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Foster Community Spirit

A community is created by the desire of human beings to congregate together for a common good and it enjoys progress and growth just so long as the spirit of fellowship exists, when this ceases the community disintegrates. In our frontier towns and villages of the past community spirit was essential for personal safety; today that use has vanished but a new one has taken its place. We must engender it for business reasons.

Community spirit in villages works in cycles; at the peak of a cycle we have periods of animated activity to forward the interests of the village as a whole, at the ebb of the cycle we have a period of ex- animation during which time little groups form with self-centred in- terests. These are the periods in which business progresses and re- codes. The latter period is not a desirable one. It is then the com- munity feels a desire to resuscitate business. No community works at a peak all the time but we should see that these periods of inertness are as short as possible.

Markdale has just been passing through one of these inert periods and is being slowly aroused from it by the activities of its neighbouring villages. It should be seen to that it is well aroused and that the spirit of progress is well engendered and does not die before it has time to become established. To cause this community spirit to grow people must have an objective worthy of their efforts. It is this that must be created. A wide awake community should not have far to seek; to in- crease business is always a worth- while venture. To bring people into the village as possible buyers is al- ways a good objective; it should stimulate us all.

It is not enough to expect people to come to the village for business alone. The village should be the centre to which they come for their amusements and social intercourse and should it not give these they will go elsewhere. The village should act as a unit in fostering a community spirit which is so exigent for its progress. Every effort should be made to support the program of sports and amusements the business men of the village are arranging; it should do much for business. Let every one put his shoulder to the wheel.

How To Kill A Town

(Huntsville Forester)

Always cultivate the idea that you can do better in some other town.

Denounce your merchants because they are trying to make a living here. Glory in the downfall of any man who has done much to improve your own town.

Get all you can out of the town and the merchants, but spend your money somewhere else.

Tell the merchants that you can buy elsewhere cheaper; you probably can't, but charge them with being extortionists anyway.

Always believe everything that peddlers and specialty agents tell you and buy from them. You could no doubt, do better at your own stores, but don't ever, ever do that.

If a stranger stops in town tell him he'd do better to go on to the next place.

Call your merchants and the place where you live, as the meanest on earth.

Always have your mind firmly made up before you go in any of your own home stores, that you simply can't get anything to suit you there.

And now, after having religiously done all of the above, you ought to have the satisfaction of very shortly seeing your town reduced to a small burg, with possibly a general store, a service station or two, and a post office. All this may not have en- hanced the value of your property any or improved your own living conditions, but you don't care.

Responsibility of Church

The Port Perry Star has joined The Bowmanville Statesman and those who feel that Church mem- bers should recognize their individ- ual responsibility in the matter of Church support and should not de- pend upon entertainments and bazaars and ticket selling and bak- ing sales to provide that which is necessary if the work is to be carried on successfully. That paper says:

"The truth remains that Church members frequently overlook the fact that they are financially re- sponsible for the Church they pro- fess to support. All the odium of the accusation of commercializing the Church could easily be removed by systematic support of the Church and its projects. Few people seem to realize that very small sums given regularly each week will make sur- prising contributions in the aggre- gate. Nickles, dimes and quarters, so easily spent to satisfy a passing fancy, can form the basis of what would be a comfortable income for any Church if all the members would 'get the habit.' One thing is certain—no community can afford to allow the local Church to be neglected, or compelled to adopt what some con- sider questionable methods in order to live and carry on a worthwhile program of Christian activity. This matter is becoming serious, and should receive proper attention."

Annual meetings of the different religious bodies will be held during the next month. There will be present at these meetings men and women who are engaged in various lines of business. They will all agree that no other business could long continue if managed as Church affairs are conducted. And too often while possessing this knowledge nothing is done to profit by it. Con- gregations are all comparatively small in numbers. An hour's con- sideration will easily make plain the amount that is required for run- ning expenses for the year. A budget should be prepared. This done and presented to those who claim mem- bership in the congregation and who desire the ministrations of the Church will be followed by gratify- ing results. Many who now "drop a nickel on the plate", buy a ticket for a raffle or give a meagre con- tribution when personally appealed to in times of special urgency, will recognize their responsibility and be willing and ready to discharge their duty. Giving regularly and system- atically will not only solve the finan- cial problem, but will at the same time increase attendance, give free- dom for real Church work to those whose efforts are so often exhausted in promoting devices to make ends meet. How about a New Year's re- solution by all Church members, poor and rich, to try the direct Sun- day giving method during the year 1937?—Brampton Conservator.

As many people have found out to their sorrow, there is a difference be- tween being let in on a deal and taken in on one.

Wandering Girls

Care Free Youngsters Seeing the World Are Brought to Book at Wiarion

(Wiarion Echo)

Chief of Police Shute was right on the job this week when he located two young girls, one juvenile, in town and had them spend a night or two in the local lock-up. One of the young ladies, whose home is in Kincairdine, but who has been confined to the Galt Industrial School for some time during the past, escaped the latter institution on No- vember 9th last and has been doing quite a bit of wandering ever since. She has been as far as Tober- mory and visited quite a number of different towns in Grey and Bruce. However, Chief Shute, on advise from circulars distributed during the month got wise to the fact that the girls were in town and promptly found them and placed them in a nice warm room where they were probably glad to be. A matron is looking after them during their stay in town. The other girl is from Jackson, having left her home not long ago in company with the other, presumably to see the world. How- ever, she didn't see much of it and her father after a telephone call from the Chief, came after her Sun- day. The Kincairdine girl is to be taken back to Galt as soon as an es- cort is sent for her.

Recipes for Standard's Cook Book

DATE BREAD
1 cup chopped dates
1 teaspoon soda
¾ cup boiling water
1½ cups brown sugar
1 tablespoon butter
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ teaspoon salt
1½ cups flour
1½ cup chopped walnuts.
Add baking soda to dates, then add boiling water. Stir and cool, add sugar, egg, butter and vanilla. Mix salt and flour and sift into the mixture, add nuts, mix well and turn into greased pan. Bake slowly for 1½ hours at 250 to 300 deg.

Mrs. J. F. Marshall,
1005 Glencairn Ave.,
Parkroad, Ont.

KING EDWARD CAKE
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
½ cup butter
½ cup sour milk
1 cup chopped dates
¾ cup currants
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon alspice
½ teaspoon soda mixed in sour milk
1 teaspoon cream of tartar
1½ cups flour
Bake in two layers.

Oiga Connell,
R.R. 1, Holland Centre

CARROT PUDDING
1 cup grated carrots
1 cup grated potatoes
1 cup bread crumbs
1 cup currants
1 cup raisins
1 cup suet or butter, add a little salty suet
1 cup sugar
½ cup peel, mixed
½ cup baking syrup
1 cup buttermilk
2 teaspoons baking soda
4 cups flour
spice to taste.
Boil or steam 4 hours. Serve with any good pudding sauce.

Mrs. E. Sewell,
R. R. 2, Markdale

SALAD DRESSING
3 eggs
½ teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon flour
dash red pepper
½ cup white sugar
1 teaspoon dry mustard
½ cup vinegar
½ cup sweet cream.
Mix dry ingredients by themselves and then boil.

Bella McKillop,
R. R. 2, Markdale

YUM - YUMS
1 egg
1 cup sugar
½ cup milk
1 cup flour
½ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 cup chopped dates
1 cup chopped nuts.
Bake in a long pan, cut in fancy shapes while hot and roll in powder- ed sugar.

Gertie Tebbutt,
R. R. 7, Markdale

ORANGE CAKE
2 eggs
1 cup white sugar
1 cup sour cream
½ cup shortening
1 teaspoon soda
1 orange and
1 cup raisins, put through grinder
2½ cups flour.

Mrs. J. J. McGee,
R. R. 2, Flesherton

OATMEAL DROP CAKES
1 cup white sugar
¾ cups butter
2 eggs
2 cups flour, sifted
1 cup rolled oats
1 cup raisins or chopped dates
½ teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon soda
sour milk to make a stiff batter.
Drop from spoon on greased pan. Walnuts may be added if desired.

Mrs. W. Ratcliffe,
R. R. 4, Markdale

The next time the weather man gives us a thaw he had better make a real job of it and not turn the town into a skating rink.

A Fool There Was

(Durham Chronicle)

We notice the woman on the Ham- ilton council is in the limelight "a- gain because she would not take the oath of allegiance to King George VI. In the cities they call their councillors aldermen, and, we sup- pose a feminine member could right- ly be called an aldermaness. The Hamilton woman qualifies for the title Alderman-Ass (or should it be Ass-ess?). We apologize right here to the whole donkey clan for the comparison, as we have always found these animals intelligent and sensible.

We don't suppose it will make much difference to the British Em- pire because this Hamilton Alder- manass-ess will not take the oath to the King. It will get along. It must be rather tough on Hamilton, though, to have that kind of men- tality on its council.

Intelligent people usually try and obey the customs and usages of the country or society they are in. They may not believe in it, but they do it in deference to those with whom they are associating. The Hamilton woman could very well have taken the oath of allegiance, even if she didn't believe in kings and queens. But perhaps this is exactly why she did not do it—publicity.

Turnbull Binder An Invention of Farmers

It was about the year 1882 that the farm grain binder came into general use. It was a big lumber- ing machine, the frame being con- structed entirely of hardwood.

It was an improvement, however, over the ordinary reaper and but a few years elapsed before major im- provements were made. The early machines had the elevator canvas boxed in at the rear, and in long grain there was a jamming and threshing of the grain.

About 1888, two Mono Township men set about to make radical changes. They conceived a binder that would go clockwise about the field and would leave open the rear of the elevator box and the grain wheel and the drive wheel would be zig-zagged to prevent both wheels dropping into the furrow at once.

They spent the winter of 1887-88 making patterns in the brick work- shop which was a wing to one of the then superior farm houses of Mc- Master's father, near Orangeville.

The young man, then in his upper twenties, was ambitious above the average, and his senior colleague had inventive genius. When spring came, the partnership leased or ac- quired a building in Orangeville which had been occupied as a cotton factory. Local moulders were put to work. Before many months the first McMaster wide open binder was awaiting the ripening harvest. And when the harvest was ripe this lighter, lower machine stood up splendidly. The weakness detected in the first season was noted and corrected in the second, and the plan gave promise of expansion, but dur- ing the second summer fire destroyed the store house and a considerable stock of machines. The firm was not properly insured and had not capital to carry on.

McMaster went to British Colum- bia and made good in other enter- prises.

This is in brief an outline of the Turnbull Wide-Open Binder made in Orangeville by the McMaster Man- ufacturing Company. Other firms were quick to adopt the open ele- vator feature and this is in evidence in all makes of grain binders the world over.—Shelburne Free Press and Economist.

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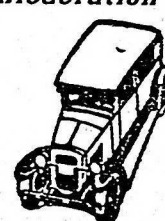
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