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The Editor's Corner

EXPECTING TOO MUCH

A reader writes: "I am perturbed over the failure of the Recreation Commission, not because they have failed as sports promoters, but because in the several years they have had at their disposal they haven't managed or perhaps even tried, to instil in those youngsters the ability of entertaining or amusing themselves. Tense team competitions at all seasons of the year isn't the answer for the reparation of the shattered nerves of this generation, nor is the popular speech of the locker rooms related very closely to the original version of the King's English. The outdoor hikes and picnics, the sheer delight in the aroma of woodsmoke, the thrill of hearing a new bird call in the quiet of the bush, the building of a cedar "summer house" beside a tiny creek and so on and on — all seem to have gone over the dam with the rest of the water, and more's the pity."

The writer has put his finger on a point which has many grown-ups worried today, for it does seem that youth expects too much and doesn't seem to appreciate what is given to them through such agencies as G.R.C. It is perhaps an inheritance from the adults who themselves have come to expect too much. How many times have we heard people say: "It will only cost us half, the government will pay the rest." We look to government to pay large shares for education, roads, police and for recreation itself. Labour looks to management to furnish hospitalization, unemployment benefits, medical care, pensions. We look to service clubs and organizations to create parks and support summer camps, to churches to baptize us, marry us and bury us; to the community to clear the snow and wash the streets. And all without doing anything in return.

None of these things are bad in themselves. Few will argue that government subsidies, unemployment insurance, service clubs and community services are not sensible and necessary things in the present-day world.

But with them, there is some need for each of us to examine our own capabilities and put them to work. To do the best job possible in our daily work, ask as little from government as we can, provide some of our own pension by regular saving, are some of the ways we can make ourselves better citizens and our country a better country.

BETTER YOUTH TRAINING

There is one place where our modern society falls down and that is in the raising of our children. And in this industrial town, where so many mothers work and where children themselves start at an early age at jobs after four and on Saturdays, we are tending to let our children grow old before their time.

Parental control is the responsibility of every father and mother. There is no more precious task entrusted to a human being than the proper rearing of their children. And proper rearing does not entail letting them roam at will, shirk their education and look only to the time when they can get a job.

Georgetown has no problem of adolescent crime, in the sense that our juveniles emulate the gang brawls prevalent in the cities or engage in robberies and other such lawbreaking activities. But we do have other forms of delinquency which can prove to be just as serious in the long run.

We cannot expect our schools and churches to take over the complete training of our young people. In fact their work is hampered and made useless if there is not the all-important home training which brings youth safely through adolescence to maturity. It is a matter for each parent to examine individually. Do we allow our children too much freedom? Do we encourage them in their schoolwork and urge them to get all the schooling possible? Do we demand they get their proper rest? Do we allow them too much spending money? These are some of the things we can ask ourselves.

POT POURRI

A nice tribute to local merchants was paid by Mrs. G. F. Hughes, who moved to Port Credit last week. Mrs. Hughes, whose late husband's job with the CPR took them to many towns in Ontario, said that she had never liked a town better, nor found the merchants better to deal with. She had always been courteously treated in Georgetown stores and found their merchandise compared favourably with any found elsewhere. His friends in town will be sorry to learn that Corporal Reg Reynolds, first officer in charge of the local OPP detachment in Georgetown, has been quite ill in hospital. Cpl. Reynolds is now stationed at Dundas and lives at Hamilton Beach. Better news is the fact that Reeve W. G. Marshall, who was taken suddenly ill last Friday night is better again. Limehouse residents are happy

this week. On Monday the county grader started work on the road to the highway which links them with Georgetown. The road has been the subject of many complaints this spring. A new neon sign at the Georgetown Lumber Company across from the post office is a fine addition to the business section. It serves the double purpose of lighting up a dark and dangerous curve on the road. Barrager's Cleaners has opened their new office which is located in what was formerly Helen's Gift Shop. The Roxy Theatre installed a new screen this week, which manager Bill Boal says will give better vision for those sitting in side seats at the show. Sorry we disappointed readers in announcing a Then and Now column last week. What with income tax and selling peanuts we just never got around to doing it, and the same goes for this week. Next issue we will catch you up with the last three columns. Fill your bath tub with water Saturday night. The town water will be shut off for a time on Sunday morning while certain work is done on the water system. And don't forget, too, to put your clock an hour ahead when you go to bed for Daylight Saving Time will be with us Sunday. The yearly rumours of another chain store coming to town are with us again. A note from Mrs. William Carney in England tells us that a news item we had hoped for did not materialize. When Mrs. Carney left for her trip to the Old Country, her brother was in the States on a business trip. He was at the dock in New York when she sailed, and as he was flying home he expected to greet her when the boat docked at Liverpool. However, his business delayed him an extra two weeks, so this little novelty didn't happen. It would have been a good story. More and more television sets seem to be bobbing up in town. Increased income taxes will soon be with us. The real effect of the budget announced last week by Finance Minister Abbott will not be immediately felt. Income taxes do not increase until July. Most merchants are advertising their present stocks at the old price. One place it has been noticed is in cigarettes. We paid 40c for a pack of 20 yesterday. A couple of outside contractors have evinced an interest in building a group of houses in Georgetown and one of them has been in town looking over possible building sites.

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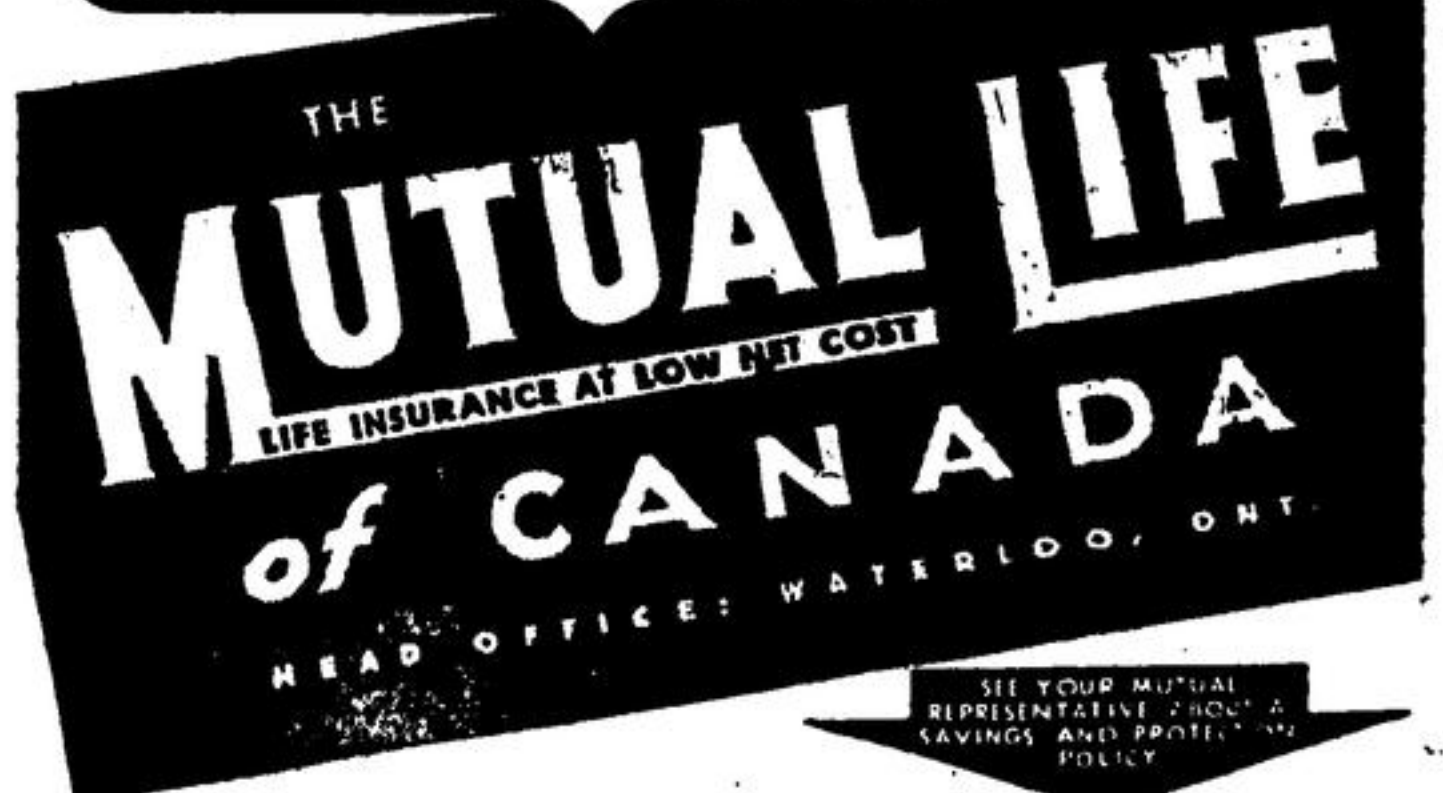
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