

**POLITICAL DISCOVERY**

In the "man-bites-dog" category of news is the report from Regina of a recent speech delivered by Jacob Benson, C.C.F. member for Lost Mountain in the Saskatchewan Legislature. Mr. Benson has actually dared to criticize his party finding them less than perfect on many points. He doesn't like the system of party discipline which apparently reduces the status of M.L.A.'s to that of rubber stamps. He doesn't like the extravagance of the C.C.F. government's budget. He doesn't like, and this may be the most unkind cut of all, the government's splurging on social services.

The C.C.F. did not invent spending on social services, which are among the common devices for bribing the taxpayers with their own money; but they have always acted as if they had a monopoly of virtue and loving-kindness towards their fellow-man. Their chief way of proving this is to take money from some of their fellow-men, hoping that not too many of them belong to the C.C.F., and spread it around among others, hoping that few of the beneficiaries are Liberal or Conservatives.

Now Mr. Benson has bluntly told his colleagues that, when the government finds it has to cut these social services, it will also find it self unpopular. It is a discovery that other politicians have made in the past. The gratitude of the electorate for apparent benefits is less certain than their resentment at the loss of anything they have been taught to consider as their right.—The Printed Word.

**AC-TEEN TOPICS**

Well, the long anticipated Penguin Prom, last Friday, brought to an end a highly successful season. We will make an attempt to explain the Prom as one attending would see it. On entering the door you pay the small admission, pass on to the front of the magnificent Penguin Club entrance illuminated by a green floodlight and sign your name in the guest log, designed and produced by Rena Braldu (really a work of art), the girl receives a dance program and you pass through the entrance to be welcomed by the mayor and the reeve. That brings to an end the process of entrance. The gym floor and the orchestra are the next thing that meet your eyes and ears. We will reserve further comment on the orchestra and simply say, for the price they were paid, they were very inadequate. In fact, we might even say they ruined a well planned evening. To continue, the gym floor was decorated with black and white streamers around the walls and along the ceiling. The orchestra (?) provided the music for dancing until 10:30 when the mayor and reeve made a very fitting presentation to Mr. and Mrs. J. Gray for assistance in building up the club. The mayor expressed regret on their leaving town and presented Johnny with a lovely silver lighter and Mrs. Gray with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Miss Joan Somerville was the "Golden Girl of the 1948 Penguin Prom" and received a gold compact.

An elegant buffet lunch was served of sandwiches, cake, punch and other morsels.

Following the intermission, the orchestra "finished off" (pun) the evening with music (?) for dancing.

Summer jobs, the new swimming pool and a multitude of other items come up for consideration this week but so do examinations and they come up for more consideration so we'll just give a brief comment on the second topic mentioned.

The new swimming pool is in its infancy and is still under consideration. It will benefit everyone in Acton and a lot from outside as well. It is not just a topic for older people's consideration but it should hold a monopoly on teenage topics as well, which is precisely why we have presented this subject. A swimming pool for Acton teen-agers and that is you. No one has been called on yet to give any financial or that type of support, but it is still probable they will. When they are, since teen-agers don't have any considerable sum to donate, why could the Ac-teeners not band together and make a considerable sum so the swimming pool in Acton will be truly a community project. Think it over.

**SPORTS CAMERA**

BY H. COLLEN

Last Saturday's games in the Halton County League could be an indication of individual strength of the respective clubs in what promises to be a close race for final leadership of a fifteen game schedule. Milton renewed their determination to head the class by downing Oakville while Acton won their first game of two starts from Georgetown. Present standing is Milton in 1st place by virtue of 2 consecutive victories over last semester's Ontario champs; Acton and Oakville share the second rung with a win and a defeat respectively; and Georgetown are sole collar occupants with 2 losses chalked up against them. Last week we had our signals mixed and reported Georgetown defeating Oakville on opening day at the Port Town. This week it's an-apology! Oakville sank Georgetown 7-5 on the day in question.

Opening day in Acton was accorded little fanfare. Fans attended in large numbers however, to view what they anticipated would be a tight fisted affair between two traditional rivals. Since it was a comparatively easy win for the locals, in that they were disappointed. Georgetown are woefully weak on the mound—in fact they haven't a hurler capable of lasting nine frames with an exception—Scottie Patterson. But, and this is official, Scottie is deterred from playing on Saturdays by a job. Yeah, we said a job! Perhaps a quick switch with the hockey executive would put Patterson in a position to play on Saturdays. Employment is a specialty of theirs.

Sam Snyder's slants had wholesale strike-outs on the meticulous white uniformed visitors. Thirteen batters whiffed at his offerings, the most of whom succumbed to a sheer drop that made them appear ludicrous. That is, all except one on agile little Japanese backstop. An acquisition from Brampton, he knocked three Texas Leaguers and proved to be their best bet at the plate.

The schedule does not resume until Saturday in Oakville but the Juveniles open on Friday night here against Milton, last term champions, and it is obvious that aspirants for the team should display a fairly powerful ball club when you take into consideration all the experience most of them have had. Johnny Goy is guiding them, this term against what probably will be tough opposition.

Acton Park is humming with activity again. Every night in the week it is devoted to some practical use. The baseball diamond considered one of the best in Ontario is gradually regaining some of its lost prestige. To-morrow night, the Juveniles open against Milton. On Saturday morning, under the baton of Bill Holloway, the small fry swing into lively action. Saturday night there's dancing to the lilting rhythms of Bob Martin and his rejuvenated orchestra—vastly improved this year. And this is just a start. Softball will be commencing any day now, and the swimming pool rumors also centre around this fine community playground.

As the Story Goes . . .

Oscar Judd, veteran southpaw slanter with Toronto Maple Leafs, once a major league war when on the same club as Sam Snyder early second string pitcher. Who was first? Yes, our Sam. Peter Charbon is some shakes as a hurler with Fergus baseball crew and considered a phenomina—as is Jack Keather with the flaming red locks . . . both are carving quite a niche for themselves in Ferrus. Their theme . . . on to be in Acton now that baseball is here we wish you were too boys. Well Timmy and Bob nominate Lappierre on Saturday at Oakville. Greenke limited the Port-town to three hits when Milton topped them 7-2.

**TAXING THE DREAMS OF TOMORROW**

By Joseph Esker Rutledge

Any tax that applies to what someone has earned by his own effort, is a tax imposed on initiative and daring and vision. However great or small the vision, or the daring may be, they are still qualities that earn rewards. To whom may the rewards more justly come than to the men who have earned them, not because they enjoy a rate of pay but because they offer a quality of service. Whenever we discount these facts, and justify it by expediency, we are taxing human progress and human progress involves everyone.

The vision that transformed the operator of a small bicycle shop into the head of a fabulous automotive empire and incidentally earned him as fabulous a fortune, just wasn't a chance. It wasn't favouritism or any peculiar advantage of birth or fortune. However one may argue against exceptional rewards this must be admitted, as it must be admitted in the great majority of such cases, the career of the fortune started from scratch with no advantages outside himself no advantages that were not equally open to any other individual. Had Henry Ford remained in his bicycle shop, no one would have grudged him his profits. No one would have thought of him as a capitalist or challenged his right to push his business as far as he could. The world would have been satisfied that he had his rights and no more, but the world would also have been immeasurably poorer.

A planned economy, that would level out all the differences between man and man, must accept this limitation: "It will level away all the advantages that exceptional men bring to the world. Maybe we would be more nearly equal, for what incentive would remain to make old men to dream dreams and young men to see visions. If men really want the grim mortality of that planned existence what is the matter with the prisons and penitentiaries? Surely nowhere else is a man so safe or so equal with neighbor, or more governed and protected. He is housed, fed, clothed and instructed, told when to rise and when to go to bed, and what to do between. But the system does not produce the men whose dreams are to open a world of new enterprises to provide employment and happy homes from which our come other young dreamers to send the world forward again.



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