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Is Your Name On The List?

On Monday, March 31st citizens of Canada will have the responsibility of electing a government to carry on the country's business for the next five years. This is an important duty and a great privilege.

In many countries of the world where the lamp of freedom has gone out there are thousands and thousands of people who would give anything they possess to have the privilege once again of free elections. Here in Canada we take the matter all too much for granted and on March 31st as in previous elections there will be many thousands of people who will not take the trouble to vote. This is most regrettable and is not any credit to democracy.

Every election there are many who are too careless to vote, but there also are those who on going to cast their ballot find that their name is not on the voters' list. This disappointment can be avoided by checking now to make sure your name is on the list of voters. In an urban polling division you cannot vote if your name is not on the list.

Enumerators in every subdivision are required to call at every home and list the names of all eligible voters. No matter how efficient these officials may

be, mistakes are sure to occur. It is well therefore for everyone to check the list posted somewhere in the subdivision and make sure his name is recorded. If it is in error or omitted the addition or correction may be made at the sitting of the revising officer on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. In rural subdivisions the enumerator is the revising officer and he sits on March 13th.

If you have any difficulty contacting the revising officer in your district get in touch with any of the political party organizations and we are sure they will be glad to lend every possible assistance.

This week-end is your last chance to make sure your name is on the voters' list. If you don't check now, there will be no use raising a row on election day if your name is left off and you are unable to vote. Now is the time to check and make sure you will have a vote on election day.

Selection of your Parliamentary representative is important business. Make sure now that your name is on the list, and on election day, don't wait for someone to drive you, go to the polls and cast your ballot. When everyone does just this, we will have a healthier and more vigorous democracy.

Cattle Men Say Yes In County Vote

During the latter part of February, the cattle owners of York County canvassed their members to ask the Health of Animals Branch of the Canada Department of Agriculture to designate the county as a Brucellosis Control Area, as the next step to eradicate contagious abortion in their herds and hold their export market. The complete returns reported by Agricultural Representative W. M. Cockburn of Newmarket show 90.3% of the cattle owners signed the petition with the following percentages by townships: Georgina 95%, North Gwillimbury 96%, East Gwillimbury 90%, Whitby 90%, Markham 91%, King 92%, Vaughan 82%, and the rural areas of Metropolitan Toronto 98%.

With Peel's canvass just completed, there will be at least a three county block of Halton, Peel and York with Ontario canvassing now to make it four counties. Blood testing has started in the counties of Prince Edward and Oxford. Mr. Cockburn explains that under this policy all cattle except official vaccinates under 36 months, steers, spayed heifers and calves under 8 months will be blood tested, and any reactors will be marked for slaughter in an inspected plant. The committee is hopeful the test will get under way this spring in this area.

Asks The Voters Elect A Liberal In This Riding

Addressing an enthusiastic meeting of electors in Georgina Township this week, Sam Cook, Liberal candidate in York North, urged the voters to correct the one-sided representation of the Toronto and Yorks. He pointed out that last June the eighteen Toronto and York Ridings elected seventeen Conservatives and one Liberal. "This," said Mr. Cook, "is too one-sided representation for the good of the district or the country," and he urged support for the election of a Liberal in York North.

The Liberal candidate is conducting an intensive campaign reaching into all parts of the riding. During the day he visits and talks with as many people as possible stressing his desire to serve the people of York North and the kind of personal service he is prepared to give the people if chosen as their representative in Parliament.

Expressing deep concern for the people hit by the unemployment situation in Canada, he said the Pearson plan offered hope and encouragement for the future. Mr. Cook stressed the Liberal platform of expanded trade and praised the contribution to world peace made by Liberal leader Hon. Lester B. Pearson. Declaring that Canada and the world need Pearson at this time Mr. Cook said, "if we lose the Peace, we lose all."

R.H. Oppose Door Step Shop Centre

Deputy-reeve Donald Plaxton and Councillor S. F. Tinker represented Richmond Hill along with Chairman Norman Todd and J. M. Brown of the Planning Board at a special hearing Tuesday morning, by the Department of Planning of a request for a zoning change to permit construction of a large shopping centre in Markham Township just south of the town.

Richmond Hill is opposing the application as it is contended the business assessment will be in Markham Township. It is claimed there is ample property available for business development within the town and that the zoning change in the township immediately bordering on Richmond Hill would have a detrimental effect on local development.

Department officials reserved judgment at the hearing.

Victoria Square Wants Help With Community Park

A delegation of more than two dozen ratepayers from Victoria Square, appeared before Markham Township Council on Monday evening seeking assistance with the establishing of a community park for this neighborhood.

Mr. John Buchanan who was spokesman for the delegation, stated that a petition, previously presented to council, had been signed by 90% of the ratepayers favoring the park. He said that the community hall, owned by the township, was hampered because of the lack of parking facilities. A four-acre area was suggested by Mr. Buchanan as what was required as a minimum.

"That doesn't seem very large; you need to consider the needs of twenty years from now," said Deputy-Reeve Dean.

Mr. Buchanan said that the group had the idea that the township council would like to establish the park in or near Victoria Square.

Reeve Clark said that it was up to the residents to choose the site and present council with the figures of what would be required. "After all, you are the people who are going to use the park," he said. The council doesn't want to go into the park business, he added.

Deputy-Reeve Dean said that the Department of Agriculture should be approached for help, but Reeve Clark said that their representatives had already looked over the land.

Councillor Mumberson stated that certain sums of money had been collected from the Cacey McGuire & Low, by the Rev. John Olmstead assisted by Mr. D. Filyer, Pastor of the Uxbridge Baptist Church.

The late Elizabeth Marjorie McClure was born in Toronto in 1887, the daughter of the late Samuel and Agnes McClure, and married Norman Alexander on

Teen Town

Teen Town members please take notice that there will not be a dance this Saturday night. Because of the Easter examinations it has been decided to postpone our dances till the first Saturday in April.

For that night preparations are being made for the big "Roaring 20's" night. Watch the Liberal for more details at a later date.

R. Hill Guide & Brownie Mothers Will Convene Horticultural Tea

The March meeting of the Richmond Hill Guide and Brownie Mothers' Group Committee was held on Monday evening of last week at the Presbyterian Church hall, with a further increase in attendance.

President Betty Macanuel announced the date of the annual pot luck supper for guides, brownies and their mothers was set for April 10. This is on Thursday of Easter week and will be held in the Lions Hall. The girls and their mothers are looking forward to this event with great interest.

To promote guiding the committee decided to buy two or three more books on Guiding for the town library. Apron materials and wool purchased by the committee was given out to the members present so they could start sewing and knitting for the annual fall bazaar.

Col. W. Lawrie To Give Picture Travelogue

The Horticultural Society holds its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 27, at 8 p.m., at the Lions Community Hall. An invitation is extended to all to enjoy the varied programme.

Col. W. Lawrie will present motion pictures taken on a recent holiday in the British Isles. As Col. Lawrie is himself a keen horticulturist, it is expected that his talk and pictures will appeal to the garden minded and the travel minded as well.

There will be another of the popular pictorial garden quiz contests and a question box for those with gardening problems.

The meeting will be followed by a social time with coffee, cookies and conversation.

This week delegates and members of the society will travel to Hamilton to attend the annual convention of the Ontario Horticultural Association on March 13th and 14th.

A splendid programme is arranged for both days. Experts will speak on all subjects from house plants to shrubs and trees. There will be demonstrations and discussion periods.

The convention will be held at the Royal Connaught Hotel with morning and afternoon sessions at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Any members who can attend are sure to find it a rewarding experience.

August 5th, 1908. They resided in Toronto until 1909 and then moved to Uxbridge.

During her residence in Uxbridge, Mrs. Alexander was a member of the Mission Circle, and took a great interest in all community affairs. Mrs. Alexander was a loving wife and mother whose interests centred in her home and family life.

To mourn her death are left her husband, Norman, two sons, James of Hexham, England, Macdonald of Hamilton, Ontario, and two daughters, Isabelle (Mrs. W. George Smith) and Nancy (Mrs. James A. Oliver) both of Richmond Hill, Ontario. Also, one brother, Mr. T. A. McClure of Toronto, and a sister, Mrs. E. C. LeGrice of Unionville, and nine grandchildren.

"Dear Mr. Editor"

Mr. Spence Replies

Dear Sir,
As one of the 14 signees of the letter referred to by Mr. K. G. Smith in your issue of March 6, I feel it should be pointed out to the same Mr. Smith that addresses were included with the original letter.

If Mr. Smith is as interested in "seeking the truth" as he pretends he might have inquired of "The Liberal" before presuming.

While we are on the subject of truth seeking in the issue of the Crosby Ave. school gymnasium, it should be pointed out that, contrary to Mr. Smith's contentions, very little effort, if any, was made at the ratepayers meetings, to restrict the voting to public school supporters only.

In fact, the president of Mr. Smith's own association has admitted no such distinction had been attempted.

Further to the "truth" Mr. Smith claims to seek, all ratepayer groups did NOT invite representatives of both sides of this issue.

There was no representative of the school board present when the vote was taken at Crosby ratepayers and in the case of Beverly Acres meeting the only trustee invited was Mr. Harold Sanderson, who is known to oppose the gymnasium.

Mr. Smith's tireless and unrelenting efforts to have the house hold of this town the exorbitant sum of 75 cents a year for the gym are commendable indeed.

But as a taxpayer who faces the possibility of having to contribute to the elimination of the \$250,000 water problem in Beverly Acres I can't help but feel his efforts are slightly misdirected.

I have heard no proposal from either Mr. Smith or his friend Mr. Haggart that this issue be put to a referendum or to a vote of ratepayers groups.

The reason is obvious. Both of these gentlemen know full well elected bodies simply could not function properly if they attempted to operate a government by referendum. But apparently they don't want to admit this is as true of school boards as it is of municipal councils.

Others in this town interested in the truth might like to know why Mr. Smith is so zealous in his attempts to block the school board's first attempt to improve the standards of its school accommodation.

It can't be the money involved. Even estimating the value of his time at \$1 an hour, Mr. Smith has already spent more than the gymnasium will ever cost him.

Perhaps a little soul searching would bring Mr. Smith to the truth he seeks.

Sincerely yours,
Arthur Spence,
122 Hall St., Richmond Hill

Ratepayers Discuss Gym Vs. Sr. School

The regular meeting of the Pleasantville Gardens Ratepayers' Association was held at MacKillop School on March 6, with President Harold Boylan presiding.

Ken Smith of Crosby Heights told the meeting that his association and other subdivisions east of the railway were in favor of the new Crosby Heights school but opposed to the inclusion of a gym as well as senior schools.

Drainage and better drinking water and good roads were more important as well as twice-weekly garbage collections. The town's debt in 1958 was going to be "staggering," he forecast.

"Maybe we can afford it in five or six years, but speaking for a large number of people, we can't afford it now," maintained Mr. Smith.

Public School Trustee L. Clement pointed out that present schools were overcrowded and that further school accommodation was needed. The board hopes to have the new school completed by fall. He pointed out that originally \$340,000 had been requested for the school but by eliminating home economics, the amount had been reduced to \$290,000.

He pointed out that curriculum requirements made some indoor accommodation for physical education necessary. Only one school has such accommodation (McConaghy School) and this was used sometimes for kindergarten. Halls were used for such activity by the detriment of other classes.

He pointed out that other communities that provide either senior schools or junior high schools, such as Scarborough, North York, etc.

Mr. Smith said he had yet to see a meeting of the public full of the McConaghy School's auditorium and doubted the need for such at the new school.

Crosby Heights provided an opportunity to prepare for senior schools, which was the coming trend, replied Mr. Clement.

The public school board, he maintained, was only preparing for such eventuality.

Councillor Haggart pointed out the present debt of the town was close to \$2,000,000 and that proposed and committed projects would raise this to some \$4,152,229. As of December 31 this year 1957, the assessment and he said the Ontario Municipal Board was not likely to OK a debt of this ratio so that some essential items would have to be postponed.

Considerable discussion centred on the cost of the gym per year per "average" taxpayer. These ranged from a previously reported figure of 25c to as high as \$1.

After further discussion a vote was taken of those present resulting in 16 voting in favor of the inclusion of the gym, 10 opposed

and 12 abstaining. This vote resulted from a motion by Mr. Robt. Queregensser, seconded by Mr. J. Rabinovitch that the association resolve the question at this meeting. This was amended on motion of Mr. Don Scott and Mr. P. Townsend that the vote be not considered as an official statement of the association but rather of those present. The amended motion was carried.

President Boylan reported that complaints had been made to him regarding apparent violations of the R1 zoning restrictions such as self-contained apartments and an excess number of boarders.

The zoning bylaw was discussed at some length and it appeared the consensus was that there did not appear to be any violation as far as boarders were concerned.

Many present expressed the opinion that violations of the "one-family" per dwelling unit should be stopped now, otherwise it might lead to other and more numerous violations. This, some felt, could lead to the state of affairs that North York now finds itself in.

One member pointed out that North York might even be going in for further restrictions, as it had been proposed there that a bylaw be passed prohibiting the parking of commercial vehicles overnight in a residential area.

Others pointed out the unfairness of only one source of tax revenue from a one-family unit where two families were residing.

Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mrs. S. Parr that a petition be circulated in the subdivision to obtain the feeling re the enforcement of the bylaw regarding apparent violations subsequent to the date of the bylaw (April 1, 1957). This was defeated on a vote of 8 for and 23 against.

Mr. R. Queregensser moved, seconded by Mr. S. Parr that the executive be empowered to take proper steps with Council to see that the R1 regulations are enforced and to stipulate any specific instances be brought to the attention of the association executive and that the executive ask the Council to investigate and prosecute where necessary.

In the course of the discussion it was reported that one or more houses up for resale have basement apartments in their now. Comments were made that any one who bought after the date of the bylaw was responsible for looking into any restrictions and that ignorance of the law was no excuse for violating it.

The motion was put to the meeting and carried with only one dissenting vote.

On motion of Mr. P. Townsend and Mr. J. Palmer it was resolved that the council be asked to change the clause of the bylaw regarding boarders in an R1 area, so that only one boarder per dwelling unit be allowed.

Area Trustees To Discuss Budget Meeting With Councils, H.&S. Mar. 27

Roy Bick, chairman of the board of trustees for School Area No. 1 Markham-Vaughan, announced at the regular monthly meeting, the 1958 budget would be presented for discussion at a special meeting to be held on March 27, with the councils from both Markham and Vaughan townships, the Home and School executives of the school area and the board of trustees present.

Salary Changes
The teachers salary schedule has been altered to a five-category system, and the minimum raised from \$2,800.00 to \$3,000.00 with a maximum of \$6,400.00. The increase on the minimum raised the maximum by \$200.00. The art supervisor's allowance was increased from \$300.00 to \$400.00 per annum.

The members of the administrative staff received an increase of \$200.00 per annum. There is no established schedule for this group.

The custodial and maintenance staff salary schedule received a \$200.00 increase on the maximum, bringing this to \$3,500.00.

As a sequel to the report made to the board in February by Supervising Principal E. J. Sand, the board will send a letter to the Public School Trustees' Association of Ontario regarding tax exemption of school supplies.

The board announced the acceptance of Mrs. Margaret Cordingley's tender for the making of linen curtains for the new Ross Doan School. Mrs. Cordingley's tender, one of five submitted and the lowest bid quoted, is for \$788.90 for drapes for six classrooms, the teacher's room and the principal's office.

Retarded Children
The date of March 18 for a meeting with the Association for Retarded Children was set by the board.

Re School Sites
On the receipt of a request from the Thornhill Downs subdivision that the board signify approval of certain school sites, Chairman Bick said, "They have agreed to change the one site as we requested, and would like us to forward a letter to the township office agreeing that the sites have been approved as to location."

Trustee Jackson Taylor, "We have received about 15 different plans from this subdivision but no cost has been set as yet." Chairman Bick: "We have an offer in writing of \$4,000 per acre, and also in writing, the av-

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