

EDITORIAL

Oratory On The Wane?

Perhaps it is the multitude of other attractions that has over the past few years been detracting attention from elections. It doesn't require a memory of any great length to recall when the nomination meeting in Milton would see the hall crowded with citizens from all parts of Halton County.

Many of us can recall when the 20 minutes allotted each candidate provided some of the best presentations of the whole campaign. This present election is following the trend when a handful of folks gathered last Thursday and three candidates were placed in the running for a seat in the provincial legislature.

What this week will produce in the way of color besides that on the posters along the roadways remains to be seen. The day of platform oratory as a factor in elections appears to be a thing of the past. We doubt if the radio addresses will get many listeners either and certainly television is beyond the reach of the average candidate with a limited budget that is subject to close scrutiny at any time.

Just how voters choose their candidates is hard to figure out, but one thing is certain: the oratorical appeal is not the factor it used to be.

Canada This Side

With a very few exceptions (Quebec City, for instance, and Victoria, B.C.) what does the average Canadian community offer the visitor?

Answer: Old Glory, Southern fried chicken, Virginia ham and (this year) the late Mr. David Crockett.

Couldn't it be—just possibly, maybe, perhaps—that Americans going abroad on holidays might prefer to feel that they really were in a different country, with a "foreign" flag over the hotel canopy instead of their own; with habitant pea soup on the menu instead of New England clam chowder (imported in the can); with something about the Heroes of the Long Sault on the juke box instead of a perpetual eulogy of one of their own Heroes of the Alamo; and with maybe a voyageur's ceinture flechee in the store window for their kids to buy, instead of a coonskin cap (imported, customed and sales-taxed) that they could get more cheaply at home? Hamilton Spectator.

Not At Half Price

Rather interesting to read the report last week that in negotiations the Ford Company had offered to sell its employees stock in the company at half price. Not surprising in the least was the union's refusal to consider the proposal. Acceptance would have meant that the workers would have had to guarantee their own wage. It's a whole lot easier to have someone else give the guarantee and just sit back and make the demands.

Only problem seems to be, is just how long before everyone gets wise to this idea and all refuse to put up the funds to build factories, supply tools and equipment and take a chance on selling their product. How long before we find a scarcity of folks willing to buy stock in any company, at any price? Initiative and risk can be priced out of industry. They too are an important part of our industrial world as well as the labor group. There is a need for both and must be a sense of responsibility on the part of each to the other.

Deserving Recognition

Queen's University at Kingston has conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon George James, editor of the Bowmanville Statesman. No man in the weekly newspaper field is more worthy of such honor or has done more in long and ceaseless service to his town, community and country. He is the second generation of the family to be at the helm.

It has been our privilege to know both father and sons and the third-generation of the James family who are taking a keen and active interest in the Bowmanville Statesman. They are among the finest and no weekly editor we know of in Canada is more deserving of the honor bestowed than George James. He will bear well the title of Dr. George James.

Under The Apple Tree

Just why folks who live in town want to be gardeners is beyond our comprehension. We have an apple tree, two of them, in fact in our back yard. Apples as we knew them in boyhood just grew on trees without much attention. Nowadays they have to be sprayed to ensure a good crop two or three times between blossom and fruit and between rains.

Last week we sprayed. The bucket of black mixture has been ready for a week. The breeze came from every direction apparently because no matter which way we attacked the tree from, the mist blew back on us. Of course, we weren't clothed for a professional spraying job, so with the cost of spray one shirt can be charged up in addition against the apple crop.

When the fruit ripens, we will in all probability have more early apples than we can use and of course every wind will bring down a bucket to be gathered up and go to the garbage. Not being a qualified member of any marketing organization we can't market the surplus crop and folks would rather get them at the store where the basket is delivered.

Those apple trees aren't worth a shirt and the fellow who wrote that song "In the shade of the Old Apple Tree" was thinking only of shade as utility. We have an increasing respect for the fruit growers and their problems between blossom time and the fall fair time.

We also had a cherry tree. Last year it died and it was no loss. The birds and the worms always got there first.

Who Is The State?

One of the best illustrations we ever heard of the basic difference between the "Workers' Paradise" of Soviet Russia and the present day capitalism of America comes around the visit of a Ford engineer to the auto plant in Gorki.

The American had many questions to ask as he walked with his Russian counterpart through the factory and received the full propaganda treatment. Over and over it was emphasized that all of the machinery and equipment, everything in sight, and the building too, belonged to the workers. When they walked outside, the American pointed to the cars coming off the assembly line and asked who got them. "Oh, they belong to the state."

Then the Russian engineer came to visit the American in Detroit. Walking through the Ford factory, he asked with good-humored sarcasm, to whom all this belonged, only to get the answer he expected: "To Mr. Ford." But when they went outside and passed the immense parking lot the visitor enquired with amazement who could own all those cars. "Oh, those belong to the workers."

Home Town Paper

We couldn't resist reprinting the following tribute to "the home town paper", clipped from a trade journal. We couldn't have said more truthful words if the editor had written it himself. So read it and see if you agree with the views expressed: "The home town paper is about the best friend any town ever has. Year in and year out its columns report the achievements, the good times, the gains and tragedies of the home folks. Each issue does something to cement individuals into a community. The paper drums up trade for the merchants, rejoices when the school teams win, and helps get the crowd out for each neighborhood event. When the advertising columns are well filled and the subscription list grows long, the editor can know that his endeavors are appreciated."

Brief Comment

Next month you'll get a reduction in your income tax deduction. Doubt if it will create as much comment as a comparable increase would arouse.

Decoration Day which had such an appeal for residents here and those who were former residents is likely to become an annual event. The Sunday chosen is the first in June and next Sunday is the day.



Photo by Esther Taylor

JUNE IS THE MONTH for brides, so tradition has it, and all across the land wedding bells will be pealing out in honor of the bride who makes the month her nuptial time. This little lass is "just make believe", but even so she's got that far off look in her eyes that makes one wonder over the fascination of wedding bells for all women, married or unmarried, old or young.



A Lot of Eating

In Oakville, where a large supermarket chain opened one of its big, glossy food centres last week, money as orders went out, last week for a new police cruiser, got lost in the rows and rows of cottons, cans and containers, finally turned up at the check-out counter an hour and a half later and rang out of the store with a check book telling a story of \$81 in purchases.

Making Use of Money
In Georgetown, the council continues to find uses for the taxpayers' money as orders went out last week for a new police cruiser, got lost in the rows and rows of cottons, cans and containers, finally turned up at the check-out counter an hour and a half later and rang out of the store with a check book telling a story of \$81 in purchases.

An Incident Stench
In Oakville, the town garbage collector had some state words for the ladies of the house who, instead of giving their garbage over a periodic treatment with good old-fashioned soap and water, sprinkle the containers with can de Cologne or sweet-smelling face powder. The staff farms a sledge he says, in the bottom of the can and raises a stench that's positively indecent.

How Much Less?
In Trafalgar and Oakville high school district board officials are having misgivings about the cost (\$1,000,000) for a planned new 28-room school including double gym, and are now in agreement that the large education centre could be built for less. A special session of the two municipalities' officials has been called to whittle down cost.

Now Here's Charity!
In Burlington, town council and the recreation parks committee is studying a proposal to put a ramp at the foot of one of the Lakeside streets for small boats. The way the

AT THE Churches

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SUNDAY, JUNE 5th, 1955
9:55 a.m.—Sunday School. For law abiding citizenship.
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship. Speaker, the Rev. Mr. Alfred Hayward—off O'pringe. Layman's Sunday.
No evening service this Sunday.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
"The simplest knowledge has the largest faith. Ignorance is always incredulous." (Willmott)

ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH
(Anglican)
Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th., Rector

SUNDAY, JUNE 5th, 1955
Trinity Sunday
8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10:00 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class.
11:00 a.m.—Choral Communion and Sermon.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.
Monday, June 6, 7:30 p.m.—Confirmation class rehearsal in the church.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 5th, 1955
9:45 a.m.—Church School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship.
"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."
A Warm Welcome Awaits You.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 5th, 1955
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.
8:15 p.m.—B.Y.F.U.

ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY
Meeting in L.O.L. Hall, Crewson's Corners.
Pastor: Rev. K. J. Reid,
81 Cook St., Telephone 646.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5th, 1955
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Cottage Prayer meeting and Bible study.
A Friendly Welcome to All.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1905

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 1, 1955
Visitors were numerous in town on Victoria Day. They found evidence of prosperity everywhere.
Rev. J. G. Browne preached his farewell sermon at St. Alban's church on Sunday evening. A farewell social was tendered to him and Mrs. Browne at the home of Miss Monte on Thursday.
The late light views and lecture given by Rev. Mr. Garrison in the Methodist church at Crewson's Corners on Monday were very interesting.
There might have been a much larger display of flags in town on Victoria Day. Every citizen should show his colors on that day above all others.
Some people fret about the dandelions on their lawns. They give heavily and life to the surroundings.
The new G.T.R. station is up and enclosed and work is being pushed forward rapidly. The site was changed from that first decided on and the new station is located between the old station and the lake. The new tank is being built on the east side of the tracks and will be a mammoth affair. It will rest on steel columns with cement foundations.
The garden party to be given by the Fire Brigade on Friday will be an interesting affair. Eddie Piggott, the Toronto comedian, will of course be the main attraction. There will also be a ball game between No. 1 and No. 2 hose reels.
Mr. Arthur White arrived home from the Bradford Horse Show Saturday covered with glory and jubilant over his success.
The opening game of the Equestrian football league was played between the Dublin Hustlers and a select eleven from Stewarts, Stewarts and Scotch Block on the premises of Duncan McDougall. The score was 2 to 0 in favor of Dublin with the stars Wm. McPherson and Austin Carty.
The great conflict between Japan and Russia in the open sea materialized on Saturday and Sunday and Admiral Togo swept the Russian armada from the sea.

BACK IN 1935

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 3, 1935
Receipts, expenditures and estimates were carefully tabulated by council at a special meeting this week, preparatory to striking the rate for this year. Receipts from the arena were over \$500 more this year than last and another saving was made in Reeve and Councilors' salaries. The amount required by the School Board was, however, \$200 higher, and the allowance for the library and public lavatories higher. The relief funds had this year also been paid entirely from taxes.
With careful administration it was decided that the rate could be set this year at 45 mills, a reduction of two mills over last year.
George Currie, reeve of Esping township, on Tuesday evening was chosen candidate by the Liberal-Conservative Association of Halton at a convention in Milton. Quite a number from Acton attended and ex-warden A. Mason of Acton was nominated as a candidate but declined to let his name stand.
Admission of 5c is now charged for all children at local ball games. This charge is necessary to comply with the amusement tax regulations.
Council made a tour of inspection of the streets and walks on Saturday to outline repairs and improvements. The council plans this year to rebuild the sidewalk on Mill St. from Willow to Main Sts. on the west side of the street.
The garden party season opened last night with an event by the Acton Citizens' Band.
Why is an Electric Range cleaner is the topic treated in this popular campaign this week. Now you can enjoy all the benefits of electric cooking. Hydro is yours, use it! Special terms.
Ten recipes for mosquito repellents were printed.
Next Sunday United churches all across the Dominion will celebrate the great achievement of church union.
Travel night coach to Toronto 9:30. Leave Acton 5:30 a.m. Central Ontario bus lines.

Smoke, Sparks and Bang!
In Georgetown, telling about a municipal fireworks display, the local paper reports that more cars crowded into the park on the 24th of May than at any time but fair day. Over \$400 went up in smoke, sparks and bangs with the local branch of the Canadian Legion and the town council supplying the fireworks.

New Plant in Milton
In Milton, construction started last week on the 35,000 square foot Canadian Meter Co. plant on 13 acres near the C.N.R. rail line through town. Some 70 employees will be needed to supply staff at a reported, and the possibilities of early future expansion were indicated by the vice-president as building gets under way.

Milton Gets Campbellville
In Milton, the local Red Sox entered the Halton County Baseball League, 275-off to a fast start last week with an 11-6 win over a highly-rated Campbellville mercenaries. Boasting the Milton lineup were three new men, also up until now had done their best playing a softball diamond.

Volunteer workers of the Canadian Red Cross Women's Work Committee used over six tons of yarn to knit sweaters and socks for emergency relief in 1953.

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2:08 p.m.; 5:08 p.m.; 6:33 p.m.; 8:3 p.m.; 10:13 p.m.
Westbound
10:27 a.m.; 12:52 p.m.; 2:57 p.m.
5:27 p.m.; 7:27 p.m.; 9:12 p.m.
11:32 p.m.; 1:12 a.m. (Sun. to Mon. chenger only)
a—Daily except Sunday and holidays
b—Saturday, Sunday and holidays

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS
Standard Time
Eastbound
Daily 5:40 a.m.; Daily except Sundays 10:00 a.m.; 7:13 p.m.; Sunday only 8:01 p.m.; Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 9:02 a.m.; 6:37 p.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown 10:11 p.m.
Westbound
Daily 11:42 p.m.; Daily except Sunday 5:48 a.m.; 6:56 p.m. (flag stop); 7:40 p.m.; Saturday only 1:37 p.m.; Sunday only 9:03 a.m. (flag stop); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph 7:05 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. to detain passengers from West Toronto and beyond 5:31 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. Flyer at Guelph 5:57 p.m.

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