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COMING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TAKE ON NEW IMPORTANCE

The announcement by Hon. Eric Cross, Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs that after next January there will be no municipal elections until the conclusion of the war adds new importance to the coming municipal elections.

No one can predict how long this war will continue and opinions of well informed observers vary from one to ten years. Supposing it is five years it places on the shoulders of municipal electors next January the responsibility of selecting a municipal council for that long period.

From now until the end of the year ratepayers should give increasing interest to municipal affairs that they may be fully informed and qualified to make the best possible selection at the coming elections.

BOWLERS SENSE DISCRIMINATION

Bowlers in Richmond Hill feel they are badly treated in comparison to those engaged in other sporting activities and to those who make up bowling clubs in other towns. They feel somewhere in officialdom there is discrimination against the popular summer game of bowls.

The bowling club, offering facilities for an ideal summer sport, is an asset to the town and deserves encouragement. If the town council sees fit to subsidize other sport and we think they are justified, we see no reason why they should discriminate against the bowlers.

THAT CAR WRECKING BY-LAW

The municipal council of Richmond Hill has not yet seen fit to rescind their prohibitory by-law passed early this year regarding the wrecking of used cars. Mr. Parisi is now conducting such a business here in what we believe to be a most orderly and acceptable manner and it would be indeed unfortunate if the council members should persist in their attitude and force this business to leave town.

HAPPY HUNTING SEASON

The 1939 pheasant shoot in the district has now passed into history and general comment confirms the opinion oft expressed in these columns that a few careless and thoughtless individuals are very injurious to the reputation of hunters. In the main sportsmen who hunt are good fellows with every respect for the rights and property of others.

TOO SHORT AND TOO LONG

The moratorium on municipal elections announced this week naturally raises the question of the advisability of longer terms for municipal councillors. It is argued that a one year term is too short as it takes a new member a considerable time to learn the ropes and often when the time of his greatest usefulness arrives he is left at home by the people's votes.

BUY A POPPY

The approach of November 11th each year calls to mind the noble deeds and sacrifice of our soldiers in the last great war. The poppies offered for sale help in giving comforts to those who are still suffering from that war.

A BUSY TIME

Every community these days is one continuous round of activities. A host of worthwhile causes seek your support. It is well to heed the advice not to weary in well-doing.

Views of Others on Timely Topics

KNITTING FOR SOLDIERS

Should the women knit socks for the Canadian soldier? This question is being discussed in almost every newspaper one lifts, and while various views are expressed, even in editorial columns, a lady writer in a recent issue of the Globe and Mail seems to sum up the case very well, and her views, we feel sure, will be endorsed by Whitby ladies who have already embarked on or are about to do so on the patriotic wartime effort.

"As an unsound economic venture, the knitting of soldiers' socks by hand would be difficult to surpass or even equal, but in the spiritual realms beyond our ken its value can only be dimly imagined. This hand-knitting is like the quality of mercy; it blesses the one who works and the one who receives. 'Man does not live by bread alone.' Even the feeling of those who like a little publicity are not altogether to be despised. They mean—at least—a desire to co-operate. 'I want to belong.' It is not only the Abbey that, as Kipling says, makes us 'We.' In wartime the humble knitting of socks also has that effect on lonely and anxious women. During the Great War many opportunities for observation and the acquiring of information at first hand were somewhat exceptional and I have always thought and said that the reports of 'wasted supplies' were very much exaggerated. War is itself terrible and tragic waste, and in the long list of things wasted and destroyed from 1914 to 1918 I would certainly place the wool wasted on badly hand-knitted socks at the very foot of the list; and deservedly so I never met, among the hundreds to whom I spoke, the soldier or sailor who used the scarfs for gun-wipes, nor did I see the socks referred to or meet the writer of the famous couplet:

"Thanks for the socks. Some fit; I use one for a helmet and one for a mitt—"

I wish I had. No machines could have turned out that useful masterpiece of knitting when the intention had been entirely different, and I like to think that the knittee came back and married the knitter. Even her burlings would be for his service and comfort; and think of the laughs they could have. I fear, however, that that poet was never nearer the front than Robbly Times Square, New York.—(From the Whitby Gazette).

SPEED INVADERS THE BARBER SHOP

Next to a newspaper office, perhaps the best news dispensing centre is the barber shop, and if you are not particular about the accuracy of the news that's a good place to hear it, says the Fort Erie Times-Review. In addition to being a centre for the dissemination of news the barber shop is quite often a miniature house of commons with full dress debates on every imaginable subject. This has been true of barber shops for many decades, but even this is changing now.

The other day while undergoing one of our infrequent haircuts we got discussing things with the barber. Apart from a gentleman in the next chair, the shop was deserted. After a little while a prospective customer came in, and seeing both chairs occupied decided he couldn't wait and off he went.

And there was a sad look in the barber's eye. Before he opened his mouth we knew he was dreaming of the good old days when the menfolk liked to see the shop full of customers and an opportunity to discuss the affairs of the day. And then the barber began to talk.

"Well I'll be dingbusted," he said. "See that chap. He couldn't even wait until I got through with you. Must be in an awful hurry. You know, I remember the time when they would be tickled to death to wait around for an hour for a haircut or shave. They would get out the checker board or a deck of cards and have a swell time until one of us hollered 'next please.'"

And a sad look came into his eye as he said, "Gee, but things have changed. Some of them can't wait two minutes any more. I wonder what all this mad rush is about anyway?"

And when we left the barber chair we wondered the same thing. The tendency these days is to expect speed in everything. If a clerk in a store is not ready to serve us we walk into another store. We hate to wait for a seat at the show or a chair in the barber shop. And the

funny thing about it is that nine out of ten of us who are in such a mad rush haven't anything else to do. Shakespeare has the phrase for it, "Much ado about nothing."

BETTER-THAN-AVERAGE FARMERS

Ontario has been fortunate in having a progressive policy emanate from the legislative buildings, and designed to make better farmers of the boys and men who are the backbone of rural life in the province. In a variety of plowing and judging contests, in fall fairs, in work among the juniors, in efforts to increase the number of purebred animals, and even in home improvement contests, the Department of Agriculture is seeking to make rural life more attractive and more successful, as well as more remunerative.

The same idea is carried out in other provinces, and in states across the line. The other day 100 farmers marched up to the grandstand at a Wisconsin State Fair and were given a special certificate of recognition as better-than-average farmers. They didn't win the award by painting the barn or cutting the grass, but were selected by vote of Future Farmers chapters, who took into consideration the following points:

1. Has he developed a product of such quality that it commands a consistently higher than the average market price? 2. Has he devised or adopted a superior method of marketing? 3. Is he a broad-minded, co-operative citizen, interested in worthwhile community activities and active in their promotion? 4. Does he run his farm as a business, studying costs? 5. Does he foster the education of his son in farming, and co-operate with him in a program of directed practice that will further his training for efficiency in farming?

The points on which Wisconsin judges a better-than-average farmer are interesting as a basis for comparison, and provide food for thought as to the practical service a farmer can render to himself, his neighbors and his community. By suggestion, there is also set forth a group of principles as to what a farmer should be. The virtue of these contests is that they set up an ideal toward which farmers may strive. — The Hanover Post.

Many New Improvements In Ford Mercury Cars

With a new fingertip gearshift, controlled ventilation, Sealed Beam Headlamps, improved ride and advanced styling in all models, Ford V-8, Deluxe Ford and Mercury 8 cars for 1940 are announced by Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited.

The new Ford cars are big and powerful in appearance. Body lines are pleasingly streamlined. Front ends are distinctively modern with low radiator grilles, long hoods and deeply rounded fenders. The trimly tailored interiors are attractive with plenty of seat room, leg room, elbow room and shoulder room.

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TOWNSHIP OF MARKHAM TREASURER'S SALE OF LANDS IN ARREARS OF TAXES

By virtue of a warrant issued by the Reeve of the Township of Markham dated the 17th day of August 1939 and to me directed, commanding me to proceed with the collection of arrears of taxes, together with the fees and expenses, I hereby give notice that the list of lands liable to be sold has been prepared, and is being published in the Ontario Gazette under the date of September 2nd, 1939, and that, unless the said arrears of taxes and costs are sooner paid, I shall, on the 7th day of December 1939 proceed to sell the said lands to discharge the said arrears of taxes and the charges thereon.

The sale will be held on the above date at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon in the Township Hall, Unionville.

The adjourned sale, if one is necessary, will be held on Thursday, 21st day of December, 1939, at the same hour and the same place.

Copies of said list may be had at my office.

CHARLES HOOVER, Township Treasurer.

Dated at Unionville, August 24th, 1939.

VILLAGE OF RICHMOND HILL TREASURER'S SALE OF LANDS IN ARREARS OF TAXES

By virtue of a warrant issued by the Reeve of the Village of Richmond Hill dated the 1st day of August 1939 and to me directed, commanding me to proceed with the collection of arrears of taxes, together with the fees and expenses, I hereby give notice that the list of lands liable to be sold has been prepared, and is being published in the Ontario Gazette under the date of September 3rd, and that, unless the said arrears of taxes and costs are sooner paid, I shall, on the 18th day of December 1939 proceed to sell the said lands to discharge the said arrears of taxes and the charges thereon.

The sale will be held on the above date at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon in the Municipal Hall in the Village of Richmond Hill.

Copies of said list may be had at my office.

A. J. HUME, Village Treasurer.

Dated at Richmond Hill, August 10th, 1939.

TOWNSHIP OF VAUGHAN

TAX SALE NOTICE

Copies of the list of lands for sale for arrears of taxes may be had in the Office of the Treasurer, J. M. McDonald, Maple, Ontario.

The List of lands for sale for arrears of taxes in the Township of Vaughan was published in the Ontario Gazette on the 5th day of August, 1939.

Notice is hereby given that unless the arrears of taxes and costs are sooner paid, the Treasurer will proceed to sell the lands on the day and at the place named in such List published in the Ontario Gazette. The date of sale named in said List is the 8th day of November, 1939, at 10 a.m. The sale will take place at the Township Hall, Vellore.

Dated at Maple, this 4th day of August, 1939.

J. M. McDONALD, Treasurer.

Vaughan Council

The regular November meeting of the Vaughan Township Council will be held in the Township Hall, Vellore

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6th 11 A.M.

for the transaction of General Business Dated at Maple this 2nd day of November, 1939.

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