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Rights - Within Limits

In contrast to the totalitarian type of society which is made up of a set of restrictions, the Democratic way of life is based on a set of inherent rights of the individual. Every man, woman and child is entitled to a fair trail in case of charged injustice and is always innocent until proven guilty; freedom of religious and political beliefs, the right to the pursuit of happiness and the right to be informed of the nation's affairs, to elect our representatives to govern us and to make our laws; the right to "Human Rights" and "Human Dignity", which were fought for over a period of so many centuries, are the tangibles of democracy.

In countries such as many in Europe and South America, where democracy and totalitarianism are more evenly supported, there is a constant vigilance, by necessity, for any evidence of infringement on the rights of the individual, by democratic supporters.

It is very necessary, however, for the people of a democracy such as our Canadian one to be equally conscious of our rights to preserve that which our forebears struggled so valiantly to obtain.

Of particular interest to the average Canadian is the preservation of justice and the maintenance of good government from the national to the municipal levels. It is a healthy sign when people attend meetings to observe and digest the governing of their country or of their municipality.

In the preservation of this right to be informed, however, certain rules and regulations must be maintained to as-

sure that the natural process of public business is not interfered with or hampered. For this reason, a number of rules on parliamentary procedure have been drawn up and in most cases are being observed by public bodies throughout the country. Ratepayers and visitors who attend public meetings are likewise expected to follow these rules in order that the privilege which is a right does not become abused.

According to Parliamentary Procedure, spectators at public meetings are not permitted to speak while the meeting is in session. While the problem seldom presents itself on federal and provincial levels, there is a tendency on the part of ratepayers attending municipal meetings where things are on a far more personal level to enter into the various discussions.

Such a ruling, however, is in no way depriving the individual of the right to express his opinion or criticize the actions of his elected representatives. But rather, it only directs them to the proper channels. Such rules are necessary to the smooth operation of any organization, be it a club, a town council or a school board.

Any ratepayer or group is entitled to wait on a Council or School Board by giving the required notice. This enables the public body to plan their meetings to discuss any matter, with ratepayers and at the same time handle their regular business. Even the freedoms of a democracy must be organized to a certain degree, in order that man in his gregarious state may live in harmony with his neighbour.

Dr. Archer Wallace
 from the Port Arthur News-Chronicle

News that Dr. Archer Wallace is retiring after 35 years as an editor of Sunday School publications rings a far-away bell in the minds of numerous men whose early ideals were partly shaped by his writings.

Many a boy received an Archer Wallace book as a Christmas or birthday gift, or school prize. They bore such titles as *Stories of Grit*, *Poor Men Who Made Us Rich*, *Overcoming Handicaps*, and *Blazing New Trails*. Even at the mention of his name, one can recall that glorious faith in heroes and ideals that should be part of boyhood.

In this age of debunking histories and what is worse, the magazine build-up of amoral personalities, it might be a salutary exercise to read again the stories of people who attained their goals by reason of superior character. Perhaps Dr. Wallace neglected to

tell us that obstacles were not so easily overcome as a five-minute biography would indicate; but he did present us with ideals, and the ideal must triumph over the fact if humanity is to remain human.

One of the best known ministers of the United Church of Canada, Dr. Wallace is known around the world as an author of inspirational books for young people and adults. Over a million copies of his books have been printed. They have been translated into many languages, even Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Hindustani and have also appeared in Braille editions.

Thousands of persons have been stirred by his writings to adopt a philosophy of heroic living, and have been instilled with a greater faith in mankind.

Parking Lot Of Tennis Courts

Richmond Hill council mentioned at its last meeting that it was considering the use of the now idle tennis courts as a village parking lot. The courts, which are just west of the Municipal Hall, were maintained by the tennis club until it disbanded a year ago because of lack of membership as well as funds to maintain the courts.

All that remains of the courts is a good set of lights which council has offered to purchase, and which, it is fairly certain, the outgoing executive of the tennis club will agree to loan to the village until a club is again organized.

The club disbanded because of a small bank account and a shortage of willing workers to keep the courts in playing condition. A new court surface,

new fencing, and a lot of labour to bring the courts up to playing condition is required. Unless some interest is shown by prospective members it is certain the courts will remain idle for another year.

Since this is the case, the space might just as well be used for a parking area to relieve some of the congestion on Yonge Street on the busy summer week-ends when our business section is active with prospective buyers, or be transformed into a second park. And in the future, if council deems it so to appoint a Recreation Commission, the logical place for the tennis courts is in the park, with the bowling greens, the ball diamond, not to forget the coming artificial ice, to contribute to a recreation centre for people of the district.

A Bouquet To Jaycees

For the past weeks residents of Richmond Hill have had the use of disposal cans in which to deposit refuse. These units were placed along Yonge Street business section by the Jaycees, a group of the younger business men, who by their gift have contributed to the beautification of the village.

They were commended for their thoughtfulness by council at its meeting last week, and we would like to add our "bouquet" to that of the town fathers. Disposal cans fill a need, not life and death in importance, but one which, by their use, helps to make the village more attractive to the ever increasing business traffic.

Local Lions Roar

June seems to be the month when the Lions are coming out of their proverbial dens to sponsor entertainment for the district to increase their coffers from which a great percentage goes to welfare work. Four Lions Clubs in the district are, at present, active with preparations and new schemes for their carnivals and dances which give every promise of a variety of entertainment for all ages.

Maple Lions will hold their Street Dance to-morrow night, Thornhill Lions its Summer Carnival on June 23-24, and Richmond Hill Lions its Western Round-Up, June 25-26, and Oak Ridges Lions Carnival, June 26. All are fairly close together so should give two full week-ends of entertainment. People in doubt as how to spend their free moments, if there is such a thing nowadays, are sure to find enjoyment there, as well as contributing to welfare work to which the Lions give so much of their time and energy.



"The magic hasn't gone out of their marriage. She's been driving him to the 8:15 for about twenty years!"

"Way Back When"

Excerpts from the files of The Liberal
 Home paper of the Richmond Hill district since 1878

JUNE 10, 1948
 The Richmond Hill Lions Club has been working for the last 10 weeks canvassing the district for donations towards the proposed Community Hall. Already \$26,000 of the \$35,000 objective has been reached and other donations are expected.

At a meeting of ratepayers of the municipalities owning the North Yonge radial line it was agreed that the TTC should be asked for a TTC radial agreement for another three years. It was felt that diesel busses would mean a prohibitive increase in costs.

Richmond Hill Planning Board has suggested that Yonge Street frontages in the village be restricted to business sites. Councillor Wesley Middleton has strongly criticized the suggestion.

After two months' work and the sinking of seven test holes an adequate supply of water was found for the village on the Mackie farm.

Mrs. J. A. Greene was hostess at a garden party held last week. Proceeds of the event were turned over to the Lions Community Hall project.

The W. I. and church organizations in the village are offering a Personal Parcel Service whereby parcels may be sent to Britain.

JUNE 26, 1930
 The by-law which will enable the municipalities of North York, Vaughan, Markham and Richmond Hill was finally passed.

Ottawa Letter
 BY... J. E. SMITH
 M.P. NORTH YORK

The first session of the 22nd Parliament is scheduled to wind up its deliberations next week and prorogation when it comes will end the longest Parliamentary session in Canadian history.

The session commenced November 12 and while there has not been any legislation of a very contentious nature, the length of session is an indication of the growth of Canada's national business.

Highlights of the legislative program include the revision of the Criminal Code, revision of the Bank Act, changes in housing legislation to provide for lower down payments to make it easier for Canadians to become home owners, and various measures dealing with a wide range of subjects.

Discussion of foreign affairs has taken considerable time which was to be expected at this time when world affairs are in such an unsettled condition.

Legislation remaining to be dealt with, in addition to departmental estimates, includes a revision of the Judges' Act to provide more equitable remuneration for those responsible for the administration of Justice.

One of the more important legislative acts of the present session was the adoption of a Bill to provide assistance for permanently disabled persons, its passing is another step forward in Canada's social security program.

There was notable unanimity among members of all political parties in adopting the legislation and I am sure the people of Canada have accepted the move with the same unanimous spirit which was evidenced here in the House of Commons.

The Bill provides a nationwide system of disability allowance. It authorizes the payment of \$40 per month to persons 18 years of age and over who are totally and permanently disabled. The cost of such payments will be shared equally by the federal and provincial governments.

If all the provinces cooperate in the plan it is estimated that from 25,000 to 35,000 disabled Canadians will benefit. The total annual cost will run between \$12 million and \$16 million.

This new legislation will bring at least a measure of needed economic security to thousands of our fellow Canadians. We all know of families who have borne with splendid courage and spirit through the years, a heavy burden of caring for some disabled family member. In many thousands of homes across this country Canadian families continue from day to day to carry this heavy burden of responsibility. Only those who have lived in daily contact with such distressing helplessness can fully appreciate the physical, financial and mental strain it can place not only on the disabled and helpless individual but on all members of the family.

To see a young man or woman in the full vigor of youth stricken suddenly with some permanent disability is a tragedy whose burden can never be fully lifted from the shoulders of those families on whom such misfortune falls. We can at least by this measure passed by this Parliament share some of the financial burden.

At the close of the session I will be in Richmond Hill and will be available at my home or office to any people of the constituency who may have problems relating to federal administration with which we may be of assistance. Communications from now on should be addressed to Richmond Hill rather than to Ottawa.

Thursday's Chuckle

The Purpose of Education
 In one of the lower East end schools, children complained of not wanting to sit next to a certain boy because he smelled very badly. The teacher also became aware of the fact and had told him repeatedly to take a bath but with no effect. Finally she wrote his mother the following letter:

"My dear Mrs. Cohen: I wish you would please give Abie a bath as he smells very badly."

Very truly yours,
 Next morning school opened and teacher asked Abie if his mother had given him a bath; he said, "No but my mother wrote you an answer on the back of your note," and it read:

"My dear teacher: 'Learn him, don't smell him. Abie is no scented rose.'"

Sunday Afternoon

By Dr. Archer Wallace
WINGS & HORNS
 When W. J. Bryan decided to try for a third time to become President of the United States he announced his intention of going on an extensive lecturing tour. He was no longer young nor in very good health. His friends tried to dissuade him. He justified himself by saying: "I want my friends to see that I haven't wings and my enemies horns." He knew he wasn't as good as some thought him to be nor as bad as others made out — somewhere in between.

There was a good deal of self-revelation in that frank statement. It reminds us of what Oliver Cromwell said to the painter who wanted to leave out the ugly wart over his eyebrow. "Paint me as I am."

We all have friends who think of us as better than we are; frequently they are members of our own family although not always. Their high regard for us bucks us up and gives us self-assurance. It may do us good if we don't allow them to give an overdose. If we listen to them too much we get to believe them and that can be disastrous.

Jesus was deeply distressed by the Scribes and Pharisees because they made pretentious prayers, gave money ostentatiously and strove hard to create the impression that they were holy men when as a matter of fact they were often greedy and selfish. They wanted to gain a reputation for a goodness they did not possess.

On the other hand there are many much better than their reputation. The famous musician could be thrown into deep depression if people did not like him and spoke unfavourably of him. He was extremely sensitive but it was a weakness. There is an old Scottish proverb: "They say, what they say, let them say!"

There are not many of us who have such a scorn for other people's opinions and I am not sure that it would be a good thing for this world to be so callous and self-opinionated. A certain amount of respect for other people's intelligence is fitting but it is unfortunate we live simply for the good-will of others and besides we won't succeed either.

A French writer of a century ago said: "If God knows all there is to know then I am not afraid." That was a sound wholesome saying. Sensible men and women don't want a reputation for being better than they are but they do desire fair play. And it comes to us all with great relief to know that we are in the hands of God whose name and nature is love.

I once knew a Judge of great understanding and sympathy — in fact for several years I was his pastor. On more than one occasion he told me he was haunted by the fear that he would severely sentence a man who was innocent. He went to more than ordinary pains to see that no man suffered through a miscarriage of justice. Yet there must have been thousands of men condemned who knew in their hearts they were innocent.

At least they knew that there were hidden factors that others did not know and probably could not be made to understand.

What a grand truth is in Proverbs 23: 7. "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." A wise woman said: "I know that I am better inside than outside and I feel sure that must be true of other people; they are all better than they appear to be."

Whether or others think we have wings or horns really does not matter so much; God knows all; that is enough.

TODAY'S QUOTATION

by Will Rogers:
 "I never met a man I couldn't like."

TENDERS FOR COAL AND COKE

Sealed Tenders addressed to the undersigned and endorsed as above, will be received until 3.00 p.m. (E.D.S.T.), WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 1954, for the supply of coal and coke for the Federal Buildings throughout the Province of Ontario.

Forms of tender with specifications and conditions attached can be obtained from the Chief of Purchasing and Stores, Department of Public Works, Ottawa, and the Purchasing and Stores Officer, 3 Sullivan Street, Toronto, Ontario.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on or according to the printed forms supplied by the Department and in accordance with conditions set forth therein.

The Department reserves the right to demand from any successful tenderer, before awarding the order, a security deposit in the form of a certified cheque drawn on a bank incorporated under the Bank Act or the Quebec Savings Bank Act payable to the order of the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, equal to ten per cent of the amount of tender, in accordance with the Government Contracts Regulations now in force, or Beaver Bonds, with unexpired coupons attached of the Government of Canada or of the Canadian National Railway Company and its constituent companies, unconditionally guaranteed as to principal and interest by the Government of Canada.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
 ROBERT FORTIER,
 Secretary,
 Department of Public Works,
 Ottawa, May 28, 1954.

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