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ITS FRAGRANCE IS SEALED IN VACUUM

Protests Voiced at Public Meeting to Hiring of Assessor

With an attendance of fifty interested citizens, a public meeting was held in the Legion Hall last Thursday to discuss the hiring of former Mayor Joseph Gibbons as assessor. The appointment, which takes effect on October 17th, was made at a meeting of council on September 8th at which the resignation of the present assessor, Arnot Early was received. Mr. Early will become vendor of the new Liquor Control Store when it opens here about the end of the year. An official protest by Branch 120, Canadian Legion was made in a letter printed in the Herald the next week objecting to the new appointment being made without first advertising the position. It was pointed out that a By-Law had been passed by council at war's end, stating veterans would be given every consideration for any vacant municipal position.

President David Bowman of the Legion was asked to serve as chairman of the meeting. He said that the Legion considered council unfair in their attitude in hiring the assessor and that they believed that any job of major importance should be advertised. The Legion believed veterans should be given preference unless the qualifications of a non-veteran applicant were far above those of a veteran applying for the same position. The protest, he said, was directed at the council as a whole and not against any individual member and he asked that anyone speaking at the meeting refrain from discussing personalities.

William Engleby spoke from the floor endorsing the chairman's remarks. Council, he said, were public servants and there was no doubt in his mind that they had fallen down in their job. The matter, he felt, should be carried as far as possible.

William F. Smith, former Main Street shoe merchant, and at one time a member of council, said that he had seen a lot of this in his day and whether there were applications or not, the matter was all cut and dried beforehand. He felt council should not be criticized

too severely when the same thing was done by the civil service commission. Mayor Gibbons, he continued, had served the town conscientiously and well for many years and there wasn't a man in the province who knew municipal affairs as he did. He was interrupted by the chairman, who reminded him that personalities were not to be discussed. If you can find a better man for the job, concluded Mr. Smith, I'll support him.

Mr. Engleby spoke again, saying that the meeting had not been called to discuss the merits of any one man, but as a protest at the way of making the appointment. Mr. Smith then added that he was not at the meeting to back up Mr. Gibbons, but as a Legion man and that the Legion should go after the rotten federal and provincial politics.

Charles Parton said he didn't think municipal nomination meetings were well enough attended. He would like to see a strong representation of veterans at the next one who would nominate some good, sensible, level-headed veterans to seek municipal office.

In answer to a question as to the legality of appointing a sitting member of council to public office, Mr. Bowman said that it was illegal, according to legal advice. Thomas Grieve asked if it was true that two council members had approached the retiring assessor to ask for his resignation. James Andrews wondered if any action could be taken through the Municipal Board.

On the suggestion of Mr. Engleby, nominations were asked from the floor for a delegation to attend the next town council meeting to offer further protest at the appointment. Lealie Clark said this would be a waste of time, that council would listen to the delegation but do nothing about it. Mr. Parton said he was sorry to see that a member of council who was a veteran and had in a polite way ridiculed the Legion's letter and another man present read a Herald clipping from the report of the last Council meeting in which members had each spoken confirming their decision in appointing the assessor. Mr. DeBeaulieu suggested that the delegation circulate a petition and have it signed by the public before attending the meeting, but no action was taken on this suggestion. Members of the delegation will be David Bowman, Alex Taylor, Charles Parton, Sid Cross, James Andrews and William Engleby.

The chairman then suggested that a veterans' organization should be formed and this met with general approval. Kenneth R. MacDonald, James Andrews and Charles Parton, were named a committee to arrange for a public meeting to discuss the formation of such an organization.

BAPTIST HIGHLIGHTS

The morning subject was "The conflict of Scriptural Texts."

Some texts found in different places seem to conflict with one another, but do not when analyzed separately. The fact seems to prevail that we seek to translate the scriptures too much to our own liking. It was the plan of the Jews to break the legs of the crucified, but when the soldiers came to Christ and saw that he was dead, did break no bones. This to fulfill the scriptures: "A bone of him shall not be broken." There are still great truths in God's word no man has ever discovered. The Scriptures are like God himself, the same yesterday, today and forever.

"Decision" was the theme for the evening service — referring to the Prodigal Son, who had the blessings of home, and a good Father, all this became dull to him. Having left home, and spending all his portion, he suffered great hardships. It took this awful condition to change him — his conscience awoke to the fact he was a sinner — People today do not want to admit they are sinners. They are always making excuses for themselves. The Prodigal Son saw himself as he was, which so many of us fail to do.

When people acknowledge they are sinners, that is when we can do something for them.

The Prodigal knew he had sinned, he pleaded no excuse, he said "I have sinned."

Today God is inviting the prodigals to return, and his promise is "Come unto me, and I will give you rest."

The greatest joy for a sinner is to come humbly to the seeking Saviour.

The Sunday School held the Rally Day Service in the afternoon, under the leadership of the Superintendent, W. Winfield. Mr. Gower presented a flannel graph talk — how, as weeds can hinder the growth of the beautiful garden, sin likewise can mar any Christian living.

Sweet Hour of Prayer was sung as a duet by Shirley Forbes and Lorraine Hayes.

Mrs. Paul Entertains Local Council of Women

The September meeting of the Local Council of Women took the form of a picnic at the summer home of Mrs. R. T. Paul near town last Friday afternoon, with eighteen ladies attending.

Miss Hettie Lawson read excerpts from a report of the semi-annual meeting at Chatham. Mrs. Paul reported that \$98 had been raised at a tag day for the Salvation Army earlier this month. A \$10. donation from the organization was voted to this, as well as a \$5 donation to the United Nations relief committee. Miss H. A. Staunton invited the ladies to her home to cut out felt shoes for children in Britain.

Mention was made of a mass meeting to be held in Toronto in November to protest the handling of liquor in Ontario. Mrs. William Bullivant invited the ladies to a tea at her home on Charles Street later this month, each member to bring a friend. The ladies plan a sale of baking and aprons in the McGibbon Store when it is available. Any members who could be urged to attend the Local Council annual meeting at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto on October 24th.

Mrs. George Allen thanked Mrs. Paul for the use of her cottage and Mrs. W. Nodwell for convening dinner.

SEASON OPENS FOR INDUSTRIAL BOWLERS

Plenty of activity is promised in the Industrial Bowling League this year with eight teams entered. The league begins this Friday night at the Lucky Strike Bowling Club and the teams will play each Friday night throughout the season. Ivan Crabtree is president of the league and Everett Wilson, vice president. Treasurer is Maurice Herbert, secretary Duke Wilson and Will Anderson is handling publicity.

Teams have been entered in the League by Lorne Septs Band, Legion, Smith & Stone, Alliance, Local 788 Smith and Stone, Meadowglen, Combines and Relatives — the latter all members of the Bradford family.

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