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Death of Dictator

Since the death of Soviet dictator Josef Stalin last week, radio and daily newspaper commentators, columnists and news analysts have been having a field day predicting what will happen in Russia and how his death will affect the satellite countries, the Korean War, and the price of string beans.

The sad fact is that none of these "experts" know what they are talking about. They have a job to do — people expect them to make some pronouncements and to have some opinions, so they rush blindly into print. We will admit that they should have more basis for opinion than the average man, but past history does not bear this out.

Credit to the Oddfellows

The achievement of the local Oddfellows Lodge and its associate, the Rebekahs, in buying and outfitting the splendid hall on Wesleyan Street, is worth noting.

When the town took over the arena some ten years ago the lodge, which had been meeting for several years in the upstairs portion of the building decided that a hall of their own would be more suitable under the new arrangement. They tackled a real job when they purchased an old building, once a church and latterly a movie theatre, and set to work to convert the dilapidated structure into a useful, modern meeting place.

Their success does not have to be told. The Oddfellows Hall is used, not only for meetings of the two lodges, but for a wide variety of local activities.

There's Still Time . . .

With the first two thousand dollars already on its way from Georgetown to aid flood victims in Britain and Holland, there is hope that at least another thousand will be forthcoming from Georgetown.

The local Flood Relief Fund is now approaching the \$2500 mark, and may well have passed this by the time this issue of the Herald is off the press. It has met with good response from individuals and organizations as well, particularly in surrounding communities like Limehouse and Ballinafad. Action of employees of Smith and Stone and the two paper mills in making a general canvass and such activities as the Lorne Scots Band concert and the Legion W.A. fashion show have boosted

We can remember listening to the fascinating voice of John Collingwood Reade, radio's Beau Brummel in the early war years, with his predictions of immediate German collapse as night after night he spread his web of fantasy before a gullible radio audience. We can remember hearing an "expert" just returned from Germany speak derisively in 1938 of the ersatz economy in Germany. How wrong they were!

There must be people in diplomatic circles who have some idea of what is going on behind the Iron Curtain, but they aren't talking. Meanwhile, we should take with several grains of salt the flow of journalism poured at us by the "experts."

The Oddfellows have created something which goes far beyond their own needs for a meeting place. The Oddfellows Hall has been a real addition to the community and no one has ever been refused its use for any worthwhile community effort. The twelve members who underwrote the building fund have been recognized by their lodge, and they should equally be recognized by every citizen of Georgetown.

the fund by many hundreds of dollars.

And donations are still coming in steadily at the town office, at the banks and the Herald Office. It is a real tribute to Georgetown people that, without being canvassed, and without any terrific advertising campaign, their hearts are speaking in a practical way.

No conclusion date has yet been set for the campaign to end, but we would ask anyone who intends to donate to do so within the next few weeks. In order to give a comparison with the Winnipeg Flood Relief fund which was operated in similar fashion in 1950, the final total was \$2867. The need this time is even greater and it hoped that this figure will be well exceeded.

Canadian Industries Institute Speech Topic

The regular monthly meeting of the Georgetown Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. H. C. Bailey, Charles Street, on Wednesday evening, March 4th, at eight o'clock, with the president, Mrs. Seward Wilson, in the chair.

The roll call was answered by an Irish joke. The members apparently are saving their jokes for the 'sixteenth' as only a few upheld the honour of 'ould' Ireland.

The motto was taken by Mrs. V. Rawson, who chose as her subject the following poem:

THE TIRID-ONE
 He was only a little fellow,
 The dark clothes tuppard held
 lions and bears;
 When the light was out in the hall
 above him
 He never would venture up the
 stairs.
 I couldn't account for his fear of
 darkness,
 I sat by his bed until the sandman
 came;
 And sometimes I'd waken to hear
 him sobbing,
 Roused by some fear that he could
 not name.
 I could teach him to pray OUR
 FATHER.
 He said he never felt safe and tight,
 'Til he said his little child prayer
 over
 His "Keep me safe till the morning
 light."

I told him children had guardian
 angels
 Who hovered over them as they
 prayed;
 And guarded them even in their
 sleeping
 So he must never be found afraid.
 But now he is flying the English
 Channel,
 He was decorated the other day;
 So he must have done something
 rather special,
 Although the cablegram didn't say.
 Maybe a mother can be pardoned
 For boasting a bit about her son;
 But only his mother knows the
 courage,
 It must have taken to fly alone.
 I am just as sure then when he
 was fighting
 He whispered his little childhood
 prayer;
 And thought of me and his guardian
 angel
 As I would be if I'd been right
 there.
 In his childish faith I know he'd
 be thinking,
 As the King pinned the medal on
 his chest;
 That his was only half the battle,
 That his guardian angel did the rest.

Returning to business it was decided to join a Mental Health Clinic by contributing 52c per year per member. It was also decided to make an autograph quilt. \$25.00 was voted to Flood Victims Relief. The fiftieth anniversary dinner was discussed and final arrangements were made. Tickets were given out to be sold.

Mrs. Wm. T. Sinclair, convener of Agriculture & Canadian Industries, then introduced Stanley Finlay, B.Sc., who spoke very encouragingly about women's interest and influence in our country, and that of our southern neighbour. You can never underestimate the power of women. He took his audience on an imaginary trip from sea to sea in Canada, from Newfoundland to British Columbia. The audience heard considerable of industries which they never took the time to know even existed, making our country more independent within ourselves. He explained very thoroughly why the States are coming over to our country, getting cheaper power. Before the oil strike in Alberta 90 per cent of the petroleum used in this country was imported, now we have 33 per cent in our own. We have increased industrialization in Canada and the answer is an abundance of raw materials. The Government protects industry, one example reforestation in the pulp and paper industry. And then back home to Georgetown and it was amazing what was learned of what went on right in our own town. 75 per cent of all the coated paper made in Canada is made in Georgetown. And many more interesting things were told of the industries in our own town.

The members of the Institute are indeed very grateful to Mr. Finlay for his interesting and enlightening address. It must have taken considerable thought to prepare, and certainly provoked much thought to its listeners. Mrs. George Campbell, the other member of Agriculture and Canadian Industries programme, expressed the sentiments of the whole Institute in her gracious thanks to Mr. Finlay.

After the national anthem, refreshments were served by Messdames Robin Livingstone and Ballantine.

Mrs. Herb Cleave offered her home for the April meeting.

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Urges Immediate Start Community Swim Pool

March 9th, 1953

The Editor

Dear Sir

Your colourful editorial in last week's issue of the Herald on excessive organized recreation in Georgetown and vicinity lends very little encouragement to leaders and members of several active groups of young people.

It comes as a very real shock that we should find now that all of the time and money spent by various communities on organized recreation and training has been ineffective and that we should take our pattern of life for our growing young people back to the days when children were seen and not heard.

It would seem more appropriate if we were to face the facts as they are and admit that this generation of teen agers and under give every indication of developing into healthy, happy people with good morals and intellect.

The child membership of our public library has increased many times over in the past few years. Sunday School attendance is breaking all time records. Any public school teacher should agree that the percentage of honour pupils is at least good.

One could go on to compare these records with those of twenty years ago but to avoid embarrassment let us rather look to the future with this splendid young

generation and make some definite plan of increased recreation in the form of an outdoor swimming pool.

We have good fresh water north of the C.N.R. which could be used just as the small community of Grand Valley used their meagre water supply to form a pool in which swimming instruction could be given during July and August. Under the Red Cross plan the children receive certificates or crests as they pass their various tests in the presence of an official of the Red Cross. Many of our children have not had an opportunity to learn to swim in Georgetown and thus have been missing one of the finer things in the life of a Canadian boy or girl.

I offer this suggestion for the earnest consideration of every member of the community that we urge our council to choose the site, purchase or lease the property, prepare the pool and secure the services of a qualified instructor in order that every child will have a chance to learn to swim in safety. It is really surprising to note the rapid progress even a timid child will make under a qualified instructor.

Our Fire Brigade have secured special equipment to assist in life-saving. Let us train a whole generation of life-savers by a little thought, a few dollars and a little work.

Yours Truly,
 —Ernest Forgrave.

Traffic officers don't get all the law breakers. Ambulances and hospitals get some . . . as well as their victims.

GHS NEWS

NO BOX SOCIAL . . . BUT STILL A PARTY

Leona Conn

Just like the weather the pupils of GHS are also unpredictable. After reading my last week's column a howl was raised about the party. The majority of the students don't approve of having a box social. The student council gathered together once more and replanned the whole party. It is as it stands now. The price is changed to 35c. It will begin at 8 p.m. It is still on Thursday, March 12th at the Howard Wrigglesworth public school. There will be films and dancing. Soft drinks will be sold at 10c a bottle. Only high school students will be admitted. It will end at 11:30 p.m. sharp. I hope to see all the high school there. We need your support.

It seems lately the high school has had many visitors. Those have been a few stray dogs and cats who insist on disturbing the classes.

There is one student in school whom I hate to admit belongs to GHS. Last week when Mr. Harrison started to play he found the keys had been covered with glue. Due to this, the piano privileges have been taken away. The piano is kept locked and is only allowed to be used on special occasions.

I hope this student is proud of him or herself for this nasty trick.