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Interest in Politics Lacking

A pitifully small attendance to hear a major political figure was in evidence when the provincial CCF leader spoke here last week. If one subtracts the party stalwarts who came from out of town, one could almost count the audience on one hand . . . and if one subtracted the local party executive from this, our two-year-old son could have done a fair job of counting, and his limit is four.

It does not speak well for a democracy to show so little interest in things political, and it is discouraging to think that only a dozen or so are interested enough to hear first hand the platform of a political party from the man who is best qualified to give same.

Last week's meeting was only one example of a situation which has been prevalent in our time. It is not unique with any one political organization, for we have seen Liberal and Conservative rallies almost as devoid of listeners, though by virtue of having more active supporters of these parties, a somewhat better showing was made. The sad fact is that any political meeting, whether during an election year or "out of season" draws only active party members and the meeting serves no particular purpose, other than reaffirmation of ideals by the faithful few.

Perhaps the only way to arouse political awareness is to have joint meetings with representatives of all parties on the platform, as we have suggested before. A form of government cannot survive forever unless people know what they have, and know what each political organization plans for the future. If one is to vote intelligently in provincial and federal elections it most certainly behooves us to listen to men who can explain their party policy. Otherwise we vote in the dark, and someday we will stub our toes badly and complain when it's too late.

Toll Highways in Style

Reading of a new express highway for Buffalo-New York City traffic makes us wonder if such toll highways in Ontario might not solve some of our major problems.

Anyone who has driven in New York State has been impressed with the excellent travelling conditions, much superior to those which we enjoy at home. For every Queen Elizabeth way in Ontario, we have a No. 7 highway, and we fear that our highway money is being spent on the major throughways to the neglect of the equally important sub-arteries.

Possibly the $5.00 toll charge on this huge American expenditure is their way of reserving funds for the smaller highways. If so, we're all for it in Ontario. We're tired of travelling highways which are always half-done and never completed. The No. 7 situation is repeated everywhere you drive in our province. New for ten miles, middling good for another ten, torn up in one spot, then new for another. It must be even more discouraging to the tourists we lure from the beautiful American roads than it is to us bump-hardened veterans.

That Salary Question

If Monday's council meeting has ended at eleven instead of after midnight, perhaps members would have been thinking more clearly and not put themselves in the position of voting themselves a salary increase only two meetings after they had turned the same question down.

Blame it on the lateness of the hour or what you will, we must take exception to a resolution for a by-law to pay councillors a flat $200 annual allowance in place of the present five dollars a meeting.

We don't object on the ground that the increase is not justified. That is another story which also has its pros and cons. We do object on three important points: first, that an increase in town expense of two to three hundred dollars does not jibe with the "strict economy" and "close adherence to the budget" which council talked about after striking the tax rate; second, that unless there is a sharp change in circumstances to warrant reopening a question, there is no justification after a decision has once been made; and thirdly, the fact that the original motion for increase was defeated by votes of two members who were unavoidably absent Monday.

When a by-law has been prepared and assuming that the Municipal Board approves the change, which it must do before it can become law the matter will come before council for a final hearing. It will be interesting to see how a full council will deal with it at that time.

Well Filled Church Hear Easter Message

Special Easter services were held at the Georgetown Baptist Church on Sunday to well attended congregations. At the morning worship Rev. A. J. Barker's sermon "He Lives" was centred upon Rev. 1:17-18, relating the vision of John of the Living Christ, and how he witnessed to the world that Christ is alive. Christ rose from the dead on a Sunday hence we observe Sunday as the Lord's Day. Easter is very opposite to a remembrance day of Christ's ethical life and of his great love, but it is a day that Jesus is alive. People who have not experienced that Jesus lives again witness in God's house in vain. The Church is a living organism made alive by the spirit of God — it is the body of a Living Christ. Our life as individuals in church is a testimony to a Living Christ. Jesus lives so we may live gladly and confidently and also in the hope it is the foretaste of our reality in the future.

When we gather around the communion table we gather to celebrate a Risen Saviour who is alive in us and continues to live day by day. This great conquest of sin began at Bethlehem and the victory over sin was proven on Easter Sunday morning. Despite the foolishness of men God has the power, his work shall go on because Jesus lives. Our life is a stewardship thus we live in humble reverence knowing we shall have to give an accounting of our life to Jesus who is our Judge. The Easter joy is joy of deep responsibility -- it is not an escapism. The empty cross which is the symbol of life and death must be across our lives. The way of life is death unto ourselves and alive unto Jesus Christ. May each one fall before Him and know Him as the Living Saviour.

The choir anthems were "For God So Loved the World" and "He Lives". Miss Barbara Lusty sang "Eastertime" as a solo.

The evening service was a presentation of the Easter service in pictures and choral works Mrs. D. Hancock, Rev. A. J Barker and Douglas Peck were the soloists

The decorations of lilies and spring flowers portrayed the empty tomb.

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IN GEORGETOWN

Whereas the Council of the Town of Georgetown has passed a resolution establishing Daylight Saving Time in the Town of Georgetown, commencing

Sunday, April 25th.

at 2.00 a.m.

Therefore all citizens are requested to comply with this resolution and adopt this time during the period specified.

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BALLINAFAD

Lovely Easter Service At Ballinafad Church

A lovely Easter service was enjoyed here Sunday morning. Beautiful lilies and cut flowers adorned the Communion Table. Mr. Russ took as his Easter theme: "When the Stone was Rolled Away" and the text was from Psalm 121, verse 8, "I will lift up mine eyes to the hills." "Easter means the triumph of joy over sorrow, of life over death. The Church lives because Jesus lives," Mr. Russ stated. Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Shortill sang as a duet the lovely Easter song "Open the Gates of the Temple" and the choir sang an anthem "The Risen Saviour."

Mrs. F. Smith was hostess for the W.A. meeting on Tuesday. After the opening creed and hymn, Mrs. F. Shortill led in the worship service the theme being The Risen Christ. The scripture reading was taken from Mark 16: 1 to 8. Although Jesus had told His disciples that He had to go away they were hopelessly overwhelmed after the crucifixion so hard was it for them to understand the real import. When He came again to His disciples from the other side of the tomb, He came with power that changed them into new men and made all things new for them. His miracle of renewal is open to us all "If any man will open the door, I will come in." During the business period final arrangements were made for the Pot Luck Supper and Parcel Post sale. Plans were also discussed for the annual bus trip later on in May. Mrs. Russ conducted an interesting contest after which Mrs. Smith served lunch assisted by Mrs. L. Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Adair and family of Blenheim were Easter visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Arnold McEnery.

Good Attendance at Baptist S.S. Opening

There was a very good attendance for the opening service of the Grace Baptist Sunday School in the Oddfellows Hall, Easter Sunday, April 18th.

Greetings on behalf of Calvary Baptist Church in Brampton were extended by one of the deacons, Mr. Ted Mann, after singing the Doxology.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharrard from Oshawa were the special singers. Mr. Sharrard also brought some timely thoughts on the resurrection of Christ. The minister, Rev. Glen Wardell, closed the service with a few well chosen words to the boys and girls, and offered prayer.

Beginning next Sunday at 3 p.m. there will be a regular order of service, lively gospel singing, then a short sermon, followed by Bible Study, and scripture memorization, in classes for all age groups.

Holding forth the Word of Life faithfully in Georgetown is the aim of the Grace Baptist Sunday School.

We'll be Calling - -

It takes a lot of money to sponsor a lacrosse team, and this year we are again soliciting support of interested people in our quest for a second Ontario championship.

WE HOPE YOU'LL BE GENEROUS

Georgetown N&G's Lacrosse Club