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### Extravagance in Government Departments

The Ontario Department of Highways is playing a losing game in their endeavor to keep the highways open for automobile traffic. At the best they are not in good condition and owners of motor vehicles would be money in pocket were they compelled to put them away during the winter season. With the debt of the province steadily mounting, and municipalities finding it hard to meet necessary expenses, we fail to see any wisdom in the waste which is fathered by the department. Each county must contribute a portion of the cost and through the county each rural and urban municipality must contribute. If any person can tell us where Huphrasia or Glenelg, or even Markdale, receives value for the money thus expended we would be pleased to get the information. We're paying for something which is unnecessary and for which there is no general demand. Officials, paid by the public, at desks in cosy offices provided by the taxpayers, are good spenders and will continue this extravagance so long as the general public sits back and lets things drift. It's time for the practice of economy in all branches of our governing bodies.

### Our Youth and the "Red" Peril

In these uncertain days youth presents one of the country's most serious problems. Youth has more leisure than formerly, or is altogether unemployed; therefore open to greater temptations. And the greatest danger to youth in this and other countries is the propaganda work being carried on by the agents of communism. This subject was dealt with comprehensively recently by Mr. Martin H. Carmody of Grand Rapids, Mich., the Supreme Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, representing more than half a million members, at a civic luncheon in his honor during a fraternal visit to the Toronto Council of the order. One of the privileges—and the obligation—of Christian men to-day, said Mr. Carmody, is to see to it that youth be provided with a solid groundwork in religion and citizenship. He dwelt enthusiastically and at length on great work being done in this respect by Boy Scouts Associations in many lands. These organizations provided one of the most effective agencies through which youth might be reached.

The contention is sound. As Mr. Carmody stressed, the boy who has been drilled in Scout principles is likely to grow up a loyal citizen, respecting regularly constituted civil authority and obedient to the laws of God. And certainly he never will be a "Red".

Mr. Carmody was proud to say that the organization of which he is chief sponsors 1100 troops of Boy Scouts. He also had a word of praise for similar good work being carried on under Y.M.C.A. auspices.

In serious and graphic language the Supreme Knight stressed the dangers of communism, its threat to religious freedom, and declared it never must be allowed to gain an official foothold in Canada or the United States. Hence the importance of guarding youth against its

subtle propaganda methods. In this connection it is interesting to note that during the past year there has been in the Dominion an increase of more than 4000 in Boy Scout Association membership.—The Toronto Globe.

### The Markdale Beer Authority

(The Temperance Advocate)  
The Liquor Control Board and the Ontario government can scarcely complain if the general public concludes that they have no guiding principle in the administration of the liquor law other than to favor the trade.

The village of Markdale carried local option by a vote of 317 to 134, a majority of over 62 per cent. No question was raised as to the adequacy and fairness of the vote in itself. Action was taken in the courts, however, against the Town Clerk, charging that he checked the petition by the wrong list. He had used the list certified by the judge and used in the previous municipal election. The complainants claim that he should have used the list as revised for the provincial election which had intervened. The local judge has sustained their plea and appeal has been taken against his decision to Osgoode Hall. Now comes the rub. Despite the fact that appeal was being taken, the Liquor Control Board with the utmost haste revived the authority of the hotel in Markdale. The explanation of the Board's representative was that they were advised there was no chance of an appeal succeeding. The Board in effect assumed that its opinion was equal to the judgment of the Supreme Court and so it went ahead with its beer selling despite the declared will of the people in a preponderating majority.

The contrast can scarcely be avoided. When the Supreme Court of Canada declares that the Canada Temperance Act is in force in Perth, Huron and Peel, Mr. Hepburn declines to remove the authorities operating therein, contrary alike to the Canada Temperance Act and the Liquor Control Act. He offered as an excuse for this course the fact that an appeal was being taken from the decision of the Supreme Court. Now when the dries have won a clear and outstanding victory and it is quashed in the court on a doubtful technicality, despite the appeal the Board promptly revives the beer room. When the wets appeal the appeal justifies the continuance of beer rooms; when the dries appeal the appeal does not justify their discontinuance. Where is the guiding principle of administration? Where is the recognition of the courts? Where is the respect for the supreme thing, the will of the people? Clearly the Board are so sympathetic to the trade that they are saying to the temperance electors, You can go ahead and play the game but remember "it's heads I win, tails you lose."

### HARKAWAY

Mr. Will Bentham of Toronto is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McLaughlin.

Owing to the weather being so very cold and the roads almost impassable it has been decided to postpone the W.M.S. meeting this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Werd and Wallace visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Kidd.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes. Patton and Leo visited Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McLaughlin and family.

Mr. Ernest Boyes and Mr. Mills spent a day recently with Mr. and Mrs. Amos Boyes.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Coburn and Willis spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Will Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rae, Mildred and Russell visited Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Will Lyons.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Beard and babe have moved to Weston where he has secured a position.

A goodly number attended the afternoon service at the United Church despite the poor roads. Our pastor, Rev. C. C. Wellerman, has been absent only one Sunday.

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## Religious Forum

### GOD A ROCK

What are the reasons for which our God is compared to a rock? First, a rock is steadfast; its stability, as compared with the flowing waters of the sea or the shifting sands of the desert, is the first thing that strikes us. "With Him is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." Next, a rock is often chosen as the site of a stronghold, because of the security it gives. Men build their castles upon a rock, for purposes of defence; the wise man built his house upon a rock for safety in the storm.—"The Lord is my rock and my fortress." Again, in Palestine we find that the rock often contained a cave, or cleft, used as a hiding place. "Enter into the rock and hide thee in the dust." In such a cleft Moses was hidden. "I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by." (Exod. 33 : 22.) A rock became also a shelter in another sense: "The shadow of a great rock in a weary land." "Lead me to the rock that is higher than I." And the rock that gave security was also a source of refreshment: For, "He opened the rock and the waters gushed out."—so that they drank of that spiritual rock that followed them, and that rock was Christ.—Selected. m-1

### EUPHRASIA COUNCIL

Euphrasia Council met at the Township Hall on Monday, Feb. 3, with all of the members present and the Reeve in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Communications were read. Parker - Pottage—That we, the members of this Council, on behalf of the ratepayers, regret and mourn the loss of our Majesty King George the Fifth, and pledge ourselves in allegiance to King Edward the 8th. God Save the King.—Carried.

Carruthers - Miller—That the Clerk write the Treasurer of Meaford stating that the books of the Township show that Euphrasia's share for Division Court purposes was paid in 1934 and 1935.—Cd.

Miller - Carruthers—That Arthur Bowen be refunded \$2.00 dog tax, he having no dog, also Wm. Hindle be refunded \$2.00, overlooked at the Court of Revision.—Carried.

Pottage - Parker—That T. A. Myles be paid \$52.50, premium for bonding of tax collector.—Carried.

Parker - Miller—That the printing contract be renewed with The Markdale Standard.—Carried.

Carruthers - Miller—That the Treasurer receive from W. B. Ormsby the sum of \$37.03 on account for moulds sold him.—Carried.

Parker - Pottage—That the Auditors' report be received and that 200 copies be printed for distribution to the ratepayers.—Carried.

Pottage - Miller—That Forbes Gott be appointed Weed Inspector for 1936.—Carried.

Miller - Carruthers—That the Auditors be paid the sum of \$20.00 each for their services.—Carried.

Parker - Pottage—That this Council petition the Department of Highways for the statutory grant.—Cd.

By-Laws No. 2, appointing Auditors, and No. 3, providing for expenditures on roads, were passed and filed.

Miller - Parker—That Chas. Fothergill be appointed Assessor for 1936 at a salary of \$115.00.—Carried.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid: Geo. Hutchinson, error in parsonage assessment, 8.08; A. Pledger, work in connection with the Beaver Valley and Euphrasia Telephone Systems, \$5.10; H. Kerr, work collecting telephone money, \$7.60; N. L. Curry, placing telephone poles on rolls, \$12.75; N. L. Curry, charging penalties on 1934 and 1935 rolls, \$5.00; Voucher No. 4 for road work, \$4.00; No. 5, \$42.00; No. 6, \$262.88.

Pottage - Parker—That Council adjourn until March 2nd, 1936.—Carried.

N. L. Curry, Clerk

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## GLENELG COUNCIL

The February meeting was held in the Township Hall on Saturday, the 8th inst., with all the members present.

Communications were read from the Department of Municipal Affairs re taking oath of allegiance to King Edward the Eighth, and a bulletin re unemployment relief; from Lucas & Co., re transfer of Armstrong property from Markdale to Glenelg; from Ontario Municipal Board advising that hearing on Armstrong property transfer was postponed to Feb. 13th.

The Auditors presented their report to the Council.

Newell - D'Arcy—That the Auditors' report be adopted and that they be paid \$15.00 each for their services.—Carried.

The following accounts were passed and payments made: Messrs. W. A. Robinson and P. McMillan, Auditors, for postage, \$1.08; Frank Haley, sheep killed by dogs, \$8.00; Archie McKechnie, inspecting same, \$1.00; The Municipal World, assessment supplies, \$31.57; Clerk, completing application for old age pension, \$2.00.

Newell - Sullivan—That payment Voucher No. 2, presented by Road Superintendent, be passed, and payments made accordingly, total amount \$48.24.—Carried.

Robinson - Newell—That Wm. Banks supply one cord of 22-inch hardwood at \$2.50 and one cord dry cedar at \$1.50 for use at Township Hall.—Carried.

Sullivan - Newell—That account of F. G. Karstedt be sent back to Artemesia Council, as recipient of relief was a resident there until August 1935.—Carried.

The Auditors' Report for 1935 showed receipts for year, \$31135.89; expenditures, \$26602.28, leaving a balance on hand of \$4533.61. The amount of the assets in excess of the liabilities, \$19302.17.

The Council adjourned to meet on Saturday, March 7th, 1936.

H. H. MacDonald, Clerk

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A. F. & A. M.—Hiram Lodge No. 490, G.R.C., Markdale, meets in the Masonic Hall, Reburn Block, at 8 o'clock p.m., on the second Thursday in each month. Visiting brethren cordially invited. W. J. Halbert, W.M.; A. E. Colgan, Sec.

R. B. K.—Victoria Preceptory No. 232 meets in the Orange Hall, Markdale, at 8 o'clock p.m., the third Thursday in each month. Visiting brethren always cordially welcome. G. W. Littlejohns, W. P.; A. E. Colgan, Registrar.

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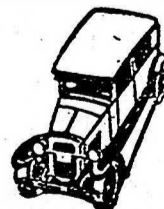
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