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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Helped Build Library

News that high school principal Tom Lambert has been forced to cut down on some of his extracurricular activities including membership on the public library board, makes a dent in a board to which he has devoted a great deal of time.

Mr. Lambert, more than any other person, gets credit for building up a fine public service which is being used more and more each year by the public. Not only have books increased in variety and number but occasional displays of paintings have added to its cultural value.

And the building itself has undergone a renovation program which makes it an imposing structure which retains its handsome architecture while adding modern furnishings which have increased its value as a public building.

Mr. Lambert has not been a "one interest" man.

An accomplished musician, he enjoyed playing with a string ensemble which used to make the occasional public appearance. He served as choir leader at St. George's Church for a number of years. As school principal he equally encourages music, drama and sports among students and he has passed on excellent training to those who have been in his high school classes.

Friends will hope that his rest in the south will be beneficial and that he will soon be back at his job at the high school, and that in future he may once again contribute his talents to other fields like the library board.

Bantam Tournament Again

Plans are well under way for a second bantam hockey tournament in town during Easter week.

In its first year, the tournament was a smooth-running interesting week which brought healthful recreation to hundreds of youngsters from our town and others, and much favourable publicity to Georgetown.

This year, interest will be heightened by entries from communities much further afield, and it is probable that Winnipeg, Mount Royal, Quebec and Sault Ste. Marie will be among them.

An extra day has been added, and

with this, and more teams from a distance, more local homes must be sought for billeting youngsters overnight.

This is one of the biggest jobs which faces those involved in the tournament, and when you see an advertisement in the paper in another week or two, you can do the committee in charge a real favour by phoning in to say you can take a young hockey player or two for overnight.

'Red' Asseltine is again at the head of the organization work, and anyone who wants to offer assistance in any of the multiplicity of jobs which the tournament entails will be welcomed.

ton council, he was chosen by his fellow councillors as county warden.

Georgetown has been fortunate since its incorporation as a town, in having men contest the mayoralty who devoted time and talent to the conduct of town business. With Mayor Sargent's experience, the town can be sure that they have chosen another such man.

Qualified Presiding Officer

Georgetown's new mayor, Doug Sargent, should be well qualified in procedure in guiding town affairs this year.

As Mr. Sargent said in his inaugural speech, he is proud to have held all five positions open to a municipal councillor.

He served a couple of terms as a councillor, was then deputy reeve and later was elected reeve, and during 1960 on the Hal-

DISTRICT NEWS - AT A GLANCE -

BURLINGTON
The first Sunday movies in Burlington's history were shown on the week-end at the Odron Theatre. The populace voted in solidarity in the December 4 election and council gave three unanimous readings last week to a by-law authorizing Sunday movies.

BRAMPTON
Accusations of incompetence and inefficiency were hurled at two senior town officials by the Woodview Park Ratepayers' Association at council last week. The cause of the display of ire was Brampton's icy streets and roads.

OAKVILLE
A concerted effort to revitalize downtown Oakville through a varied improvement and promotion program received ten per cent endorsement at a meeting of the Downtown Businessmen's Association. A full scale delivery service, a face-lifting, a downtown wrapping paper and shopping bag design, and a credit card system are included in the plan.

STREETSVILLE
Streetsville council is willing to meet prospective industrial investors in the town and try to help them solve problems hindering their location in the community. Streetsville has about 150 acres available for industry.

MILTON
Billiards, pool and snooker were shooed off a list of games deemed as permissible Sunday sports at Milton council last week. Solicitor K. Y. Dick, who drafted the by-law for council, said he put in the name of every sport he could think of. Only pool was left off the list which includes everything from fishing to field lacrosse.

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Dollar Designing

Canada 1864 1964 DOLLAR

IF YOU HAD ENOUGH OF THESE TO BE IN FLORIDA

A TRIBUTE TO ITS PURCHASING POWER

HEADS YOU WIN TAILS I LOSE

A DISPLAY OF CANADA'S HEALTHY OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

OR PERHAPS A LITTLE DESIGN THAT ONE MIGHT DREAM UP AROUND TAX TIME

JUST SEND IN TWO TO

Diary of a Vagabond

BY DOROTHY BARKER

Early on the afternoon of December 20th I met our postman trudging up the hill on Kennedy Street West in Aurora, Ont., loaded to his chin with mail to be deposited in the group box situated at all right angles further along the street. He had an harassed look and shouted to me as I approached, "What are you doing at your house, running a contest of some sort?"

It appeared that most of his burden was for me. Cards from readers of the Vagabond, readers all over Canada, from one coast to the other. The expressions for good fortune and continued inspiration for the column in the New Year were most gratifying. But perhaps more so were the various comments on the type of column each well-wisher preferred. There were cards which requested more about the three barns (now four), my house and antique pen, Buffy the kitten and my escapades, about which one nice person wrote, "we all have them, but few of us realize there is material for a funny story in the experience."

All writers like to feel they have a mission, that their writing efforts contribute something to the reader's pleasure. Comments such as this one written on a card picturing a train laden with good wishes mean such a lot. "Write more travelogues. All of our family has learned so much about Canada through your column. We are all becoming very train travel conscious."

NEW FRIEND FOUND
But the biggest surprise of all was a letter from Baie Comeau, Quebec. The world shrank several more inches as I read, "Through your columns 'Diary of a Vagabond', I have come to know you—you've talked about your antiques, your recently adopted kitten 'Buffy', your garden and plants, your sun and loved ones—some of the interesting people you've met, the places you've visited, not to mention the many historical angles in your adventures across Canada. You seem to have a wonderful understanding of people. And didn't you govern the Queen's visit across Canada a couple of years ago?"

This (until now) young, unknown woman has read the column in a New Brunswick weekly since it was created in 1959. 23 years ago and raised in Baie Comeau, she will venture into the big outside world at my invitation to be my guest for the winter. Ambitious and talented she plans an advanced secretarial course. Actually I am the one who will benefit. Never having had a daughter, I am excited at the prospect of this companionship.

APPEAL FOR ALL AGES
Another satisfying letter was one forwarded to me through the editor of the Shoubrorn Coast Guard. It was from a woman who at the date of writing had celebrated 90 birthdays. In the letter she requested

STEPS TO SURVIVAL - STEP 6

Know How to Prevent and Fight Fires

In Step 1 it was said that serious fires probably would extend up to nine miles and some fires up to 20 miles from the point of burst of the bomb.

Information about the fire danger is widespread and common. For example, some persons believe that the fire ball created by the detonation would completely incinerate a city. This is not true. In relation to the distance at which blast damage would destroy buildings, the diameter of the fire ball is considerably smaller.

Fire Ball
The heat from this fireball lasts about 15 seconds. The fires it creates are not different from fires you see in peace-time. They can be put out with water and extinguishers, and the sooner the better because they could spread out thereby burn a city. If each survivor were able to put out a fire, mass fires would not take place.

The heat from the fireball entering through windows and doors could set fire to curtains, clothes, furniture and paper. Other fires could break out in backyards, trash, open firebricks and on the outside of wooden houses.

Knowing how to prevent and fight fires at home and at work reduces the number of peacetime fires. It will also reduce the number of fires caused by a nuclear explosion.

Half Hour
How can you fight fires in the presence of fallout? From 15 to 15 miles from the centre of the explosion there may be many survivors. Fallout will not start coming down for about a half hour. It is during this half hour that survivors should inspect their houses and put out all the small fires they can. They will not be able to rely on the fire department.

Finally, what about fire storms? Some persons believe that the nuclear bomb always starts fire storms like that at Hiroshima. This is not true. Fire storms take place only under special conditions. The possibility of conflagration is much greater. This danger can be greatly reduced by putting out the small fires.

Extinguishers
Attend any emergency fire fighting classes held in your section of Halton. You should have in your home and place of work, fire extinguishers, or, if time permits an adequate water supply in pails, bathtubs and washtubs. Don't rely on being able to use the established water supply system. Even those who live in areas not attached may find their fire departments will have to fight major fires elsewhere. Therefore every household in peacetime should learn how to carry out fire prevention and know how to fight small fires.

Farmers, particularly within 20 miles of a large centre, should especially learn how to fight fires on their farms. For if a nuclear weapon should be dropped on a centre in Halton, farmers would probably be completely without any outside fire protection. All fire-fighting equipment would likely be concentrated in the urban areas.

SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

There's something gruesome about the interesting everyone has the interest in being annihilated. These days in being annihilated, to some people are so absorbed in the whole business that I swear they'll be disappointed if the bombs fall.

How's that again? You would not trade the whole world mess for a milk coat, a made's looks and figure, a mansion with servants, as long as you have a stick around for a few years? Some people of the future had some of the subjects of your course as they do about radiation fallout, there'd be no stopping them.

They are morbidly interested in the monsters to be created by mutations among the post-atomic generations. They talk casually about the dosages of strontium 90 and iodine to be released by the bombs.

This is a fact that I'll use, whether I write fiction and fictionists about the equipment of the future. One lot as a nuclear war would come about, in all circumstances, that shelter supplies should include a man for the purpose of making down any outsider who tried to join the ranks.

You can't blame the youngsters. Listen to the conversation next time you're out playing bridge, or drinking beer, or whatever you do at your parties. That plump, gentle wife and mother at the next table will be reciting off the number of millions who will be killed in the first attack. That jolly jovial church warden across from you will be saying that you ought to drop it before they do.

I can't be interested in all this. I'm bored. I'm sick to death of the bomb. I don't care about what Mrs. X says from a TV set. I've had a quote on nuclear fallout from people who could not even combine hydrogen and sulphur and come up with a stick bomb.

What I can't understand is why everybody is so concerned. Why do we sit around like so many ghouls at a garden party, licking our lips over the horrors to come? Are we scared or something? You'd think nobody had ever been killed before, violently or painfully. You would think no other civilization had ever perished before.

Surely you are not worried about leaving this world suddenly? Why, all I've ever heard you do is complain. Business is terrible. Your wife, navy. Your housewife are acting up. You can't do a thing with your kids. The government's taxing you to death. The car is ruining the body of your car. You're working too hard. You haven't thrown a decent look in the last two months. I'd think you'd be glad to be out of it all.

What's that? You don't want to die? Life is sweet and warm and beautiful and you love your wife and kids and business is picking up and your bottom's better and the government could be worse and the old car's had it anyway and you like work and you just curl for the fun of it? Well, why didn't you say so?

And what about you, Ethel? You haven't stopped moaning since you were married. You've nothing to wear. Nobody appreciates you. The furniture is shabby. Those kids are driving you crazy. Jack's never home, and you're a nervous wreck. The house isn't nearly so nice as Mabel and George's.

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Have Tenants Should Save Adequate Heat

At the January regular meeting of the Oakville and District Labour Council last week a motion was passed to draw up a sufficient by-law to be proposed to the municipalities in Halton County in the near future on heating control.

The council has obtained information whereas apartment flats and other housing depending for heat on the landlord (s) are heated to a minimum or not heated at all during this cold season.

Council President G. G. Bevin remarked that a by-law on heating control should be incorporated in the by-laws of the communities immediately since present conditions are detrimental to the welfare of a large portion of Halton county residents.

Mr. J. Kane an executive officer of the council stated that he obtained information that one apartment dweller got pneumonia due to an unheated apartment.

MERRY MENAGERIE

By Walt Disney

"I'm so proud Junior took his first step today!"

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