

Would Put All Georgetown Recreation Under One Board

The Georgetown District Civic Group met at Cedarvale May 17, and heard Ivan Crabtree, and Don Gosling of the Parks Board, Ron Hill of the Planning Board, Jim Warren of Cedarvale, and John Bellamy of the Library Board, speak of the work of their boards and their budgets.

The desirability of co-ordinating all recreational activities in the Town was discussed, and Mr. Crabtree mentioned that proposals for such a Board were under consideration.

However, such a board required a minimum support of a 2 mill rate from the Town, under Ontario statute, and this was considerably more than the Parks and Cedarvale Boards received at the moment.

Mr. Hill said the official plan for the Town was under revision and an amended plan might be ready for approval next year. The amended plan would cover developments in the areas not now covered by agreements between the Town and the developers, but it could not alter these existing agreements. The deficiency of suitable recreation areas in Delrex was discussed, and some doubt was expressed whether even those areas zoned as public open space had in fact any convenient public access.

Mr. Warren said the Town Grant to Cedarvale, \$6,000 this year, was under revision and maintenance costs, but provided nothing for development. He expressed the hope that Service Clubs and other organizations might be interested in raising funds to assist in the development of the property, and suggested that a study of both the recreational facilities and requirements of the Town would be of value.

Mr. Bellamy outlined the growth of the Library since 1960. Under the direction of Mr. Dave Bowman, the Property Chairman, a steady program of building renovation had extended the usable area of the Library from 750 to 3,500 sq. ft. Even so, the Georgetown Library still had less than half the

"To Proceed Could Spell the End" to Separate School System

Father Francois Germain, priest of Sacred Heart Parish has refused to distribute a bulletin issued by the Roman Catholic Separate School Board stating that it "does not conform to reality."

In a reply to the Board Father Germain said he refuses to distribute the bulletin because in his opinion it "dissimulates the true reason for rejecting the project."

The news letter sent out to all Holy Cross School supporters, was said the board went ahead with the project, obtained a site and had an architect draw up plans after being advised in a meeting with Department of Education officials that they would be getting greater grants.

The letter signed by chairman William Boyle stated that costs also increased and a review of the budget indicated the proposed second separate school St. Francis of Assisi School, could not be afforded at this time.

"The board feels that to go ahead with the new school in the east end of town, The Separate School system would stand a very good chance of going into bankruptcy, which would mean the end of the

single complaint about conditions under which municipal employees worked. Mr. Young said that there was no pension scheme for employees, and that with a work force of approximately 60, he thought such a scheme should be introduced. There was general agreement on this point.

Mr. Hardie concluded the meeting by thanking the speakers, and urging members to take appropriate action on any matter which they felt strongly to be in the best interests of the town. He reiterated the interest of the Group in attracting new members concerned with the future development of the Town, and asked all members to make a serious effort to recruit interested people.

Child Drownings Adults at Fault

The 1966 drowning statistics published recently by the Red Cross show that at least 170 children under 12 years of age drowned because they had no adult supervision.

Lack of adult supervision in the water is like a five year old loose with a car on a super highway.

A child isn't aware of what he's up against in the water. He doesn't know the dangers of broken glass, debris and holes on the bottom. He doesn't know how to escape from water current, weeds and mud. He's not conditioned to think of safety while he's having fun.

Parents are sometimes too confident of their children's abilities and believe they can leave them to take care of themselves in any situation. The above statistics prove that

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this is a false confidence. Supervise children constantly.

May 28 to June 3 is Red Cross Water Safety Week in Canada.

Seven Complete Leader Patrol

The Red Cross Leader Patrol course under the direction of Water Safety chairman Mrs. Betty-Lou Bowden, with instruction by Cliff Johnson, has seven graduates.

Rick Landry, Brenda Elliott, Linda Capperault, Marilyn Emmerson, Andrea Chaplin, Nigel Gunding and Dianne Pantling completed the Leader Patrol course successfully, May 14.

The Leader Patrol course is not to be confused with the Water Safety Teaching Corps which was organized by Mrs. Bowden.

GEORGETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY CENTENNIAL PROJECT

Georgetown Library is offering prizes to the value of \$100 for stories and reminiscences of Georgetown and district. A first prize of \$50 will be awarded to the best entry of 2,000 words or more and other prizes will be awarded at the judges' discretion. Brief anecdotes will be eligible for \$5 prizes.

The intent of this competition is to secure material on the history of Georgetown which may otherwise be lost. All entries will become the property of the Library Board, and will be available for reference in the Library.

Publication of selected entries will be considered if this seems appropriate.

It is hoped that the competition will attract stories of early Georgetown based on family traditions, as well as first hand experiences of more recent date.

Entries will be judged by a panel of judges selected by the Library Board, and should be submitted to the Librarian not later than 1st October, 1967.

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LIMEHOUSE NEWS

We are pleased that Mrs. Osburn and Mrs. Lloyd McEnery are both well enough to be home from Guelph hospital following operations.

Also Mrs. Findlay is home following treatment in hospital in Georgetown. We wish better health for her.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman McDowell of Brandon, Manitoba, are visiting cousins, the Lawsons, 4th Line. Mrs. McDowell in town and Mrs. Osburn, Limehouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ross and family of Toronto visited the Lawsons on Sunday.

Misses Eleanor Karn and Marjory Lou Brown spent a few days at Expo last weekend.

Congratulations to Misses Betty Ann Brown and Carole Lawson, who recently graduated from Lakeshore Teachers' College, Betty Ann to teach in Georgetown and Carole in Esqueping.

Congratulations to Mr. Frank Anthony who received his associate diploma in Agriculture at Guelph University last week.

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SUGAR AND SPICE
by Bill Smiley
We Get Letters

When you write a column like this, you get some reaction. If you didn't it wouldn't be worth writing, because it wouldn't be worth reading.

A recent column has produced a reaction. It dealt with the load we heap on teen-age kids generally, and contained a list of what my 16-year old, specifically, has to do in the next few weeks.

Two letters, arrived smartly, then a third. The first was from K. D. of Owen Sound. "Your column is not up to your usual standard. Not quite so frank. It might have been if you had turned the X-ray on yourself as well as on the critics of the young people of today — whoever they may be."

Critics? K.D., meet L. E. Taylor of Toronto. Admitting that he has met a few decent teen-agers while on summer vacations in a small town, he adds: "But not so in L's big city. A great many of the teen-agers here are the real thing: polite, immoral buns to be shunned and avoided wherever possible."

K.D. says: "Any sane person would know your daughter, trying to do too much. Result of having two over-ambitious parents... Each of you wanting to realize in each of your children your own ambitions. Selfish, I'd say."

Now wait a minute, there, K.D. You can say what you like about my wife. But by golly, you're all wrong about me. All I want is for my daughter to stop driving her mother nuts, pass her school year if possible, get married (preferably by elopement; I'll spring for a fifty-foot ladder in lieu of a \$1,000 wedding), have about five kids, and get as much fun out of them as we have out of ours.

Back to Mr. Taylor. He doesn't blame the parents, but the kids. They have it too soft. Says they have more advantages than we had but lack initiative and drive. And he lists about 30 things he was doing, while in high school. Come on, L.E., be sensible. Sure, you did them. But how many others of your age did. There was darn little initiative drive during the Depression.

He goes on: "Metric had to be studied, and written off in sweltering hot June days, with air-conditioning nowhere." It still does, old boy, in most places, and furthermore, it's about three times more difficult than the metric you and I passed. And the universities demand standards far higher for admission.

Back to K.D. "Bet your mother would have had more sense." (She didn't have time. Ed. note). "Whose fault is it that your daughter and others want to do so much in and out of school? Yours and others like you. What kind of training, advice, guidance have you given her apart from 'strive, strive, strive' and 'achieve, achieve, achieve?'"

K.D., you are hereby invited to give my daughter some of that stuff. But don't blame me if you emerge from the conference bloody and bruised.

There's more of the same from K.D., and a lot of it good sense. It ends: "Baloney to your sex. LSD and drinks — mere red herrings to drag in and show how up to date you really are! Not stuffy at all! Ho! Ho!"

Well ho-ho to you, K.D. You have been reading too many articles about punk parents, and not enough about punk kids. If you think drink and drugs and sex are red herrings, in relation to teenagers, you'd better pull your head out of the sandpile.

There you are. One correspondent says it's the parents' fault. The other says it's the kids'. They're both wrong. And both right.

And then came the third letter balm to tortured nerves. It was from an old friend, Edith Rudell of London, Ont. She is not exactly an amateur commentator. Six boys and a girl, I quote: "I will frame it (the column) and amen. The fantastic amount of time and energy and nervous tension expended by my group is not possible to describe. Furious? Anyway, it exhausts me just being an on-looker. So bless you, Bill, for putting the thoughts into words."

And bless you, dear Heart. And bless K.D. and L.E.