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... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

Public Life Ups and Downs

When one enters public life, he must be prepared for its ups and downs. Monday's election resulted in a "down" for one councillor who had served several terms and an "up" for an aspirant making a second try for office. We congratulate the successful candidates and extend condolences to those who didn't make the grade.

We were particularly impressed this year with the number of men and women offering to serve as council members. The job is not an easy one. Public service has its rewards and its discouragements, and it is not a job for which many people have both the time and ability to fulfil. From what we know of the thirteen candidates this year, we feel safe in saying that any group of six would have done a good job for Georgetown. Perhaps another year, some will be back for another try.

As Councillor Alfred Sykes bids his adieu from the council table, we can say that he will be missed next year. He is a man who speaks his mind. Because of this, we were sometimes

in disagreement with him, sometimes in harmony — which is the proper way, for only a man who speaks for public popularity, or does not speak at all, is the one who can't be criticized.

New councillor, Mrs. Currie, will establish a "first" for the town when she takes her seat in January. She is the first woman to ever be elected to public office in this town's century of history. Her background of observation as a newspaper reporter should give her a good start as a councillor. We shall be careful to quote her correctly in future, for we hashed up her nomination speech when we reported her as saying: "My only promise is a negative one, not to make mistakes, for not to open your mouth is the way to avoid making mistakes." That first "not" shouldn't have appeared.

The phrase may be time-worn, but the only thing which can describe this Saturday's Santa Claus parade in town is "bigger and better than ever."

Bigger, Better Than Ever

Sponsored by the Lions Club, with generous assists from the firemen and other public service organizations, this is always one of Georgetown's biggest days. The parade will follow the same pattern as last year, starting at Windsor Road and the highway at 1.30 p.m. and wending its way downtown via the cenotaph corner to Mill St. where Santa will take up his position as usual between the two banks. The Lions have prepared for 2,000 children this year, far the largest crowd ever. Each will have a chance to see Santa in person and receive an orange and a bag of candy from the jolly old gent.

At least 25 floats are promised for the parade this year, and if they live up to the standard set the past few years, they will be well worth seeing. In its own way, the local parade is on a par with those in larger centres, and those who have moved to town during the past year are advised not to miss it.

The Santa parade is a self-sustaining effort of the Lions, and to meet its cost, lucky draw tickets are sold each year, with dolls dressed in dollar bills, and a number of poultry as prizes. If you haven't already purchased a ticket, you can help the club by doing so when you turn out to see the parade on Saturday.

Santa Claus Parade this Sat., Dec. 13

Count On Experienced Employees To Maintain Quality Product

"Quality is our most important commodity and it takes the combined efforts of everyone in our organization to assure it," said Ross Duncan, general manager of Provincial Paper Ltd., speaking to the members of the Quarter Century Club at their yearly banquet on Friday.

Mr. Duncan, who first read a letter from company president D. W. Ambridge stressing this factor in business today, said the Georgetown mill is lucky to be running at peak capacity today when other mills are not, but in a 'buyers' market' customers are demanding almost the impossible, and every effort is needed to supply their demands, or business will be lost.

"On the bright side, it makes us perk up and put quality foremost," he said, as he pointed out that business depends on experienced men and women like those present to pass on their knowledge to younger members of the staff.

Quoting from figures in Mr. Ambridge's letter, Mr. Duncan said a total of 1650 members in the Quarter Century organization have amassed an impressive total of 29,437 years of service. Sixty-seven joined the club this year, but for the first time, there were no new members from Georgetown, which boasts a total of 39. Fourteen are active employees and the others have either retired on pension or left the mill for other positions.

Also a speaker was John Buss, from Toronto head office who, with his wife was a dinner guest. Mr. Buss complimented the mill on its excellent safety record, the best in any of the associated companies and near the top in all Canadian industry. He pointed out that industry pays every cent expended by the Workmen's Compensation Board as an incentive to keep a good safety record.

The banquet, held at North Halton Golf & Country Club, was chaired by Ray Pomeroy, retiring president. He read a letter from Walter Peck, now in Vancouver, expressing his regret at not being present for the happy evening. Miss Janet McDougall, secretary, read greetings from other clubs in the company including Beaupre, Pine Falls, Sault Ste. Marie, Sturgeon Falls, Smooth Rock Falls, Thorold and the Lakehead Division. A silence was observed for Fred McCartney, lost to the club by death since last year. Other head table guests included Steve Eason, vice president and Richard Grace, treasurer.

An election of officers took place and Miss McDougall is the new president; R. B. Shortill, vice president; Lena McNally, secretary and Richard Grace, treasurer.

During the dinner hour the Glassford-McPherson orchestra provided dinner music and later played for dancing. The invocation was given by Fred McNally. There were a number of door prizes.

Club members attending included George Smith, Lena McNally, Clayton Allen, Walter Louth, Albert Carter, Richard Grace, Janet McDougall, Orval Rayner, Tom Herbert, Steve Eason, Wakefield Ford, William Hewitt, Ray Pomeroy and R. B. Shortill from the active division; and associate members Leonard Marchmont, William Merritt, Sam Harrison, Jessie Leavitt, Arthur Herbert, Hugh Dickie, Ann Hickey, Harry Hale, Fred McNally, Wilfred Gill, Bert Weston, Jim Hill, Alex Kean (who received a special gift as the oldest man at the party), Chester Scott, Geo. Louth, Henry Preston, Martin Cummins, Andrew Dewhurst and Ed Francis.

Members unable to attend were R. B. Foulis, James Costigan, Walter Peck, George Blicck, Isaac Hornby, and John D. Kelly.

Also present as guests were Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Thomas Herbert, Mrs. Eason, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Hewitt, Mrs. Pomeroy, Mrs. Shortill, Mrs. Merritt, Mrs. Arthur Herbert, Mrs. Dickie, Mrs. Hale, Mrs. McNally, Mrs. Grace, Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Weston, Mrs. Kean, Mrs. G. Louth, Mrs. Preston, Mrs. Cummins, Mrs. Dewhurst, Mrs. Francis, Mrs. Duncan, Marion Robinson, Andrew Hunter, Mrs. A. N. Cole, Lynda Rayner, Mrs. M. Beaumont, Mrs. Roland Haines, Elizabeth Leslie, Henry Klooster, Charles Ledwidge, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Biehn, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Green and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Forgrave.

Social & Personal

Miss Marilyn Decker was a week-end guest with Miss Gretchen Bradley at 33 Victoria St.

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