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NORTH YORK GERRYMANDER

The spectacle of the government at Ottawa fighting desperately during recent weeks to force through a redistribution bill designed to improve the political chances of the party in power was not very encouraging to the people of Canada who are laboring to-day under the burden of the depression. The observation of the average citizen is that the members of the government could much better employ their energy in finding a solution to our economic problems and in reducing taxation than in taking such pains to carve up the electoral map in an effort to preserve their political hides. The average citizen who is finding it mighty hard to make the farm or business go to-day, is more interested in economic recovery than in political recovery, and it is pretty well agreed that the re-establishment of economic conditions which will give everyone a job is more vitally important than political gerrymandering which will help some politician get or keep a job.

The gerrymander in North York was foremost in the discussions of the redistribution bill in the House and in Committee and in the whole of Canada there is possibly no more glaring example of political manipulation without regard to the interests of the people. It is gerrymander pure and simple—more simple than pure. The township of Markham and the villages of Markham and Stouffville are taken from the former North York and placed in East York, and that section of North York township living west of Yonge Street is added to the riding of North York. There is no rhyme nor reason to the change. It is an absurd shuffling of the electors for the supposed political advantage of someone or some party. The population of the new riding is practically the same as the old. A population of 8,494 is taken from North York and added to East York and a population of 8,652 in North York Township is added, making an increase of 158. It can hardly be argued that all this shuffle was made to increase the population of the riding by so small a number as 158.

The latest census figures for the areas concerned are:
Population that section of North York Twp. added... 8652
Population Markham Township 6331
Population Markham Village 1008
Population Stouffville 1155..... 8494
Increase..... 158

As has been freely pointed out by the press and from the platform the decennial redistribution was intended to serve the electors and not the elected. The purpose of this periodical redistribution is to guarantee to all sections of Canada fair opportunity for representation in the House of Commons, and the common sense view is that it should be carried out with this in mind and not as a piece of political maneuvering without any thoughts of the rights or wishes of the people.

As a result of the North York gerrymander the electors of Markham Township, Markham and Stouffville Villages, all rural areas are placed in the riding of East York which is essentially urban as it includes all of the township of East York. On the other hand the section of North York added is in many respects more urban than rural and the electors of this district are placed in the rural riding of North York. The shuffle is so ridiculous and devoid of any logical reason that it would seem any government had a lot of nerve to dish it out to the public.

The electors to-day are not at all concerned that it may or may not help this or that party, or help this or that politician who may "need the job" because the day when such political trickery could be handed to the public has long since passed. In this modern age the average elector does not relish the thought that politicians can sit down in an Ottawa committee room, count noses and scheme some politician into a job. The great majority of people think for themselves to-day and the gerrymandering in the world will not make any material difference when the next election is held. The only possible difference is that it will probably add to the already increasing majority who will register disapproval of the present administration.

JUNE

June! And what a pity it can't have sixty instead of only thirty days. One might say with Lowell "Oh, what is so rare as a day in June," and then add to it the wisecrack, "why, two days, of course," and not be far amiss, for June, even when it showers, is charming.

June, the month of brides, is also the month of graduates, but the graduate's joy in June this year may be tinged by the thought that he is going out into a world much colder than the thermometer at this season would seem to indicate.

June, also, is the month of roses, but it is the month of iris and of peonies too, and the rose has to do valiant battle to hold its own with these two sisters of showy garb and flaunting airs. Nevertheless the rose remains the favorite of all the June flowers, as lovely when its petals come to fullest bloom and fall as when in the bud. George Eliot voiced popular thought in language as beautiful as the rose itself when she wrote:

You love roses—so do I, I wish
The sky would rain down roses, as they rain
From off the shaken bush. Why will it not?
Then all the valleys would be pink and white
And soft to tread on. They would fall as light
As feathers, smelling sweet; and it would be
Like sleeping and yet waking, all at once.

June, month of brides, roses and graduates—month, too, of the hay harvest moon, of the odors of new mown hay, of plans for vacation; month of the "Good old summertime," of long evenings and pleasant memories; a rare month, a wonderful month, so much to be enjoyed, and only 30 days in which to do it.

WEEKLY NEWSY NOTES FROM THE AGINCOURT DISTRICT

Mr. David Pilkey, a brother of Mr. Thomas Pilkey of Agincourt, passed away in Hamilton, Thursday, in his 81st year.

He was born on the old Pilkey homestead near Claremont.

The widow, five sons and one daughter survive.

Mr. John Hall, one of Scarborough's well known pioneers, died at his home Markham Rd., on Friday, May 26th in his 80th year, after a lingering illness.

The deceased had lived in Scarborough all his life.

Interment was made in Knox Cemetery, Agincourt, following a service conducted by Rev. W. D. MacDonald. Surviving are the widow, 2 sons Oscar and Chester and 5 daughters, Mrs. Jas. Weir, and Misses Mabel, Christine, Ida and Evelyn.

Special meetings will be held in the Oddfellows' Hall, Agincourt, beginning with Sunday evening, June 4th and continuing each evening until June 11th. The hour will be 8 o'clock standard time.

Messages on The Prophet's Word concerning future events will be given by Toronto Baptist Ministers: Rev. L. Whitelaw, Missionary from China; Dr. O. S. Clappison; Rev. R. K. Gonder, Rev. T. F. Halliday; Rev. G. Wardell; Rev. S. Lawrence and Mr. K. Miles. "The Advantages of Depression," ((The End of These Things," "Hitlerism, Zionism and Communism," "When Wheat will sell for \$6.40 a bushel" and other important subjects will be treated.

There will be special singing at each service. Everyone in the community is invited to hear these messages.

The annual meeting of Section 5, Toronto Presbyterian will be held in Stouffville Presbyterian Church on Thursday, June 8th. The morning session will open at 10 o'clock, standard time, and the speakers will be Mrs. Victor Smith, president of the Toronto Presbyterian, and Miss M. Murray, Hospital visitor. There will be a discussion on Secretarial work, led by Mrs. Smith.

Provision will be made for lunch. The afternoon session opening at 2:30 o'clock will be addressed by Mrs. J. Hill, Missionary Band Secretary, and Mrs. W. A. McLennan, Provincial President. There will be special music both morning and afternoon.

Bowling fans were glad, when on the afternoon of "The Queen's Birthday," nature doffed her surly mood of the morning and smiled approval of events arranged for the day.

The lure of the green was irresistible with players in merry mood. First prize winners in the mixed tournament were: W. Walton, W. G. Rennie, W. A. Paterson and Mrs. George Scott.

We are pleased to learn that Grant Burrows, who underwent an operation for appendicitis last week, is making a favorable recovery.

Mrs. Wm. Hamburg, Misses Irene Scott, Dorine Wood and Marjorie Hemmel of Brantford were week-end guests with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kennedy.

Dr. Charles Macklin of Western University, London, visited his mother, Mrs. Wm. Macklin, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moyes and little son David of Toronto spent the holiday with Mrs. Robt. Burrows and Mrs. Thos. Shadlock.

We wish to congratulate Miss Mildred F. Weir on winning the H. A. Beatty Scholarship for one year's postgraduate work in teaching and administration in schools for nurses. Last year she won three scholarships, in all, a marvellous record.

Mrs. Ransom Powers of Toronto visited Mrs. Francis Weir for a few days last week.

Miss Mary Forfar gave an illustrated talk on "The Ministry of Christ" in Knox Presbyterian Church last Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Macklin of Toronto spent the 24th with the former's mother, Mrs. Wm. Macklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Weir attended Western Hospital graduation exercises in Convocation Hall, Thursday evening, May 25th.

Miss May Jowsey of Montreal was the guest of Mrs. J. A. Jowsey for a few days last week.

May the 24th marked the official opening of Agincourt Lawn Bowling Club for this season.

"We could never have loved the earth so well if we had had no childhood in it,—if it were not the earth where the same flowers come up again every spring, that we used to gather with our tiny fingers as we sat lispings to ourselves on the grass—the same hips and laws on the autumn hedgerows—the same redbreasts that we used to call "God's Birds," because they did no harm to the precious crops. What novelty is worth that sweet monotony where everything is known, and loved because it is known." George Eliot in "The Mill on the Floss."

"Bubbles we buy with a whole soul's tasking:
'Tis heaven alone that is given away.
'Tis only God may be had for the asking,
No price is set on the lavish summer;
June may be had by the poorest comer."
—From the Vision of Sir Launfal
—Lowell.

MILLIKEN

We are pleased to report that Mr. Cecil is recovering from his severe illness.

Mrs. Evelyn Macklin of Toronto spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Wm. Macklin Sr.

Miss Dorothy Davis of Currie is staying with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gough.

Edgar Scott and Alex. Little of the Kingston Rd. visited John Gibson Jr. on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Natress of Toronto visited Mr. and Mrs. R. Coulson one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Miles visited Mr. and Mrs. J. Gough on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Bell motored to Havelock for the holiday.

Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Varoon, Mrs. Gibson Mrs. Adams and Miss M. Gibson spent Wednesday in Toronto.

The monthly meeting of the W.M. S. was held at the home of Mrs. Roy Risebrough on Wednesday afternoon, there was a large attendance. Mrs. Robt. Coulson had charge of the meeting. Mrs. Wm. Macklin Jr. gave a talk from the Study Book. The sympathy of the members was extended to their president, Mrs. J. A. Macklin, in the recent death of her father, Mr. R. D. Cameron of Lucknow, Ont. A short service was held in respect for Mrs. Robt. Petch, an esteemed life member of the Society, who passed away at her home that morning. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Mr. R. Duncan of Toronto and Mrs. Dr. Kelly Sr. of Buttonville called on Mrs. S. Gibson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilkie, Miss Margaret Wilkie and Rev. Robert Good of Toronto were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hood on the 24th.

At the regular meeting of the Young People's League on Sunday evening held in the church, Mr. Harold Stathers had charge and Mr. Cecil Britian took the topic.

Mr. Bert Hope and daughter Lois of Toronto visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hope.

The ladies of Ebenezer Church held a quilting in the church on Thursday. Three quilts were quilted for the supply work. A pot luck supper was served.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Third on the birth of a son.

Miss Helen Honey has returned home from Toronto where she has been studying at the Toronto University.

Mr. and Mrs. Lib Adams and son of Toronto visited Mr. and Mrs. R. Adams on Thursday.

We are pleased to report that Mr. Cecil is improving after his serious illness.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Blaylock and little daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. A. Risebrough on the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Cockerell visited Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Miles on Sunday evening.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Davies in the death of the former's brother, Mr. George Davies of Toronto last week.

Mrs. S. Gibson and Miss Margaret Gibson spent the 24th with Miss Frances Stobo, Kingston Rd.

On the 24th there was a ball game at Adams Park between the married and single men, the married men winning.

We are sorry to report that Mr. D. Yeamans is confined to his bed through illness. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Mrs. A. Duncan visited her sister, Mrs. H. Middleton, Hagerman on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bell motored to Havelock where they spent the holiday.

Mrs. Cox, Mr. and Miss Mansard of Toronto visited Mr. and Mrs. Adams on Thursday.

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MODERN LIFE

Whether or not the modern way of living is an improvement on the old is largely a question of theoretical interest. We are alive to-day and we cannot escape from this modern life. It is in the world of to-day that we must work and live. We need to understand existing conditions if we are to adapt ourselves to them and so enjoy health and happiness.

In more primitive times, life was full of danger, which called for the display of physical strength and courage. Until recent years, much muscular effort was demanded of the individual. To-day life is safer and people are much less active. Such changes, together with the creation of large centres of population have rid us of some problems while they have given rise to others—the health problems of modern life.

Life in the city means life in a chair for many. As the city dweller grows older, he becomes less active and continues to eat as much as or more than he ever did. Never using the large muscles of his body, he loses the proper support for his abdominal organs and the tonic effect of physical activity.

One of the most common mistakes is the effort made to overcome, by some routine exercises, the ill effects arising out of the lack of physical activity. Muscles can be strengthened by exercises of this type, but what the individual needs is something which gives not only strong muscles, but which takes him away from the routine and worry of life into the interests of some game or play.

Modern life is full of worries because it is attended with so many uncertainties which are beyond individual control. To-day we are more dependent, we lack the security which is essential for happiness. It is, therefore, of great importance that we have healthy interests outside of our routine work to free us from the monotony, strain and worry of such work.

Modern life means living in overheated rooms, and losing the natural stimulation that lies in cold air. Modern life means indoor living with a lack of fresh air and sunshine.

Just how far any one of these factors affects health, we cannot say, but in combination they seem to be the factors in modern life which, largely, account for the health hazards to which the modern man and woman are exposed. We cannot change modern life, but we can use our intelligence to adapt ourselves to it in a more satisfactory way and thus to overcome these newer health problems.

MUSCULAR ACTIVITY

Life begins in one minute cell. This cell grows and multiplies until we have the millions of cells which make up each human body. In the process of growth and development, these cells become differentiated one from the other, depending upon what functions they assume.

In the body we have nerve cells, muscle cells, connective tissue cells—to name but a few. These cells make up the various tissues and organs of the body. They all have a common origin in one cell, and throughout life they remain interdependent. The only way to have health is to have a body which is strong and well in all its parts. Disease or abnormal states in any one part affect the whole body.

"Healthy," "strong" and "energetic" are adjectives which we use to describe the person who has the ability and power to do things. Such a person has started life with good tissue cells and has, by proper living, developed strength and energy—he has health.

There are certain organs of the body, such as the heart which are known as vital organs. Life cannot continue if they cease to function. In that sense only, they are more important than other parts, and they are, in fact, dependent upon other non-vital organs.

It is necessary for the human being to be able to move around in order to secure food, and when food has been obtained, it must be carried into the mouth. The vital organs are thus dependent upon the large muscles which make movement possible to supply them with food, without which they, together with the whole body, would perish.

There is another definite relationship between the vital organs and the large muscles. Run or walk quickly, and you will find the rate of the heart has increased and that breathing is quickened. In other words, there is a close linking-up between muscular activity and organic activity.

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