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**EDITORIAL**

**Make Your Applause Mean Something**

There will be no vote in Acton next Monday for municipal officials, as all offices have been filled by acclamation (with enough signing up). But Monday is a day that should see every property owner making a decision on the Band Tax by-law. It is very fitting that Council has chosen this year when Acton Band has won two championships and brought honor to the town, that citizens should be given an opportunity to show appreciation to this band and provide some assurance that Acton will have a band in the future.

Some may rightly ask what does the band tax by-law do. As now written, it provides that each year a half mill of the tax rate shall go towards the maintenance of a band in Acton. If your property is assessed for \$1000 your contribution will be 50c per year; at \$1500 you will pay 75c per year and so on. \$2000 assessment will give a contribution of a dollar a year. Not a heavy contribution for anyone but a case of many nickels make a lot.

We might also point out that under the band tax by-law the band must appoint competent officers and give an audited statement of all receipts and expenditures. The money may be withheld if at any time in the future the band does not live up to its obligations of good business practice.

We don't need to remind Acton citizens what a band does for a community. It's the spark plug of every public event, every parade, every community drive and most of it is done without a cent of remuneration. Acton has had a band since 1872 but no better band than the boys and girls are giving them in 1947.

Monday you can show your appreciation. Vote for the by-law and say I'm willing to do my share since the boys and girls have done their share. They deserve it.

**1947 Educational Progress**

As the year comes to the last month and councils hold their concluding sessions, an important change comes in North Halton in the secondary school system and in 1947, Milton, Acton, Esquing and Nassagaweya Townships unite in the new North Halton High School District. All High and Continuation Schools in this area will come under the jurisdiction of a Board to be appointed by councils of 1947.

On this new Board, Esquing Township Council will appoint two members since that is the municipality with over 3,000 population. Milton Council will appoint one member and Milton School Board will appoint one member since Milton Public School had the largest average attendance in 1946. Acton and Nassagaweya Councils will each appoint one member and Halton County Council will appoint one member or if the newly appointed Board so requests, three members may be appointed by County Council. The first meeting of the new School Board will be called by the Clerk of Esquing Township, Mr. L. M. Bennett, since that is the municipality with the largest population.

Appointment of the members of the Board is made at the last meeting of the 1947 Councils. We doubt if the new building for the district will get under way next year in view of the present supply problems but 1947 will see a start on a new educational program for most of North Halton. It will meet with difficulties and there will necessarily have to be a spirit of tolerance on all sides to get the plan in operation. We believe that is possible in this day and age and we look for real advancement in educational matters for this district as a result of the decisions made last year.

**Compete or Combat**

Competition—the life of trade—is also the life of democracy. For if democracy fails to compete with other world ideas, it will have to resort to combat.

Much is said these days of the need to "contain Communism." Containment, however, is a combative rather than a competitive idea. What business man would attempt to "contain" his competitor across the street? He would simply put better goods in his own show window.

If, in our national show window, democracy is not an idea that appeals to other nations—not even an

idea that appeals to our own citizens enough to persuade them to start living it—it will never stand on its own legs. We will always have to defend it by force of arms. It is clear we need a better idea of democracy to make a better display.

We should be grateful to this challenge of the Kremlin which makes our whole security dependent on our living up to our best traditions, suggests the article by "X" which appeared in "Foreign Affairs." To live up to your best traditions is a good way to compete. But to pioneer a new tradition is an even better way.

We, as a democracy, will have to give more people greater satisfaction at their work, greater happiness at home, with greater purpose and security in life than democracy has given yet. Then we can leave the field of combat and win on the competitive field.

Our rivals in this field may put nothing but unsubstantiated promises behind the iron curtain in their own show window. But they can still plead "insufficient time for delivery." We, in democracy, have been making promises for many years. We still have to begin delivering the goods if, from this point on, we want to compete for world leadership instead of once more having to combat world domination.

**Yes, It's Small Town Stuff—But the Real Way of Life**

We recently came across a column appearing in the Boonville (Mo.) News that appears to state the case of why rural weeklies carry a human appeal not found in any other publication. The column "Topics in Type" is written each week by a lady correspondent, Mrs. Gene V. Davis.

"When you can take refuge in a doorway from the downpouring rain, with your arms full of bundles and not one hand free to raise your umbrella and the proboscis judge standing in the same doorway, reaches quietly over and raises your umbrella for you—that is small town stuff.

"When the taxi driver who takes your child home in the same hard rain accepts her 20 cents in lieu of a quarter with, "That's all right kid, I'll get the other nickel some other time," that, too, is small town stuff.

"And when a friend calls you on the phone and says, "I have heard from another friend that you are up against something a little hard tomorrow and I just wanted you to know that I am right along with you in thought," that is small town stuff too—all of it the kind I love, the cheering, unpretentious, heart-warming friendliness and concern of small town folk.

"You look out of the window and see a neighbor feeding your cat a tidbit and somehow feel happy. You walk downtown one morning when the car goes bad unexpectedly and find yourself speaking to every person you meet in ten blocks and you feel a lift to the spirits, realizing how many townspeople you know."

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

Monday next is Election Day. Vote as you like but be sure to vote.

Bank deposits nearly touched \$6 billions at \$5,969 millions, the highest on record, on Sept. 30. Increase over August was \$137 millions and over Sept. 1946, \$180 millions.

Now that an "austerity" program has been adopted for Canada, we trust that Prime Minister King will not also thrust Canada into a wedding of national importance. Maybe he ought to hurry home.

Mr. Elmore Philpott announces over the CBC that strikes and lockouts are the surest proof that the economic system in which we live is insane, advises the Fort Erie Letter-Review. Extreme and irresponsible Leftist, Philpott might still hesitate to support his argument to the logical conclusion and endorse the Russian system of shooting strikers or sending them to concentration camps for life.

Thanks to the Ontario Milk Board, the price of Milk will advance two cents a quart on Monday. A royal commission hasn't helped this cream skimming set up. It would be interesting to know how much of the increased price goes to the farmer and how much of the original quality of milk goes to the consumer under the Board's rulings. Surely another Commission isn't necessary to get rid of the Board.

Only two honorable courses are open to Canada on the Newfoundland margarine question, argues the Toronto Globe and Mail. "Either the ridiculous ban must be applied to the new Province—in which case Newfoundland would almost certainly refuse to join the Dominion—or the Dominion Government should introduce at its next session a bill to withdraw the prohibition now in effect and permit the manufacture and sale of margarine anywhere."

Consumers are ignored in the new milk agreements, declares the Ottawa Citizen. "It is noteworthy also that the interim milk law of the Ontario Government omits the former provision for consumer representation before the Milk Board when price questions are under consideration. Farmers are entitled to a fair price for milk. But this should be determined by impartial and scientific methods. Instead, producers and distributing companies are to battle it out and householders must meet whatever increased figure emerges."

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