

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Large Vote Important

It is particularly important this year that every voter who is interested in helping choose his elected council should make sure to vote next Monday.

It is not every year that all top council members are contesting these three seats. And electors must also choose eight school trustees; and in two wards, two councillors.

Perhaps some people are expecting the Herald to boost a slate or certain candidates.

If so, they will be disappointed.

We do not presume to be the sole judge of who shall guide town affairs next year. As editor we have our own convictions and state these when we mark our X. And like any other voter, we express opinions in private about this candidate or that. But we put no such opinions into print in the editorial column.

It is our belief that a newspaper has limitations and must confine itself to factual information on its news pages, and to opinions which it believes to be in the best interests of the town in its editorials.

The editor, who also reports the large percentage of council meetings, has striven to give complete and interesting coverage of every council meeting. And on occasion, he has commented editorially on things he deemed were important for readers to assess.

Six columns of type have been devoted in this issue to remarks of candidates at the Thursday nomination. Several hundred columns of council news has appeared during the year. Plus many mail bag letters, complimentary and otherwise, to present and potential council members.

From this, we believe it is the public's duty to judge, with the hope that in a democracy the majority choice is the best.

Is Democracy Best

"Is Democracy Best?" is a question on which volumes could be written; debates could be staged, and still no absolute answer given.

To our mind it is not.

A benevolent dictatorship is the best form of government.

But its benefits are overruled by the obvious. One cannot assure its benevolence in perpetuity.

So free thinking people must be content with a democracy. Imperfect it may be, but it is the best men are not always re-elected. But neither are the worst.

Man cannot create a perfect society on earth because of his own imperfections. And he must suffer through his personal tragedies, and sometimes through his public ones, when he lives under a system of choice.

Few in this country would want otherwise.

Need More Time

A suggestion might be made to next year's council that an extra week should be allowed between nominations and elections.

At present, by the time the candidates get their campaign literature, there is less than a week for them to carry on an election campaign. And only one issue of the Herald in which to get their platforms across to the public.

More important, when public meetings occur such as the one council called this

Tuesday to hear reports on the years business, there is little opportunity for news coverage by a Herald reporter. Should that meeting have been held any later in the Tuesday, no report would have been possible at all in the Herald before the elections took place.

The 1961 council might think over the pros and cons of making election day the third Monday following nomination day instead of the second Monday.

Candidates and voters would both benefit by the extra time.



AS ONE DINOSAUR TO ANOTHER

Know the Facts About Radioactive Fallout

Perhaps the most important aspect of a nuclear explosion is the radioactive fallout that is spread over a wide area.

Table with 4 columns: A, B, C, D. Rows include TIME, DISTANCE, SHIELDING, and PERSONAL DANGERS FROM FALLOUT.

Would Unite Seven Peel Municipalities

An amalgamation which would unite seven Peel municipalities is being considered by the Peel Regional Council.

In a report issued by the council and compiled by engineering and accounting firms, it was suggested that the Peel Regional Council should be established.

SUGAR and SPICE By Bill Smiley

What in the name of all that is hysterical is going on in Canada these days? You can't pick up a paper or a magazine without the word FALLOUT hitting you like a big black bludgeon.

After years of virtual indifference to the threat of nuclear war, suddenly the whole of North America has gone hog-wild for shelters, is avidly devouring every bit of garbage published about radioactivity, and is hotly arguing such questions as whether there's 75 per cent or 85 per cent of our population wiped out in a missile attack.

I had noticed the rapid build-up panic in our publications, but hadn't paid too much attention to it. One becomes a bit cynical about the constant state of apoplexy of our daily press.

This week, however, my kids at school were delivering their annual oral compositions — those who didn't have enough nerve to skip school that day. Do you know what their favorite topic was? Fallout shelters!

This was took much. When cute little girls of 14, who should be discussing such subjects as dances and hairdos, stand up there in front of the class and say: "Mr. Smiley, fellow students, the topic I have chosen to speak on today is 'What Will You Do When the Bomb Falls.' It's time somebody called a halt to the hysteria."

That's had enough. But these panic surveys have even got my wife interested. That's what worries me. Things must be serious. For years, I've been trying to get her interested in world affairs.

Some of these attempts have almost driven me straight up the wall, across the ceiling, and down the other side.

"Do you realize we're facing total annihilation?" I would ask her. "Yes," she would answer, "but when are you going to stop smoking so much?"

She never knew the president of Ghana from the president of the local Rotary Club. Her idea of a big international crisis was when Princess Margaret married Tony, or when Liz Taylor bagged a new husband.

Now she's talking fallout shelter. Not that she's changed her mind about what's important in the world. She still thinks nuclear fission something vaguely uncomfortable, Philip were married; Nov. 22, 1860 (71 years ago), General Charles de Gaulle born; Nov. 23, Thanksgiving Day; Nov. 25, 1881 (80 years ago), Pope John XXIII born.

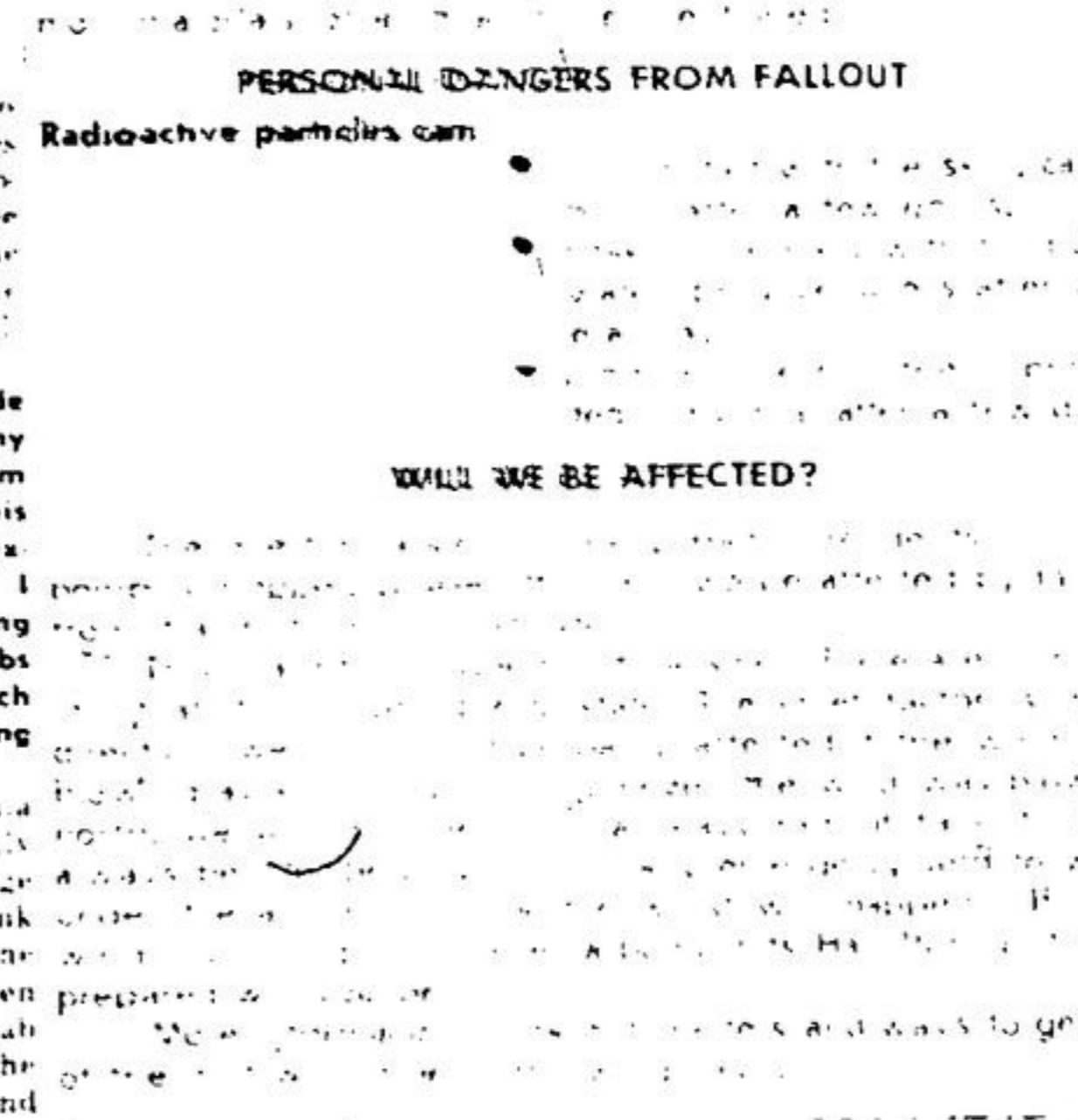
Object To Outside Tradesmen In Halton. Members of the Executive Board of the Halton and District Tradesmen's Association...

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ECHOES

- Residents of town for the past four years, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schultz, and daughters Joan and Gloria, expect to leave for Texas next week. Mr. Schultz moved here to establish an electrical business which he operated at the corner of King and Sarah Sts.

MERRY MENAGERIE By Walt Disney



whole lovely mass of green stuff down in a heap, looking as though a tropical storm had hit it with a blast. I GO UP TOO. Buffy, I have decided has no fear of anything that provides a challenge to her climbing ability. My pajama legs, any time within a mile, tatters in the basement, and the inaccessibility in the roof top are all adventures for her.

Diary of a Vagabond BY DOROTHY BARKER

THE CAT'S MEOW. There are times when my good judgment can be swayed. When I throw caution to the four winds, and as my grandmother would say "max the devil take the hindmost." From fingers and runs are creeping up my nylon, started by a quick swipe of a playful paw.

SEEMINGLY INNOXIOUS. Buffy was an angel the first day on which my most recent fill with reason occurred. Golden leaves drifting in rustling little heaps and beneath them a soft white fur paw played with the laces of my walking shoes.

But isn't it dangerous to invent fire when we don't have a fire department?