

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Saturday Elections An Answer....

Each year there is some discussion in town about having an advance poll for municipal elections. And if elections are to continue on Mondays, as they have for many years, there is merit in this. Particularly so in a town which has a large proportion of commuters to Toronto and men who, as salaried men, may have to start on their week's trip early Monday to miss the chance of voting.

We wonder if a Saturday election date might not be an even better solution to this.

Certainly it would be cheaper, for ad-

vance polls double the cost of personnel and polling stations, while garnering only a very small percentage of the votes cast.

A Saturday date might even encourage a heavier attendance at the polls by locally-employed residents, many of whom do not always get to the polling time after work.

Conversely, while it might have some effect on Sunday morning church attendance by those who are in the habit of congratulating the winners and extending condolences to the losers, it would most certainly up the "at work" percentage which on occasion has been noted by employers on the Tuesday following.

Church Shows The Way....

Churches should not necessarily be judged by their financial statements, but money plays an important part in religion as it does in every other phase of life today and a church which does not give is one whose influence can have only limited success.

We were struck by a news report last week that the Maple Ave. Baptist congregation had total giving of \$14,300 last year. The new church, which opened in the spring, came from an original dedicated group which met in a lodge hall for some time, while planning a building valued at \$54,000 today. Total value of building,

land, and furnishings exceeds the \$70,000 mark.

Despite the heavy cost involved in financing its local physical assets, the outstanding news in the statement is that \$650 was raised for missions.

This new Baptist group and their pastor, Rev. Bruce Woods, are to be commended on remembering the greater work of their church and digging a bit deeper into their pocketbooks to propagate their beliefs in other lands.

Maple Baptists are a worthy addition to the local religious scene and have earned themselves a firm place among the town's churches.

Movies Proving Popular....

So popular are the Saturday morning movies at the Legion Hall, that when an extra-good film is offered for the children, an additional performance is now scheduled in the afternoon.

The movies are something which television should never replace, and it is a good work the Legion is doing in bringing this Saturday joy to kiddies who might otherwise think all entertainment comes from that little box in the living room.

We grown-ups have suffered from the loss of the Roxy by fire.

And there's no use kidding ourselves.

DISTRICT NEWS - AT A GLANCE -

- BURLINGTON: A self-appointed citizens' advisory committee last week sought to head off the appointment of Burlington Town Clerk William Sims as Burlington's first town manager...
TRAFALGAR: An angry crowd of ratepayers from the northern section of the new town of Oakville (Trafalgar) jammed a town school and bombarded the council with angry protests against the proposal to build the new town hall on a downtown site...
OAKVILLE: The mayor of Oakville will receive a salary of \$5,500 a year. This figure was set by the town council at Monday night's meeting...
BRAMPTON: The new minister of reform institutions, Hon. Ir-

11 STEPS TO SURVIVAL - STEP 9

To Ensure Safety from Radioactive Fallout

Remove Contaminated Clothes; Cover All Food

In Step 2 fallout was described as 'snow.' To remove the danger, remove the 'snow.' If you suspect that your clothes have fallout on them, remove your outer clothing before you come inside your home, and leave them outside. You would only scatter the fallout dust and create unnecessary danger to others. If you have water, wash thoroughly, particularly exposed skin and hair. But do not scrub your skin as that might rub the radioactive particles into your skin. Exposure to fallout does not make you radioactive. Even if you are stricken with radiation sickness, this sickness is not catching. But fallout on your clothing or body would expose you and those close to you to radiation. If you suspect you have been exposed to fallout, you will not be a danger to others if you carefully get rid of your outer clothes and wash.

FOOD AND WATER

Since most of your food will be in tightly covered containers (cans, bottles, plastic or boxes), it will all be safe to eat or drink if you dust or wash the containers. Food, whether in containers or not, provided it was in undamaged and closed cupboards, operating refrigerators, and deep freezers, would also be safe to eat. To be sure about fruits, i.e., apples, grapefruit, bananas, wash fruit first and peel carefully. The same applies to vegetables. Water will be safe if it is in containers tightly covered, has come from covered wells, or undamaged water systems. If you are unsure of a particular food, or source of water, do not use it. Do not starve or die of thirst just because you think it is contaminated.



MAYBE THE OLD LADY DOESN'T WANT TO BE HELPED ACROSS THE STREET!



Diary of a Vagabond

BY DOROTHY BARKER

PARDON ME! Compared to me, Mohammed was a piker. According to legend he pleaded with the moon to aid him in a recent column, with one sentence I moved not only a mountain, but an entire province from the mainland of British Columbia to Vancouver Island. Not satisfied with this

feat, I elevated the park to one of national stature. I never do anything by halves. I am a true wanderer. Park is all that I want. It is always there, but I am not there. I should never stop for a moment to do anything while in the midst of writing this column for invari-

Remove Your Blinkers To Research and P.K.U.

the event of fear and panic. Reasonable enough, for a dumb animal but how does it apply in connection with our attitude towards mental retardation? There is an inclination to don blinkers and never really care over the past years. We made it essential that we remove these blinkers once and for all - there is no need for panic or fear to take hold, but every test for clear vision. There are a number of well-known causes of retardation - one of the lesser known and most severe being phenylketonuria - PKU. A body suffering with this disease is unable to utilize an amino acid called phenylalanine, which is contained in proteins in practically all foods, and is also present in a mother's natural milk. By refusing to utilize phenylalanine, it is allowed to collect in the blood and commence to destroy the nerve cells of the brain, causing mental retardation. A child suffering with PKU is to all appearance normal at birth, but if tests are made when the baby is four to five weeks old - and preferably at intervals during the first year - this brain destroying disease can be detected. The harmful phenylalanine can be restricted while allowing for the normal requirements for bodily and mental development. The test in itself is an extremely simple one and could be carried out at a baby clinic by the dropping of a 10 per cent solution of ferric chloride on to the baby's wet diaper. If the urine is normal and there are no signs of PKU, a yellow stain will appear. On the diaper of a baby suffering from PKU, a green spot will result. Obviously the essential factor is the early detection of this disease, and how can this be done unless we completely remove our blinkers and assist the wonderful doctors who have given so much to research. Seek the so-called 'our babies' forget our fears. We do not have our babies checked at the 'well clinics' because we believe that they are ill - we do so to safeguard them against such illness. Why not seek a P.K.U. check on the same basis? The chance is about one in 20,000 tests... and yet that one child can be treated and saved from mental retardation. Remember the 'blinkers' did not stop the cause of accidents - they merely prevented a loser intelligent animal from panic and fear. Research has shown us which way to turn.

ORANGEVILLE: Orangeville boasts the coldest temperatures of the winter and has evidence to back up its claim. The weather record in Orangeville reports a low last week of 26 below zero.

MILTON: A new limestone quarry is being developed four miles northwest of Milton by the Associated Quarries and Construction Ltd. The new business will be known as Dufferin Quarry.

CLUB MIDTOWN by SIEVE

LUCERNES THIS FRIDAY: Twilights were great at the Rose Room Friday, special note to these arrangements: 'Summer-time', 'Three-Three-Blue' and 'Don't You Just Know It'. Again this week it is Friday night, with the popular Lucernes, remembered for their twists and for 'Mashed Potatoes'. This fabulous group is going to fill the 'Consuls' space for Club Midtown, we hope. This time, 'Tears from an Angel' by Troy Skendell is bound to be a big follow-up for Troy. Instrumentally Jorgen Ingman's 'Pine Yapp's (?) Boogie' will blacken this Swedish guitar picker's bank book for sure. Club Midtown had a chance to present a 'show' starring Earl Dabkins Jr. in the near future but was financially forced to turn it down. \$375 is too much for someone out of the top fifty performers. This unfortunately puts Club Midtown out of the drawing for Ronnie Hawkins, as the Club that got him. Don't forget, Feb. 16th, Friday night, Rose Room, 7:30 and \$1.00... the Lucernes.

ably I pick up something to read and my trend of thought is often untracked. That is what happened on that particular day I read an article about Emily Sartain, a resident of Victoria, B.C., who is a well known painter of flowers. My light of fancy was off at a gallop. I conjured up images of all the lovely flower gardens I had seen on Vancouver Island, as I continued to read about this interesting woman.

TRAVEL IS INSPIRATION

Emily Sartain is in London, England, where she will open a show of her Canadian alpine water colors at the Royal Horticultural Society. The idea of recording the flora of British Columbia, the artist said, came to her while travelling across Canada by train in 1939. As she watched the mountains from her compartment window, she came to realize this was a botanist's paradise. "I decided there and then to make a collection," she said. Miss Sartain now has some 200 and is ever mindful there are many more specimens to find.

An enthusiastic member of the Thetis Park Nature Sanctuary Association, a group of persons on Vancouver Island dedicated to the preservation of native flora, Miss Sartain is a painter of lichen, fungi, and the garden flowers which abound in her home city. From her studio window she can see Mount Ranier across the U.S. border. To help preserve the picture beauty of the Olympics in all their moods, she has numerous colour photos she has taken in these mountains where she finds new specimens and inspiration.

One of the most interesting comments in the article was a statement Miss Sartain made. She said wherever she goes, travelling is working for her. This past fall, while on her way to First Mt., she stopped to paint the eastern maples in all their autumn colors.

AN ARDENT CONSERVATIONIST

Miss Sartain is a constant proponent of conservation. She realizes that green belts must be preserved. This is not only peculiar to Vancouver Island, where horticultural enthusiasts used to be able to study specimens almost at their doorstep and must now travel miles to do so, but is relative to all this burgeoning country. We have a swamp on our property which to date has not been claimed a green belt. On numerous occasions we have been offered a goodly sum by persons who would dump fill and build on the reclaimed land. It is a temptation in some respects, for besides there a person who is attracted by a large sum of money. But we cannot easily forget the marsh marigolds that push through the dead and tangled grass early each spring to glid the landscape before tall bulrushes thrust their green spikes above the golden "buttercup" petals. Our swamp is a bird sanctuary, a haven for bull frogs and meadow larks, a pathway for a surging brook on the banks of which watercress clings.

SUGAR and SPICE By Bill Smiley

There's a new movement, and a fairly strong one, afoot in Quebec these days. Its adherents, labelled 'Separatists', are urging that La Belle Province secede from the rest of Canada and establish a separate French nation on the shores of the St. Lawrence.

I don't know the ins and outs of it, but, personally, I think it is a splendid idea. In fact, not only do I wish them well, but I hope the scheme becomes a trend that will sweep North America. It's the only thing that can break up the vast, vast blacked late which this continent is divided, and give us a hedge-podge of untidy, interesting little states, countries and principalities, such as the other continents boast.

At last as I can see, breaking Canada down from 10 huge indigestible chunks of 40 or 50 juicy, indigestible morsels would solve most of our problems in a twinkling.

First of all, it might stop cultured Europeans and disgruntled homebreds from articles about the good, gray Canadians, those unimaginative, conservative, colorless people who live somewhere north of Detroit, nursing their inferiority complex. I get so sick of this slop I could cry.

They couldn't accuse us of these negative virtues any more if we were suddenly transformed into a scething mass of republics, peoples, democracies, monarchies and whatnot. You see, if this was done, everything would be different. The overwhelming dullness of Canadian life would be replaced by the romantic, exotic existence by the other continents.

We'd be able to enjoy such fascinating things as: revolutions and counter revolutions; refugees fleeing across borders; students rioting in the streets; military juntas carrying out coups d'etat; sidewalk cafes riddled with spies; United Nations; abusing the Americans; and all the other finer things in life.

Another thing Canadians probably travel more miles per year than anyone else, yet most of us have never been outside the country. What could be more boring than to climb on a train, ride it for the best part of a week, climb off, and still be in the same country? That's what happens now.

All this would be changed, with all our new countries and borders, a cross-country train trip would become a thrilling adventure. We'd need passports and visas. We'd have to pass border guards with Tommy guns. Our travelling companions would be mysterious strangers - espionage agents, wild-eyed anarchists - instead of talkative elderly ladies going to visit their daughters, young mothers with damp, whiny children, and exhausted middle-aged men heading for home after the hardware convention.

Unemployment would be sol-

ECHOES..

- 10 YEARS AGO: Doug Starrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Starrett, was injured in an accident on his father's farm last Saturday. Doug, with Albert Fikema, was cutting down a tree which fell the wrong way pinning him to the ground. His left leg was broken at the thigh.
Georgetown's tribute to King George VI took the form of a community memorial service Friday afternoon in St. John's United Church. The church was packed long before the start of the service and the four local Protestant ministers, Rev. John Smith, Rev. Alex Calder, Rev. Alfred Barker, and Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson, who conducted the service, were heard outside and in the memorial hall through amplifiers.
A decision to build new high schools at Georgetown and Acton and to add a gymnasium to the Milton school was made at a meeting of the North Halton High School District Board Thursday in Milton.
25 YEARS AGO: Believed to have been caused by an overheated stovepipe, fire early Saturday destroyed a house and contents owned by Stephen Cox. The fire was discovered by Mrs. Cox. By the time the neighbours had been summoned, the building was a mass of flames. The loss, estimated at \$5,000 is partly covered by insurance.
The sudden passing of the great Howie Morenz stunned the world's sporting populace. Howie took a great interest in Georgetown's Midget NHL and had arranged with Cecil Hart to form a league like it in Montreal. Gordon Alcott was talking to him recently in Toronto, and he wished very much to see the Georgetown League, especially the Canadians, in action.
At the Gregory Theatre, 'Come Closer Folks', starring James Dunn; 'Captain's Kidd', starring Sybil Jason, May Robson, and Guy Kibbee; 'Sing Me a Love Song', starring Patricia Ellis, Zazu Pitts, and Hugh Hepburn.