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It's pretty hard to convince the kids that the shortage of teachers is a calamity.



Peter Jones, Georgetown

**MEET V.C.**

THREE CHARTER members of Branch 120 of the Canadian Legion greet honoured visitor Charles Rutherford, VC, MC, MM. The occasion for his visit was the thirty third anniversary dinner of the local branch of the Legion. Seen with him, are left, to right: James Murphy, Charles Rutherford, and Mrs. T. F. Grieve. Seated is William Roney.



*Diary of a Vagabond*  
BY DOROTHY BARKER

At the head of this column for an editor's reference only is a statement that is particularly thrilling to me. In type it announces that this issue of the "Diary of a Vagabond" is No. 1 of Volume 3.

As the trite cliché goes, "much water has flowed under the bridge" since this effort was first produced. There have been many proud moments during its creation and several rather sad ones; there have been exciting experiences and some lonely moments for me while en route by train from here to there. I have met thrilling and interesting people and I am sure some of the world's greatest heroes. But never in the months that have passed have I experienced anything but satisfying and worthwhile emotional reaction to the humanity, beauty, humour, tenderness, willpower, scenic glory and exciting progress depicted in the personalities of its citizens and the land we know as Canada.

The column went up like a missile. The launching pad was my experience on the Royal Tour when Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada, rode in her beautifully equipped car, behind the press car, as the CN train wound among the fertile farms of Ontario. Weekly newspaper after weekly newspaper was added to those right across Canada who first printed "The Vagabond". Soon they numbered over 200 and increased as the months went by.

One of the most exciting times in the two years just past was the day I received my first fan letter. Since then they have come from all parts of Canada and several from across the border. My circle of friends has widened from coast to coast and my knowledge of this vast country has grown, and is still growing, far beyond my fondest expectation. Every mile checked over the rails, and there were thousands, built a broader appreciation on my part of what it means to be afforded the privilege of interpreting through this column our country, its people and its continuing development.

I like to remember with considerable humour the first time I met one editor. He squinted up his eyes, pursed his mouth then he exclaimed, "Good gosh, I didn't look as he had mentally pictured me."

I gained satisfaction from this year's Christmas correspondence that announced two American couples on the CNR's Churchill Tour last summer have subscribed to a Canadian weekly in order that they may continue to enjoy, through this column, a "happy association" they experienced aboard that special train.

Another letter was received during the holidays from a young resident in Halifax. She said she had picked up a paper while visiting a community in Nova Scotia. In it she read the column, enjoying it so much she had written me at case."

**Jaycee Panel Discusses Town's Industry Picture**

**Mayor, Heslop, Hunter Discuss Town Affairs**

While last Wednesday's snow storm hindered many from attending the Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting in Delrex Restaurant dining hall, it did not dampen the enthusiasm with which the panel discussion was received by those fortunate enough to get there.

In wondering what the new organization could do to publicize the town, and to discuss what can be done to attract industry, the J.C.'s fell on the idea of a panel. Mayor E. T. Hyde, Councillor William Hunter and Mr. Rex Heslop were asked to form the panel, and written questions were proposed from the floor.

President Bob Burke turned this part of the evening over to Wally Seinski, as moderator, who did a fine job in relaying the questions.

Q: Would Industrial Commission function better with a larger grant from council?  
Heslop: \$1,000 was allotted last year, with more available, if needed.

Q: Do you feel a salaried Industrial Commissioner would be more beneficial?  
Heslop: No, not for the money involved. There are many successful towns who do not have a paid official. Present system working well.

Q: What were determining factors for Delrex to locate here?  
Heslop: Had property in four other towns tied up, but water and drainage in this area big factor, plus a good reception from council.

Q: Has any consideration been given to free taxes and water for industry?  
Hyde: Town cannot give free land and only a favourable plebiscite could reduce taxes. Water is cheap here and would be an inducement.

Q: What advantages has Brampton offer Georgetown industries?  
Heslop: Closer to metropolitan Toronto. Builders build a factory for industry and town releases lots for houses.

Q: Do you feel an industrial commission can benefit through J.C. activities?  
Hyde: Industrial promotion can be benefited by the work of the J.C.'s and every citizen. It's a selling job. The J.C.'s could promote a clean-up campaign and encourage property owners to clean up the approaches to our town. Industrialists see our untidiness at our town's approaches.

Q: Just what does industrial commission do?  
Hunter: There are nine men on commission, not all active, and they visit banks, industries, railroads, etc. in an endeavour to seek out new industry.

Q: If a large builder went bankrupt, what would the effect be on Georgetown?  
Hyde: Question is unfair, and not the time and place to ask it.

Q: It is said land prices are too high. Is this a fact, or are concessions granted?  
Heslop: We have a standing offer for 10,000 square feet of floor space or over, one acre for \$100; balance varies from \$2,000 up. The only stipulation is that the building be erected six months after closing of deal. Prestige lots with highway frontage are somewhat more costly.

At this point Cr. Hunter said Mr. Heslop's prices are on a par with other towns, and below many.

Q: Can J.C. be advertised on the new Chamber of Commerce signs?  
Hunter: See no reason why not.

Q: I believe builders are optimistic for the future. Do you Mr. Heslop hold that view?  
Heslop: Very much so. If developers knew where they were going, things could get underway again. No doubt commercial assessment would expand, and activity in a town could attract others here. It was activity that attracted many of our commercial firms along the highway.

Q: Industry needs employees and employees need decent living conditions. What plans have you got for the roads in town?  
Hyde: Georgetown has gone a long way since 1954, when we had 16 miles of streets. Now we have 44 miles. It takes a lot of planning. We hope to start this year on the business area, and with an increased road budget make a start with a gradual program of some kind of road surfacing, particularly in the newer areas.

Q: Why did council release land to Lane subdivision without industrial requirements?  
Hyde: As time went on more services were demanded by the town. When we started out, no services were required of the developer. Then when the subdivision came along certain requirements were asked for. Now still more concessions have to be made by the subdivision.

It was an interesting evening, and if you would encourage this group of young men in their efforts to be of service to the community, drop in to their meeting some evening. They will welcome you.

**Divinity Student Urges More Young People to Study for Ministry**

**Tells CCF That Foreign Policy Needs Appraising**

A senior student at McMaster College, Gerry Brown, was the speaker at both morning and evening services at First Baptist Church, Sunday.

Speaking on the opportunities of the Divinity College, and to the young people in the congregation to consider the training at McMaster for Christian Service, he presented a word picture of the new Divinity College for which a campaign to raise \$175,000 from the churches of the Ontario and Quebec convention has already begun. Gift Sunday will be April 23rd.

Mr. Brown was introduced by Rev. Lloyd What and at the conclusion of the evening service, Mr. Brown was guest at a Fireside in Cheltenham Baptist Church where Dr. G. Harrop showed pictures of the new building.

"New factors in foreign affairs, since 1945, require that Canadians re-appraise their foreign policy," a Halton-CCF meeting was told last week.

"We are losing the counterbalancing influence of our connection with the United Kingdom, in our relations with the United States," Carl Rouleau, M.A., head of the History Dept. of the Streetsville High School said.

He explained that the Commonwealth itself is rapidly becoming Afro-Asian as in the United Nations. These factors in addition to the suicidal policy of the "massive deterrent" and the threat of absorption by the United States may force Canada to consider withdrawal from NORAD and NATO and to concentrate on our work in the United Nations and aid to underdeveloped countries.

The CCF Riding Association meeting was held in the Ford Workers Union Hall in Oakville and Mr. Carl Rouleau, M.A., was the guest speaker. John Kane, Michael Hess and Jack Henry were elected to represent the CCF on the New Party steering committee that is now being formed. A letter from the Oakville and District Labor Council was read stating that they had elected Ed Bruce, Marty Caputo and Dave Law to represent the workers. The farm organizations and New Party Clubs are also being asked to elect delegates to represent their interests and it is this group that will eventually assume the political responsibility for the welfare of the New Party that was previously held by the Halton CCF Riding Association.

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**Musical Program for United WMS Meeting**

The Afternoon Auxiliary of St. John's United Church W.M.S. met in the church parlor on Tuesday. Mrs. Walter Brownridge presided and opened the meeting with an appropriate call to worship.

Mrs. Val Stein gave the topic from the study book "The Ship Under the Cross," stating that one hundred and seventy Orthodox Churches combine to form the World Council of all denominations. Mr. Stein also told of the aid given to refugees and of the work done by the International Missionary Council. Closing with a short meditation on verse 18 of first Corinthians, Mrs. Stein asked for more earnest prayer that world conditions might soon be improved.

Twenty members answered the roll call with Scripture verses on the theme word "Love." Mrs. R. MacArthur based her devotion on "The Triumph of Love" and read the Scripture from the 13th chapter of John. Hunter There are nine men on commission, not all active, and they visit banks, industries, railroads, etc. in an endeavour to seek out new industry.

Mrs. Ian Fleming sang a very pleasing solo in her native Welsh language. Sharon Swartz was the young guest singing two lovely solos, accompanied by Mrs. R. Wright. These musical interludes were much enjoyed. Mrs. H. Curtis brought many good thoughts on Christian Stewardship. The Easter Thank Off ring will be held on Tuesday, April 11th.

**Flowers Among Prizes At Rebekah Euchre**

Flowers decorating the roof of the Rebekah luncheon party were shared by three local ladies as euchre prize last Thursday.

Mrs. J. Crawford, Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Frank Petch shared the floral arrangement, top prize in one of the euchre contests which drew a large crowd despite poor weather. In all twenty-two tables were in play.

High score prize winners were Mrs. Joe Schertel, cup and saucer; Mrs. P. Dreinters, tumbler; Mr. Patterson, pillow case; Bill Wilson, table cloth; B. McKechnie, table cloth; and Mrs. Boyd, Faberge powder.

Mrs. Boyd won a draw when tied for her prize with Mrs. B. Bell and Miss Florie Alcott. Miss Pearl Scott and Mrs. Joe Gibbons tied for the consolation prize and Mrs. Gibbons won the draw.

A coffee maker was the door prize and Mrs. R. Allen was the lucky winner. A Presto Casserole went to Chester Stevens in another draw.

The party was convyned by Mrs. Herb Hancock and valuable give away samples were made available through the local merchants.



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