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The Editor's Corner

ORGANIZED RECREATION IS USEFUL

For several years a small group of citizens has been carrying on a most worthwhile work in town and district, hampered from time to time by inadequate funds and always faced with the fact that in order to pay the salary of the recreation director and other necessary expenses, certain moneys must be procured by private donation or by fund-raising activities.

Their work has been appreciated by the hundreds of young people who have benefitted by participation in organized sport — hockey, lacrosse, soccer, baseball. Those who attended the hobby show in St. John's Church Hall got a glimpse of what can be done in fields of activity outside the sporting world. And more than anything else, the Stay-at-Home camp these past two summers has drawn to the attention of the public the great work which Georgetown Recreation Commission is doing.

The GRC program has had a fair trial and the executive now feel that it is up to the public at large to express approval or disapproval of what they have been doing and what they hope to keep doing in the future. They feel that to successfully carry on, money for the salary of a director must be guaranteed and voters will be asked on December 11 to approve a grant of \$2500 from the town to take care of this.

It is important to remember that while the vote is for \$2500, only two-thirds of this amount, \$1666 will come directly from the pockets of the ratepayers. The balance is rebated to the town from the provincial government.

We intend to vote "yes" in the plebiscite. We can think of no better return on \$1666 than the health and well-being of hundreds of young people who are learning sportsmanship and developing their physical and mental qualities because of the work of GRC.

WHY? WHY? WHY?

The Midland Free Press Herald has some pertinent comment about mixing alcohol and driving which every drinking driver should consider. One doesn't have to be a teetotaler to realize that the only place alcohol fits in with a car is in the radiator. Read the following and think it over.

Rule G of the North American railways makes it an offence for any employee to drink while on duty. Yet trains run on steel rails.

Aeroplane companies forbid pilots to fly within 24 hours of taking an alcoholic drink. Yet co-pilots are available to take over the controls in case of emergency.

Canadian automobile drivers, with nothing to guide their course, and no co-drivers, are legally free to drink and drive.

No one is allowed to take charge of a railway locomotive without years of experience and training.

No one is permitted to pilot a passenger plane without a thorough and arduous series of examinations and hundreds of hours of flying experience.

An automobile driver's licence can be secured in Canada following a most casual examination or, in some provinces, by merely sending a dollar or two through the mail.

Yet, while railway engineers and aeroplane pilots are forbidden to drink and drive, there is no similar restriction on a car driver.

Traffic on the railways is regulated by persons other than the locomotive engineers.

Traffic on the airways is regulated by persons other than the pilots.

Traffic on the highways is almost entirely controlled by individual car drivers.

Yet a railway engineer and a pilot cannot drink and drive, but a car operator can.

Why?

POT POURRI

Winter storms did terrific damage in the Hamilton area but in Georgetown those who love this season got only the good things — lots of flakey snow, crisp, cool air and a Christmas card atmosphere everywhere. Merchants will be happy for there's nothing like a good snow to promote holiday buying. . . Wouldn't it be a wonderful show of interest on the part of voters if there was an overflow crowd at next Monday's nomination meeting. That would be real headline news. . . No local winners yet in the Telegram jackpot contest which is broadcast each evening from Toronto. So far Mrs. E. Dickenson, Glen Curren and Joe Marchment have been unable to give the proper answer when called to identify the jigsaw picture. . . A fast job of snow removal left Main Street bare for Saturday shoppers. . . Week-end's snow was gone by Monday noon.

Stormy weather didn't keep the Rebekah Christmas Fair from being a huge success. The booths were sold out before five o'clock. The ladies had some moments of panic when a fuse blew out and delayed arrangements for supper, but it was worth waiting for and huge quantities of chicken a-la-king soon disappeared. . . The 50-50 Club is giving a preview of their 3-act comedy tonight in Norval Parish Hall prior to its presentation here on Friday. . . Christmas windows are appearing all along Mair Street. Don't forget, only 21 shopping days till Christmas. . . Reports are that another local business will change hands early next month. . . A glimpse at the Commercial Displays plant located in the old paper mill finds them starting into production. At present they are producing filing cabinets, two-burner stoves with ovens, as well as a line of industrial chemicals and mail bag locks. In a few weeks we will give a detailed account of the industry in the news columns. . . An ill wind blows somebody good and Friday was no exception. Taxi firms were deluged with calls and tow cars from the garages were seen everywhere. . . Writing in the Clinton News-Record, MBA says: There is a difference in attitude between men and women when they are delegates to a convention. With the women their first duty is gaining the information for which they came, and the social side is worked in as best they can. In the case of gentlemen we would say from observation over the years that it is almost the opposite. Wonder to whom MBA (who is the editor's wife) could be referring? . . . Maybe we shouldn't mention it, but have you noticed some changes in the Herald these past few weeks. Several have already remarked on them. Column rules have been eliminated on all the pages as well as some of the small rules which used to be inserted under the headings in the news columns. It gives clearer reproduction and the illusion of more space between columns. . . We have been concentrating too on more and smaller news items, with larger headings. The world today moves at a fast pace and even a weekly newspaper must keep up with the times. . .

MEN IN UNIFORM

Ron Edmunds Tells Of Army Trip West

A letter sent by Pte. Ron Edmunds to his parents tells some interesting facts about his trip west to Fort Lewis, Washington.

Pte. Edmunds, with his brother Allan, is a member of the Royal Canadian Regiment which is in camp in the States after taking initial training at Petawawa as a member of the Canadian Special Force, recruited to serve with the United Nations Forces in Korea.

Pte. Edmunds, writing on the train while en route through the Rockies says the trip was made via Winnipeg with stops at all the main cities where the troops were allowed off the train for a bit of exercise. When writing, the troop train had been going all day through the mountains and was in the Okanagan Valley through which the Columbia River threads.

The letter told of the fish and the game which abound in the area,

elks so tame that the passage of the train did not frighten them and thousands of wild ducks. Many summer resorts are dotted through the valley. He was much impressed with the country and hopes to visit it as a civilian when his army

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term is over. The temperature had been down to five below zero, but as the train approached the ocean it was getting warmer. Pte. Edmunds said that there had been no church parade on the train but the padre said he would 'make up for it' when the troops reached camp. More than one third of Canadian aluminum production, used domestically, finds its way into the construction trade.