

'Nuff Said

From the Beginning

It's the season of inaugural meetings of most branches of municipal government.

But government is not limited to the council alone and this seems to be one of the areas in which public thinking has not been able to catch up with the growing numbers of "municipal arms" that councils are spawning. No longer does a council "rule the roost". Besides the Boards of Education and School Boards we have planning boards, recreation commissions, park authorities, conservation authorities, committees of adjustment, parking authorities, arena boards, library boards, museum boards, emergency measures organizations, and probably more that don't come to mind immediately.

Thus it is that local government spending is not limited entirely to a municipal council since all the groups mentioned require funds to operate their programs. Some operate on minimum budgets while others require healthy amounts to meet the needs in the area of their responsibility.

At the outset of a new year the inaugural meetings of most of these groups are the signal to begin thinking in terms of the annual municipal budget which must total the needs of all these groups. Each group lays plans for growth, each group prepares its financial needs in a budget for presentation to and discussion by the central council. From the sum total of all these needs comes the amount on which the annual tax levy must be based. And while Councils usually bear the brunt of shaping needs into what is fin-

ancially possible, some consideration of the overall picture should be held by each group in its deliberations.

Thomas Jefferson had something to say about economy and debt which one reader has suggested to us might indeed form a desk motto for every official charged with the expenditure of public funds.

His words went like this: "I place economy among the first and most important virtues, and public debt as the greatest of dangers to be feared. To preserve our independence, we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt. We must make our choice between economy and liberty or profusion and servitude."

"If we run into such debts, we must be taxed in our meat and drink, in our necessities and our comforts, in our labors and in our amusements. If we can prevent the Government from wasting the labors of the people, under the pretense of caring for them, they will be happy."

At this season of inaugural meetings of branches of local government the words of Jefferson might be worth considering, not by the government officials alone but also by the taxpayers who dictate through their influence what they demand of local government.

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Just prior to his recent retirement as editor of the Fraser Valley Record, Lang Sands, prominent Canadian journalist and publisher, printed the following item on his paper's editorial page:

"In business, as in government, bigness hath dangers all its own, though not everyone would agree that bureaucracy must be its inevitable handmaiden.

"Yet wise executives of great corporations, observes the Journal of Commerce, will not fail to see in the insidious growth of unnecessary paper work a major threat to corporate efficiency, and be on guard against it.

"One such, the president of a giant world-wide concern, in a brief message to his fellow employees, reminds them that the lengths of a

communication is no guide to its importance, nearly illustrating his point with the following imperishable examples:

Lord's Prayer, 56 words.
Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, 266 words.
Ten Commandments, 297 words.
The 23rd Psalm, 118 words.
Canadian Government order respecting cabbage prices, 26,911 words.

"Nuff said."
It's advice most of us could well heed on occasions.

The Good Old Days...

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press Thursday Dec. 24th, 1942.

Members of the congregation of the Baptist Church presented their pastor, Rev. W. H. Wallace, with a purse containing a sum of money in appreciation of his services and in the spirit of Christmas. Mr. Wallace was unable to conduct services here on Sunday and the representatives of the congregation visited him at the home of Mrs. Armstrong and Miss Graham to make the presentation.

The Christmas mails handled at the Acton Post Office reached a new high again this year both outgoing and incoming. They have been increasing each year but stamp sales which is the best indication show that Monday of last week was the high mark and the overall for the month of December is considerably increased.

PO Joseph Hurst of Ottawa was home for the holidays. Miss Frances Lamb of Guelph spent Christmas at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Browning of Toronto spent Christmas here. Cadet Officer Gordon Beatty was home from Brockville for Christmas.

Mrs. R. M. McDonald, Mrs. Small and daughter spent Christmas at Detroit, Michigan. Miss Muriel Green of Hamilton spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Wes Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Elliott, George, Shirley and Jane spent Christmas at the parental home in Comber.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Johnson spent the weekend in Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Overholt and Merle.

LAC and Mrs. Owen Maxwell and baby of Ottawa visited over Christmas at the home of his parents here.

DVR and Mrs. Clarence Kentner and family of Toronto visited with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kentner during the weekend.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press Thursday, Dec. 31st, 1914.

Happy New Year to all! The mercury got down as far as twelve below zero on Christmas night.

Mr. T. James Moore, Guelph, has been appointed as justice of the peace for the year.

Janitor Anderson had the interior of the Post Office artistically embellished with Christmas decorations for the holidays.

The Council for 1915 will be formed as follows: Reeve, George H. and S.; Councillors, Alexander Bell, Charles E. Bailey, R. M. McDonald, William H. Smith; Board of Education, Nicholas Forbes, William Johnstone, John Kenner, Robert Scott, Charles C. Knapp.

The customary band of ratifiers attended the nomination meeting on Monday night.

A very successful entertainment was held at Church Hill on Christmas Eve under the auspices of the Sunday School.

Fifty-one applications for the position of electrician for the town of Acton were received by Council. The salaries asked ranged from \$50 per month to \$1,400 per annum.

Died - Burr - In Erin Township, on Wednesday, December 23rd, 1914.

Died - Savill - In Acton, on Monday, December 28th, 1914, Noel Ethel, daughter of Harold Savill, aged one year.

Museum Attendance Heavy With Children

Major H. J. Newman, in his new status as director of Halton County museum rather than curator, reported to the board at their last meeting of the year. Attendance for the year was estimated at about 10,000 - plus between 3,000 and 4,000 school children who came by bus from as far as Toronto.

These children pay no admission but their presence fulfills one of the purposes of a museum. Major Newman pointed out.

Year's operations, including repairs to the building as well as renovations to exhibits, was within the budget.

The museum has been operating two and a half years now, and most of the extensive repairs to the barn at Kelso are completed, housing the growing collection safely. There are two and a half years to go before Centennial, Major Newman observed, as he readies a "master plan" for them.

With exhibits on the ground floor satisfactory, the director will move upstairs and begin preparing articles there. A full-time employee to assist in restoration was discussed.

Holstein Breeders Plan Annual Meet

Plans are now finalized for the annual meeting of the Holstein Breeders' Club, to be held at Palermo Hall, on Thursday, January 14 at 10:30 a.m. The meeting will include the famous dinner, prepared by the "Black & White" ladies. Guest speaker will be R. Segsworth, President, Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada.

In addition to regular annual meeting business, there will be reports of current activities of the local and parent organization.

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"GEE, SANTA, THANKS!" smiles Josie Murray as she receives her parcel from the jolly old fellow at the Beardmore Christmas party. With her is Shelly Crooks who was next in line.

Bill Benson Named Chairman

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The recreation director stated the school auditorium appeared to be the most suitable place to provide a social program for adults. He pointed out the program would provide more fellowship than curling or bowling, as it would not be competitive.

Mr. Roe said he hoped to establish a club which would hold dances once a month and the venture would not be a commercial project. Board members agreed to allow use of the auditorium for January 30, but no final decision was made for future use of the building by the club.

Both principals G. W. McKenzie and Elmer Smith submitted a list of items not on hand for caretakers to clean the school. Vice-chairman Murray Smith was of the opinion caretakers should be given more of a free hand in requesting supplies, so materials would not be short. Caretakers were authorized to order supplies immediately.

Both principals were authorized to attend the Canadian Educational Showplace at the Queen Elizabeth building in Toronto, February 5 and 6. Trustee Vic Bristow was also authorized to attend.

According to provincial legislation, public school board trustees in Acton may receive a \$30 per month honorarium if approved by the board. During routine business, this subject came up Tuesday and no final decision was made.

On the first poll of trustees around the table, no one was in favor of payment, but Mr. Smith wondered if not being paid was a hindrance for prospective members. Mr. Bristow was of the opinion this type of candidate might not be desirable. Chairman Benson said board members in the past had spent many hours and done much work without pay. The subject was left for a decision at a later meeting.

Worked for C.N.R. Well-Known Locally

Fred Ruddy, who was well-known in this district, passed away in London, Ontario, last Thursday at the age of 79. A member of an old Georgetown family, he worked all his life with the C.N.R.

He is survived by his wife, the former Winnie Varcoe; a son, Gordon in London, nephew and niece Jack Holmes and Helen Holmes in Acton. Mr. Ruddy's sister Violet (Mrs. Holmes) and a brother, Charles, predeceased him.

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Sugar and Spice ...

BY BILL EARLY

This is the time of year when the average honest citizen, however bravely he tries to conceal it, is about as warm, lively and full of vitality as the discarded Christmas tree leaning drunkenly against the back steps, a few morsels of tinsel fluttering from its prematurely aged frame.

Prematurely aged. That's the way I feel in January. Like a woman of 35 who has had 12 children in 15 years. As though I can't face it again.

By the middle of February, of course, I'll be all cheered up, and will be going around like all the other idiots, blithely agreeing that "the days sure are stretching out, aren't they?" But right now, I look upon life with the wild enthusiasm of a man-eating tiger confronting a bowl of corn flakes.

First, and worst, part of the January miseries is that hideous struggle to get out of the sack. Crawling out of the warm downiness into the grey horror of the day is as desperate a business as any I know. There are days when I'm sure I'll never make it, were it not for the voices demanding help with clothing and breakfast, and the total silence from the other side of the bed.

Finally, having survived the first hour of the day, there's the dash for the car, a feat that ranks, in my mind, with Hillary's dash for the South Pole. Big dif-

ference is that Sir Edmund didn't leave his galoshes at the office yesterday.

There's nothing I enjoy more in the summer, than reading about the simple pleasures of old-time winter sleighbells, the crunching of snow underfoot, the snapping of trees in the frost, the smiling jolly gatherings of congenial souls about an open fireplace.

Fellow who writes those stories never lived where I have found myself stuck these past few winters.

The sleighbells are more likely to be fire sirens as some poor devil sets the pipes on fire, trying to stay alive. The crunching underfoot is more likely to be your toes breaking off by the numbers, from the right. The snapping is more likely to be the roof of the back porch caving in under the snow.

No self-respecting fairy would be caught dead under the January sun, which smiles at you with all the geniality of a cold fried egg. The gatherings are dark likely to be melancholy buddies of taxpayers exchanging cold remedies and talking about their furmaces.

Winter is fine, up until New Year's. After that, you can give it to the Russians. In fact, if they ever invade us, they

should do it in January! Half the population is in Florida. The other half is down with the flu.

I wouldn't even give this country back to the Indians in mid-winter. In the first place, they wouldn't take it. In the second, we've hampered them enough from deals in the past.

It's enough to curdle your blood when you hear people duck into the coffee shop, faces gray with cold, noses running and wheezing. "Isn't that a grand winter's day," as they blow on their claw-like fingers, before wiping the steam from their eyes.

Seems to me that we all suffer from an advanced case of self-deception. Just because our ancestors couldn't imagine anything worse than their Irish shanties, Italian slums or Polish villages, and came to Canada, we think we're automatically rugged and physically fitted to endure the climate which fastens on us everywhere but in the South.

This country, in January, is fit for jackrabbits, alcoholics and people under the age of 12. The sooner we realize it and demand from the government return tickets to Florida, good for three months, the better.

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

Some folks think only of prayer as asking, but real prayer is more than that. It may be conversation with the Lord, or simply companionship in His nearness. It should be that vital intercom with heaven at all times.

This Sunday's

Church Calendar

EVANGELICAL BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor, Alan G. Silvester, B. Th.
Phone 853-2285
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 1965
9:45 a.m. - Family Bible School classes for all ages.
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m. - Evening Service.
Wednesday evening - Cottage Prayer Meeting.
Everyone welcome.

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR
Coptic Willow and Bower
Rochester
The Rev. D. H. West, B.A., L.S.T.
185 Jeffrey Ave., Phone 853-2694
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 1965
Epiphany I
9:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist.
10:30 a.m. - Church School.
10:30 a.m. - Matins and Sermon.
7:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist.
-BETH-EL-
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Acton, Ontario.
Rev. Wiebe Van Dijk
Phone 853-1585
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 1965
10:00 a.m. - English Service.
2:30 p.m. - Dutch Service.
7:45 p.m. - Sunday School.
TRINITY CHURCH
(The United Church of Canada)
The Rev. Dwight LaRue, A. B.
Organist:
Mr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 1965
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.
The Sacrament of Holy Communion at both services.
Sunday at 8 p.m. - Congregational Fellowship House.

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Founded 1842
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gamson
Res. 144 Tildy Ave, ph. 853-1615.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 1965
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship.
"Silver Trumpets."
7:00 p.m. - Evening Service.
"Free from the Law."
Wednesday - Prayer meeting at 7:30.
Thursday - Choir practice at 7:30.
Friday - The B.H.F. at 7:00.
Text: "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life." Romans 6: 23.
ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
P.A.O.C.
33 Churchill Road
Rev. S. M. Thomas, Pastor
853-2715
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 1965
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages.
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship.
2:00 p.m. - Evangelistic Service.
Tuesday - 8 p.m. - Prayer service and Bible study.
Thursday, 8 p.m. - Christ Ambassador.