

EDITORIAL

In the Democratic Way

Come mid-October and early November and interest in municipal affairs which may have seemed lagging the rest of the year is stirred by the municipal nominations. Perhaps not stirred as much as it should be for the good of the community as a whole, but at least ruffled.

In most cases, a handful of citizens, many of them who have served in the past, will turn out at nomination meeting. There'll be a reasonable list of nominees for the positions and a day of activity to endeavor to assure enough to fill the posts. The nomination notices always provide for this contingency in stating that "an election if necessary" will be held a week or so later.

Nomination night is the public forum for all citizens. It's the place to ask questions and get the answers about your business. It is no place for personalities but rather the place for seeking the common good for the town or township as a whole. It's a place to offer suggestions as well as criticisms. It's the place where your municipal leadership is sought and secured.

These few weeks ahead are ones in which much thought should be given to the trend of your town. These are days of great growth and big municipal problems. The soundness of that growth demands good leadership and is the duty of every citizen.

Tops of This Season

Smorgasbords, banquets, fancy meals in lavish dining rooms with intriguing and sometimes understandable menus can all take a back seat at this time of year to the fowl supper put on by various organizations at this time of year. One of the greatest attractions is, of course, the lavishness of the dinner and the fact that one knows no matter how many helpings one takes or how many pieces of pie are offered for dessert, the one general price is all-inclusive. Many a small boy has at half-price for such a fowl supper been a deficit to the undertaking but no one is ever conscious of any such feeling at a fowl supper.

Turkey is today the main course. There was a time when other meats were the main feature, but that was before the beef was priced off the menu and turkeys were not so widely reared as they are today.

There is only one worry about these fowl suppers—over-indulgence. But at the time of the feasting of such an event no one worries about tomorrow. Yes, the fowl supper is an excellent fall preliminary to the Christmas and New Year festivities. It is well that they are usually concluded a month in advance of these times. So while the season of these annual events lasts enjoy them because they will soon be over.

Taxpayers Supply Entertainment?

Should Canadians be taxed to provide the public with entertainment?

Such, undoubtedly, is one of the major issues which will confront the proposed Royal Commission on radio and television, announced in July by Revenue Minister McCann. For in the latest fiscal year for which figures are available, 1953-54, \$23 million of the \$27 million of CBC revenues came from the public treasury.

Is it the proper role of government to provide television coverage of prize fights, wrestling bouts, hockey matches, football games, concerts and plays at the taxpayers' expense? If so, what difference is there between engaging in such activities and going into the theatre business or into professional sport?

The answer to such questions, of course, is that if the public demands such television services, and if the cost is not too high, and if there is no alternative way of providing television entertainment, the government might, conceivably, be justified in being in the television business.

The point is, however, that alternative ways of providing the public with television entertainment do in fact exist. Private enterprise in Canada is as ready as it was in the United States, to provide television programmes at no cost to the taxpayer.

Such are some of the considerations which the Royal Commission on radio and television will need to consider with scrupulous care.

Chance of Survival

A little booklet which we picked up in Vancouver recently is titled "1,001 facts about Vancouver." We noted while there that motorists in the city are very considerate of pedestrians.

In the traffic rules we noted this one sentence: "At marked or unmarked crossings, motorists must yield to pedestrians." Perhaps that explains the behaviour of motorists in that city. At any rate it was a pleasure to see that this rule is actually observed and that in at least one city pedestrians have first consideration. There was an absence of horn blowing and an application of brakes that was quite contrary to motorists' behaviour in many Ontario cities.

We do not know whether this is written in the traffic rules in cities in this province but certainly motorists can use this rule whether written or unwritten with good results here. Certainly, the pedestrians' chances of survival would be improved by such a rule observed and enforced.

Unrepentant Minority

At the recent newspaper convention in Vancouver we had the unexpected experience of finding ourselves in lone opposition to a motion before the three hundred delegates. It was one of those minor motions which so often are unanimous. Someone felt it was desirable to secure more statistics about the newspaper field. These statistics could not be secured readily so the simple method was to get some government fact finding source to include the question on one of the innumerable forms that come out with such regularity and insistence that the return be returned in so many days.

What will be done with the statistics when secured we do not know. No doubt, they are for inclusion in some after-dinner speech before some group of prominent executives, but the point is not their usefulness, but merely the fact that such figures are available for those who are called on to make public utterances.

We voted alone against the resolution because we are sick and tired of filling out forms. We like our business of editing newspapers and doing printing but we don't enjoy the interruptions of compiling information that is unnecessary and often times useless. Usually when such a task is handed over for governments to secure, the information is three years old and another department has been established in the already over-stuffed government that adds to the cost of government and continues even after its usefulness. We're still unrepentant even if the vote was 100 to 1.

Brief Comment

Hit the driver who drinks when he feels it most. Suspend his licence for six months on a first offence, and a year—or more—on a second—Kamloops (B.C.) Sentinel.

Last week-end was the anniversary of Hurricane Hazel when this section of the province was saturated with a rainfall that left calamity all about us. Even this year there was enough rain to give a grim reminder of a year ago.

There was a time when in the fall of the year a popular outing was to gather beechnuts, walnuts and butternuts in this district. In these days of more leisure few would bother with this method of getting a treat but prefer to buy imported and salted varieties.

Last year Canadian employers paid eight million dollars a week into employee pension and welfare plans and unemployment and workmen's compensation funds. Only the employees benefit directly from this contribution. Part of them are known as "fringe" benefits and part are not even recognized.

All in one day, Premier W. A. C. Bennett of British Columbia demands higher federal subsidies, and suggests abolition of the federal 10 per cent. sales tax, says the Windsor Star. "Ottawa is currently engaged in deficit financing, but the Social Credit premier didn't try to reconcile his unreconcilable proposals."



FUN IN THE FALL for youngsters invariably involves a pile of brown, blown leaves, plentiful around the town these late October days. For those not-so-young, there's the quiet autumn pleasure of strolling along a leaves-padded path, aimlessly kicking now and again at a waiting clump of the crispy foliage.

The Bible Today

REV. G. F. PARSON, District Secretary. Upper Canada Bible Society

In 1952, while the Korean War still poured its misery out upon the 39 million Koreans and the United Nations Army of 16 nations, Chaplain G. Vaelkel, a former Presbyterian missionary in Korea, witnessed a miracle in the POW camps of Korea's south coast. Scores of captured North Koreans who had served in the Communist armies joined prison churches, enrolled in Bible classes or began Bible correspondence courses. The Bible Society provided free Scriptures for this unusual project.

Out of the Bible-study groups came men who memorized entire books of the New Testament. "Five men in one compound learned by heart the whole Book of Revelation," writes Chaplain Voelkel.

Perhaps most wonderful was the fact that hundreds of these former Communist soldiers began active study to enter the ministry. One missionary in 1952 noted that 600 South Korean pastors had been killed. This was nearly identical to the number of prisoners who began their ministerial studies in the POW compounds with earnest attention to the Bible.

Chaplain Voelkel is again a civilian missionary in Seoul. He now adds the second chapter to his story of God's working in the lives of the former prisoners.

"A few days ago we had a meeting of the prisoner of war alumni association—a get-together of the men who are now actively studying in the seminaries. I think you know of their aggressive evangelism. They have founded four churches since their release about a year ago!"

"At this most recent meeting they took on the project of distributing 5,000 Gospels. That is just for this month. They've already distributed plenty of Gospels in the past."

AT THE Churches

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA
St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont.
Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th. Rector
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23rd, 1955
TRINITY XX
Laymen's Sunday
9.00 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11.00 a.m.—Service conducted by members of the St. Alban's Branch of the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen.
4.15 p.m.—Holy Baptism of Infants.
Evening Service in Knox Presbyterian on the occasion of their 110th Anniversary.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Acton, Ontario
Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D. Minister
Parsonage—29 Bower Avenue Phone 80
Mr. George Elliott, Organist and Choir Leader, 76 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 8

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23rd, 1955
9.55 a.m.—Church School.
9.50 a.m.—Junior Church.
11.15 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer in Knox Presbyterian Church.
Sunday, October 30th—United Church Anniversary.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
REV. ROBERT H. ARMSTRONG, M.A., B.D., Minister
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23rd, 1955
11.00 a.m.—Anniversary Services
9.45 a.m.—Church School.
11.00 a.m.—Divine Worship.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Service.
Rev. John E. Waldie, M.A., B.D. of St. George's Church, London will preach at both services.

BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON
Ray H. Costerus, Pastor
Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave. Phone 206w
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23rd, 1955
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Service with drawn owing to Knox Church anniversary.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Mid-week service.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1935
Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, October 23, 1935.

Better facilities for the golf at Milton were urged at the meeting of Halton county council in the Court House, Milton on Tuesday. Adequate building facilities are required. Water has to be heated in the kitchen. Mr. W. J. L. Hampshire, the sheriff, pointed out that these improvements have been recommended year after year and little, if any, notice had been taken of them.

The dance sponsored by the Lake-side chapter of the I.O.D.E. on Friday evening proved a most enjoyable social gathering.

One of America's great immortal classics, Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch, has been made into a charming, absorbing and engaging play and will be shown Thursday and Friday at the Gregory theatre, starring Pauline Lord, W. C. Fields and Zasu Pitts.

The new Ford V-8 for 1936! It has distinctive new lines! The hood is longer and sweeps over the distinctive new radiator grille, giving the car a length and grace that are instantly impressive. The fenders are larger with a wide flare. The horn is concealed beneath circular grilles beneath the head lamps. New steel wheels. The upholstery is of sterling quality and excellent taste. Steering is easier by a new steering gear ratio. Natural thermosyphon action is assisted by two centrifugal water pumps. Safety glass all round. This really is a great car in every way—the finest, safest, most dependable Ford car ever built. Coupe \$665, roadster with rumble seat \$725, fordor touring sedan with built-in trunk \$830.

Some time during Monday night burglars broke the locks on the Acton Machine Co. warehouse and entered the building, stealing some cash and pencils and other small articles.

The locks on both the high and public schools were broken. Mr. Alex McIsaac is making rather extensive improvements at his garage.

Sir Henry Irving, the eminent actor, died on Saturday. His remains will be given a place in Westminster Abbey.

In March, 1882, Mr. John Harvey went to the north-west on a prospecting trip. The C.P.R. had penetrated only as far as Brandon and he continued 240 miles with a yoke of oxen. In September he returned for a visit and found a wonderful transformation in the country. They bagged prairie chickens, ducks and geese by the hundreds, sitting right in their democrat.

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