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## BILL CORMAN

If this rainy weather keeps up we will be full of complaints just like the farmer. Here everyone was all excited last Wednesday to see the big ball game. Everyone who knows Bill Corman knows that when he starts in to do anything it goes over with a bang. then came the rain. It did pour down, but just about as soon as the last drop fell Bill and his wildcats arrived. They tore around in the damp like their names. There was no dampening of their spirits and when the game got going, boy how they stepped into the proceed-How could ings. you expect Ward's to beat them with Bill down behind first base offering time and a half overtime for runs? We wish something would happen to Bill's dog so that he would resume his residence with us in the summer time. Maybe he thinks he isn't missed around here, but we feel free to say he is. As we recall it, the year Bill was in charge of the entertainment that department was outstanding and history was made when he showed a substantial profit. Well, Bill, you gave us the best ball game for this season so far. We hope you bring your wildcats back, but if you do, you will have trouble "engineering" another victory.

# IT'S A BARGAIN!

There are still a few people living on Ward's Island who do not seem to realize how little fuss and formality is required to become a member of the Ward's Island Association. All you have to do it to see one of the secretaries—at the club house—any Tuesday night. Pay \$2 of you are a man, 50 cents if a lady, and 25 cents if below the age of 16 years. Membership in the Association entitles you to the biggest summer's fun obtainable for the money anywhere.

# MEN WANTED

The secretary, in going over his membership list, could not help noticing how many more ladies than men belong to the Ward's Island Association—and this is not a community in which widows and grass-widows predominate.

SENIOR SPORTS DAY
Saturday, July 30th
2.30 p.m.

# FRIDAY, AUG. 5th Senior Masquerade

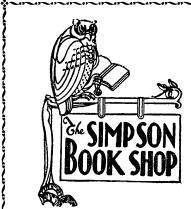
All the old timers have promised to perform. DON'T MISS THIS!

# BASEBALL

Plans are progressing nicely for the entertainment at the ball park on Friday evening, July 29. Lena Blackburn and his Leafs are looking forward to the visit, and the game against Vern Forbes' pro hockey players. Besides seeing the professionals in action on our diamond, there will be some good, clean comedy to brighten up the Don't forget, it's proceedings. Bring your friends next Friday. over that evening. Let's fill the park and have a real old time Ward's Island baseball night.

The hockey team will be as follows: H. Jackson, 1st b.; Charles Connacher, 2nd b.; Levinsky, c.f.; Horner, 3rd b.; Speyer, c.; Courtney, p.; Primeau, p.; Burke, r.f.; Forbes, s.s.; Grant, l.f. Some line up.

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pard, and to add weight to the game he will be assisted by Joe Oswin. These two experts are in charge of the best games in the city, and will keep the players on both teams on their toes.

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This Saturday a team from Bell Telephone will be with us. In past years any team bearing the name were usually hard to take. Remember, the game time is 7.15 p.m. sharp.

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Commencing next Tuesday evening, July 26, the games are going to start on time. No fooling this time, boys. If one team is on the diamond ready to start at 7.15 and the opposing team is not ready to play, the game is automatically forfeited by the delinquents. Captains should warn their players between now and Tuesday.

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There should be some good ball games between Bob Maginnis' Dingbats and Percy Millar's Otaels. These teams have played two tie games against each other. They meet again on Thursday, July 28th Get out early for this one.

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There are one or two players who have not joined the Association, nor paid their dollar. We plan on softening up the hard-boiled in a few nights from now.

Won't it be painful if Harry King and his Brownies are only runners-up again this year?

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The following players should be on hand each Wednesday and Saturday for exhibition games: K. Barnes, J. Smith, A. Hillock, A. Rogers, J. Hillock, C. Hillock, A. Barnes, D. Horne, D. Crawley, E. Tolley, C. Blaver, F. Mottram, R. Crowley, A. Roach, R. Maginnis, and S. Clarke.

# MEN'S BOWLING

The big day is near at hand. It looks as though the green will be filled. Pearson's Hotel at Centre Island will likely place a rink in the tournament. We are grateful to the ladies for their co-operation. The prizes will be worth winning. The supper will be worth the entrance fee of \$1.00.

The singles competition has been quite active during the week and the most exciting game was the meeting of Had Wright and Art Saywell, which was won on the last end by Had Wright.

Jack Swain is away in front and has entered the 4th round, his victims being Robb, Davie and Beard.

The players are showing a keen interest and there should not be much trouble in getting this competition finished as scheduled.

Harry Pierce showed real form in disposing of Tom Dobie and Sam Mitchell gave Brock Tupper a real battle, only to lose out the last end.

The doubles competition is well under way with a few remaining ends to be played in three games of the first round. Mortimer and Barthe played a wonderful game against Saywell and Mullinger. Very few games have been seen on this Island where such consistent bowling was displayed as in this encounter.

Baines and Coleman have entered the third round, as have Hanger and Garrett and Sinclair and Gee. Pairs are evenly matched and some fine bowling should result as the competition narrows down to the eights.

There are still a few fees outstanding. I can be seen and heard every evening on the green.

Don't be bashful in coming to see me.

Details regarding the standing in the schedule will be posted next week. A large number attended the funeral of Mrs. Ernie Lye, who died last week. The sympathy of all bowlers goes out to our good friend Mr. Lye and his family in the loss of a devoted wife and mother.

HARRY BAINES.

# **HOW ABOUT YOU?**

There are a number of cases where children have joined the Ward's Island Association whose parents are not members. We are glad to have the kiddies — and hope they will get in on everything doing — but it does seem that where parents are well able to pay the small sum required for adult membership — and when we realize that the bulk of the Association's money is spent on the children — that all parents will wish to pay their share. are cases, of course, where two dollars may "bulk large" in a family budget. These comments do not apply to those cases. where all members of the family get so much for this money as they do on Ward's Island, it should not be necessary to call anyone's attention to their legitimate obligation.

The Executive have noticed a particular few taking part in the activities who have not paid their W. I. A. fee. Somebody is paying for YOUR fun. Is it fair?

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# LADIES' BOWLING

The season is rolling along and at this stage I find Mrs. Minchin's and Mrs. Fairman's rinks without a loss in three starts.

No doubt changes will take place from week to week.

Everything is going along fine, and given good weather a very interesting season should result.

Several of our ladies are visiting city greens and putting up a fine display. We have fine material here, and with a little practice on a keen green they would make the best of them step along. Bowlers such as Mrs. McAree, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Downes, Mrs. Fairman. Mrs. Hillock and Mrs. Saywell are fit for any company. It was no disgrace for our ladies to lose to Dell Taylor of Withrow Club, for she and her rink the other day won the Adams Trophy at the Buffalo tournament, which gives them the possession of same, they having won it three years in succession.

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The lady bowlers and other lady members of the W. I. Association spent another enjoyable Monday afternoon in our club house when they held their second euchre party. Eight tables were set, and the following ladies carried home prizes: Mrs. Art Saywell, Mrs. Jack Wood and Mrs. Joe Minchin. A pleasant surprise was provided when Pete, the fruit man, dropped in and presented a nice basket of sweet cherries — they were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Now Al is worried and wondering if Pete is playing to our girls with aspirations towards his job next season. All lady W. I. Association members are cordially invited to attend these affairs, and should you have lady visitors over, bring them along, but bear in mind this season

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the prizes are given only to bona fide members of our Association. Mrs. Al Randall, Mrs. Milt Dedman and Mrs. Jack Swain had charge of arrangements. Next week some of our other ladies will look after you.

# HORSESHOES AND QUOITS

We take of our hat to George Counter and Frank Willis for the dazzling display they put on in order to win the first of what seems likely to be a very popular feature, the Saturday night sweepstakes. In order to win the prizes, the winners defeated Frank Staneland and N. Stein, then Had Wright and Reade Davis, and in the final round Frank Hanger and Fred Clinkett (who had eliminated Jack Williams and Doug Riddell in the first round). And if you don't think that a fair sized evening's work for any pair of horseshoe artists, pick your partner and try it yourself. and we'll bet against you.

The stunning method used by Frank Willis to direct his partner's shots seems to be a mixture of bowling technique, and after dinner speaker at his best, and how to throw out the lifeline, and is a treat to watch. Great money players, these two young fellows.

Another sweepstakes event is scheduled for Saturday night, so an early entry is advisable.

Quoit players will please note that the draw for the doubles is now posted. The entry list was small but the calibre of the players assures some interesting games before the winners are declared.

A. R. WHITTEN.

Mr. and Mrs. Dad Lowry extend to the W.I.A. their sincerest thanks for the flowers sent during her recent illness.

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# NOTE AND COMMENT

There is always a great rush for seats on the bow of the ferry at 5.30.Especially in the fine weather. Those fortunate enough to be present on Monday saw the sight of a lifetime — Sam McBride left on the dock. What he had to say about the T.T.C., and ferryboats in particular, was drowned by the bronx cheer from the boat. Never mind, Sam, you aren't the only one to be left flat like that. There have been, and will be. others.

The captain of our ferry must read this paper, judging by the length of the "toots" lately.

This bowling is quite a stunt. Since we started we have learned quite a few things. There are a lot of men on this Island whose faces we knew but who might as well not have any names as far as we were concerned. Ever since

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we laid the first bowl down with the wrong bias everybody has been calling us by our first name. Apparently that is part of the initiation ceremony, and once admitted you become a 100% member of the bowlers. Their esprit de corps is catching and certainly lends a good feeling to all concerned..

We will admit that starting to bowl was like starting to swim. We had the same fears as a beginner at bridge sitting down at a party of contract sharks. They were quickly dispelled. No one said "Why don't you return my lead?" or "Don't you know a forcing bid when you hear one?" It didn't seem to make any difference to the old timers where our bowls stopped. It was either a good guard, a good back bowl, one cigar, or bring the wife over to see what you did.

So if there is any man around who would like to bowl and feels nervous because he's a dub at it, take our word for the cameraderie that exists and come on over.

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Mr. Snooper's remarks seemed to cause quite a stir last week. Eaton's and Simpson's report a large increase in blind sales. Maybe the author had better mail his stuff in for safety's sake.

There has been a great battle going on last week between Edgar Tolley and Mrs. Mullinger to see who could sign up the most members for their respective sections. If we had any money, which we haven't, we would bet on—well, we'd better see who wins first.

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# **EDITORIALS**

A few mistakes were deliberately made in our last issue as a test to see how thoroughly our paper was read. For instance, the Junior Masquerade was announced for Friday, June 22nd. Of course it is to-night. Quite a few people have given us a dig about it, but, of course, we just passed it off as the printer's error. Good old printer, he makes all the mistakes.

An accidental mistake was the omission of the amount realized by the girls' bazaar for the Fresh Air Fund. They actually made over \$12.00, so that at least two poor youngsters will have a holiday as a result of their efforts.

Mistakes are common things. We doubt if there is anything quite so common. In fact, if no mistakes

were made there would be very little, if anything, accomplished.

The big special general meeting certainly attained one of its objects. Practically our average maximum membership is now in. We are well up to last year's total and only the stragglers remain. A great deal of credit is due our ambitious and energetic secretaries. They are collectors "de luxe" and sign tackers "par excellence."

Of course the executive didn't get out from under as they expected. But who cares.

All our activities are now going in full swing. Just a month ago this place was as quiet and peaceful as could be desired, a regular home for old men. Now it is a children's paradise. A lot of us would like to be about twelve again with the opportunities and advantages our children are enjoying. More power to your elbow. Have a good time, kids!

No one could say the Y.M.C.A. night was not a success. The crowd was large and everyone semed to be enjoying it. The show itself was a dandy. Our thanks are certainly due to Oscar Pearson, Bill Hastie and all the others who made the evening possible. And incidentally the funds to which the proceeds will be forwarded are richer to the extent of \$111.25.

We wonder if our boxing platform can be put to some more uses. Sheppard & Gill gave us a real present when they donated the lumber for it.

You will all notice the postponement of the Senior Sports Day. It will conflict with a bowling tournament, but we hope every individual who can will turn out on Saturday, July 30th. It should be a big day, and lots of fun.

The summer weather seems to have arrived at last. A few days ago it looked as though raincoats would be the popular garment this season, but just now at the time of writing it feels more like bathing suits. If Old Man Ontario would only warm up his lake a little.

We understand the ladies have given notice: No more entertainments on Thursday nights. Now, now, ladies, wait a bit. There has only been one, and the executive had to meet the convenience of the performers. You know there are two remedies that could be adopted. One is to cut down the number of entertainments provided, and the other is to arrange more Fridays in July and August. We vote for the latter.

# LOST

Sign board at Ward's Island wharf, "No dogs allowed on Ward's Island." Last seen about three years ago.

A WELL WISHER.

(Ed. Note — It's a good idea. Let's put it up again.)

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# BOYS' PROGRAMME WEEK OF

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Wednesday—Baseball league, lacrosse games, advanced swimming.

Thursday—Fishing trip, swim, wrestling, learn to swim group.

Friday—Baseball league, gymnastics, water sports and life saving.

Saturday—Special group competitions.

# Swimming Tests

Special tests for bronze, silver and gold pins. The following tests may be taken in the afternoon during swimming period by signing up with your captain:—

Bronze Test for Pin — Swim for style, 10 yards and make 7 points out of 10; swim, free style, 25 yds.

Silver Test for Pin—Swim breast stroke 25 yards; swim side stroke 25 yards; 1 rescue method on land; swim 100 yards free style in 2 minutes; low-board dive for points; tow a swimmer 25 feet.

Gold Test for Pin—Swimming 100 yards breast stroke; swim 100 yards on the back, 200 yards crawl stroke, and 2 low-board dives for points—swan and jack knife; swim 150 yards with clothes on.

The following boys have passed the bronze tests: Bob Baker. 28 points; Dave Knox, 25; L. Larking, 25; Don Cambridge, 22; Russ Callis, 22; L. Bartholomew, 21; B. Wright, 19; Jim Clayton, 19; A. Bartholomew, 15.

Silver test examinations were passed by two boys, Bob Baker and Russ Callis.

# Boys' Baseball

League Standi.	ng to	Date	
	Won	Lost	Pts.
Iroquois	7	1	38
Mohawks	4	4	32
Sioux	3	4	27
Hurons	1	6	23

Schedule for Week of July 25th

July 25—Iroquois vs. Mohawks Sioux vs. Hurons.

July 27 — Iroquois vs. Sioux; Hurons vs. Mohawks.

July 29 — Hurons vs. Iroquois; Sioux vs. Mohawks.

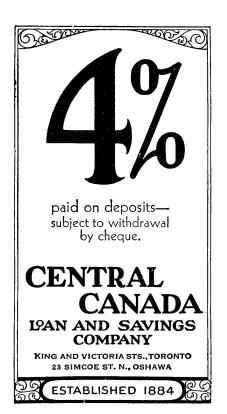
Sections this year are running off a 1000-point athletic contest, with a couple of events each week.

Winners of the first section event:

Class "A" 40 yds. dash—R. Sturgeon, R. Callis, B. Randall, C. Sullivan, J. Meek. Time, 51/5 secs.

Class "B" 40 yds. dash — F. Beard, A. Bye, G. Stein, A. Gay, P. Davis, B. Williams. Time, 6 secs.

Class "C" 40 yds. dash — D. Prowse, A. Sullivan, B. Findlay, J. Wittin, A. Wright. Time, 62/5 secs.



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Mr. George Goulding is leaving for Los Angeles to act as a judge at the Olympic games. He has promised to send us an article for the Weekly on what goes on. There's service for you. Imagine our own reporter at the Olympic games! Page the "Star," boy.

On the Y. M. C. A. night Jim Byron and Bill Pocklington sold peanuts for the cause, and increased the fund by \$3.40. Good stuff, boys. Thanks are due also to the ladies who supplied the eats for the performers.

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# MAE TO ETHYL

Dear Ethyl:

Well, Ethyl, we had a wonderful week end. The weather was beautibul and Tom looks like a tomato. He is sunburned all over, or almost all over. He took one of his lazy streaks and spent hours and hours on the beach. I parked the kids with him, Ethyl, and thank goodness they aren't drowned. He always goes to sleep and lets them run.

I persuaded Tom to go to the sing-song on Sunday and he swears now he is going every week. It was good too, Ethyl, all about head hunters and Formosa and everything. You know, Ethyl, I think Junior is getting cuter every day, if possible. If he would only guit his one bad habit everything in the garden would be lovely, as we used to say. And what's more, I wouldn't have to wash every day. It's a great life, Ethyl; I'm playing badminton quite a bit. Junior goes to sleep at the supper table and I just let the girls run while I get in a couple of games. children's masquerade is this week. I wish you were here to give me some ideas. I would like to put Junior in, I'm sure he would win a prize.

There has been an awful hullabaloo about fees and constitution this year. Really, Ethyl, sometimes I think it would be better to have nothing doing around here for a year and let the Association go to pot.

Tom is all full of singles and doubles with his bowling. I hope he gets put out early for several reasons. Not that I wish him any bad luck, but if he ever won anything I'd never hear the end of it, and there would be no speaking to the man.

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What does Joe play at, Ethyl? I asked Tom, and he said "African Golf," but I never heard of it, so I didn't let on, but I knew it was a joke of some kind.

I got another permanent like you said, Ethyl, but I'm afraid it isn't going to be any better than the last. I'll get a finger wave this week and then I'll know better, but I still think my hair is too fine to take it well.

Those two dresses I made this winter, Ethyl, you remember I showed them to you, are too short since I washed them. It makes me so mad, and the man told me the goods were pre-shrunk. It just goes to show you can't believe a word you hear or see, Ethyl. I've just got the housework all done up except a few things that can wait and I think I'll have a nap while the children are at the beach. Then I will feel fresh for badminton tonight. We're having a round robin or some kind of bird to-night and I do want to beat a couple of them over there.

Well, Ethyl, tempus fugit or something like that, so I'll hang up and dial your number again some time. Remember me to Cousin Bertha and the kids.

Yours for the 3 F's,

MAE.

P.S.—Here's Tom just landed home early off this boat. Bang goes my nap. He says if I'm vriting to you to say "How's tricks" for him and "Not to hold anything back 'cause Joe'll tell him any ways." Don't men beat everything!

MAE.

The badminton court is to be lighted. That will be good news for the badminton players. Now besides playing before breakfast, the ladies will be able to play all night.

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# **TENNIS NOTES**

Ward's and Centre are now tied in the Inter-Island tennis league by virtue of our local club's winning ways last Saturday afternoon.

Doug Sanderson started the afternoon right by winning from Campbell, champion of the Point club, in three sets. Both are hard hitting left handers, and put on a brand of tennis that was easily the best seen on our courts this year. Campbell showed a sound all-round game, with a pretty backhand, but once again Doug displayed a forceful forehand drive that raked both corners of the back court and gave him the winning edge in a very fine match.

Ad Hillock won the other singles match from Tarshis — not Tarzan — after three hard fought sets.

Eddie Tolley teamed up with Doug Sanderson to win a nice three set match from Campbell and Dr. Anderson, leading players from Hanlan's. Ted Sanderson and Jack Wilson won their doubles event, as did Fred Mottram and Colin Blaver.

And now we must record some sad news. It has been said by a famous journalist that when a dog bites a man, it is not news; but when a man bites a dog it is real news. And so when our lady tennis players win it has hardly been news, but when they lose, as they did last week, it is news. Eileen Riddell and Dot Wright just couldn't get going against the two girls from Hanlan's and lost in two straight sets. While we don't wish to detract from the playing of the two Hanlan's ladies, which was splendid all the way, we believe that another meeting of these will be another story. teams Ward's won the second ladies' doubles from the Point by default, as they did not field a second team.

The crucial series for the championship will be played this week, when Lefty Murray and his cohorts from Centre invade our courts this week. If you want to see some nice tennis played by youngsters developed right here on Ward's Island, come out and join the large gallery of tennis enthusiasts on Saturday afternoon.

# SUNDAY EVENING, JULY 24th

The Islanders who were not at the Shelter last Sunday evening missed a special treat when Rev. Mr. Williams gave an illustrated talk on "Life in Formosa." The largest audience so far this season will not soon forget this most interesting and educational lecture.

Next Sunday, at 8.30 p.m., another illustrated story will be told by Mr. Mortimer. Every boy and girl should be there.

This will be followed by the usual song service for the adults. Mr. John Ford, well known through Station CFRB, will sing.

# GALA DAY, AUGUST 1st

Your committee report progress, as a number of games have been lined up and some of the prizes purchased. During the week some of our ladies will give you an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets. May we be peak for them your kind co-operation?

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# GIRLS' SUPERVISION

Doubtless you have heard of the startling results of the final games in both hit pin and speed ball. In the senior group, Dorothy Baines' "Speeders" pulled through from no wins to victory in the final game. In the junior group Dorothy Jean Carmichael's "Dinghy-Dooes" were amazed to suffer their first defeat in speed ball. Results:

Hit Pin	Won	Lost
Speeders	1	4
Dumbells	4	1
Speed Ball		
Sunshine Girls	1	4
Dinghy-Dooes		ĩ

Our latest venture is "Drama." Well, anyway, it's a play. We were going to keep it a secret until the big night, but the girls are putting so much time and effort on it to "put it across" that we must applaud their efforts. Incidentally, if anyone is an expert or even acquainted with the art of play directing the supervisor would appreciate any advice and instruction. By this time the girls know their "parts," if that may be an additional inducement.

We are happy to have so many little tots, "Island Imps", coming out regularly this year and taking such interest and care in their work.

We peeked in on Miss Gay's sewing class last Tuesday and saw some interesting results in this new activity, for which Miss Gay has so kindly offered her services.

You can expect keen competition on Junior Field Day, Water Sports Day, and in our senior tennis and archery tournaments to take place in August, for every day the girls are practicing towards these Island events.

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# BOYS' ANNUAL CHURCH SERVICE

Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock, the boys of Sunfish Camp join our own boys for this annual service. The boys take full charge. Boy soloists, boy pianist, boys from harmonica band, and an address to the boys and their parents by Mr. Poole of National Council Y. M. C. A. This will be a service you will not want to miss. Every boy on the Island is urged to attend. Parents and sisters are also asked to make every effort to come out.

Let us fill the Shelter.

# **NOVELTY DANCES**

Our "Lucky Number Dance" has proven quite successful, and our "Leap Year Number" also promises to be so.

So that the B. F. may arrange with the special G. F., and visa versa, to be on hand when their number comes out of the hat, or is it a hat, we wish to announce that unless otherwise notified No. 3 will be a lucky number dance and No. 7 a leap year number, and the girls must arrange for same.

# CARD OF THANKS

Mr. Ernest A. Lye and family wish to acknowledge the thoughtful kindness of the Ward's Island Association in suspending activities on Saturday afternoon last, and to thank many friends in the community for personal expressions of sympathy on the occasion of their recent bereavement.

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