

Reader Plagued by Questions Since Reading Story on Caucus

Dear Editor:

In the edition of the Acton Free Press dated February 5 this headline appeared "Caucus Closes Council Chamber". The article which appeared under it has aroused first my curiosity and then my concern.

From your position in the affairs of our town and from your knowledge of the King's English I beg your indulgence to give me the answers to a few of my problems. I hope thereby to estimate what direction, if any, is being given to the conduct of the municipal business.

First, what is a "Caucus"? I referred to Webster's New World Dictionary (Toronto-1955) and the definition given there had better not apply to our council chamber! Is a caucus really an Algonquin Indian meeting? If so, when do "Big Chief Cook" and "Heap Big Brave Rachtin" do their war paint and feathers and head into the war dance again? Please tell me.

Or, is a caucus as the dictionary also states, a meeting of the leaders of a political party to plan secret election strategy? If it is, then democracy is headed for the swamps. The dictatorship of the bourgeois is at hand. The proletariat is getting his nose pushed into the dust!

Thus you see, Mr. Editor, unless you define "caucus" in some new and understandable terms I must forever be apprehensive of the business carried on behind its "whady" front.

My second question is this: If as you state, the Municipal Act makes no direct reference to a caucus, does not that same organ require that all motions of the councillors be submitted in writing, duly seconded, read and passed and finally signed by the Mayor? If that is so, and I am assured it is, then please tell me: What in thunderation is going on at council meetings that we don't know about just because the motions are not properly formulated etc.?

A third problem will be either couched or resolved by a short answer from your fund of knowledge in our council workings. Was Councillor Rachtin commissioned by the Acton Council, in camera, to approach the Ontario Municipal Board for the express purpose of quote "advising" the board that the construction work had been undertaken prior to receiving the board approval" end of quote (vol. 6, page 1, Acton Free Press, February 26, 1959). I repeat, was he delegated so to act?

And further to that matter: what was the subject of the little "let-a-let" when Councillor Rachtin submitted a small booklet and asked the Mayor to read a certain paragraph? Are you afraid to publish the item or was it a closely guarded secret, reserved for the caucus hierarchy and on too high a plane for the taxpayer?

The illusion of Councillor Rachtin that he is "laboring in an at-

Circle Holds Valentine Party Program, Lunch Follow Theme

A Valentine's party was enjoyed by the members of the Friendly Circle at their regular meeting in the Sunday-school room of Acton United Church on Wednesday, February 11.

Mrs. J. Gibson was in charge of the games. The ladies had to unscramble words which were on red hearts that were placed around the room and guess the number of candies in bags. Prizes were awarded to the winners.

The table was set with a beautiful bouquet of red and white carnations to carry out the Valentine theme. Sandwiches and Valentine cakes were featured in the lunch.

Plan Events

Mrs. E. Jennings presided for the business and plans were discussed for the bridal bazaar in the summer. It was moved that Mrs. Fred Kentner, Mrs. J. Stewart, Mrs. G. W. McKenzie and Mrs. C. L. Rogwaldson be the conveners for any dinners. It was moved that

Thinking Day Service Sunday

Guides, Brownies, Cubs and Boy Scouts will attend a special church service Sunday to observe Thinking Day. This is a day of celebration of the joint birthday of the founder of the Boy Scout movement, Lord Baden-Powell, and Lady Baden-Powell, World Chief Guide.

The name "Thinking Day" is derived from the idea that on February 22 young people the world over circle the globe with a chain of friendly thoughts of others. Thinking Day has been observed since 1926, and the World Friendship Fund, a project associated with it, was started in 1932.

It is based on the principle that if each youngster were to give one penny, the fund so built could be used to help develop world friendship. The money sent in is used for all kinds of projects, one of which is to help guides to attend Camps and Conferences, in order to meet girls from all countries and cultures and develop a broader understanding of people of other nationalities.

The service is at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Knox church.

Blue Mountain Group Discusses Schooling

Progress of school children and playground equipment was the topic of conversation of the newly organized Blue Mountain Parent and Teacher Association's second meeting on Monday evening in the school room.

Mrs. A. Van Hoen was appointed chairman for the evening with Mrs. A. Roy acting as secretary.

Following a discussion of children's progress, the group approved payment of fees by each member.

Synods Study Of Auxiliary

The monthly meeting of the Elgin Anderson Girls' Auxiliary was held on February 11 at two o'clock. Due to the absence of the president, Mrs. Elberly presided. The meeting opened with the singing of O Canada, followed by hymn 545.

Nancy Skippen read the secretary's report. The girls planned to attend the World Day of Prayer Service February 17 at 7 p.m.

Further study was conducted on the Synods of the Maritimes, Montreal and Ottawa. Cheryl Murray read the scripture. Barbara Davidson led in prayer, followed by hymn 663.

Buy Folding Doors For St. Alban's Hall

St. Alban's W.A. held their regular monthly meeting in the Parish Hall with Mrs. C. Nellis presiding. The meeting opened with special prayer.

The usual reports were given and passed. It was decided that the W.A. would purchase two folding doors for the parish hall.

Dates were set for a baking sale in May and the annual bazaar in December. Material was given out to be made into garments for the Mission Bazaar.

LO.L. Euchre, Dance Draws Good Crowd

The first euchre and dance of the season sponsored by the L.O.L. 467 was well attended at the meeting hall at Crewson's Corners last Friday evening, February 13. The crowd gathered early to play euchre.

At the close of the games, ladies played winners to be as follows: high lady, Miss Thompson; high man, R. L. Davidson; low lady, Mrs. F. Quee; low man, Charlie Allen.

A door prize was won by Oscar Lecker and a special lucky draw for a camera was won by Alec McKay. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson won the lucky spot dance during the dancing which followed the euchre.

Plans have been made by the lodge members to continue the euchres and dances with announcements being made regarding dates.

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Ham Roast Pork 3 lb. Average	49c/lb.	Primal Back Bacon	35c/lb.
Loaf Roast Pork 3 lb. Average	39c/lb.	Extra Meaty	39c/lb.
Ham Roast Pork 3 lb. Average	49c/lb.	Country Style Spare Ribs	39c/lb.
Loaf Roast Pork 3 lb. Average	39c/lb.	Delicious with Sauerkraut	39c/lb.
Ham Roast Pork 3 lb. Average	49c/lb.	Pork Ham	39c/lb.
Loaf Roast Pork 3 lb. Average	39c/lb.	Bacon Crispies By-the-Piece	39c/lb.
Ham Roast Pork 3 lb. Average	49c/lb.	Primal Back Bacon	35c/lb.
Loaf Roast Pork 3 lb. Average	39c/lb.	Tablette Extra Lean	39c/lb.
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Discuss Future Projects At Local Ladies' Aid Meet

The February meeting of the Ladies Aid was held at the home of Mrs. George Grundy recently.

Owing to the inclement weather, the attendance was not as large as usual.

Mrs. Aitken, president, presided and opened the meeting with singing "All people that on earth dwell" and the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Mrs. Grundy was in charge of the devotional, taking the topic "Our church and the people of Canada."

Mrs. G. Sunter read the minutes and several thank you notes from scholars.

Considerable business items were discussed, holding of a bazaar and tea-bake sale and cent-a-day.

The election of officers was left over for the next meeting. The scripture lesson was taken by Mrs. Ward Bruce.

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