PAST PRINCIPALS WERE DEGREE TEAM

—Charles Troll

PAST PRINCIPALS comprised the degree team which conferred the Royal Arch degree on new Royal Arch Masons Paul and Michael Armstrong last week. Back row: Excellent Companions A. Hunter, C. Sinclair, E. Dron and Very Ex. Comp. L. L. Arnold. Middle row: Ex. Comp. F. Wilson, S. Penrice, C. Renwick, I. G. Noble, L. Marchment. Front row: J. Addy, J. T. Armstrong, J. E. McCaig, and L. Tracey. In the foreground are First Principal B. Moody and Most Ex. Comp. Charles W. Emmett, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Do Your Christmas Shopping in Georgetown

Use Baby Sitters Fire Chief Advises

The holiday season introduces many new fire hazards into the home, Fire Chief K. Bentfield warned today. While Christmas is a time for children, they might face great danger from fire if they are left alone and unattended even for the shortest interval.

The highly inflammable Christmas tree, decorations and gift wrappings make it an imperative duty of all parents to make sure their children are never without responsible supervision.

The fire chief quoted section 189 of the Criminal Code of Canada: "Every one who unlawfully abandons or exposes a child who is under the age of ten years, so that its life is, or is likely to be, endangered, or its health is, or is likely to be permanently injured, is guilty of an indictable offence and is liable to imprisonment for two years."

During this season of parties and visiting, there is an increased tendency to leave children alone "just for a minute" but it only takes 10 seconds for a Christmas tree to burn furiously to charred wood.

If you must go out, the fire chief advises, get a responsible baby sitter for the children and you will enjoy your party much more.

SPEED OF BLOOD

The blood of an adult leaves the heart, circulates through the body and returns in a matter of about 60 seconds.

Nixon, Harley Speak at Liberals Annual Meeting

Choose George Burt County Vice-President

The Liberal party in Halton was fortunate on Friday evening last in having 'Bob' Nixon of the Brant riding as their guest speaker for their annual meeting. Mr. Nixon is the newly-elected president of the Ontario Liberal Association and brought a very timely address on the Ontario political scene and forecast an early spring election.

Maurice Manderson of Georgetown chaired the meeting which brought a good attendance of Liberals and gave a very encouraging report of the past year's work.

Fred Fenton of Oakville chaired the meeting for the election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, Perry Nelson, Oakville; 1st Vice President, Mrs. Owen Mullin, Burlington; 2nd Vice President, George Burt of Esquesing; Secretary, Miss Aileen Gee, Oakville; Treasurer, Sam Woods, Burlington.

Halton's Federal Member, Dr. Harry Harley, in addressing the gathering, said in part:

I would like briefly to mention and congratulate the recent nominee in the Tory Party in this area. I see in the press reports of his meeting that we are criticized for having many heads and voices. He complains of the Whitings and Mullins and Hennesseys. These are voices that state they are Liberal voices and are not afraid to say so. I am proud of these voices. The Liberal party is a democratic party, a party of many voices from many people, a party where every voice in true democratic system is listened to with attention.

The honorable gentleman accuses me of not being a professional politician. I thank him for this compliment. I do not wish to be a politician; I wish to be a good representative for my county, and eventually I hope I may be classed a statesman. I quote for him from Hansard:

Hansard 1309 - 5 November, 1962: "We know that a 'politician' is a man who is only thinking of the next election but that a true statesman is a man who is thinking of the next generation."

Now, I would like to move on to more important topics. Many people have questioned why the Liberal Party supported a Social Credit Amendment. The reasons were valid and provoked a great deal of comment. I would just point out that there is a precedent for this action. In 1953, eleven members of the Conservative Party voted for a similar Social Credit money amendment, and one of those was a private member named Diefenbaker.

One of the repeated subjects of debate on many occasions in the House of Commons has been the measures introducing the austerity program. We do not quarrel with the government's decision to bring on these tariffs and surcharges; this was a decision as a government they felt they had to make. I might say here however that obviously all was not rosy with our economy as had been said in the election campaign one short week before.

We object to the fact that this taxation representing the tariffs and surcharges was not brought before Parliament for discussion and debate. This taxation — 2 million dollars — was therefore taxation without representation as the elected representatives of the people were never allowed to discuss it or vote on it.

When the present government were the Opposition, the Liberal government once introduced legislation similarly during recess, but they brought it to Parliament for ratification as soon as Parliament met. To quote the present Prime Minister referring to this on discussion of his Bill of Rights:

Hansard 1 July 1960 (page 5648): "The hon. gentleman will recall, too, that he was a member of the cabinet when an Order in Council was passed which legalized taxation three months before Parliament met on it. This is not going to happen any more."

He stated this would never happen again, then later did the same thing himself but then compounded it by refusing to bring it for debate to the House of Commons as had been done by the Liberal Party. Taxation without representation by the champion of the Bill of Rights.

I would like to answer the question: "Why do the Liberals want an election?" The present government depends on at least one Opposition party for its survival, from day to day. Who can have confidence in a government that is hanging by a thread? Particularly when that thread varies from Social Credit to N.D.P. characteristics. Naturally therefore the Government has to introduce legislation that one of these parties can support. This is not in the best interests of Canada or Canadians. The long term measures necessary to stimulate the economy and employment are not being brought forward, because these are controversial and may cause the Government loss of support it requires for its existence.

May I quote from the 'Globe and Mail' editorial of the 14th of November, 1962, and I feel sure that no one would call this a Liberal newspaper: "—

If the Government would bring forward these long-term measures for the benefit of Canada, I can seriously say that the Liberal Party will support those measures for the benefit of Canada and Canadians.

My point is this, that the Government is afraid to bring forward necessary legislation. Therefore it is not that we cannot afford an election, but that we cannot afford NOT to have one, and return a stable, efficient and decisive Liberal government.

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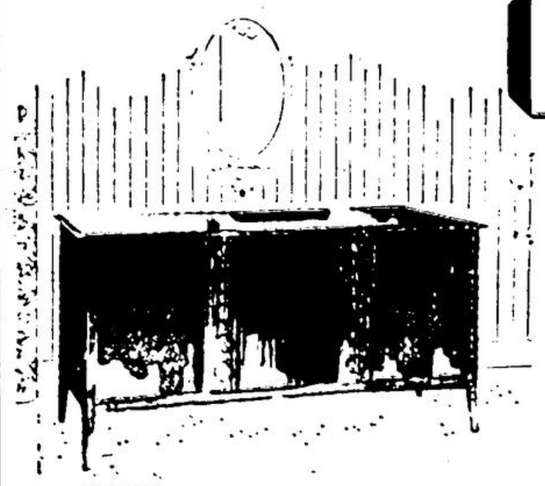

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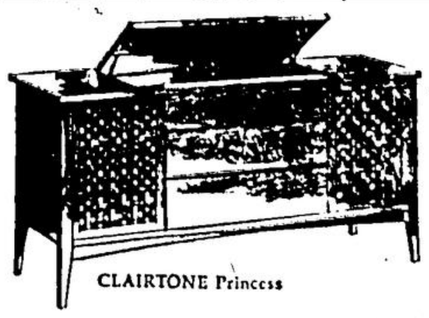

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