



BADGERED — Eighth Georgetown Cubs Danny Jarrett, and brother Doug compare their badges — all 28 of them — during a regular meeting of the Pack in St. Paul's Baptist Church. Doug, who has 17, is 11 years old and in Grade five. Danny, closing in on his older brother has 11. He is nine years old and in Grade four. Both are George Kennedy Public School pupils.

Lonesome? St. Andrew's Women Help to Overcome

A Tuesday morning get-together for east end women, particularly residents in the newer area has been planned by St. Andrew's United Church.

"Most of us have been in town for only a few years" says one of the church women "and most of us were lonesome for a time. This is designed to have women meet others for a friendly chat, a cup of coffee and perhaps form some associations which will blossom into individual friendships later on."

She stressed that, while St. Andrew's always welcomes new members, this is not a church-oriented activity, nor is it designed to be restricted to United Church members. And the women hope that some of the older residents might step in too, now and then, to exchange ideas with the new Georgetowners.

Tuesday, February 18 is the first morning. The church will be open from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Children are welcome too, and there will be soft drinks for them.

Informality will be the keynote.

"We are not competing with the 'Y' take-a-break program" the spokesman told The Herald. "Nor are we organizing a program. This is strictly a meet your neighbour idea."

The idea will be tried for a month, results assessed and if successful it will be kept on until late spring.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Council approved the holding of a tag day May 9 and 10 by the Georgetown & District Hospital Auxiliary. It will be a carnation tag day.

After a great deal of discussion on the merits of various machines, council okayed the purchase of a caterpillar crawler loader from George Crothers at a cost of \$25,210.

Dick Licata was appointed to the Cemetery Board for the years, 1969, 70 and 71.

A resolution from Nassagaweya condemning the monthly luncheon meetings of all the assessors in the county, was neither endorsed nor rejected by Georgetown council. Cr. Ric Morrow opined that he had never learned much from any company lunches he had attended. "Meeting twelve times a year to discuss what you do every day seems an awful lot" he commented.

Tells Chamber of Commerce Chargex In Town by June

Chargex, a credit-card system in which four chartered banks are combining, will be introduced in Georgetown later this year, probably in June.

Those attending a dinner meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last Wednesday at North Halton Golf & Country Club heard Eric Latimer, Toronto regional manager, explain Chargex and how it operates.

By coincidence, Georgetown's banks are all part of the Chargex scheme — Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Royal Bank of Canada and Toronto Dominion. Banque Canadienne Nationale is also in the plan.

Mr. Latimer cited advantages to retailers and to shoppers in his talk.

For a service charge which varies from 3% to 6%, depending on volume and size of individual sales, a merchant eliminates a lot of book work, he said, while also getting instant cash for his sales.

Statistics show, he said, that it costs a merchant at least 4% to operate his own credit plan.

A consumer gets a one-bill-per-month accounting, saving the time and money now spent in issuing individual cheques. He pays no service charge unless his account runs past 25 days. And he has an advantage in having a cash advance plan available from a participating bank if he is in need of ready cash.

As for the banks, he said this is a further service to their customers — "hopefully profitable to us also."

Merchants are first contacted and when a reasonable number have joined the plan, bank customers are circularized and Chargex cards are issued to those who wish to have them.

A merchant is assured of his money, as long as a credit card is up to date. In return he must guarantee to sell all his merchandise on Chargex, regardless of the profit margin, with a few exceptions such as cigarettes, Mr. Latimer said.

The plan is linked with the Bank of America in the states, and with other banks in Britain, Japan and Hawaii, making it possible to use Chargex while travelling abroad.

"Chargex is almost an all-purpose credit card," he said, pointing out that many hotels, restaurants and airlines are in the system.

Mr. Latimer was introduced by Al Martin, manager of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce branch in Georgetown Market Centre and thanked by Ray Howson, Toronto-Dominion manager. George Michem, Royal Bank manager and president of the Chamber was dinner chairman. Rev. Robert Scrivens said Grace.

The group of businessmen and industry representatives heard Mayor Wheldon Emerson compliment the Chamber for opening a business office and past president Sandy Mackenzie explained that the office in the Metro Halton building is presently open two half days, with hope for an eventual five-day week.

Chargex is in effect in Brampton, he said, and is being extended to other towns as rapidly as the bank's selling organization will allow.

GOOD SPORT — An example of good farmer-sportsmen relation involved a party of hunters who purchased small turkeys for two local landowners on whose farms they hunted.

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