

Parisian Pointer?

The Time for Action is Now...

One week from tonight 100 to 150 ratepayers in Acton are going to select their municipal representatives who will next year spend over one million dollars of the citizens' money. That same night another 2,000 eligible voters are going to be sitting at home or attending some other function to enlighten or enrich the mind. Sixty per cent of these 2,000 voters are going to go to the polls and vote in an election, if one is held, a week later and feel they have fulfilled their great democratic obligations for another year.

In effect this 60 per cent will have done nothing except make a selection from the choice of the 150 that may attend and take part in the nomination meeting. Of the 150 at the nomination meeting over 50 will already be involved in municipal administration either through council or one of the other elected or appointed bodies which govern and spend on behalf of all the citizens of Acton.

At the ratepayers' meeting following the nominations the representatives for 1964 will report on their stewardship for the year. There may be one, there may be two, or even half a dozen citizens who will rise and voice objections; we hope in the form of constructive criticism; to the administration. The representatives will then answer, explaining the circumstances

and conditions on which decisions were made. However, the 2,000 that are glued to their TV or latent in the pursuit of some other pleasure give complete approval and endorsement through their non participation, to everything undertaken, accomplished and attempted during the year.

Most citizens can take an active interest in municipal politics. The only way to contribute is to be nominated and stand for office. You can only be nominated if you attend the meeting or give written agreement to be nominated. If you can not stand for office there are some things you can do. Show some interest in what the representation who were elected have done. Nominate people who can do a good job and encourage them to do it and finally if an election is held, vote yourself and encourage others to go to the polls with you.

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Pedestrians who may have wondered if they will ever again come into their own in this mobile society of ours may see a gleam of hope in developments in Paris.

There, reports Franke Actuelle, the authorities have reached the conclusion that an impossible traffic situation can only be resolved by reserving whole streets for the exclusive use of the pedestrian during various designated hours

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Between these set hours, no vehicle whatever may enter, circulate or park in them.

To date, some 18 streets have been so reserved, with more to come. Tourists are said to be delighted with the partial ban on motor traffic, not least in the picturesque, but obnoxious streets of old Montmartre.

To urban Canadian strollers and window shoppers, all this will come as heady stuff they may even feel emboldened to press for more than the small (and subterranean) foot hold in downtown Montreal and the three-block long leg hold in downtown Ottawa which pretty well represent the extent of their recent gains.

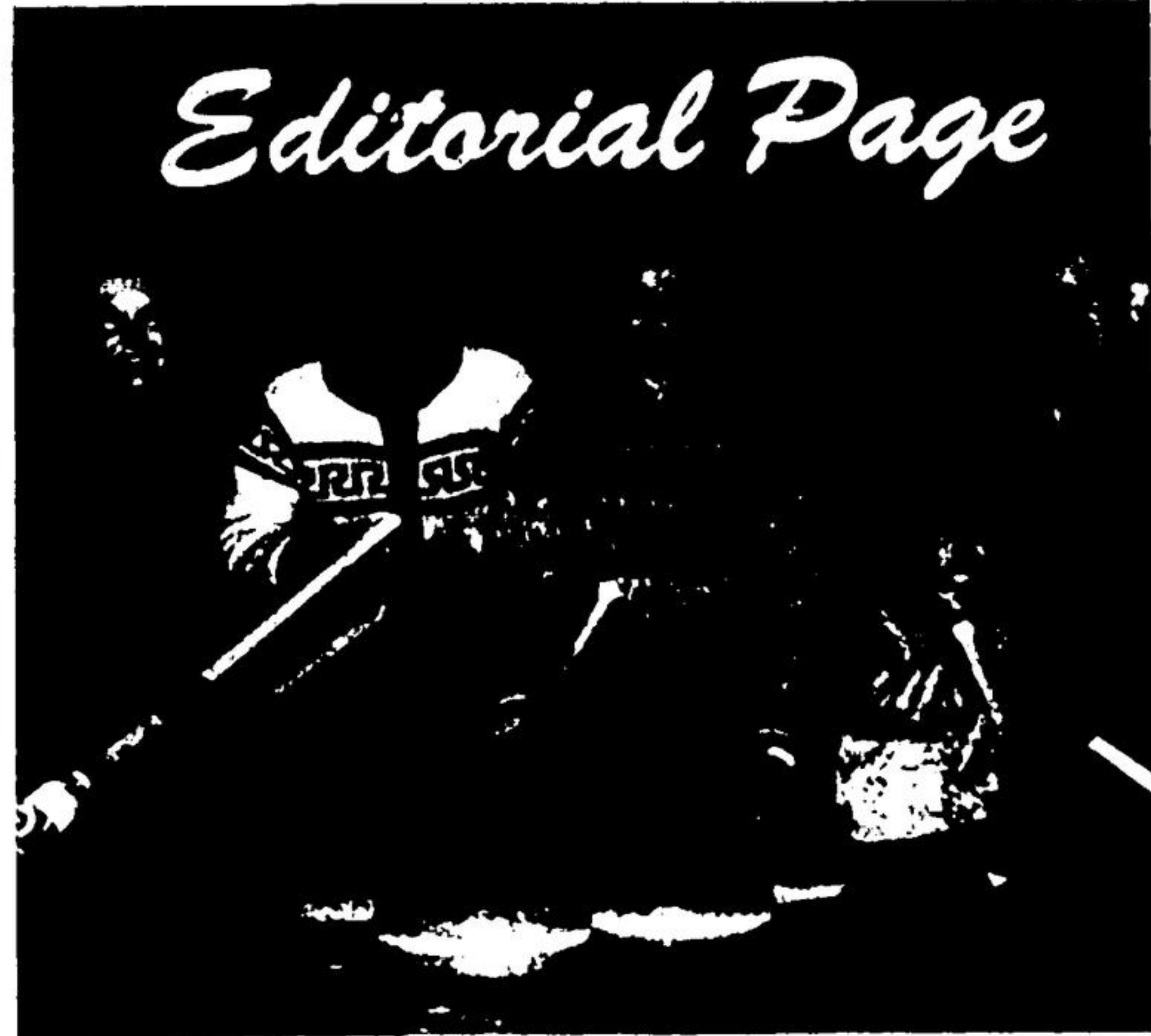
On the other hand those Canadians obliged

to do a certain amount of city driving can be forgiven for raising their eyes heavenward at the thought of "certain" main streets being closed to them "during various designated hours."

In the modern city, alas, the pedestrian's dream is all too apt to become the motorist's nightmare. And vice versa.

Our own dream here, however, is somewhat more modest. Someday we foresee a proper traffic signal at the corner of Mill and Main St. to properly regulate traffic and pedestrians. Undoubtedly it would take some of the excitement out of navigating the intersection around 5 p.m. or noon, but the excitement might be replaced by more sane adventures.

"Tossing Rocks"



CURLING MASCOT? Not quite! Just a youngster interested in taking up the sport. Three-year-old Brad Hutchison, son of Dr. and Mrs. Craig Hutchison, visited the arena Monday night with his parents to see how the game was played. He is shown looking over the stones with skip Bill Coon and his teammates, Mrs. George Williams, Mrs. S. J. Brunelle and Joe Horst. Curling officially got underway Monday evening.

Editorial Page

LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

By Bill Coats

Most of my readers will have realized by now that we do not play rubber bridge at the Acton Bridge Club. I have used the word duplicate bridge in previous columns many times and at the Acton Bridge Club the main difference between rubber bridge and duplicate bridge is in the mechanics. A rubber bridge player can sit down and play duplicate and vice versa.

Rather than try and explain the differences in this column, I have obtained from the American Contract Bridge League, a booklet entitled "Easy Guide to Duplicate Bridge". This booklet describes in detail just what duplicate bridge is and it also explains the aim and function of the A.C.B.L. This booklet is free for the asking.

I hope that many of my readers will take the opportunity of finding out for themselves just what duplicate bridge is. To obtain your free copy of "Easy Guide to Duplicate Bridge", just send a request to the Acton Bridge Club, Box 246, Acton, Ontario, phone 853-2228.

I would like to show a hand that caused a few players some grief when played last week at the Acton Bridge Club. This hand serves to illustrate the changing values of an honor from trump to suit.

Dealer West
Both sides vulnerable.
North S 9 8 8
South H Q 10 7 3
D 6 4 2
C A Q 6

West S 1 7 3
H 9 5 4
D 1 10 3
C 9 8 7

East S K 10 6 4
H K 1 6
D K Q 9 5
C 10 5

South S A Q 1 2
H A 8 2

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7:31 a.m. (Daily except Sat., Sun. and Hol.)
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Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL BAILEY

Do you think those separatists in Quebec might shut up about the whole thing if all the rest of us learned to speak French fluently enough to give them a good causing out in their native tongue?

If this is a solution, let's get cracking. But I don't think it can be accomplished under our present system of learning the language. We are getting a great many teachers of French who can actually speak the language. But the system prevents them from passing it along to others.

As a prominent educator said the other day, "We take kids from immigrant families who speak poor English. We teach them French badly, encourage them to forget their native tongue, what ever it is, and wind up with youngsters who are illiterate in three languages."

I know from experience. My mother had to go to a French-speaking school as a child. She learned the language with grasping a tongue. All her life she could rattle it off like a habitant.

On the other hand, I studied French for five years in high school and four years in University. Nine years. Enough time, you'd think to speak French backwards. And that's exactly how I speak it.

Perhaps the worse feature of

the teaching of French in this country is the false confidence it engenders after exposure to a few years of it. You can spell off a few sentences without stumbling, and you begin to think you're a regular Maurice Chevalier.

I remember one time in Brussels. My young brother was with me. The only French he knew was crude stuff like "Rebe, le Calme" and "Voulez-vous de bully-beet ou dev nyons?"

In contrast I had a solid grounding of high school French, and had been living on the continent for a couple of months, speaking the real thing.

So we met this young lady and her friend. She was belle, but her pal was beautiful. This was my chance. In my impeccable Grade 12 French, I stepped up to the doll and informed her of her ravishing beauty, her ineffable form, and her distinguished intelligence. She listened courteously, turned to her friend, and shrugged hugely. My brother said, "Come on, babe", and away they marched arm in arm. I was left to follow with the fat one.

A similar experience caused me to forewear French for life. It occurred in Lille, France, soon after the city had been liberated from the Germans.

It happened in a night club. The locals were very happy about liberation and the troops were very happy about the locals. Ev-

eryone was dancing with their French boy friends were beaming.

I spotted a lulu, dark, charming, intelligent enough to appreciate the fact that I, almost alone among the invaders, spoke fluent French. As I approached the table she smiled a welcome, and her escort, a handsome French lad, jumped up, grinned, and shook hands.

So, in my flawless French, I asked her for a dance. At least I'll swear that's what I asked her. She turned white and slapped my face. Her boy friend simultaneously turned red and tried to kick me in the groin.

I still don't know what I said to her, but I've never taken a chance since. On the rare occasions, nowadays, when I have enough money to eat in a place where the menu is in French, I study it carefully for ten minutes or so, then inform the waiter, in pure Canadian English, that I'll have the roast beef there is always Rosbif.

The only solution is to teach our kids French when they're learning to speak English. That way, little girls will learn to say "Non" and "Oui" and "Peut-etre" in two languages.

GOODNESS

Certainly, in our little sphere, it is not the most active people to whom we owe the most. Some can do nothing actively for their fellow men; but no man or woman of the humblest sort can really be strong, gentle, pure, and good, without the world being the better for it, without somebody being helped and comforted by the very existence of that goodness.

This Sunday's

Church Calendar

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Rector:
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Sunday Next Before Advent
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1964
9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10:30 a.m.—Church School.
10:30 a.m.—Matins, Holy Baptism.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Eucharist.

BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Acton, Ontario.
Rev. Wiebe Van Dijk
Phone 853-1585

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1964
10:00 a.m.—English Service.
2:30 p.m.—Dutch Service
3:45 p.m.—Sunday School.

TRINITY CHURCH
(The United Church of Canada)
The Rev. Dwight I. Engel, B.A., B.D.
Organist:
Mr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1964
THE CHURCH SCHOOL
9:30 a.m.—Grade 5 and higher.
11:15 a.m.—4 years to Grade 4.
DIVINE SERVICES
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor, Alan G. Silvester, B.Th.
Phone 853-2595

Y.M.C.A.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1964
9:45 a.m.—The Family Bible School classes for all ages.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.
Ninth sermon from Nehemiah.

Wednesday, November 25 — Cottage Prayer Meeting.
Everyone welcome.

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Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D., Minister
Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A. Organist and Choir Master

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1964
9:45 a.m.—Church School.
10:00 a.m.—Minister's Teen - Age Bible Class.
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship. Sermon subject, "The Word and Will of God." (Junior Congregation meets during sermon.)
8:00 p.m.—Adult Study Group. Material: Acts, chapter 4. Everyone Most Welcome

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1964
9:45 a.m.—Church School and Adult Class.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
"The Path of Prayer."
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.
"Supreme Court Decision"
Wednesday — Mission Band at 7 o'clock; Prayer Meeting at 7:30.
Thursday — Choir Practice at 7:30.
Friday — B.H.F. at 7; Explorers at 7:30.
Next Sunday is Bible Sunday.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1964
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service.
Rev. Thomas will speak on the subject, "Satan's Last Weapon." (a) The Unfolding of the Dead Sea Scrolls. (b) What is the Background of the new Curriculum? (c) Is Church Union included in the Prophetic Word?
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer service and Bible study.
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.
Friday, 7 p.m.—Crusaders.