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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Chalk Up Number 5

For the fifth year Georgetown has hosted the International Bentam Hockey tournament. And for the fifth time, Walter Red Asseltine has guided it to a successful conclusion, aided by dozens of men and women who devote their every spare moment to the countless chores which a tournament of this magnitude entails.

We remember the day when the idea was first propounded at a Chamber of Commerce meeting. The Chamber, a small group, expressed interest though declining to take on the actual commitment. A meeting was called and it was a happy day when Mr. Asseltine volunteered.

The tournament was a success from the start. There was no stumbling block too big to overcome. Visits were made to other towns where similar type affairs had been held. Committees were formed

to organize the chores of billposting, feeding and entertaining hundreds of visiting players. Referees, ticket takers, clean-up squads, were sought.

Through it all, the guiding hand of the tournament director smoothed the rough passages. If one worker fell down by his job, another was there to fill his spot.

The first tournament set the pace, and there was never any doubt from then that it would be a yearly event. Now entries are sought months ahead of the deadline date. And, visiting teams are enthusiastic in their praise of the reception they get during their Georgetown stay.

To Mr. Asseltine and all those who shared in the work, we say a hearty "Thank You." We'll be looking forward to Easter week next year.

Another Successful Event

While the hockey tournament drew large crowds to the arena last week, there was a feature at the high school which attracted junior audiences which averaged almost a thousand each morning.

It was the return of Rev. Frank Wellington, the musical storyteller.

Sponsored again by Maple Ave. Baptist Church, Mr. Wellington proved that he has a way with children. His youthful audiences returned day after day, to listen to his illustrated Bible stories. And as the word spread, more and more youngsters appeared each day to jam the school auditorium.

Checkers and "Fan Faubles"

A reader complains that he has been unable to buy an old-fashioned game of checkers in town—the kind with the black and white board and the black and white men.

Which makes us realize that this favorite game of our childhood has waned in popularity, along with others.

Like crokinole and croquet, it has succumbed to other entertainment forms.

Perhaps one could say that young people today are more sophisticated in their tastes for pleasure. Where a simple game of snakes and ladders was an enduring favourite a quarter century ago, today we have a vast choice of games which require more concentration, more brain-power, to master.

Many of them are modelled on television shows. Quiz type games are popular. Dolls have evolved from the cuddly baby types to teen-agers, with wardrobes straight from the fashion magazines.

Rev. Bruce Woods and his church congregation are to be thanked for bringing this feature to town again. Churches, like all organizations, must count on today's youth for their future membership. Instructive entertainment, geared to the age and mental abilities of the audience is something which we sometimes forget.

When Bible stories and hockey games have such appeal, it is comforting to know that the Beatles and the Rolling Stones have not completely taken over our young people.

Marbles are still relatively popular, though far from the craze when we were a schoolboy. You see a few girls playing jacks now and then, but not on the scale of the twenties. How often do you see youngsters playing "evay-livy, over", run-sheep-rup, or red light?

There is one game we remember from our public school days in Windsor which is just as well dispensed with.

In those days, every available corner of the schoolyard was devoted to marbles. Now and then, the bigger boys would raid a game, preceding this, with the cry "fan faubles." As long as the magic words were first said, it was considered quite ethical.

We still wonder where the phrase originated. So far as we know, we have never seen it in print. Perhaps it was a colloquialism. If so, we would guess it was originally a French term as the city has a predominantly French background.

THE MAIL BAG

Says Christianity and Evolution Not at Odds

84 Charles Street, Georgetown, Ontario, April 23, 1965.

The Editor, The Georgetown Herald, Georgetown, Ontario.

Dear Sir: As a person who accepts evolution as an accurate scientific thesis well substantiated by a great body of research and knowledge, I wish to reply to the open letter of Rev. Bruce Woods on this subject which appeared in the April 22nd edition of the Herald. Rev. Woods is no doubt sincere in his rejection of evolution, but I feel that there is evidence of inaccuracy and contradiction in his arguments.

Point one — there is definite fossil evidence of life in the Precambrian period. Several rich deposits of Precambrian fossils have been found in Australia since 1947. There is also evidence that life existed in the Archeozoic period which lasted for 2,000,000,000 years before the Precambrian began. This evidence is available despite the fact that two great revolutions of the earth's crust, one over three billion years ago and the other over one billion years ago, caused a great loss of fossils. Precambrian life not only existed, it included life forms such as jellyfish, corals, and segmented worms which are still in existence today.

Points two and three are self-contradictory. In one, Mr. Woods speaks of paleontologists who have discovered that "a sufficient period of time

cause it to ramify into a wide variety of types. The evidence supporting evolution can be found in many of the books available in our libraries (both public and school) and in any standard biology text, and is surely hard for any thinking person to summarily reject.

Rev. Woods has stated that Moses arranged the fifteen orders of creation in the proper order — an amazing feat. I would like to ask — proper order based on what? The only basis possible for comparison to determine the "proper order" is the evidence presented today by science. So I must assume that Mr. Woods is himself using this evidence as a basis of comparison for the Biblical account. This is circular logic. I have examined Moses' account of creation on many occasions, and I agree that given the time and place of its origin it is a very superior explanation of the origin of this planet and the life upon it. We must, however, remember when it was written, and consider that we have in our possession today a great deal of scientific knowledge not available to Moses. We surely do not reject God by modifying ancient writings to bring them into line with modern knowledge. If God is accepted as the source of all knowledge, we can only assume that our present day knowledge comes from the same source as did that of Moses. If we insist on the "fundamental doctrine" that Moses' writings are irrevocably literal and not subject to any objective interpretation, then two things must be realized. First, the entire Protestant movement, which insists that the layman has not only the ability, but also the right to intelligently interpret the word of God, must be scrapped. Secondly, if the translated word of a prophet of three thousand



MAN OVERBOARD

NEWS ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald 1955 and 1945

10 YEARS AGO

● A \$31,000 town debenture issue for a 2 room addition to the Howard Wigglesworth Public School was given approval Monday by council. The debenture will cover the \$27,295 building contract awarded McNally Construction last Wednesday by the school board plus architect's fees and \$2,000 in furniture.

● The officers of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce were elected last night. John Gunn is the president, James F. Evans is secretary, and Bob Darou is the treasurer. James Linton, membership convener, traced the steady growth of the Chamber to its present 52 members. The board of directors includes Sid Silver, James Linton, William Hamilton, Dick Licata, Don Barrager, Charles Wray and George Sivill.

● Two area people won consolation prizes in the 1955 Irish Sweepstakes. Nalson Johnson, R R 2, Acton, and Ann McLaughlin, Limehouse, were notified that they will get £100 each.

30 YEARS AGO

● Sixty-five Rebekahs of Verdun Lodge attended the regular meeting last Tuesday. The Degree was conferred on four new candidates: Mrs. James Dobbie, Mrs. Gordon King, Mrs. G. Cavanaugh, and Miss Bessie White. The main charges were given by Noble Grand Mrs. Myrtle Dron, Vice Grand Mrs. Lillian Ritchie, Chaplain Mrs. W. Mandham, Junior Past Noble Grand Mrs. Vivian Arnold. Assisting at the piano were Mrs. Dora Patch, pianist; and Mrs. Lucy Feller, soloist.

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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

... This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into Heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into Heaven." Acts 1:11

Too Early To Report On Cancer Drive

With many areas but yet reported, the Georgetown Cancer Society's campaign, is running just slightly under last year, according to Campaign Chairman Reg Bromhead. "It's too early to really forecast any results," added the chairman.

Untouched by Progress

Despite the changes in society in the past 20 years, said, vast, relentless, frightening, there is one social unit that has proved impervious and oblivious to the march of "progress."

While it may have changed its terms of reference slightly, otherwise it has altered almost not at all since man first crawled out of the goss. I am talking about the family.

I became aware of this during a panel discussion by my high school students. The topic was "Early Marriage." (You'll be glad to know they are 100 per cent against them!)

One panellist referred to the glossy, seashore, phony version of marriage presented on TV and movie screens. She said it gave teenagers a false idea of marriage. A boy promptly snorted, "Nobody's taken in by those. We all come from homes with married people in them. Marriage isn't like that at all."

Everyone agreed. And how right they were. Those cute, comfortable and contrived families we see on the screen are about as much like the real thing as a ketchup-splattered Hollywood war is like a real war, with real blood, real bodies, real terror.

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