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Random Thoughts on Recreation

With a group of interested people planning summer recreation for young Georgetowners, and a community swimming pool in operation, there will be no dearth of activity this year. People who keep children's welfare in mind are to be commended and we hope the young people appreciate this fact and cooperate by behaving themselves and respecting the men and women who are giving their spare time to instruction and organization.

At the same time, we hope that sports will not become too over-organized into large groups which tend to regimentation and to lack ingenuity on the part of youngsters.

When we were a boy (and each year seems to relegate us more and more into the doddering stage) there was always plenty for a young lad to do. Perhaps in our home city there was organized recreation, but for our part we spent

most of the time in our own neighbourhood playing red light, eevy-ivy-over, tag and statue with the district gang. We graduated to softball, and despite a large schoolyard half a block away and a vacant lot across the road, most of the games seemed to be more exciting when played on the side street, with anxious mothers chasing us to the playground every now and then.

Youth needs a certain amount of this type of activity which no grown-up, no matter how zealous, can aid. We don't mean to say that organized ball, soccer or what have you, isn't important. But to supplement, there should be some neighbourhood activity too. Which is a long way around of saying that the town council should study with care any thought of doing away with scattered recreation lots which to a child can be as fascinating as a costly development.

A Commendable Effort

Students of the Harrison public school Grade 8 should be highly commended for their outstanding efforts in preparing the front of the school grounds for tree and shrub planting which took place on a recent Saturday.

Under the capable leadership of Principal Harold Henry the initial layout and preparation of the school grounds was completed on time and there was no hitch when planting day came.

The grounds have now been converted into a beautiful addition to the Rexway Drive landscape.

We extend congratulations to the school and students and to the Georgetown Horticultural Society who gave a generous financial assist, besides providing advice and personnel to assist in the planting.

Mail Bag Letters Interesting

It has been pleasing lately to see an increase in Mail Bag letters and it is hoped that this trend continues.

The Herald is the product of many hands, and besides current news, which the office staff gathers to the best of its ability, there is room for originality on the part of readers who wish to comment on current affairs.

During the federal election we had a lively clash of viewpoints between two residents. Recently two of our Roman Catholic readers have commented on the impending separate school, while last week one gentleman went to some length in an explanation of how the town could secure a new arena in place of the proposed alterations to the old one.

These letters play an important part in the life of a town. One does not necessarily agree

with views expressed, but when they are well written and give a sensible comment on some question, it starts people talking and thinking, brings a problem to the fore, gives a subject for debate and investigation, all of which human beings need to make use of the brain-power with which they have been endowed.

In only one point do we differ from the city papers. The Herald will not print a letter other than under the signature of the writer. We believe that if someone has something to say they shouldn't be ashamed or afraid to say it. Personal opinions of the editor appear in this column each week and the editor is the only one who gets the praise or blame. The same applies to the Mail Bag and we expect names with the letter copy.

SEEK BLOOD DONORS FOR JUNE 5 CLINIC

The second Red Cross blood donor clinic will be held in Georgetown on June 5th, at Knox Church Hall, and again the local Georgetown and District Red Cross is asking public-minded citizens to help maintain a credit balance in the blood bank available to all Georgetowners in the nearby hospitals. The very encouraging response to the first clinic last December leads one to believe that perhaps the record of 285 donors can be maintained or beaten next June 5th. All those who donated at the last

clinic are being contacted by telephone by a volunteer telephone committee, and for those who do not have telephones, or could not donate at the last clinic, registration cards are available at both the Herald Office and the public library. A donation of blood takes only half an hour of your time — it costs nothing, but there is not enough money in the world to buy this life-giver. The blood donor clinic will be held at Knox Church Hall from 2 to 4.30 p.m. and from 6 to 9 p.m.

Refreshments are served before and after donating and a volunteer transportation committee will provide transportation for any donors wishing it. For mothers of small children, a baby-sitting service will be provided on request by Red Cross volunteers. Anyone wishing to avail themselves of either of these services can call 2881 or 4127 and arrangements will be made. Thursday, June 5th is Red Cross Blood Donor Day in Georgetown, and half an hour spent at the Blood Donor Clinic will be the safest and cheapest premium anyone can pay for a human life. Who knows, it may be your child's, your friend, or even your own life you are insuring.

Social & Personal

Mrs. George Herrington, Guelph Street, spent the week-end with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kennedy of Willowdale.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. MacGillivray and Danny, 7 Keats Ave., spent the early part of last week with relatives and friends in Cornwall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kirkwood and Shirley, 4 Pauline St., attended the Wilson-Sinclair wedding in Hornby United Church on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Farnell, Carroll and David, 19 Albert St., were in Niagara Falls on Sunday where they visited with Rev. and Mrs. Collins Todd.

Miss Norma Whaley of Toronto and Mrs. Beryl Bassett, of Montreal, sisters of Mrs. William P. Thompson, 27 George St., flew to Paris, France last week to start a six weeks tour of the continent, returning by boat from England in July.

Sugar and Spice

Disseminated by BILL SMILEY of the Warton Bells

My daughter asked me a question that had me stumped, the other evening. I'd just finished telling her a bed-time story about Munkle-Unkly, the great-grandfather of all the monkeys in the jungle, and one of her favourite characters.

The old ape had just put a herd of wild elephants to rout, by splitting thumbsticks among them, from his perch in the Biggest Tree in the Jungle. Kim thought the story was about average, and condescended to utter a couple of amused snorts when I re-created the room, holding one foot in the air and howling with pain, as I made like a wild elephant which had stepped on a thumbstick.

Then she popped her question, which, as usual, had no connection whatever with anything that was going on. I was just tucking her in, when she turned the big orbs on me, and asked: "Daddy, if there's a Mother's Day and a Father's Day, why isn't there a Children's Day?"

I tried to laugh it off, and told her every day was Children's Day, around our house. After she was asleep, though, when I was sitting downstairs trying to pick out the choice parts in Peyton Place without reading the whole, lousy novel, I got thinking about it.

The more I pondered, the more I was convinced there should be a Children's Day. After all, children are pretty important. If there were no children, there wouldn't be any mothers or fathers. If there were no mothers and fathers, there'd be no Mother's Day and Father's Day. If those two great annual farces were abolished, our retail merchants would be teetering on the brink of ruin. See where logic can lead you?

Gradually, as I considered it, the cruelty and thoughtlessness of the whole thing ate into my soul like iron. The poor, little kids. We give up all our peace on earth for them, work our heads to the bone, sacrifice and slave for them, but we're too selfish to give the most important people in the world—Our Children—one single, crumbly little day of their own.

"By George," I said to myself (I was getting pretty worked up) "it's inhuman! Abominable! What kind of callous brutes are we, anyway?" Right there and then, I resolved that I'd be the founder of international, non-denominational Children's Day. I'd be famous, like the old skirt who invented Mother's Day. I'm not a child, but she wasn't a mother, and look what a rat-race she started.

Since then, I've given it a lot of thought, and I think I have the details pretty well ironed out. I'm anticipating a little trouble with a few old-fashioned mothers and fathers, but I think the vast majority of modern, progressive deops — uh, I mean parents — will be with me.

We want to make it a red-letter day. Something the children will look forward to with fiendish delight. And the parents with undisciplined fear and trembling.

First thing to do, of course, is to get up before them in the morning. This may require staying up all night, but it'll be worth it, because, you see, we'll be giving them breakfast in bed. They're to have anything they want for breakfast, even if it's a bag of jellybeans.

And that sort of sets the pattern for the day. The kids are to have, and do, absolutely anything they want. They've been saying for weeks that it's far too hot to wear a jacket and hat. O.K. Let them go out in their bare heads and feet, even if you have to nurse them for a week afterwards. School is out, as are lessons and practice of all kinds. If they want to go picking pussy-willows in the swamp, let them. And if they come home mud to the eye balls, greet them cheerily.

Answer all their questions immediately and exhaustively. None of this grunting: "Ask your father." Keep thinking up new things for them to do and eat. Let them watch TV as long as they like, and in the evening, send them off to the movies. When they get home, give them a little benzedrine, and keep them up all night, reading stories to them.

The more I think of it, the more wonderful the idea seems. It would be sheer hell for the parents, but I think one treatment would be enough. I haven't quite had the nerve to set the date for the first one. However, I think we can set it, tentatively for some time in the year the Social Credit party takes over the government of Canada. Fair enough?

—Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic, June 5th

FAMILY DINNER HONOURS RESIDENT ON BIRTHDAY

Four generations were present to honour Mrs. A. R. Vannatter, 16 Durham St. when she celebrated her 85th birthday on May 15. She was guest of honour at a family dinner party at the Yellow Brick Inn, Brampton.

Present were her son Phares and his wife, 16 Durham St., her daughter, Mrs. A. R. Speight and Mr. Speight, 32 Guelph St.; Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Edwards and sons David and Bonnie, Ellington; Mrs. Edwards is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Speight.

GUIDES BAKE SALE AIDS TRAVEL FUND

The "Barbara Kinrade" fund received a boost on Saturday when the first, second and third Guide companies and the six packs of Brownies held a home baking sale on Saturday in Knox Presbyterian Church. The project, conceived by Carole Lane was quite successful and the fund received quite an upward boost. The money will be used to defray expenses for Barbara's trip to Belgium this summer, where she will represent Canada at a Girl Guide rally.

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