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Red Cross Moves Forward

Renewed interest in the local Red Cross branch is indicated after a meeting last week which representatives of many organizations attended.

A new executive was elected to take over from the faithful few who have kept the Red Cross spark alive in Georgetown in post-war years when public interest lagged considerably after intense activity during the war.

What we must realize is, that while Red Cross activities are not as dramatic as they were in war days, there are equally important jobs to be done, and plenty of scope for a flourishing organization. Disasters of a major nature like Hurricane Hazel, or personal loss by fire which affects only one family in a community are of the same importance to this international organization.

A Friend Departs

Death of Dick MacDougal, genial emcee of the TV Tabloid program, is to us like losing a good friend. And anyone who watches the show regularly must feel the same way.

Until a few months ago, we had never seen Tabloid. It came at what we thought was a bad time for us, 7.00 p.m. just at the end of the supper hour. One night by chance we caught the show, enjoyed it, but the odd thing was we weren't too impressed with Dick MacDougal. A few nights later, we saw it again, and soon we found ourselves battling the small fry to see Tabloid instead of cowboys. And the more we watched, the more we came to appreciate the artistry of Dick — his subtle wit, warm humour, good natured clowning.

Now it is the custom almost every night to take a last cup of tea into the living room and watch entertainment at its best. For in our estimation, Tabloid is superior to much of the later night entertainment. The kids have given in gracefully, too, and little Charlie watches with

Pot Pourri

News of the incoming Sykes Tool Corporation has brightened many faces in town. While councillors are mentally tallying the extra tax revenue which a new industry will bring, real estate men and builders are anticipating a boom in business and the town in general is hoping this is the start of an industrial expansion which will maintain Georgetown as one of the best towns in Canada. Encouraging news has been received about Hartley Anderson badly burned in a plane crash in New York in which his wife was tragically killed. While he will be hospitalized for some time yet, he is making excellent progress towards recovery. The Raiders showed they are a team to reckon with on Monday when they defeated the highly-rated Barrie Flyers in an exhibition game. Could be we have another OHA championship in the offing. The lucky draw at the game was a boon to charitable organizations, for winner Norm Brown has announced that he intends to donate the \$100 to several worthy causes, starting with \$40 to the Red Cross. Cr. Alfred Sykes enjoyed the joke as much as anyone Monday when a man attending the meeting, in complimenting him for an opinion expressed began with "Although I usually don't agree with Mr. Sykes, in this case..." There was

zation pledged to help those in need.

Currently the Red Cross is playing a major role in rehabilitation of war-torn Hungary, in aiding evacuees from that unhappy land. It is only one of many wonderful works which spread even behind Europe's iron curtain.

First activity of the new Red Cross executive will be to promote a local fund drive in conjunction with the national yearly financial appeal.

A generous response will show the Georgetown spirit of old as one of the leaders in Red Cross activities. It will be received with equal thanks by the newer executive members and those who, while relinquishing duties carried on for many years, will retain their interest in Red Cross.

us, swipes the odd sip of tea, and particularly enjoys Percy Saltzman's weather reports.

When Dick had to leave the show after a heart attack several weeks ago, it was like missing a personal friend. We had come to depend on this little visit five times a week. Tabloid seemed to limp, to mark time, and a lot of the zip was gone.

One night last week we were cheered when his wife was a program guest and reported how much improved and looking forward to returning to work. What a shock next day to hear that only a few hours later a second heart seizure was fatal.

No one is irreplaceable. A new face will take over and in time Dick MacDougal will be unknown to new generations of TV watchers. But to us, his friends, there will always be happy memories, and a trace of sadness that he is gone forever and no longer a nightly visitor in our house.

also some good natured kidding of Councillor Ern Hyde, when he was reminded by Cr. Harrison of his opposition to installing a 2-way radio in the police cruiser, only to be held up on Main Street when his car was involved in an accident and the police could not be contacted for some time. It is these lighter incidents which keep a council meeting on an even keel. At times, spectators might think councillors are not paying attention to their jobs, but one should realize that a 3 to 4 hour meeting, packed with difficult decisions and keen debate, must have a change of pace. In 16 years of council reporting we have yet to see a man who isn't giving his best to the job. We like to make council reports interesting by using "quotes," by trying to show why a councillor thinks the way he does about a certain question, and by occasionally reporting the lighter side too. A reader should never infer, by this, that serious subjects are not seriously dealt with in council, or that every member does not give his best attention to conducting town business in the best way possible. The Frank Emerys with young daughter Johnnie left town last weekend to make their home in Utica, N.Y. where Mr. Emery has a new position. He is a former Smith and Stoner.

FARM NEWS

Milton Juniors Get W.I. Dick Drama Trophy

J. E. W. "The Monkey's Paw" presented by the Milton Junior Farmers was awarded the W.I. Dick drama shield at the Halton Junior Farmers' drama festival held in Fairview School, Louville, on Friday, February 8th. Adjudicator John Binks of the Hamilton Players Guild congratulated all four Junior Farmer groups on the general improvement in their respective presentations over that of two years ago when he last adjudicated the event. Certainly all four plays were not only well received but thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience which packed the Fairview Auditorium to capacity.

Jean Peterson, county Junior Farmer president, ably presided over the outstanding evening's program, and also won the award for the "best address" and thereby won the Margaret Alice Elliott trophy, which was presented to her by the donor, George E. Elliott, Q.C., of Milton.

Ross Austin, who took the male lead in the Norval Juniors play entitled "Sparkin'", was ideally cast for his role of the bashful hired man and was the popular winner of the Best Actor award.

Others who spoke briefly included Mr. K. Y. Dick, of Milton, who in the absence of his father, presented the W. I. Dick trophy, which was received by Stuart McFadden, director of the winning play.

The evening's programme is indeed worthy of a much longer article however we shall have to be content to conclude by listing the plays and those who made up their respective casts:

Palermo Junior Farmers: "In a Glass Darkly". Director, Mrs. Evelyn Oates; Cast: Betty Barnes, Noreen Bawden, Mary Flippance, and Roy Ford.

Norval Junior Farmers: "Sparkin'". Director, Mrs. Graydon Chester; Cast: Marilyn Wrigglesworth, Carole Hunter, Joan Wrigglesworth and Ross Austin.

Milton Junior Farmers — "The Monkey's Paw". Director, Stuart McFadden. Cast, David Wilson, Jean Peterson; George Greenlee, Jack O'Connor and Gordon Harris.

Actop Junior Farmers: "Not Quite Such a Goose." Director — Mrs. Eleanor McKeown; Cast, Helen Allan, Allan Bowen, Mildred Watson, Doris Thompson and John Brown.

Still others who contributed to the success of the evening's programme were Mrs. George Newell, Wilma Sinclair, and the Halton Junior Farmers' Trio of Marion Leslie, Dorothy Marshall and Lorna Woodley. Last, but not least, as pointed out by adjudicator John Binks, were those back stage, whose contributions either make or break a play.

HORNBY ORANGEMEN HAVE EUCRE, DANCE

Last Friday evening was a most successful one for members of the Hornby LOL 165 when they sponsored a eucure and dance in the Hornby Hall. There was an exceptionally good crowd present. People attended from Georgetown, Oakville, Hamilton and the Hornby district.

Mrs. William Stringer had the high score for the ladies and Miss Helen Brooks had the low score. Thomas Alderson won the gentleman's high and Lorne Sampson the low. Mrs. Howard Bradley was the lucky door prize winner. After a delicious lunch, dancing began with music supplied by Thomas Howden, Mr. and Mrs. Gear Sinclair and Barbara and Norman Carhart. The children there were treated to pop corn and a lead pencil each. The evening was such a happy one that the LOL are planning to hold another such an affair on Friday, March 5th in the same place.

First Baptist Church
Rev. A. J. Barker, B.A., B.D.
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Seventy Volunteers For Ambulance Service

Preliminary organization of Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service shows some seventy volunteers enlisted to serve in this new organization, created to take over ambulance work when the presently-operated private service by Harold McClure ceases operation.

The brigade was organized on the instigation of the town council when Mr. McClure, in conjunction with other funeral directors in Halton, decided to discontinue ambulance service recently. Mr. McClure is continuing operation until the new service is fully organized.

Ralph E. Hawes, 123 Prince Charles Dr., is chief of the new service. Captains are Fred Hise, Ontario St. and Jim Emmerston, 14 Margaret St. Four lieutenants have also been named, Harold Gilmer, 11 Union St., Ed. Hall, 18 Margaret St., Jim Costigan, Jr., 29 Market St. and Stewart Stockfish, 40 Norton Crescent.

Further offices in the organization are held by Harrison Wood, 28 Bairdway Cres., public relations officer; John Elliott, 48 Hewson Cres., liaison officer and John Henley, 40 Bairdway Cres., secretary.

Some seventy volunteers have already signed up, and further volunteers are being asked. Men who wish to become associated with the ambulance service may leave their names with Chief Hawes (TR. 7-8344), Secretary Henley (TR. 7-4474) or at the Herald office.

Those who have joined the group to date are: Herb Arnold, 59 Henry; Oliver Barefoot, 2 Brucewood; Bruce Beckett, 24 John; Wilbert Bradley, 17 Elgin; Will Breen, 73 Main N.; Donald Booth, 8 Sarah; Bob Burns, 4 Edith; Jim Burns, R.R. 1; Albert Carter, 56 King; Lorne Cox, 10 Margaret; Ken DeRose, 1 Margaret; Jack E. Edwards, 75 Edward; Bob Fagan, 15 Edward; Nelson Handry, 5 Margaret; Bob Hardman, 8 Normandy; Alan Prouse, 11 Margaret; Bob Reichardt, 4 John E.; Jim Sorenson, 18 Margaret; Jim Schofield, 10 Pauline; Jack Watson, 54 Charles; Ivan Crabtree, 7 Parkway; Dick Grace, 50 Queen; Del Wallace, 10 Ostrander; Norman Norton, Glen Williams; Doug Herrington, 90 Guelph; Bill Hewitt, Jr., 35 Albert; Harv Chapel, 2 Temple; George Smith, 25 Albert; Gene Green, 37 Prince Charles; John Gunn, 34 Maple W.; Norman Herbert, 75 Maple W.; Norman McDonald, 6 Lorne; Henry Hale, 3 College; Harold Eagles, 52 Queen; Don Livingstone, 101 Main N.; Harry Shortill, 45 Maple W.

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EIGHT HARDING PUPILS PASS MUSIC EXAMS

Seven pianoforte students from the studio of Bruce M. Harding and one of Bradley Harding were successful in passing their examinations in Guelph recently, set by the Royal Conservatory of Music of Toronto.

Eileen Hehn, Bette Mac Millham and Roberta Hawes obtained first class honours; Anne Lorraine Noble, Barbara Finlay, Carroll Farnell and Joanne Duncan honours. Jocelyn Bell, from Mrs. Harding's studio was also successful.

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FARM NEWS

TOP SWINE PRODUCERS TELL HOW TO DO IT

J. E. W. Some of Halton's top producers of Grade A hogs will participate in a panel discussion which will feature the annual meeting of the Halton Hog Producers, in the Farmers' Bldg., Milton, on the afternoon of Tuesday, February 26th. No less than ten Halton hog producers who participated in Halton's Grade A Marketing Competition averaged all the way from 70 per cent Grade A's, to a top of 88 per cent. It should be interesting to learn from these men "how they do it." When one realizes that some of the other competitors in the same competition averaged between 15 and 20 per cent Grade A's, and no doubt there were others who averaged with an even lower percentage, it is one of the

time provinces led the way with 82.4 per cent Grade A's. Ontario was in second position with 33.5 per cent and the balance of the provinces had under 30 per cent Grade A's, with the average percentage of Grade A's for Canada at 26.5. This would lead one to conclude that there are, by and large, many are not very much interested in producing a quality product. We can't help but wonder what prices they would have received for their hogs in 1956 had we not been able to export some 63 million lbs. of pork products... and most of this went to the U.S. where they have plenty of fat pork of their own. In short, the only reason Canada was able to find an export market for any of her surplus pork products was due to the demand in

the "Cost Price Squeeze" — "Parity Prices" — and we can't do better than 28.5 per cent Grade A's and hogs is one farm product that is above the parity price right now. What about Halton hogs in 1956 — 36.2 per cent Grade A's which as A. R. Service, secretary of Halton Hog Producers pointed out "Just isn't good enough!" Bruce was the top county in Ontario with 40.3 per cent Grade A's.

Ontario Potatoes Speaking of quality, brings to mind a display or exhibit of Ontario potatoes, we saw in the Coliseum in Toronto at the time of the Farm Machinery Show and annual meeting of the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association. 10 lb. bags of potatoes had been purchased indiscriminately from stores across Ontario and they were on display — bearing the name of the grower and his address. Oh, yes, they were stamped "Canada No. 1" — and what a miracle, they were to Ontario potato growers. At least two-thirds of them were little better than livestock feed. If any wonder our stores are