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**FIRST COMMUNION FOR  
 29 R.C. CHILDREN**

Twenty-nine local children were admitted to first communion at Holy Cross R.C. Church on Sunday. The children, girls in white dresses and veils and boys in dark suits, entered the church in procession while the choir, under the direction of Mrs. George C. Hewson was singing the hymn "Jesus Thou Art Coming."

The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion with white peonies, iris and pink carnations, arranged by Mrs. John Koloski and Mrs. Wally Mozil.

Seated in special pews decorated with white ribbons, the children assisted piously to mass. They were guided by their Sunday school teachers, Joan Cummins, Ann Tuerker and Muriel Donahoe, who had prepared them for this great day of their life.

After a talk adapted to the opening intelligence of young children, in which he explained to them the importance of the occasion, the pastor, Father Anselm,

O.F.M. Cap, gave the children holy communion. During the distribution, Mrs. Robert Becey sang Panis Angelicus.

In the afternoon a solemn benediction was held at which the children renewed baptismal vows. After the ceremony they were treated to ice cream and soft drinks and cookies by the ladies of the Catholic Women's League under the direction of Mrs. James Yates.

Admitted to first communion were: Freddie Yates, Marlene Keegan, Lisa Pruneau, Johnnie Emery, Hans Van Klink, James Walker, Judith Law, Harry John Haarsma, William Dwyer, Bernard Lawr, James Campbell, Brian Chamberlain, Donna Marie Lorusso, Alfred Judgett, Grace Graham, Robert Charal, Betty Ann Hulme, Brenda Jean Boyle, Ann Doucette, Mary Joe Sargent, Hilbert Koopman, Thomas Medawar, Yvonne Mountain, William Ottaway, Joseph Drenters, Hugh Graham, Frank, John and Anna Volk.

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**The Pool Can Still Open**

Monday's swimming pool meeting was a successful one.

Enthusiasm was shown by those present in completing payment of the \$18,000 deficit by a second fund canvass, and this will be underway immediately. Consensus of opinion of those at the meeting was that there are many people in town, who, for one reason or another, have not yet donated, and that a second asking will produce a measure of results. And there was optimism that several who have already given, may feel they can spare another few dollars.

Georgetown's present 6000 population means a per capita giving of less than three dollars to put the campaign over the top. It doesn't seem much in statistics, but of course it is still a lot in

dollars and cents. The swimming pool will have a different type of "opening" this Sunday.

Executive members of the swimming pool committee feel that there is curiosity in the public mind about construction, especially the filtration system which is not visible to one going by. They have decided, therefore, to have the grounds and building open for public inspection that day and everyone is welcome to come and visit.

Too bad that visitors couldn't have a swim at the same time, but with financial cooperation in the next few weeks, the pool will still be able to open.

**Democracy in Action**

Successful completion of a Save the Trees campaign among north Main Street residents took place Monday when council changed plans for eradicating five large trees in the highway widening program, and decided to curve a new sidewalk around the trees.

It was an example of democracy in action. When the tree cutting was mentioned in a council news story a few weeks ago, it prompted a letter to the editor from one of the residents, and a petition signed by a majority of neighbours asked for clemency for the intended victims.

Council's action was sympathetic and practical. They made no snap judgment, promising to investigate all possibilities, and after checking

with the town engineer a new plan was devised.

We are heartily in agreement and commend the council and engineer for departing from the cold facts of logic to the equally important sentiment of beauty. For who can say that a straight sidewalk is preferable to a stately row of trees which takes generations to grow, and whose absence would deprive nature's beauty to our streets for half a century.

The effects of the decision will be far-reaching, for all too often in the past, trees have been cut down before all possibilities for retaining them were explored. Future councils will benefit by this experience, and we will know that when a tree goes, it has to be removed and there is no alternative.

**Traffic Lights Coming**

Anyone who battles the five o'clock traffic rush at the Water Street - Highway crossing will realize that traffic light installation is long overdue at this busy corner.

And a similar situation exists at Mill and Main.

It is not only at five o'clock, either, that lights have become a necessity. Traffic volume is continually on the increase, and it is little less than a miracle that serious accidents have not occurred at these hazardous corners.

Lights have been under consideration for

some time by the town council, and now that they are in the news again, we hope that some concrete results come from the discussions.

There are so many things that Georgetown needs that our town is like a new bride and groom, with a whole house to furnish. We don't envy council in deciding what to buy first with what funds are available, but in our opinion traffic lights are more important than, say, street signs. We hope we can have them both, but if one has to wait it shouldn't be for traffic lights.

**Pot Pourri**

We are genuinely sorry, and hasten to correct a news account of a few weeks back which reported the May crowning ceremony at Holy Cross Church as the first time it was enacted. Fr. Vincent Morgan writes from Acton that during his pastorate, the ceremony was held more than once. "I still have a picture of the young ladies who carried the crown and did the crowning of Our Lady's statue" says Fr. Morgan. Summer drowning tragedies have hit home twice this season. A youngster toppled into the water at Erin, while at the Breezes, near Acton, a collapsed bridge caused the death of a young Toronto girl Sunday. While these were unusual types of accidents, we read each day of the more common ones, people getting beyond their depth when they aren't strong swimmers. Everyone should use caution when in the water, and

even the best swimmers should never venture too far in deep water unaccompanied. . . the Smith and Stone plant has announced the annual holiday closing from July 28th to August 12th, which will mean a big outflux of Georgetowners vacation-bound. . . A man who should know tells us that 671 Georgetown residents are employed in the Avro and Orenda plants at Malton.

With several others commuting to Toronto and Oakville we are becoming quite a suburban commuting town. . . Nature took a hand in helping to lay the dust on town roads, and Friday's heavy rainfall was a relief to people in almost every part of town where sewer, water and gas installations have uprooted streets and boulevards. Now an oiling program is underway and there will be an end to most of the troubles. . .

**STEWARTTOWN  
 JUNE MEETING OF  
 WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

Esquing Women's Institute meeting was held on Wednesday evening at Mrs. Robert Lawson's. In the absence of Mrs. L. DeVries, Mrs. C. A. Grant acted as secretary. The topic was agriculture, and roll call "What I Like Most About This Month." There was much to like about the month of June. Mrs. Greenwood, who with her husband and family have come to Stewarttown recently was welcomed. Mrs. L. DeVries and Mrs. C. A. Grant were conveners for refreshments.

Junior WA meeting was held after school last Monday afternoon with Ineka Koeslag presiding. The hymn was "Jesus Loves Me". The last verse of "When Mothers of Salem" was sung. Dinah Ewins, presented the Friday pledge — the Chinese and Japanese kindergartens in British Columbia. Carolyn Devereaux read the last week's minutes. Lynda Walker, seconded it, work was on the scrap books to finish them up. Roll call with our verse, closed with the vesper hymn and the grace in unison.

Mr. J. L. Lambert of Georgetown had charge of the service at St. John's Church, Sunday afternoon.

**Veterinary Student with  
 Dr. Sayers for Summer**

Wolf Sack, who will be entering his fifth and final year course at Ontario Veterinary College, in Guelph, next fall is a student assistant with Dr. Charles Sayers this summer.

Mr. Sack is staying with Dr. and Mrs. Sayers for the summer, and his wife, who is a member of the nursing staff of Guelph General Hospital, spends week-ends here.

Dr. Murray Smith, who filled a similar position with Dr. Sayers last summer, was an OVC graduate this year and now has his own practice at Charing Cross.

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