principal fertilizing elements that farmers must have to keep their crops growing. Each of these subdivisions is a principal source of one of the three elements.

• The atmosphere (air) is the principal source of nitrogen.

• The lithosphere (land) supplies practically all the phosphorus.

• The hydrosphere (water) is an important source of potassium.

• From the land, also, the fertilizer industry gets considerable quantities of both nitrogen and potassium.

Make Electric Fence Safe, Urges Extension Engineer

Make sure your electric fence has a controller approved by a recognized testing agency, says Arthur H. Schulz, extension service agricultural engineer. Otherwise you may be gambling with the lives of your family or your livestock.

Electric fences require precision equipment to regulate electric current within safe limits. The ordinary lighting current must be cut down to a small fraction of an ampere and interrupted at short intervals, Schulz points out.

In addition to an approved controller, he also recommends that farmers observe these precautions:

1. See that the equipment is installed correctly with good ground and lightning protection.
2. Instruct everyone around the farm how to disconnect the controller in case of emergency.
3. Do not depend upon electric fences to restrain bulls, boars or other vicious animals.
4. Teach children not to tamper or play with an electric fence.
5. Provide insulated gate grips for opening and closing the gate.

Early Days of Nursing

There was a time when nurses, believe it or not, worked 24 hours a day. That was during the "dark ages" of nursing, extending from the end of the 17th to the middle of the 19th and early 20th century, when throughout Europe "mercenary" or servant-nurses, men and women, replaced the religious nursing sisters in all large public institutions. Wretchedly housed, ill-fed and underpaid, these attendants worked from 12 to 48 hours at a stretch, the 24-hour day with short periods off for eating and sleeping being quite common. Today half of our nurses, the American Nurses' association points out, are still working 48 hours weekly despite the fact that the 40-hour week has been almost universally adopted in other fields.

Spoilage in Canned Foods

Spoilage in canned foods may be due to several causes. It can be cut down by canning only the best quality of food. Be sure all equipment and jars are clean. Get the canning done while the vegetables or fruits are fresh and process them thoroughly. Seal jars well and store them in a cool and dry place. Yellow crystals may show up in asparagus, greens and green beans. They are harmless, and boiling will dissolve most of them. White crystals in canned spinach also are harmless. White sediment in jars may indicate spoilage or may be caused by hard water or table salt. Cloudy liquid in vegetables may be from starch cooked out of them or from flat-sour and other types of spoilage. Boil any doubtful vegetables before tasting.

Demand for Plant Food

Farmers used approximately 16½ million tons of fertilizer in 1947 compared with an average of 7½ million tons in the 1935-39 period. A large part of this heavy demand for plant food results from the fact that farmers are becoming more aware that they are selling soil fertility with the grain, meat and milk they market. They realize that their soil's virgin storehouse of plant nutrients is running low and must be restocked. Middle West Soil Improvement committees point out. To meet the increased demand, fertilizer companies not only have increased their production capacity but also are expanding their mining operations.

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