

COMING EVENTS

—Watch for the opening of Blue Valley Ranch, Limehouse, Sunday, May 25th at 8.30 p.m. 5-21

—Baby Clinic, Legion auditorium, Georgetown, first four Mondays of every month 1.30 - 3.30. Statutory holidays excepted. 11

—Lilac tea and bake sale in Stewarttown Hall, Tuesday, May 27th, sponsored by St. John's Anglican Guild, Douglas Latimer will speak. 2.30 p.m., admission 50c. 5-21

—Members of the Imperial Section — The meeting has been postponed until Sunday, May 25th and will be held at the home of Charlie Day, Ontario Street.

—The Daughters of St. George's Church are holding a Lilac Tea on Friday, May 23rd in the church rooms from 2.30 - 5.00 o'clock. There will be beautiful doll's clothes, fish pond, home baking and afternoon tea. You are cordially invited.

—A public meeting of the Georgetown Horticultural Society will be held in the Wrigglesworth School on Wednesday, May 21st at 8 p.m. At this meeting two very fine films will be shown and there will be a flower show with two classes, one for a cut flower arrangement and the other a house plant. Come and bring your flowers and your friends.

—Watch for Giant Bingo and Penny Sale in the IOOF Hall on Thursday, June 6th at 8.00 p.m. under the auspices of the Past Noble Grand's Club of the Rebekah Lodge. All proceeds for the Georgetown Hospital Fund. Loads of terrific prizes. Everyone is urged to attend for fun and prizes and to help build the hospital fund.

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Sugar and Spice

Dispensed by BILL SMILEY of the Wharton Club

My wife has been picking on me lately because I read so many war books. She claims that every time she goes into the bathroom; there's a new, vicious-looking, bayonet-wielding marine or soldier lunging at her from the cover of a pocket book on the back of the toilet.

I've been kind of sheepish about it, but I do enjoy a good war novel, so I've taken to slipping them under the bath-tub when not in use. But the kids, who like nothing better than to see me get a rocket from their mother, are starting to squeal on me. Kim came down stairs yesterday, bearing a new battle book with a particularly glibly cover, and with a look of delighted anticipation, succinctly rattled: "Another war book, Muen."

"Why in the world," my wife wants to know, "do men find war so fascinating? Your'e always spoiling parties by getting off in a corner and talking about the silly war. Don't you realize it's been over 12 years, and you're no longer dashing young heroes. I think it's ridiculous." And so on.

As you can imagine, I have some pretty hot retorts on the tip of my tongue. But I wisely refrain from uttering them, announce that I have to go down and fix the furnace, and, in the safety of the cellar, give vent to the things I'm too gentlemanly to say to a lady, unless she's got both arms tied behind her.

Such as: "I like reading about war because it's just the opposite of marriage. War is made up of long periods of comparative peace, interspersed by short spells of violent fighting. Marriage is . . . Or, I'd rather be addicted to war novels than the slop women read—sexy historical novels, murder mysteries, goony love stories and the pure unadulterated garbage of the movie magazine." Remember, I'm still down cellar.

Maybe it's true that men talk too much about the war, when

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they get together. But few men are able to cook, make their own clothes, or have hobbies, subjects that engross any people of women. Nor are men much interested in talking about men, the only other subject on which women can go on interminably.

I think one reason men look back with a certain warped tenderness on the war, and like to talk and read about it, is that it was the most peaceful period of their lives. It was a hiatus between the misery and turbulence of adolescence, and the grim, relentless struggle that constitutes their mature years, when they are trying to raise a family and make ends meet without going mad, mad I tell you, mad.

There's an old, and completely non-sensical tradition that men who've come back from the wars don't want to talk about it. When someone asks them what it was like, they're supposed to go all thin-lipped and grim, and change the subject. I remember how disgusted I was with this business when I came home from overseas. Someone would ask: "How was it over there, anyway?" I'd settle back, prepared to tell him, for hours, when he'd add: "But I guess you don't want to talk about it", leaving me there with my mouth hanging open. I was dying to talk about it.

Men have been talking about war ever since Og the caveman and his cronies sat around the fire and discussed with grunts of rellish the late unpleasantness with the tribe across the swamp. And women have disapproved since Mrs. Og sat back in the corner of the cave wishing he'd stop inviting that riffraff around to drink homebrew and tell lies about what they did in the war.

Men have been writing and reading about war since they learned to write and read. From Homer to Hemingway writers have looked with horror and fascination on the ever - intriguing business of the human race wading in blood. Shakespeare accepted war as part of life. And if I recall, there was a good bit of smiting of Hittites, Philistines and others in the Bible.

So if I'm to have a book in the bathroom, far better it be a tale of blood and nobility, of grandeur and courage, with a grim - faced grenade-thrower on the cover, than a lurid volume that promises UNBRIDLED PASSION and features on its front a semi-draped tamale engaged in pulling a dripping knife out of her grandmother or somebody.

HEALTH IS TOPIC FOR INSTITUTE-SPEAKER

A summer resident of Terra Cotta, Dr. L. E. Jaquith, was the guest speaker at the May meeting of the Terra Cotta W.I. held last Thursday at the home of Mrs. G. Frazer, choosing as his topic — "Health." His talk was based on "The 7 Pillars of Health."

The repeating of the institute ode and the Mary Stewart Collect were followed by the roll call which was responded to with the name of a vegetable and its chief vitamin. The motto "Crumbs of happiness make loaves of contentment," was given by Mrs. Owens MacDonald.

During the business portion of the meeting it was decided to apply for a short course on cultural activities and future arrangements were made in connection with the district annual to be held at Union Church, May 29th. This year Terra Cotta W.I. is the host club.

Barbara Carney favoured the members with a solo and a contest "Name the flowers" was conducted by Mrs. Joe Eason. Mrs. Clarence Anderson offered a vote of thanks to those taking part in the program and a social time was had at the conclusion of the meeting.

Monday Blitz Brings Swim Pool \$1,000 More

The Georgetown Lions moved almost a thousand dollars closer to clearing up the debt remaining on the Community Swimming Pool on Monday when they blitzed the town with a ticket selling campaign and soliciting donations.

The Lions called on every house selling chances on an expense paid trip to Europe and coupled with the donations raised over \$950, on the night. Whether or not the debt will be erased by the latest campaign will not be known until June 14th when sales are complete.

The Lions however are hoping to enter the more than three thousand dollars needed to pay off the debt so that a wading pool may be financed for the smaller children.

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11.00 a.m. — Prof. Robert Dobbie, M.A., B.D., M.T.L., of Emmanuel College

MUSIC BY HOME CHOIR AND GUEST SOLOISTS

7.30 p.m. — Rev. George Leck, B.A., B.D. of Grand Valley
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