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Co-Operation Will Help

Municipal elections in the district are over, and re-elected and newly elected members can settle down to the serious business of planning for next year.

Municipalities in this part of Ontario face particularly difficult problems, and the elected representatives of the people have assumed great responsibilities. In their task of municipal and school administration we wish them well, and suggest that in their work they should have the sympathetic co-operation of all the ratepayers.

The responsibility of ratepayers does not end with the marking of a ballot at the polling booth. The people have chosen good representatives, but all councillors and school trustees will do a better job if they are supported by an interested electorate. Meetings of school trustees and municipal councils are open to the public and we hope in the coming year more and more ratepayers will avail themselves of the opportunity of attending council and

school board sittings. With first hand knowledge we are more apt to be sympathetic with the problems faced by those who conduct our public business.

Too often, too many people consider it the privilege of a ratepayer to "tell off" his elected representative every so often. This is some people's idea of democracy. Helpful suggestions and constructive criticism are welcomed by all people in public office, but there is no need to do it in a belligerent manner.

Let us remember that our elected representative is a volunteer, giving his time and talent in public service with very little if anything in the way of financial remuneration. He is trying his best to serve the best interests of all the people and in his job of serving us deserves courtesy and co-operation.

In the coming year let us lend a willing hand to help those who at considerable sacrifice are looking after our public business.

Did You Vote ?

Four citizens offered themselves in the public service as School Trustees for the coming two year term on the School Board for Township Area Number 1, Markham and Vaughan. Of the thousands entitled to vote, a shocking small percentage took the trouble to cast a vote.

In one polling sub-division where there were three hundred and sixteen names on the voters' list, not a single vote was cast. The township authorities engaged a voting place, printed ballots, and engaged a deputy-returning officer and poll clerk, but it was all wasted. Not one person voted.

The number of votes cast in municipal elections throughout the province is not encouraging. In the great city of Toronto a Mayor, Board of Control and slate of aldermen were elected by thirty per cent of the voters. In

Vaughan where a Reeve was elected for a two year term only 32 per cent of the eligible ratepayers voted. Here in Richmond Hill the showing was even worse and only slightly more than thirty per cent of the people voted. Less than a third of the electors care who is going to spend their money next year.

We talk about the danger and threat of communism, but there are other factors threatening democracy, and one is apathy of the electors. An electorate which does not take the trouble to vote is asking for trouble. It is an open invitation for undesirable candidates to seek and attain office. It can be done by selling a candidate to a very small percentage of the electors.

The turn out of voters in the recent municipal elections, just wasn't good enough for a healthy democracy.

Ex-Warden Taylor Retires

There is general regret that Reeve W. J. Taylor is retiring at the end of the year due to ill health. A member of Richmond Hill Council for eleven years, he served as Reeve for the past seven years and rendered outstanding service to the municipality.

In 1957 Reeve Taylor was honored by election as Warden of the County of York, an honour which has come to Richmond Hill only twice in this century. He was an outstanding success in the municipal field and was recognized as one of the best Wardens in the County history.

Successful in his own business, Reeve Taylor exercised careful judge-

men and gave good leadership in municipal affairs. He always received generous support at the polls at the hands of his fellow electors and was accorded several acclamations. A man of definite opinions he took a firm stand on issues coming before council and was not easily swayed by pressure groups.

It is regrettable that ill health forces his retirement at this time as men of his character and ability are needed in public affairs. We join in the hope of his host of friends that with an improvement in health he may be able in the not too distant future to return to the field of public service.

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150	26.00	30.00	14.00	12.00				
200	35.00	38.20	19.00	12.10	13.00	8.20	10.00	8.20
250	45.00	41.00	24.00	12.00	16.00	14.00	12.00	20.00
300	53.00	53.20	29.00	11.05	19.00	19.00	14.00	32.40
350	62.00	61.00	33.00	22.00	22.00	25.00	17.00	22.00
400	71.00	69.15	39.00	11.00	25.00	30.80	19.00	35.30
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Dear Mister Editor: On behalf of the Richmond Hill Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society, may I express our thanks for all your assistance. Through the medium of your newspaper, we have been able to reach a great number of people. Your generosity in giving us the space, particularly during campaign time, has made it possible for this Unit to be a very progressive one. With our sincere thanks to your paper, I remain,

Yours truly,
FLOYD R. PERKINS,
President.

Likes Saturday Voting

Dear Mister Editor: Please allow me through your columns to express appreciation for the Saturday voting day. It was a real convenience to the ratepayers and I hope will be adopted every year.

I suggest it should be adopted by all municipalities in the Toronto district.

VOTER.

Wants Former Voting Day

Dear Mr. Editor: With every good intention council changed voting day to a Saturday. What good did it do? Probably the smallest vote in history. I hope next year they will go back and have the voting day the first Monday in December, the same as the City of Toronto. There should be a set date for all municipal elections. It would create more interest and might help a large vote.

Old Voter



A Weekly Comment On Christian Life And Action — By Calvin H. Chambers —

Facts and Faith

The Purpose of the Lord's Day:

We are living in an age when the significance of the Lord's Day is overlooked by the vast majority of people. Even a great number of Church members have a very weak conception of what it means to observe the Lord's Day. For the overwhelming number of Christian people, Sunday marks the beginning of a new week. On this day we give thanks for the Victory which God has secured in the resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ. This day marks the beginning of a new age, and consequently new life. Those who live their lives in the spirit of the Risen Lord, look to this day as one which speaks of God's triumph. They want to live their lives in fellowship with this Risen Christ. The celebration of the Lord's Day gives the Christian the opportunity to recognize certain important facts.

First: We need to rest. God has given us bodies which are organically constructed for regular periods of rest and relaxation. A person who fails to take advantage of God's gift of a rest day is doing damage to his physical, mental and spiritual life. If you are not only cheating on yourself, but you are denying a fundamental law which God has set in motion.

Secondly: Sunday is given to us for worship. The worshiping person is recognizing certain basic facts. He acknowledges that thanksgiving is the basis of life. Worship gives us the opportunity to give thanks to God for the blessing of this life, and the gift of His Son who is Life. Corporate worship bears witness to the fact that we are not grovelling animals, but living spirits whose inner life must be nourished and fed by the things of the Spirit. Private worship is certainly helpful for day by day spiritual growth, but corporate worship brings us together with others who share the same basic convictions which we do concerning the spiritual realities.

Thirdly: The Lord's Day gives us an opportunity for Christian service. The Gospels show us that our Lord was an active man

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Over Hill, Over Dale

by Cicely Thomson

About now I feel like a shopping counselor! With everything from glamorous carving boards to carcoats for men and with so many things that I'd really love to have myself . . . that's a test of a good Christmas gift . . . while everywhere you could tell that "Christmas is for children" had been after-all foremost in the Richmond Hill stores' buyers' thoughts.

My tour took me through the Bayview Plaza with its twenty stores, a very self contained unit, for there was the medical building, the bank, the cleaner and the shoe repair, the restaurant, the beauty shop and the barber, as well as the sub-post office in the drug store. The plaza is owned by a Mr. B. Walker who lives in Toronto, the stores have been leased and their interiors fitted up by their tenants. The local bus service loops through the surrounding residential area to give good service to the shopping centre where you can find attractive casuals for ladies, dainty party frocks and cosy coats for children as well as nursery equipment, wagons, tricycles, mechanical toys, musical toys, dolls, glamorous dolls to make little girls' eyes brighten on Christmas day . . . kitchen sets with real food for the young miss.

The busy shelves of the variety store, the all-inclusive hardware and drug stores seem to run from sleds and toboggans all the way to artificial mistletoe and animated TV lamps on which a schooner in full sail surges through the waves or an antique train engine hurtles across the prairie with fiery smoke pouring from its towering smoke-stack.

The shoe store shows the latest trends, even tweed-and-calf combined in matching bags and shoes; packaged gloves for the man on your list, hat certificates (I can't imagine myself choosing a man's hat somehow) shirts, socks and of course ties, for how could we Christmas our men properly without an array of woman chosen ties?

Richmond Heights Plaza, or Leventdale, includes in its covered arcade a jeweller, a lingerie, a furniture store and two gift shops, the newly-opened aquarium as well as hardware, ladies' wear and children's shop and delicatessen. In this part of the town are gathered together high grade mechanics tools and fine chinese silks. The most modern of merchandising methods and displays lead your eyes to things such as an elegant carving board from which no roast can slip to embarrass the head of the house.

In the gift shops are Italian liqueur sets of colored glass or handmade Czechoslovakian glass and Swedish crystal. Canadian-made is featured in the Baribocraft wood and the wood-like ceramics made in Kitchener. (The lovely lines of these have to be seen to be believed). There are all types of easy-to-look after place mats for modern and traditional table setting too.

Native ebony carvings from East Africa, clean-line furniture from Sweden, glass from Venice, jade and silks from China made me realize why one particular shop had chosen the name it had . . . so many of its wares came from across the sea. Here were ceremonial spears to accent a wall, rotaflex fixtures for contemporary rooms with tear-drop or templebell shades and contemporary table lamps, some made in Canada. Original Chinese paintings with exciting brush work would make a wonderful gift to "him" or "her."

Nearby, international purchasing added that extra touch to ladies' wear for I positively drooled over French and Italian pure silk scarves, and wonderful European purses. The Jana scarves and matching earrings (ceramic) were vying with Polynesian miniatures for a place on sweaters (tycora is the new yarn used today).

In Leventdale too is another shoe store (the town's second) where men's Scott McHale fine shoes and the oh-so-comfortable O'omphies invite one inside for a try-on. There is a home decorating service (the hardware stores throughout the town have the do-it-yourself tools) that has papers and drapery fabrics to give your home its Christmas present. The Variety Stores cover a variety of little presents and some not so little, for when you gaze on a mechanical robot long enough it becomes very hard to resist a whole "extra" gift for that cub-sized boy or the complete modern kitchen for the just-at-school young lady (not forgetting the cooking set with real food we mentioned earlier).

Is that man still a problem? Sporting goods stores have guns . . . not to shoot HIM with, for him to shoot of course, they have fishing tackle, the hardware stores can provide him with all the extra gear to carry the gear in, to carry his refreshment in. Big tools can be found. While not forgetting the Tanganyikan carvings you can lean to the practical and smart with a real "man's red" vivella waistcoat or Jantzen's newest straight bottomed vests.

In the gift shop in the Yonge street shopping section are bridge table sets that he might fancy . . . everything all in one and to match, cards, score pad and table cover in terrific colors and designs . . . terrific, not terrifying. Here you can find Ikora silver with its unusual patina, fine linens again, a counter of those little extra somethings to tuck in here and there in Christmas boxes.

Don't forget the fabrics in the Yonge shopping area either --- from brocaded taffetas for a New Year's Eve party through wool suitings to fashion shades in denim . . . and mouth watering patterns to make it all up . . . No sewing machine? You don't have to leave Richmond Hill to solve that problem.

We have three jewellery stores which display the latest in costume pieces, ranging from the sophisticated wrought copper to scintillating glitter sets (and one store has some wonderful quite mad dinner rings). For that special girl there are diamonds up to one carat (and that's a large diamond . . . half a carat is quite big enough). There are Swiss watches and men's luggage as well as several that carry matched ladies' sets in pastel shades.

The very wrappings that the big cosmetic companies dress up their holiday wares makes them glamorous and almost irresistible for gifts and nearly all the famous brands are carried in our drug stores throughout the town. And Christmas candies, and cards, including the newly popular comic cards . . . they can all be had right here.

Also flowers, whose cool beauty can add so much to any room, which always make such wonderful presents, can be had from the two elegant flower shops both in the centre of town.

There's only one musical store though. Here can be found the big stereophonic sound machine for a "to each other" feature of this gift-giving season, or a portable that will make your teen-age daughter starry-eyed and transistor sets to make her big brother (or Dad) really whoop with joy. You can repeat the whoop with a tape recorder!

And all these and many other things, can be purchased without fuss, and with no feathers mused in Toronto traffic which is heavy on the crowded streets has line-ups for the restaurants and standing room on the buses!

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