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EDITORIAL

Citizenship Night

To-morrow evening is Citizenship Night in Acton. It is also known as Nomination Night, and if this community is going to continue to progress, citizens who have the good of the community at heart will take an active participation in the proceedings at the annual nominations.

Not all citizens can or will want to hold office but certainly all ratepayers can attend, make nominations, and take a keen interest in the reports and hear the account of stewardship of officers of the past year. A word of praise where due and a word of encouragement to those who shoulder the load is never amiss, when it is taken into consideration that Reeve, Councillors, Trustees and members of Commission serve without remuneration. Yes, to-morrow is Citizenship Night for Acton. Let's meet at the Town Hall to talk it over.

Narrow Down the Solution

John Atkins, the only farmer in Canada to publish a monthly paper right on the farm, has a solution for recovery of proper price levels. In the October issue of this thought-provoking journal "The Scene" from Shingwauk Farm, Bracebridge, Ont., he suggests this bit of economic philosophy.

"Since the farmers are large buyers of the products of urban labor, and urban labor is a large buyer of farm products; and since both these groups are demanding more money for less goods when they are selling, and more goods for less money when they are buying, it would be a good idea to lock up all the labor leaders and all the farm leaders in a room.

"Give them a staff of cost accountants and an economist or two in order to explain what it is that makes the wheels go round, and say to them: 'Here you are gentlemen, and here you stay until you can agree on a proper basis for exchanging labor with each other.'

"If they succeed, well and good. If they fail — so much the better, for with them out of the way, wages and prices would probably find their own proper levels in the market."

Just A Little Thing

Parking by-laws and regulations may be so strict that they become a detriment to any community and have an adverse effect on business. On the other hand, they may be so lax that they are a detriment to the community. Our community would seem to be suffering from the latter. The business street and section of Acton is none too wide. It was laid out before the present traffic was visualized. Its capacity is four lanes of traffic or with cars parked on both sides, there is just room for two lanes of moving traffic.

We know that it is permissible to park double and block one lane for the purpose of unloading. But such a practice should have consideration for the amount of unloading and the time the traffic will be blocked. It is only reasonable to assume that when double parking can be avoided traffic will not be blocked even if it means going a few extra steps in making the delivery. A little more consideration would indeed be helpful and make the shopping district more pleasing to the folks who must come to town by motor car or other transportation.

Power Limited

Folks who may on occasion blame municipal Councils for not providing all the facilities they desire will be interested to know that the recent by-law passed by Orangeville citizens to erect a \$51,000 swimming pool and Legion Hall in the community cannot be put into effect. The Municipal Board of the province which keeps a watchful eye over all the municipalities has refused permission for the project.

According to the Banner the reasons for refusal of permission are given that the by-law only had a

majority of 7 when passed, that only about fifty per cent. of the persons qualified registered a vote and that existing debt of the municipality is equal to about 20 per cent. of the towns' total assessment.

We comment on this only to point out to impatient citizens that Municipal Councils have not full authority in the matter of municipal expenditure but are subject to the rules laid down by provincial boards.

A National Point of View

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce as a representative of organized business in Canada is vitally concerned that the objectiveness of reconstruction should be approached from the national point of view and in harmony with the democratic ideals for which two world wars have been fought. These objectives are:

- 1. Freedom of opportunity for all on equal terms.
2. Economy in public administration to ensure low taxation.
3. Expansion of trade with other countries.
4. A high level of employment and production.
5. A high standard of living.

Mainly and bluntly

To put it plainly and bluntly there can never be peace in a pagan world. There can never be peace of any kind — at home, in business or between nations.

And a pagan world doesn't necessarily mean a world of infidels. It can mean a world of people very much like you and me — even those of us who go to church, believe in God and the possibility of a better life, both here and hereafter.

It does, however, mean a world of people who do not let these beliefs seriously affect their lives. A pagan does not believe in a better world seriously enough to work for it. He works instead to get all he can out of the life he knows. His is a philosophy of demand something for themselves. He, therefore, shapes a world where clash, deadlock, divorce, delinquency and war are not only possible but inevitable.

The opposite to a pagan is a Christian — and not just a pious man — not just a churchgoer with a private plan for personal salvation — but a go getter with a workable plan for salvation of the world. He believes in a better way of life enough to work for it. And not only in the hereafter but here and now.

This Machine Age

A new device is shortly to be made known as the "Opinion Meter" is for use at board or conference gatherings. Instead of using orthodox tactics in approving or damning a proposal, the conferee will soon be able to save wear and tear on his nervous system by simply turning a little dial held in the palm of his hand. He'll just ask himself if he's dead against an idea or 10, 20, 60, up to 100 per cent. in favor of it and set his dial accordingly. That dial, along with the rest of those held by fellow conferees is wired to an electronic mastermind in front of the chairman. The master dial makes no bones about saying what the meeting as a whole thinks.

First opinion meters will be able to handle up to 120 persons' opinions, but the electrical men are hard at it to increase this capacity. If they get it up high enough, it might even run hecklers out of business, or vice-versa. Only weak spot in the gadget is some sort of arrangement to make each one in conference have an opinion of his own.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Self-important people are well named. They're important only to themselves.

Latest total for sale of Canada War Savings Bonds is \$406.5 millions. This figure is divided into \$107.8 millions for payroll and \$298.7 millions for general canvass.

Store window and interiors are displaying the things that suggest Christmas is nearly here. Take a tour of the local stores early for good suggestions and selection.

The CCF Government in Saskatchewan has entered the field of insurance, shoe manufacture, box-making, transportation, radio, printing, clay products and others. Recently it capped everything by getting in the fish business.

It is argued, and quite reasonably so, by the Metz, Miss. Times; that the reason why a dollar won't do as much as it once did is because people won't do as much for a dollar as they once did.

The British are salvaging the pipe line across the channel which carried a million gallons of gas a day to the invasion army in Normandy. This will result in the recovery of about 10,000 tons of lead. It is another indication that costs do not count when there is a war to be won.

In an exchange we learn that Cobourg is to install parking metres and to quote the comment from the editor of another town where metres are in operation "The penalty for darning the metres wilfully is a fine of not less than \$25 or 30 days in jail." We've heard the metres were profitable, but surely motorists still have a right to call them 'what they like without being subject to a fine.

You'll Enjoy Going by Bus



LEAVE ACTON (Standard Time)

Table with columns for TO TORONTO and TO LONDON, listing departure times for various days of the week.

THE CONNECTIONS AT TORONTO FOR NORTH BAY — MONTREAL — OTTAWA AT LONDON FOR DETROIT — CHICAGO — LOS ANGELES. FARES ARE LOW Round Trip — Tax Included.

Tickets and information at Harold Wiles' Phone 58

Large advertisement for CARROLL'S Coffee featuring various coffee products, prices, and a central illustration of a coffee cup.

Business Directory

Business Directory listing various professionals including Medical, Dental, and Real Estate services with names and contact information.

Advertisement for NICOL BROS. MONUMENTS AND CEMETERY LETTERING, including contact details and location.