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A newspaper editor recently told a few friends about an unpleasant experience which is worth retelling. Several years ago a reader began to write him abusive letters. They were more than critical; they were scornful and contemptuous and got under the skin. For various reasons editors take a lot of abuse without showing resentment but more than once this man felt like replying in kind but he didn't.

Then the letters ceased and after a few weeks silence the editor received a letter from this man's son. His father had passed on and the son wanted to express on behalf of the whole family, appreciation of the editor's unflinching

courtesy and patience. For years the father had been definitely mental and writing insulting letters had been a characteristic.

He must have been intelligent for the newspaper man said: "I never once suspected insanity. Even in the worst of his letters showed no sign of it but I'm glad that I never went off the deep end even though I often felt like it."

### TODAY'S QUOTATION

Our quotation today is from St. Francis of Sales: "The most powerful remedy against impatience and anger is a sweet silence."

I have a friend who is a radio announcer and he is one of the best natured men I know. Years ago I married him to a lovely girl — and he doesn't hold it against me. I presented him with a book I wrote entitled: "I Believe in People." He facetiously said to me: "Archer, if you were a radio announcer, you wouldn't have written that book!"

He didn't mean it but he tells me that he has quite a stack of letters from listeners all the way from those who don't like him, to his voice, to others who would like to strangle him.

He told me about a fellow-an-

nouncer who had to tell of a lady who had lost a pet dog and asked for its return. Then as part of the programme, the sad tale was followed with the ditty: "Where Oh Where has my little dog gone?"

The lady and her friends are still writing protest letters.

I have been an editor for thirty years and have had quite a number of unpleasant letters, but a great many wrote bouquets. That is easily understood because our papers are not provocative, but I do admire a newspaper man who takes it on the chin without getting stirred up.

Several years ago a distinguished clergyman in Ireland, Rev. David Smith, used to answer questions each week in the British Weekly. One issue I have yet. In it was a letter from a man who said: "What can one do with people who are out-and-out cranks? Often they can neither read nor write but they attend meetings simply to make trouble. They want their own way if they don't get it they sulk and suffer grievance. I suspect the writer was a minister, although I have no means of knowing. Dr. Smith's answer was so genuinely gracious and Christian, that I quote it as it was published: "Be as friendly and kind as possible. Do not go out of your way to pay them special attention in the vain hope of winning them. Do not argue with them; listen to them good-humoredly and change the subject. If they are rude and vulgar, pay no heed."

But do not go out of your way to snub them with hard and crushing words. This is a hard world for all of us and even cranks need forbearance and gentleness. . . . believe me there is not a hard word that you will not regret. Your abuser may be mentally ill and to hurt him may be like striking a wounded animal. Look before you strike and when you see what you are about to do — you won't do it."

Excellent advice; I wish, I could live up to it.

## Shot Gun "Hygiene"

If you want top performance from your shotshells this and every fall, keep your shotgun in good condition.

Important points to consider are cleaning and storing. A dirty shotgun will kick your aim off centre and interfere with the true flight of the pellets. Improper storage of your shotgun during the off season may lead to corrosion of the barrel, and make the gun much harder to keep clean during the shooting season.

Before the hunting season opens, shotguns should be thoroughly cleaned with gun oil, using a cleaning rod or pull-through inside the barrel. This should be repeated after duck hunting in the marshes to guard against the effect of any moisture that may have been picked up.

Occasionally a gun will "lead up" in use, with gray streaks of lead being visible at the forcing cone just ahead of the

chamber, and at the choke where the barrel is constricted. This lead can be removed with ordinary mercuric ointment which should be applied to the affected parts and allowed to stand for 24 hours. After the ointment has been removed, the gun should be thoroughly cleaned again with gun oil.

In preparation for storage during the off-season, the gun should be cleaned, then liberally greased with petroleum jelly. During this cleaning and greasing, plenty of rags should be used and care taken that the fingers do not touch the metal, as body acids start corrosion which will carry on under the grease.

Guns should always be stored in a clean, cool, dry place. They should not be stored in leather cases as these tend to attract moisture, and should never be stored with their barrels plugged. Air should be allowed to circulate freely.

## The Indoor Season

The arrival of autumn and colder weather once again may not be so popular with the majority of people as the good old summertime, but at least it has one advantage. It brings back to mind the pleasures of the indoors. In the summertime the outdoors is almost forbidding. It suggests confinement and stuffiness. But with only a touch — a suggestion — of chill in the air, it becomes satisfying once more to be under one's roof. The lights seem to glow in a more friendly fashion. The book-

shelves have a new attraction and there is comfort once again in the depths of one's easy chair.

With fallen leaves now appearing upon our streets and doorsteps one can safely say the indoors season has really begun. Various organizations and groups which are dormant during the summertime have resumed their activities in preparation for the fall and winter seasons. Father can be prevailed upon to do more tasks around the interior of the home, and family life takes on a new status.

## Whitchurch Council Is Divided On Issue Of Saturday Voting

At the recent meeting of the Whitchurch Township Council, the debate waged hot and heavy over the matter of changing the time of municipal elections from Monday to Saturday.

For some time, councillor McCarron has been a strong advocate of Saturday elections and at the meeting he made a motion to the effect that this day be chosen when the annual election by-law came up for approval. After much debate, Deputy-Reeve Timbers supported Councillor McCarron while Reeve McLaughlin and Councillor Legge voted in favour of the old date. Councillor Bayne, who was in the chair for the passing of the by-law cast the deciding vote in favour of the old date.

Councillor McCarron contended that the tendency was toward Saturday elections because of the much better turnout for voting. He felt that the people should be given the best opportunity possible to vote and he contended that, in view of the fact that it could be disposed of next year if it proved unsatisfactory, it should be given a trial. Those opposed felt that people wouldn't like the system.

Deputy Reeve Timberse felt that the time was coming when a Ward

system would be necessary.

### Plebiscite at Election

Following the completion of the election by-law, Councillor McCarron introduced a resolution to conduct a plebiscite during the coming election to determine the voters' reaction to Saturday voting. Councillor Legge supported the motion which was carried.

Nominations in Whitchurch will be held on Friday, November 21, at 1 p.m. and election day will be on Monday, December 8. Polls will be open from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Council also passed a by-law rescinding one of former years to establish the necessary polling subdivisions of which there are now eleven.

### Territorial Changes

Five of the sub-divisions have territorial changes as follows:

- No. 1, west half of con. 1, lots 61-77.
- No. 2, east half of con. 1, lots 61-77 and west half con. 2, lots 1-17.
- No. 3, east half con. 2, lots 1-17, and west half con. 3, lots 1-17.
- No. 6, lots 1-13, con. 8, lots 2-13, con. 9, and the whole of con. 10, except westerly 20 acres of lot 1.
- No. 7, lots 18-20, con. 7, lots 14-20, con. 8 and 9.

## A. Rogers Of U. N. Addresses Lions Club

At the recent Thursday evening meeting of the Richmond Hill Lions Club the members were privileged to have as their guest speaker Mr. A. W. Rogers, chairman of the National Committee on Human Rights of the United Nations and lawyer by profession.

Mr. Rogers presented a clear picture of the United Nations organization with all its special agencies and of the problems which confront these groups which are trying to provide solutions to universal problems in a manner acceptable to all the members of the U.N. He also read excerpts from a facsimile of the United Nations Charter.

In speaking of the special agencies of the organization, Mr. Rogers stressed the important role played by Canadians in connection with the U.N. He pointed out that Canada's Minister of External Affairs, Lester B. Pearson, serves on the General Assembly and Dr. Brock Chisholm is Secretary General of the World Health Organization. In the International Court of Justice which has thirteen elected members, John E. Reid of Canada is a member and both he and Chief Justice McRure have been active on committees forming the Statutes of the organization. He added that it is a great credit to Canadian lawyers that 85 per cent of their recommendations on the statutes were acceptable to the other members.

He also explained the work of committees that are drafting codes on international criminal law and a binding covenant for all member nations.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Rogers was presented with a box of village grown roses.

## Board Discusses New Public Sch. At Oak Ridges

The matter of the growing need for a new school in the Oak Ridges area was the main topic of discussion at the regular monthly meeting of the School Board of Union School No. 1, King and Whitchurch held last week at Oak Ridges. The need for a new school is becoming more and more apparent. At present the maximum number of rooms is in use and there is an average attendance of 33 pupils in each room. Any increase in school population would cause an immediate need for more accommodation.

The auditors have reported that the cost of maintaining the old building is far too high and the extra room is only of a temporary nature. The fact that water and drainage facilities are inadequate also presents a serious problem. Many people in the district have expressed the opinion that the location on a busy highway is undesirable.

Community groups using classrooms for their activities will be requested to have adequate supervision to avoid the disturbance of classroom property. The chairman, Robert Woolley said that he would prefer these groups to use the basement room whenever possible. Cold dair ducts have been rearranged in the new building to give improved heating to all the rooms. It was also reported that due to the failure of the well, water is being purchased at the rate of about one load each week.

## "Way Back When"

Excerpts from the files of The Liberal  
Hon. e paper of the Richmond Hill district since 1878

### 60 YEARS AGO

October 13, 1892  
England is mourning over the death of Lord Tennyson, Poet Laureate to the Queen. That truly great man died on Thursday last in his 83rd year and will be laid to rest in Westminster Abbey.

You can buy for \$1 at the Concrete each of the following: 20 lbs. white sugar, 26 lbs. yellow sugar, 36 lbs. best rolled oats, 32 bars good electric soap, 48 bars laundry soap, 8 cans Salmon or 6 prs. men's wool sox.

### 25 YEARS AGO

October 13, 1927  
A 40 foot pavement with curbs and gutters is assured for Richmond Hill and work will commence shortly. The contract will be let to the Warren Paving Co.

York County is again playing host to the International Plowing Match.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Canada's third Victory Loan started on October 19. North York is organized under the direction of Capt. Aubrey Davis.

Rev. James Endicott addressed a large congregation in the United Church. Following the worship service, he showed slides and motion pictures of the destruction suffered by the Chinese people and of their Chinese leaders who "never fail to pray for divine guidance that they might hold in their hearts no malice towards their foes."

### "Dear Mr. Editor"

Re: Elmwood-Harding Ratepayers' Association

Dear Mr. Editor: Since its inception, the Elmwood-Harding Ratepayers' Association has endeavored to work to the advantage of the area it covered. Now that this area is to become part of the village of Richmond Hill, it is questionable whether a purely sectional organization should continue. The executive committee of the association met recently and came to the following conclusion: Until after the New Year, the committee will suspend activities of the association, but will reconvene at that time to examine possible avenues of future service to the enlarged municipality. The committee believes that a sectional association should yield to the formation of a village-wide organization of ratepayers, and would like to express willingness to support such a body if one should be formed. It is beyond the scope of this association to promote such an organization, but the executive naturally will be ready and willing to meet with any parties anxious to form a more comprehensive group.

Signed on behalf of the executive of the Elmwood-Harding Ratepayers' Association,  
Dorothy C. Williamson,  
Secretary.

### D. Heck Addresses Sch. Area Meeting

"The Teaching of Geography" was the subject of Mr. Deane Heck's address at a recent educational meeting held at the Charles Howitt School. Mr. Heck, a former Michigan school superintendent, demonstrated many possible ways of using globes, maps and charts to make the study of geography have greater meaning.

Using a large globe and flashlight, he clearly demonstrated why we have day and night, winter and summer. From maps he compared the ocean currents to "rivers in the ocean flowing in their regular courses."

Mr. Heck's services were made available by the Educator Supply Company of London, who also arranged an interesting display of children's books and school supplies. The evening, sponsored by Township School Area No. 1, Markham and Vaughan, was attended by teachers, trustees and parents from the School Area and nearby schools. After the demonstration, refreshments were served by members of the Charles Howitt Home and School Association.

This lecture will be followed by other evenings which are hoped to be of educational worth to educators in the School Area and in the surrounding school sections and municipalities.

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### OVERDUE

Have You Purchased Your Radio License

The obtaining of new Radio Receiving Licenses is Mandatory on April 1 or as soon thereafter as possible. Under the Radio Act, 1938, the Department of Transport is not only required to collect the licence fee from all radio owners but may prosecute where necessary to enforce the Act.

Warning is given that investigations and prosecutions have already commenced in cases where Radio Receiving Licences are overdue through neglect, misunderstanding or wilful intent.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT  
Ottawa, Ontario

## AUCTION SALE

Property of Gordon Broad at Nobleton,  
Thurs. Oct. 30th, 1 p.m.

40 head of registered, accredited and vaccinated Holstein cattle, 20 close springers and milkers. Full line of nearly new farm machinery, Case D Tractor, new in 1950.

Farm Sold.  
Manning McEwen, auctioneer