

Legion - Sponsored Teen Club Attracts 100 Sunday Night

After two false starts, the Legion teen get-together has started to become an actual fact.

Almost a hundred young people were at the Legion auditorium Sunday evening where some danced while others were contented to just listen to the music. Several groups spent the evening playing such as cribbage. Others spent their time drinking pop and talking.

Ron Lincoln and several members of Branch 120 who have

been spending their Sunday evenings in the auditorium have been successful in persuading teenagers to form their own committee and organize the Sunday evenings so that there is a continuous program week after week.

Last Sunday, the teenagers took time out to have a discussion on the Sunday evening program. Interest was keen; discussion groups, arts and crafts, films, cards, darts and dances were some of the subjects discussed.

A committee was formed am-

ong the teens. Dave Harlow will head the committee of J. Evans, F. Janssen, N. Johnson and R. DeSylva. It is hoped the representation from the two groups and Legion, will get together and have the Sunday evenings organized in the next few weeks.

Members of Georgetown Legion who are interested in this project, do not wish to run it. They feel the young people should be responsible for the programming and administration but to feel free to approach the Branch members if need be for advice or help.



Georgetown youth finds a haven.



Memorial Donations Help Provide Hospital 'Extras'

by Les Clark

We hope that all roads will lead to the Hospital meeting next Thursday evening, March 13th. Full details appear this week in an ad. Let's see a big turnout for this very important meeting. We promise a short, interesting evening!

These past few months the Hospital has received quite a substantial number of gifts, a fact that your board views with a great deal of satisfaction. It shows the continuing interest of many of our citizens and organizations in the welfare of the Hospital.

We find too, that more and more people are including the Hospital in their thoughts during and after a bereavement, and in at least three cases lately, donations have been received in memory of some one who has passed away. The kind thoughts expressed at a time of deep personal loss are certainly appreciated, and it is the Board's earnest desire to see that all donations are used to upgrade our medical facilities and provide the best patient care possible.

Some time ago a number of donations were received in memory of a well known local man, Bert Haddock. A Donmar employee of many years standing, he had taken a keen interest in all facets of community life, and took an especially keen interest in the Hospital.

One very recent death, that of Mrs. Myrtle Scott, happening as it did while she was on vacation, came as a profound shock to the community, and there again the Hospital is most grateful to the many who contributed to the Hospital in her memory. Again, we should like to extend our sympathy to the family, and also our thanks for the donations received.

We should like to thank the members of the H. D. Club for their donation in memory of Miss Gladys McGibbon. Miss McGibbon was an active Main Street businesswoman for many years.

The generous donation in memory of Ross Petch of an Emergency Resuscitation Kit is deeply appreciated. The donation was made by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Petch.

The youngsters in town have certainly been busy in a multitude of ways in raising funds to be used for equipment for the Hospital. The do-

nations have ranged from a few cents to fairly large amounts, and regardless of the size, they show a wonderful community spirit by our citizens of tomorrow.

Verdun Rebekah Lodge recently purchased a Hi Lo bed for the hospital, another donation from a group who have always been extremely generous and very conscious of patient needs. Halton Hills Ratepayers Association recently gave a cheque to be used for the building fund when needed. This is certainly a wonderful gesture by a new association, and is to be most highly commended. Once again, too, the Union of Public Service Employees, at the GDMH have given a rather large donation, something that this group has been doing ever since its inception. Niagara Finance have also made a much appreciated donation, as have Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hardy. Another group of rather faithful supporters over the years, Georgetown Women's Institute recently purchased some arm chairs for the patients' rooms. Mr. and Mrs. F. Hoskins and Miss Gertrude Hoskins of Norval each contributed recently.

These are some of the donations received in the past few months, and a further list will appear in the future. As a matter of interest to readers, each donation is acknowledged by a letter from the Hospital thanking the donor and telling of the disposition of the donation.

Several juveniles are suspected of causing a fire which levelled a barn at the southwest corner of Highways 10 and 7 Sunday afternoon, the Chinguacousy fire department said this week. Charges are pending.

George Fraser, who operated the barn, was not there when the fire started. The building was empty except for the machinery said Ron Weir of the Chinguacousy fire department.

Barn Levelled Suspect Juveniles

Firemen were able to salvage some of the farm machinery in the barn before it was gutted. The barn belonged to Bramway Properties Ltd. Damage was estimated at over \$5,000.

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● WHO, ME? A grandmother?

There's no denying that when you first get the word you're about to become one, it's a bit of a traumatic experience. Delight in the prospect of the addition of a little newcomer to the family circle is strangely mixed with the chilling thought that time has indeed marched on. However, getting used to the idea is somewhat eased by the realization that your sense of personal dismay is based on a fallacy. Somewhere along the line you had formed an 'image' of all grandmothers being old. How silly. Funny how I'd never noticed what a youthful bunch they really are!

● ANTICIPATION, not completely untinged with anxiety, mounts as the birth day draws nearer and nearer. And when the awaited grandchild finally appears on the scene, I'm here to tell you joy reigns supreme, aided and abetted by that never-failing sense of wonder in the oldest miracle in the world. How corny it sounds, but how unique it is, when it happens to you and yours.

● NEEDLESS TO SAY, being a new grandmother isn't nearly as hard on you as being a new mother. We have all the thrills without the discomforts. But of course, the catch is that it's pretty hard to get to be one, without the other.

● I HAVE ALWAYS felt regret that looking after small

babies is nearly always done by new mothers who, as a rule, are at such low ebb physically, that they can't really enjoy their babies to the full. But I've discovered that if you've been short changed in that department, Mother Nature, balances the score when she allows you to become a grandmother. You may be older, but you're feeling well rested. That makes all the difference in the world to the way you can respond to a baby's charms, yea, and demands. A grandmother is in fine fettle to be entranced by it all.

● SEEING ME IN the role of grandmother provided an intriguing source of entertainment for our son and daughter still at home. "Mum," they'd say "You are just unreal!" And to tell the truth, I got quite a kick out of their reaction. It didn't hurt them a bit to see mother cast in a, shall we say — gentler — light.

● BEFORE OUR daughter

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and her baby arrived home for their visit, I had made up my mind that my role would indeed be a gentle one. Let there be no interfering in her ideas of how to cope, said I sternly to myself. But I needn't have worried. I couldn't have agreed more with her way of looking after the baby, and I'd like to tell today's new mothers that they're awfully lucky to be raising their babies under the permissive approach to infant care. Feeding them when they are hungry, giving them a more satisfying diet, and picking them up for a little loving when desired, all helps take the tension out of caring for a little one. The knowledge that this approach has been proven best for the baby leaves you mentally free, easy and relaxed, to enjoy catering to his needs whenever they occur.

little blue-covered book on baby care given to all new mothers of that time, before they left the hospital. It instructed us to feed the baby on a strict four-hour schedule — or a strict three hour schedule if the baby was real small. No cheating, even if the baby was howling its head off, hours before the deadline for fear we'd spoil him for life. No food other than milk was allowed for many weeks, and we must never, but never, commit the crime of putting such an unsanitary thing as a 'comfort' in our baby's mouth. If we felt nervous and weak before starting out on the scary task of caring for our first baby, that little blue book was designed to reduce us to a complete shambles in short order. I can't remember who was responsible for it. I rather suspect it was a government department — and believe me, in terms of misery, they have a lot to answer for.

● HOWEVER, AS FAR as I can judge, misery has no part in the spectrum of emotions in which a grandmother finds herself involved. It is a state full of delightful surprises, not the least of which is finding that the generation gap between your new-mother-daughter and yourself has suddenly almost disappeared. A parent's role is not an easy one, and after the strains that a child's adolescence, courtship and marriage put on it, the once close ties frequently show signs of wear and tear. Becoming a grandparent strengthens those bonds once more, and you find you've not only gained a grandchild, you've regained a daughter. How much more can you ask!

● WHO, ME, A grandmother? Darn tootin' I am — and if you'd ever like to see some wonderful snapshots of the living proof — just whisper the word.

ANNUAL MEETING GEORGETOWN & DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

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