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"A Job For All"

Elsewhere in this issue is published a letter from Mr. C. E. Little, president of the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society. The Liberal is glad to have earned the praise of Mr. Little and his very much worth-while organization and assures them as it would like to assure every constructive organization in the village and district — that it will continue to do all in its power to publicize and support them in their efforts towards building a better community.

But we find the most important part of Mr. Little's letter in the last two paragraphs thereof, in which he offers the help of his organization in making Richmond Hill Toronto's "Most Beautiful" suburb and points out to the citizens that this is "a job for all."

In those closing words, we think, Mr. Little has put his finger right on the spot. Organizations such as the Horticultural Society can labour unceasingly but without a concerted effort on the part of ALL citizens their efforts cannot meet with one hundred per cent success.

Very noticeable in recent days has been the improvement in the cleaning and tidying up of local grounds and buildings. The general appearance of the village has gained remarkably as a result. It is to be hoped that this demonstration is not just a temporary attack of "spring fever" which will relapse with the coming of warm weather but that citizens will continue to realize as Mr. Little points out, that civic beautification is "a job for all."

An Awakening Is Necessary

The action of the Canadian Legion which, through its two thousand branches, is launching an attack on apathy and indifference with the objective of getting people to vote in the forthcoming Federal election is one to be commended.

It is a sad commentary on Canadians' appreciation of their dearly-bought rights that such action should be necessary. Nevertheless the fact remains, and it is to be hoped that the Legion's campaign will stir up some of those who carelessly sow the seeds of dictatorship by failing to exercise their rights and duties as citizens in a free democracy.

The question arises as to whether local organizations, whatever their particular field may be, cannot, with profit follow the example of the Legion in endeavouring to get the vote out.

There need be no attempt of any kind to influence the personal decisions of members. But there might very well be an attempt to awaken them to their share of responsibility in the government of the country. We do not believe that it is going too far even to suggest that our churches might take a lead in this respect. After all, the ideals of Christianity and democracy are inextricably woven together. If democracy falls — so too do those principles for which the churches stand.

One only has to realize what has happened behind the "Iron Curtain" to realize that our churches have a vital stake in the maintenance of freedom — a freedom which can only be assured by the acceptance of citizens of their duties on polling day. All those organizations which, like the church, are working for the betterment of this country and its citizens can play their part too in helping to get out the vote.

Guild Gossip

By Glad McLatchy

Sunbaked, suntanned and a sunny smile introduced Mrs. A. J. McLatchy just returned from the sizzling south to the less fortunate and somewhat frigid looking members of the Guild at the meeting last Tuesday evening.

Oh to have the wings of a bird, it would save travelling money, to have the time at one's disposal and the disposition to enjoy all the exotic wonders of California. The air momentarily was filled with the odor of orange blossoms, or was it 'cupids breath' which was daubed rather extravagantly on the ear lobes of the person next to us but it was definitely a splash from our own drooling that touched our hand as we listened to the abundance of grapefruit, oranges and other citrus fruits our guest and traveller enjoyed while, we could scarcely read the price of these delectable fruits, they were higher than a kite.

Several members were seen scratching the palm of their hands as the fascinating stories and experiences of our friend's visit to the notorious 'Golden Nugget' and the famous 'Flamingo Club' were revealed (the winnings only, I might add).

Excitement ran high as we bet on our favourite nag at the San Anita Race Track, the days winnings were exciting too, but the gorgeous flower beds were 'down to earth' and would have satisfied us all to feast upon, for the flowering beauty of this wonderful place is paradise itself.

On and on we travelled with our favoured member and we could have travelled more only Father Time called a halt, but we thoroughly enjoyed every minute of California, and we hope to go there again with any-

one who will take us, either in reality or fancy.

Congratulations are due to 'Mighty Atom' President Scrivvy, for setting the example of someone else's suggestion in regards to the pot of gold, she received a supply of nail polish, as she was seen doodling with last week's paint job, after handling so much gold, and turning it over to the Guild treasury.

Next week, is 'surprise package' night, so wrap up something which is of no value to you and pawn it off on someone else, be sure to camouflage it though, or you may be stuck with it again. A mouse-trap (minus the mouse, of course, there is always a Church mouse if you are interested in a collection) or even a pin, they come in handy at times, but think something up for yourself, it's lots of fun.

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Mr. Editor:

As President of the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society I would like to convey to you our sincere appreciation of the publicity you have given the work of our organization not only in your recent issues but also during the past years when we have always found The Liberal most generous of space.

The Tulip Show last Saturday night probably set an all time record of attendance at a show, and we feel that a great measure of credit for this success goes to your recent editorial and front page space kindly granted the reports so ably written by our secretary, Miss Gladys McLatchy.

Our Society feels that a great deal can be done to beautify this rapidly growing community of ours and we gladly offer our help in any project that would make Richmond Hill not only Toronto's highest and Healthiest Suburb, but also the "most beautiful."

Could you in your very ably written Editorials persuade the citizens that this is a "Job For All"?

Yours for a lovelier Richmond Hill,
C. E. Little.

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