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EDITORIAL

Important Years Ahead

Municipal election time is here again and with it the time for citizenship responsibility and when we say that we do not narrow that responsibility down to the few who express a willingness to accept municipal office. If you know of a citizen nominated for office whom you feel would give creditable service to the municipality, do not hesitate to tell him so and lend him encouragement. Give criticism if you will but give encouragement and help just as liberally both before and after election.

The next few years will be important ones in most municipalities. The war years and the year following have left a shortage of materials and improvements accumulated for attention when supplies are available. These improvements may not be possible this year but certainly should get some consideration and planning.

Then, too, citizens have by vote endorsed the installation of sewers and a disposal system. Again it is impossible to say if this year can see an actual start on this project, but certainly the project will require planning and will be part of the municipal program of the next three or four years. Endorsement has been given of the project. The time for start of the work in whole or part and the purchase of material are things that will require due consideration for the best advantage of the municipality. It will come under the consideration of Council in this year and the next few years.

There are many other items which will appear before Councils between 1947 and 1950 which will have a distinct bearing on the future of Acton and similar places and their continued growth. These are times of expansion in favor particularly of municipalities so situated as we are. To secure the best for our town we need to all pull together as good citizens. Elect your municipal bodies now. Remember they serve as citizens. Don't try to push them around but let's all try to work toward improvement of our town as a whole and build together.

Changes Affecting Municipal Elections

Changes in the election act this year affect more than the date of municipal election. One of the new changes affects nominations specifically and states that a person cannot be nominated for two or more elective offices and then wait until just before the nominations close the following evening to decide which he wishes to contest. A candidate must make his or her decision immediately, after the nominations, otherwise the first nomination received will only be accepted by the Clerk. For example, if a person is nominated for Mayor, the Board of Education or as a candidate for Councillor, his or her nomination for Mayor will be first and the only one considered unless the person announces intention after the nominations. The revised act reads: "In default he will be deemed nominated for the office for which he was first nominated."

Another new procedure is that the lists of nominees for the various offices must be posted by the municipal clerk immediately following the nominations, not after the closing period for qualifying. Still another change in the act states that no person can legally be declared elected by acclamation until that person is qualified. That is, that if any one person is nominated for mayor, or for a vacancy in some other elective office, the Clerk cannot declare such person elected by acclamation (as has been in the past) immediately after the nominations close.

There is also a change in the Elections Act effecting township nominations. Now, persons nominated for elective office, in townships, must file certificates to the effect that his taxes are paid. This is the same procedure which has prevailed in cities and towns for some years. In the past a township nominee only had to make a declaration that his taxes were paid. The amendment also states that the

treasurer and tax collector must be at the place of township nominations at least one hour before the nominations open, in order to prepare the required certificates.

More and More For Less and Less

There was once a time when we thought that freedom was all we needed for democracy. Then we decided we needed freedom plus an education. And then freedom, plus an education, plus some pretty stiff anti-trust laws. To-day, in England, they've decided they also need nationalization of basic industries. What can we do next to make democracy workable and still keep democracy.

The truth is that, with freedom, more and more people tend to take less and less responsibility for their country. And this willingness is something that education, law and nationalization do not seem to supply.

Only three things rouse this willingness and fan it into anything like eagerness. One is a common danger. The second is the promise of reward in money, power or position. The third is love of God.

When their country is in danger men still volunteer to take responsibility for it. But we don't want to start another war to make democracy work.

Pay men a high enough salary or promise them a powerful position and they'll take responsibility. But bribing men to be responsible can't make democracy work.

There seems to be but the third alternative. If we want to keep a nation and a world free from compulsion we must rouse in men again that love for something bigger than themselves. Something which makes them willing and even eager to serve their fellows and their country when there is neither threat of danger nor the promise of reward.

Here's Where You Come In!

Last year in Canada well over 5,000 men and women, most of them between the ages of 15 and 45, died of tuberculosis.

This appalling death rate, which, more graphically, represents a loss each day of approximately 15 lives, can, according to informed medical opinion, be reduced to almost insignificant proportions. Why, then, if such unnecessary waste of human life can be avoided, is something not being done?

The answer is that something is being done, in fact, a great deal is being done. But victory over this age-old enemy can never be accomplished unless every man and woman in this country individually co-operates. Tuberculosis, the most communicable of all communicable diseases, is a germ which medical science alone cannot fight; the battle against it requires the help of everyone.

One of the most tangible ways of helping to wipe out TB is through the purchase and use of Christmas Seals, the annual sale of which begins this year November 25. Every cent raised through the sale of these Seals is spent on prevention and control measures.

A unique feature of Christmas Seal campaigns is that the money raised remains in the County from which it comes. Therefore, in buying Seals, we know that we are financing health measures for the benefit of ourselves and those about us. Halton County would be very unusual, indeed, if it did not have its share of tuberculosis.

When you are called upon to support the 1946 Christmas Seal campaign do so as generously as you can. Christmas Seals bought to-day are a substantial insurance policy against to-morrow.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Totalitarian steps is when more, and more people take less and less responsibility for their country or community.

Municipal election time comes around again and with it the citizenship duty of helping your own community to keep progressing.

Pretty hard for most folks to recall a finer fall than the one this year. When winter comes we can have a fond recollection that it was delayed.

We've plenty of Boards and administrative bodies these days, but too few who can or will render authoritative decisions for the guidance of the public.

Municipal candidates will have a two week's campaign this year. In view of the remuneration the offices bring we doubt if the extra week will be greatly appreciated.

Pretty difficult to say whether Old Man Winter or Old Man John L. Lewis holds the most terror for us who have to have heated business places seven months of each year.

There's certainly a lot of merit in the request that residents of cities be given the privilege of voting on whether they want "cocktail lounges" established or not. We've had too much liquor legislation foisted on the public in the past few years without any vote or approval of the electorate.

It's always helpful to have some one do the experimenting and Canada is fortunate that our neighbor is trying the plan of taking away price control. Perhaps in a few months we can hope for a decrease in government control and the lightening of government payroll.

**RHEUMATIC FEVER**  
The greatest scourge of school-age children is rheumatic fever. As an end result, it causes five times as many deaths as whooping cough, meningitis, measles, diphtheria, scarlet fever and infantile paralysis combined.

Increasing war on rheumatic disease National Health authorities urge constant liaison with the family physician to detect signs of trouble. Early symptoms must be treated (seriously) if the child is to be given a fighting chance before the disease attacks, cripples or kills. What many people shrug off as just "growing pains" in their young ones may, in fact, be the very signs for which the physician must watch.

Many cases of rheumatic disease exist in Canada and medical people know that fever wards of children's hospitals are filled with them. Rheumatic fever is a problem which must be tackled vigorously, if lives are to be saved.

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