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We're "In the Swim"

We can't help being optimistic about the progress to date of Georgetown's new swimming pool.

Only an idea a few weeks ago, it has already caught the public fancy and wherever people congregate, at private or public affairs, the talk swings that way.

Best of all is the news that a fact-finding committee, representative of a majority of town organizations is already at work. They will investigate the cost of building a pool, a location for it (unofficially, we understand that the Lions Club is willing to donate a club-owned lot beside the post office), and the most important factor . . . how the money will be raised.

Of course there are dissenters who, for one reason or another think the scheme is impractical. And no one can say with any authority that the swimming pool is here. There are many who remember previous op-

timism a quarter of a century ago. Others point to sad experience in Acton and other towns where a campaign fizzled out without anywhere near enough money contributed.

But we do think that there are no difficulties which cannot be overcome with the right leadership and enough groundwork. At present, the committee has its hands full to prepare a comprehensive report. We as individuals can do little except to fix in our minds what we can give, in a lump sum and in instalments. No one can be expected to make too big a financial sacrifice, but no one should figure that a dollar bill will see the job through. It's only elemental arithmetic to split many thousands of dollars among a population of 3500, and come up with the right answer.

Meanwhile, we shall be awaiting the committee report hopeful that they may find a swimming pool a definite possibility.

Thoughtless Vandalism

As Georgetown talks of a swimming pool, we are reminded of some thoughtless vandalism which has been discovered in the park.

A public spirited group of men have taken a lot of time and raised a lot of money to erect a building which will be of much use in future and which will add to the accommodation for the fall fair.

It is discouraging for these fair board members to find that during the past few weeks, children have gained entry to the building, which houses fair supplies, and have caused disorder there as well as damaging the exterior of the building itself.

These young people are thoughtless, as we all were at one time, and yet their actions cannot be allowed to continue. It behooves every parent to find out if his child was involved and to deal with the matter himself. If such things continue, there will eventually be police action, which isn't a nice thing and shouldn't be necessary.

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Give Firemen a Chance

This summer the Chamber of Commerce hopes to establish some decent sanitary facilities in the park, and here too, children should be warned not to tamper with valuable property.

On the subject of thoughtlessness, fire chief Bill Hyde has asked us to refer to what can be a serious situation.

We're all guilty of jumping in the car when the siren rings and dashing to the scene of the fire. But we should remember that our presence isn't helpful and that the car should

be parked well away and off the street, to give the brigade a chance to arrive as fast as possible.

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Pot Pourri

Former Georgetown ministers are in the news these days. On Saturday, Rev. Charles C. Cochrane minister at Knox Church before Rev. Alex Calder, and now at Westmount, Quebec, officiated at the wedding of CNR president Donald Gordon. The daily papers had an item last week about Rev. Collin Todd, a Niagara Falls board of education member criticizing the Niagara Summer Theatre for use of profane and blasphemous language. Mr. Todd, former minister at St. John's here, said he had attended one play and noted the language and had been told that the same type of language had been used in many productions . . . Death of Mrs. W. V. Grant was a particular shock to the editor, because only a few hours before she suffered a stroke, she had been in the office to submit her monthly write-up of the Women's Institute meeting. Mrs. Grant had done this reporting chore for

several years and her writing ability has given the Institute some most valuable publicity, and provided Herald readers with good reading. We will miss her . . . Ed Wilson, Smith & Stone engineer, will be resident in the house being built by McNally Construction, across from the Binkley home in the Orr subdivision . . . An 1876 Queen Victoria penny was unearthed by Roy Baker when he was spading his garden . . . An advertiser objects to us calling him an Englishman and tells us he comes from Wales. With a name like Trevor, and last name Lloyd for good measure, we should know better. But isn't a Welshman an Englishman too? . . . Another 'Newfie' has come to live in Georgetown. Violet Porter arrived here from St. John's last week-end and will be living for a time with her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Porter . . .

LIMESHOUSE

LEG FRACTURED BY FALLING GATE

We are sorry that little Teddy Clarke suffered a fractured leg when a gate fell on him one day last week.

The WMS met at the home of Mrs. A. W. Benton on Thursday evening. Ten ladies attended, answering text word "Woman". Scripture was read, by Mrs. A. C. Patterson. Chapter 4 of the study on Africa was read by Mrs. Sanford. Billie Sanford played a piano solo and sang "When Mothers of Salem." Mrs. A. W. Nor-

ton read a short item. President, Mrs. Smethurst pronounced the benediction. The hostess served lunch afterwards.

Peter Glynn's cousins, Jimmy and Sandy Agnew of Woodbridge were visitors with him during the Easter holidays.

Terry Lane spent Easter holidays with his aunt, Mrs. H. Norton.

Mr. Alex Wright was home from Toronto over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Briggs and children visited relatives in Toronto on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Hyland of Toronto, and Mrs. W. Johnston of Niagara Falls were recent visitors

with the C. A. Fosters.

Two well known clergymen have recently been in the news. Our former minister, Rev. C. C. Cochrane officiated at the wedding of Mr. Donald Gordon and Miss Hobbs on Saturday and our present minister, Rev. Alex Calder was quoted in April Chatelaine regarding his opinion of Jack Power's article "I Won't Raise My Children in a Small Town." We share your sentiments, Mr. Calder.

An hour's work by the average Canadian worker bought in 1947 four times the goods and services got for an hour in 1847.

Presentation To Two Lavoie Ladies

A surprise party was held last week by employees of Wilfred Lavoie & Son knitting mill in honor of Miss Ethel Lusty and Mrs. William Taylor.

Presentation of a woollen blanket and pillow cases was made to Miss Lusty in honour of her forthcoming marriage. Mrs. Taylor, who is leaving town to live in Brampton, was given a cup and saucer.

Authorities Conflict, Must Choose Carefully

J. D. G.
Rev. John M. Smith continued his discourses from the subject of the Memorial Windows at St. John's United Church on Sunday morning.

The emblem of this window was the Baptismal Font, with the Scripture verse: "Suffer the little children to come unto me."

In his meditation Mr. Smith emphasized that baptism is one of the two very precious rites or sacraments of the Christian Church, a symbol of belief in and acknowledgement of, all that Jesus did for us through His life, His death on the Cross, and His resurrection, all in accord with the will of His Father in Heaven, revealing His Father's great love for mankind and His desire for their love and fellowship in return. The act of Baptism is a witness to this belief of Jesus; to a desire to join this new community and fellowship of His believers, and a promise to live in that faith, and follow His teachings and commandments as closely as possible. Jesus' words "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God," seem to show that God has a great desire that everyone should have a share in His blessings.

Mr. Smith stressed the great responsibility placed on all concerned, individuals and churches alike, to see that God's precepts are taught and practised, and that a good example of true Christian living, is shown by all who profess Christ's name.

Mr. Smith told the girls and the boys about Selim, the Persian boy, who had a great desire to become a camel driver, and how happy he was when his parents told him he could join the caravan and learn to be a driver. Then came the day when the caravan was held up by robbers and they almost missed Selim because he was just a boy. But one robber got hold of him and asked him: "Boy, have you got any money?" "Yes sir, I have 3 gold pieces." "Where are they?" "They are sewn in my tunic." "But why did you tell me, I might never have found them?" The boy answered: "When I left home, my mother told me, 'To be kind to everyone; to pray each day; and to always tell the truth.' The robber did not take his money, but said: 'If I had had a mother like that, I would probably never have been a robber.' Choir anthem was: "O Worship the King". An alto and tenor duet "Sometime, Somewhere" was sung by Mrs. Bishop and Mr. V. Stein.

At the evening service, Mr. Smith's subject was "Conflicting Authorities". He drew attention to our great activity in Canada and the United States, always doing something, or seeking to, or having others trying to persuade us to join this, or help promote some other, so that we are in danger of thinning out our time and talent, so that very little can be given to each. This applies of course, even to so many organizations and objectives which are very much worthwhile and which should be encouraged and helped to our utmost; yet so many, that it behooves us to consider carefully where we give our abilities. This calls for selectivity in all our doings, in our home life, our employment, in our after hours voluntary work, because all these require a faithful loyalty on our part. If our efforts are to produce results which are worthwhile and which will give us the desired satisfaction from our labours.

And we must recognize too, that our loyalty to an authority in each case, to rules, or a code of conduct, which unless adhered to, destroys any usefulness from our efforts. So many different activities with their different rules and codes are liable to bring us into "conflicting authorities", so it is self-evident wisdom on our part to seek and learn the highest authority in all our choices, know where to seek that. God's precepts and commandments, Jesus' teachings and example of living, all give us the highest authority for our proper use of the time and talent which has been given us.

So we should ask ourselves ere we promise our abilities to further tasks: Is it Christian, is it what Jesus would wish me to do with my time? Does it fit in with His plan for the way I should live? If we fit in with these, we should have no conflicting authorities, no conflicting loyalties and what we are doing should be at its highest level of usefulness and worth.

Miss Betty King was at the piano for the service of praise.

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