

Regulations Impossible For Store Signs: Mayor

Zoning by-law regulations about advertising signs are impossible. I don't think one business in town could conform with the by-law and I don't think it is council's intention to create an impossible situation," said Mayor Hyde at Monday's council meeting.

The mayor had been checking on the by-law since last week when a request for installation of a new sign at Sreen's Dairy caused a council discussion and a final vote in favour of the sign.

There's nothing against one sign that is against the building, said Cr. Ian Cass, who said the planning committee, of which he is chairman, is checking legislation in other communities to see how Georgetown compares.

Prevental sign of town planning, he continued, is to eliminate all overhead signs in planned communities, though in Georgetown this would be in the future.

Representing a client, Margaret Thompson, the law firm of Raymond & Hunterberger notified council that they have appealed to the Municipal Board to have a highway property which she has optioned, rezoned commercial.

The property, known locally as the Wilson property, which fronts the highway west of Georgetown Dairy, has had an "on again, off again" existence. Originally in a residential zone, council decided to rezone it commercial on recommendation of the town planning board.

The Municipal Board, meanwhile indicated displeasure with this, and council recently reversed its decision back to residential.

"It will be difficult for the Municipal Board to grant an appeal against a recommendation of their two authorities" was the opinion of Cr. Cass.

Monday, August 1st was proclaimed a Civic Holiday, as has been customary in town for many years.

Explaining that the Ann St. bridge is the only access to homes in that area, and that the 3-ton load limit imposes hardships on coal and oil deliveries and other necessary services, Cr. Fred Harrison suggested that council should consider either strengthening the bridge or providing an alternate route.

The road committee was asked to investigate.

Cr. Harrison also asked that the planning committee investigate further the conservation area on Ontario St. where a building permit request was turned down. The matter depends on an interpretation of such a conservation area, Mr. Harrison said, and if council had made a mistake, he thought the matter should be reopened.

Relief of a dust nuisance at the neighbouring McClure residence will be coupled with an experiment in use of a salt compound on roads when council users salt treatment on a portion of Armstrong Ave. which goes by the McClure home.

Heavy truck traffic has led to complaints, Mayor Hyde said, and it will give the new method a chance for a try out. Estimated cost is \$50.

LEGION NOTES

With vacation time around the countryside, the branch is not too busy a spot. However, that is always to be expected in this season, and will pass shortly, no doubt.

We hear that the auditorium is to be painted during the next two weeks. We understand that Harry Bottoms is doing the job.

This will certainly be a vast improvement to our quarters. And we could add it badly needed.

The Legion History, 1925-1960 is now in course of preparation and will be published Nov. 1st, to celebrate Legion's 35th birthday on November 25. Anyone interested may order a copy from Dominion Command for the small sum of \$3.50.

It was amusing to read in a report of ways to further the renewed interest in the Legion that it is of tremendous importance that branches, particularly with licensed club rooms, be operated in an exemplary manner. No amount of favourable newspaper publicity can overcome harm done by being improperly conducted.

Fortunately, Branch 120 has not had any incidents in many years, and will, we are sure, carry on in that fashion. Too much caution cannot be observed however, in the operation of licensed quarters. How often have we heard that ancient refrain "other branches do it," as if that condones anything and everything. The fact that some one else may decide to "take a chance" is certainly no excuse to do so and we are sure that those operating our branch are too intelligent to adopt this type of negative thinking.

As many readers will know, we are no great exponent of parades. In fact, we never appeared on one either in the service or since, willingly, if there was a reasonable alternative. We hasten to make exception of November 11, naturally, a "must" in every veterans calendar. But there are few parades we would walk across the street to see, but one of them is rapidly looming up, that of the Warriors Day Parade, at the CNE. This is one of the most colourful of them all, as well as being the biggest, and provides a wonderful sight for anyone. This year it is on Saturday, August 27th, and we assume tickets will be on hand from the Steward, as always. In the past, Branch 120, has always taken busloads to see it, and we would presume will do so again. We'll keep you informed as developments occur.

This year in the various classes there will be ten \$100 prizes offered to the vet taking part in the parade. They will be selected by means of a lucky draw to be made at the directors' luncheon at the CNE that day. Each unit commander will receive tickets for the number of vets he has on parade and will distribute them to his men. Each vet has to fill in his own ticket and drop it in the container. All Commonwealth vets are eligible and after the war service is checked the prize will be delivered to the winner. So anyone who is not adverse to a little march, there's a chance for some easy money.

We notice that this year once again tickets are available by contacting Major Art Adams, chairman of the Ticket Committee, at 22 College St., Toronto. And to anyone who is not aware of it, 22 College is the old building used by Provincial command for many years, and rented from District D's Toronto District of the Legion. Art has been district commander of Toronto for many years, and last year unsuccessfully contested the provincial presidency.

It might be of interest to note

Town Landmark, Old CNR Water Tower Is Dismantled

A town landmark for many years, the CNR water tower, has disappeared from its familiar dominating location just south of the station platform.

One of the many facilities made obsolete with the CNR's conversion from steam to diesel locomotives the big tank was last of service to the railway that constructed it here in 1923, at midnight on Monday, April 30th, 1960, when train No. 39 made the final steam run en route from Toronto to Stratford. The useless reservoir was torn down by CNR workmen earlier this month.

When the steel ball that indicated the water level dropped to dead bottom, about a month after the last steam run, thrumming noises in the rotted wooden frame, it was the first time in thirty-six years that the tank had been emptied.

who will be in the parade, so here's a run down: Parade Marshal, J. M. Kias; No. 1 Section: U.S. Navy Band, Warriors Day Council; Queen's Own Rifles (in honour of their 100th anniversary); No. 2 Section: 1014 1918 Naval Vets; RCNVR vets; WRNS and WRNCS vets; South African war vets.

No. 3 Section: First Dept vets; Old Contemplatives; Originals Club; Anzacs; Disabled Vets; 1014-18 vets; Veterans Guard; Frontiersmen.

No. 4 Section: Commercial Vets; Public Service Vets; Industrial Vets.

No. 5 Section: Canadian Corps A.S.M.; 1950-45 War Vets; Coppers Club; AN & AF A.S.M.; Korean War Vets; Imperial and Empire Vets.

No. 6 Section: Canadian Legion (E. Hesson, R. Norley, in charge).

No. 7 Section: 1950 Winning USA drill team; USA Vets; St. John's Ambulance.

Anyone interested in parking should fall in at Fort York armoury, at 10:30 a.m. Berets and medals will be worn.

Name School Library For Mrs. Mildred Ford

On the evening of June 15th, Sunnyside Public School was the scene of a farewell party for Mrs. Wakefield Ford of town, who is leaving the school to become principal of Elmira Public School in Rexdale.

A library is being presented to the school by the ratepayers of the district, and will be named the Mildred Ford Library.

The auditorium was filled to capacity when students and parents who have known her over a 32-year period gathered to honour her. Representatives from the Board of Education and clergy were in attendance. Receiving with Mrs. Ford were past presidents of the Sunnyside Home and School association, Mrs. G. E. Kuttom, Mrs. V. Evans, Mrs. F. C. Cayell, Mrs. W. G. Horn, Mr. W. E. C. Martin and Mr. D. G. Forsyth, and Mr. P. Huddell, from the Board of Education.

Mrs. Ford is the former Mildred Feden of Welland. She taught three years in Stewart town and in 1928 went to the old Sunnyside Public School where she became principal in 1935. The original enrolment was 78 pupils. Today she has 500 pupils and a teaching staff of 15. In 1947, Miss Feden became Mrs. Wakefield Ford.

Mrs. Ford looked radiant in beige brocade with matching organza hat and accessories and wore an exotic purple orchid. The assembly room was beautifully decorated and the table was particularly attractive with pinkish blue taffeta cloth draped with pink bows to which were attached sprays of lily of the valley.

Refreshments were served by Grade 8 students and tea was poured by the teachers of the school.

The speaker of the evening, M. R. Fidel, one of Mrs. Ford's first inspectors, was introduced by Mrs. Jean Stone, teacher of Sunnyside for many years, and a long-time friend of Mrs. Ford. Mr. Fidel paid high tribute to the outstanding ability of the guest of honour.

Taras Gudziwsky from the kindergarten class presented a Royal Worcester figurine and five students from Grade 8 each presented her with a piece of home luggage.

P. A. Crerar chaired the presentation. Misses Joan and Janette Betts sang appropriate numbers accompanied by Peter Clark at the piano and Russell Crean at the drums. A happy reunion of associates followed.

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Two rather significant things happened during the first two weeks of June. Plans were completed for representatives of a new organization called "The Voice of the Women", Toronto's new disarmament group, to place their objective before Prime Minister Diefenbaker and Liberal Leader Pearson, and the first woman elected to the Provincial Parliament of Nova Scotia. The objective of the new organization is to enlist the women of the world in a campaign for the abolition of nuclear weapons. The blessing of government leaders, it was considered, would lend strength to the campaign.

If there is a spark of truth in the old saying that "the hand that rocks the cradle, rules the world," the vision of world peace has a chance of success. At least, these aroused and greatly alarmed women deserve cheers for their effort.

The significance lies in the fact that Gladys Porter of Kentville, Nova Scotia, though not the first Canadian woman to seek public office, is a thoroughly conscientious and dedicated representative of the people. What's more, she is an enthusiastic supporter of our democratic way of life.

I met her last year when I travelled by train to attend the Annapolis Valley Blossom Festival. At that time she was saying her tenth term as Mayor of Kentville. She is a Juno-esque, silver-haired grandmother, feminine to her finger tips but with a keen analytical mind and a highly developed sense of duty.

If some persons are born with a silver spoon in their mouths, Gladys Porter, new born with a gavel in hers, to use a platitude. She comes by her political aspirations naturally for her father, brothers and an uncle have all made their mark in the Nova Scotian political arena. Her father, Wallace A. Richardson, was mayor of Sydney for 17 years, as well as being the editor of the Sydney Post Record now the Cape Breton Post.

Just as there is every successful man there is said to be a woman, behind Gladys Porter, is an understanding husband. It was my observation that it is Wyman Porter's tolerant and unselfish sharing of his wife with the communities in the Annapolis Valley, that has a great deal to do with her continuing popularity as a public figure.

It was typical of this energetic woman that she should choose a newspaperman as her life's companion. He is Valley Editor of the Halifax Chronicle-

Diary of a Vagabond

BY DOROTHY MARKER

and they have lived in the Annapolis Valley for thirty-five years. They have a daughter and two grandchildren. Gladys Porter, M.P.P. elect, is a whiz bang, but her husband thinks she will eventually kill herself in the service of others. "She never spares herself," he commented to me. When asked how it felt to be the husband of such a popular woman his eyes twinkled as he said, "Well, it's like this, when you are introduced repeatedly as Mr. Porter, the husband of our Mayor, you kind of get used to it. That is, if you have a sense of humour." Needless to say, Wyman Porter has and I expect it will stand him in good stead when Gladys takes her seat during the first session of the Maritime province's next parliament. Now he is, "Mr. Porter, husband of our representative in the Legislature."

Perhaps in my enthusiasm to pay tribute to Gladys Porter I have undersold the supreme effort women in Ontario are undertaking to try and make peace a comforting reality. Mothers of little children, stenographers, clerks in stores and grandmothers have volunteered by the hundreds to write letters to friends all over the world to promote an all-out war against nuclear armaments. How far this little pebble, thrown into the pool of world chaos, may extend its tiny circle will not depend on the enthusiasm of the woman who tossed it, but on the reception it is given in the far reaches of democracy and how much it arouses the women of the NATO countries. If mothers of the world stand shoulder to shoulder in their demands for disarmament, and more women are willing to stand for public office, I believe there may be some hope for humanity's survival.

The twin bucket type front seats of a Volkswagen parked in a driveway at 53 Weber Dr. were damaged by fire Friday morning believed by firemen to have been started by children.

The flames inside the small car were noticed by a neighbour who notified the owner, Mrs. Michael West. In an inspection firemen found a full book of matches and an empty match cover inside the car.

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