



A hard working — recreation committee

CO-CHAIRMEN, CAROL McMURRAY and Mary McEwen join Glen Gray in preparing to distribute the 4,000 pamphlets that outline the pool's opening.

The newly formed recreation advisory committee for Georgetown has chosen its executive for the coming year.

Mary McEwen and Carol McMurray will serve as chairmen for the committee in planning and co-ordinating the town's recreation programs. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month and are open to the public.

"We feel that one of our most important functions is to act as a sounding board for individuals and groups involved in recreation in Georgetown." Anyone wishing to meet with the committee are asked to call any of the members, Mary McEwen, Carol McMurray, Brian Lewis, J. C. Wilde, Mary Simpson, Nancy Deaves, John Roe, or Leo Sauve or by calling the recreation department at 877-5185.

"Problems and ideas that we can identify through discussions with these individuals and groups are passed on to council through the recorded minutes of our meetings," explained Glen Gray of the recreation department who represents the recreation department at the meetings.

Owning a gun a right

(Following is a letter sent to Dr. Frank Philbrook, MP for Halton, by Bob Ollivier, outdoors writer for the Herald, concerning Dr. Philbrook's stand on gun controls. Dr. Philbrook's subsequent reply follows.)

Dr. Philbrook:

It was with much disdain that I read of your efforts towards so-called gun controls. It seems everyone must get on the bandwagon with the current news maker, in your case two of them; the death penalty and gun controls. I suppose this should be a sure-fire vote getter for you. However, I feel you are on the wrong track, and someone else's at that. The Scriptures tell of only one control for violent crimes: the death penalty.

A great many murders have

been committed by those on parole, suspended sentence and shortened terms. The Solicitor-General, Warren Almond, still refuses to consider the re-enactment of the death penalty, when all signs point to its being the only way.

I suppose this makes both of you co-respondents with Senator Cameron in his desire to make a name for himself with Bill S-14. Why should the sporting public be tied with a change in the Criminal Code Sect. 82, Item "C" under "restricted weapon"? With this ANY sporting or target

equipment could be made illegal at the whim of a government official.

I feel very strongly that action as the above will only inhibit the cause of our politicians in their efforts to advance in the area of their chosen fields. It might surprise some to see how many withhold their votes from the "Anti-Gun" group and vote for those with an eye to the electorate they serve.

It seems as if those citizens against gun ownership have nothing else to do with their time but write to their members of parliament, whereas the ones wishing to retain their heritage of the right to own arms and enjoy the hunting and target sports are only occupied with the recreation. However as Edmond Burke said, "because half a dozen grasshoppers

make the field ring with their importunate chink—do not imagine that those who make the noise are the only inhabitants of the field."

A reply would be appreciated in regards to this matter. Hopefully with good news for the many sportsmen and women of Canada!

R. C. Ollivier

And the reply...

Dear Mr. Ollivier:

Thank you very much for your March 30th letter expressing your concern on the question of further controls in connection with the ownership and registration of firearms. The government looked at this whole matter some years ago in relation to Criminal Code amendments passed in 1969. Some significant changes were made at that time.

The major issue we have to grapple with is whether it is possible to develop regulations to tighten the control and use of firearms which really do some good instead of just creating a lot of new red tape. The real and important question is whether controls which would interfere with the ordinary activities of many law-abiding citizens, would effectively interfere with the activities of criminals. Bill S-14 is a Private Member's Bill introduced in the Senate by the Honourable Donald Cameron; it was not introduced by the

Government and does not reflect the Government's position.

It is not the present intention of the Government to introduce at this time, further legislation to control the ownership and registration of firearms except for certain improvements in the rules on restricted and prohibited weapons. We are constantly alert to the need to classify weapons in these categories and have made several additions to the lists in the past year.

It may well be that an alternative to the introduction of further controls is the consideration of increasing the penalties for the misuse of firearms. Judges have the flexibility to increase penalties when guns are used and public comment may well lead them in that direction.

Yours sincerely
Dr. Frank A. Philbrook,
Member of Parliament,
Halton

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Thinks Georgetown's hospital 'the best'

To the Editor of the Herald:

I am writing to you with my views of the Georgetown District Memorial Hospital. I was a patient there recently for almost two weeks. I received the best medical and genuine care and attention

I could possibly have gotten at a hospital.

Since I've been home I have heard from various people nothing but complaints and criticism of the medical staff and the hospital itself. Most of these people, I might add, have

never been patients there and are repeating various stories heard second hand.

For the size of Georgetown I agree, we need a larger hospital. But that does not deter from the fact that what we have at present is a staff of genuinely interested and dedicated medical people who, I believe, are the finest I've come in contact with. In other words, what I am trying to say is that people should not criticize until they have their facts and information first hand.

I might add that my reason for being in hospital was a very

minor reason, but if I received this constant care and attention I can imagine the at-

tention one would receive when confined with a serious illness.

Congratulates Georgetown teams

To the Editor of the Herald:

Thank you for the space in your paper for this letter. First of all, I would like to congratulate the minor atom medic's Hockey team on their championship win over Port Colborne. Also I would like to congratulate a losing team, the Major Atom Firefighters. I know this is unusual but

these are 10-year-old boys who played their hearts out in Port Colborne in a tremendous team effort to come back home

to try for a championship. There are probably many reasons they did not win, but effort was not one of them.

"Congratulations Boys" on a game I feel you lost but also won.

Mrs. Eva Norton

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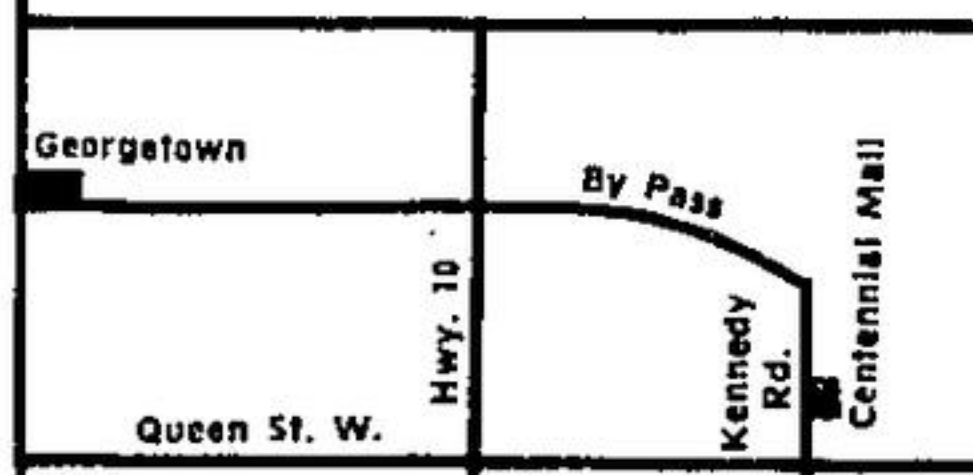
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