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## The Editor's Corner

### COULD WE HAVE A HOSPITAL?

The removal of Brigadier Wallace from town and advertising of his lovely Maple Avenue home for sale, has brought to the fore the subject of a hospital. There are many people in town who look on this as one of Georgetown's greatest needs and several have been suggesting that the Wallace property would be an ideal site.

It is reasonable to think that as the town grows (and it is growing) the need for hospital facilities grows with it. Georgetown is at present served by three hospitals, Peel Memorial in Brampton, St. Joseph's and Guelph General in Guelph. Until this past year, accommodation was extremely limited but this has been overcome for the time being by additions to all three buildings. Even so, one cannot be assured of proper accommodation in any of these. One often hears of patients having their beds in the hallways, or of patients who require private rooms being able only to have ward beds.

There are distinct advantages to a local hospital. Its purpose would best be served if it were planned for maternity confinements, treatment of emergency operations, such as appendectomies, tonsil operations and care of elderly patients who require rest and quiet. There is no great need for too elaborate operating room equipment for nowadays it is customary for specialists to be consulted in major operations and these patients would still go to the cities for treatment. There would be saving in expense to the family, both in accommodation and in the visiting which is part of every hospitalization case. And in case of emergency, valuable time would not be lost in transporting a patient several miles to hospital.

There are things to take into consideration too, on the other side of the ledger. Not the least of these is cost. Original cost of equipping a hospital is high, and it seems that no hospital operates at a profit nor does it break even. There is the question of whether any building can economically be converted into a hospital, as there are certain requirements which might be met by law, or whether it is cheaper in the long run to construct a building from the ground up.

However, on all these points, expert advice should be obtainable from the government. Dozens of hospitals have been opened in the last few years, some of them new buildings, some of them converted. We would suggest that some of those who are most interested in promoting a hospital, call a public meeting and possibly have a government official address it. Nothing can be done without a good deal of groundwork and organization and the sooner it is started, the sooner something concrete will result.

### THE EX IS COMING

With its usual quota of features, plus Jimmy Durante as star of the grandstand show the Canadian National Exhibition is getting set to open its doors again on Friday August 24th. On that date a distinguished American, General George C. Marshall, Secretary of Defence, will officiate at the opening.

An interesting innovation this year at the CNE will be entrance turnstiles which collect the money and admit the public automatically. As you drop a 50c piece into a slot it acts as a key which unlocks the mechanism, the bar pushes forward at your touch and you are inside.

The U.S. Air Force Band, said to be "music's most versatile group" is coming back again. It includes a 100-piece marching band, a 20-piece symphony orchestra, an 85-piece symphonic band and a 29-voice glee club. Spike Jones and his City Slickers, who have been in Toronto on past visits, will play a four-day engagement in the Coliseum. "Name bands" in the dance tent this year will all be Canadian and half a dozen orchestras including Art Hallman and Trump Davidson will play for dancing.

Highlighting the art show will be Whistler's mother, a six-foot canvas owned by the Louvre in Paris, France. A showing of orchids and exotic plants is planned by the Dale Estate, Brampton and Wilham Brox of Elmira will present 1,000 square feet of the newest developments in gladioli. Prize money is increased in almost all divisions, including fourth prize money in all classes of the poultry show. Over \$30,000 is offered in the horse show and prize ribbons have been extended to six in each event.

### POT POURRI

With so many people from town visiting in England the mail brings a letter now and then from friends who are vacationing in the old land. Mrs. William Carney, writing from Breighmet, Bolton gives us a tip which we shall follow in future when mailing Herald's. She enclosed a battered wrapper from a copy of the

paper which looked as if it had been through the wars. Now we have decided to use a much heavier paper for the English mail in order that it will arrive all in one piece. Apparently it isn't only the Herald which takes a beating, for Mrs. Carney says she received a parcel with sugar through everything in the carton and oozing out of an inside corner. . . Mrs. Bert Hill of Glen Williams is at Pleasance Newburgh Road, Auchtermuchty, Fife, Scotland, and says it has rained a great deal and isn't very warm, though she has become acclimatized now. En route she had the thrill of seeing the Queen and the Princesses waving to passengers on the Ascania, from the Royal boat. The greeting from the Queen was acknowledged with three sirens from the Ascania. Mrs. Hill gives us a picture of Scottish landscape in describing the high walls, called dykes, covered with climbing ivy and blue bells on one side and honeysuckle on the other, and then a little bridge with the falls of water running down. She has been sightseeing a great deal, attending highland games, and has had a trip to Edinburgh Castle. Outside the castle is a little cemetery where soldiers' pets have been buried, each with a little tombstone and flowers planted around. . . It's a pretty quiet town these days with several industries closed down for their annual vacations. . . Some welcome work is being done on sidewalks here and there in town. One big improvement is the new curbing in front of the post office. A double curb allows a step when getting out of a car, eliminating the high approach to the sidewalk. . . Dick Licata draws our attention to an item on the front page of the Sunday edition of the Detroit Times which is probably the first time Georgetown has been featured in that paper. It tells of how Bus Bell tests his fibreglas boats and says: "Occasionally he shoves a 15-ft. boat out of a second-storey window, but instead of going "crunch" the boat bounces. They're plastic boats made of fibreglas bonded with synthetic resins. He has government orders for several of the craft to be used in the Arctic, for they don't even get brittle at 80 degrees below zero." . . . Frances Pries, who has been working in Toronto at the Canada Life office since the first of July, joined the Smith & Stone office staff this week. . . After a month in hospital in Toronto for treatment of a heart ailment, druggist E. V. MacCormack was able to return home last week, much improved in health. We shall be looking forward to seeing him back on Main Street some day soon. . .

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