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New Management Needed

The voting in Canada's general election is little more than a week away and the decision of the people should be good for the country whatever the result, as it will end a period of uncertainty which never is good for business.

Many words have been spoken and much has been written and while there is evidence of a swing against the government many people still confess to some confusion of mind, and polls indicate many voters still undecided.

The main issue in any election should be the record of the administration seeking re-election. The present government has been in office since 1957 and every voter knows from personal experience how its policies have been felt in the home, in business, on the farm and on the family budget. Honest assessment of the government record of course must take into consideration the continuing demand for large expenditures on defence and the world economic conditions.

An important issue to the individual voter is the qualifications of the candidates representing the political parties. C. A. Cathers, the Progressive Conservative candidate has represented this riding since 1957 and is a farmer and successful business man. For many years he has been identified with York County life and he is known as a sound citizen and a worthy representative. The main challenger to the sitting member is John Addison, Liberal candidate who has conducted a very aggressive campaign and at the time of writing would appear to be running ahead of his opponent. He lives on a farm in King Township and is a successful business man with the enthusiasm and qualifications which should make him a good representative. Stanley Hall of Newmarket is the candidate of the New Democratic Party and has shown himself an able exponent of his party's policies, and although his campaign does not reflect the same extent of financial resources as his opponents, he has shown desire to meet the people and discuss the issues of the campaign.

A late entry in the campaign is Alex Ford, who is the candidate of the Social Credit party. "The Liberal" is an independent newspaper, and is not owned or controlled, nor has it any association whatsoever with any political party.

Thoughts At Tax Time

Richmond Hill ratepayers have been getting interesting if not too welcome mail in the form of green tax bills. If yours is larger in its demand than last year, just stop and contemplate that last year's was larger than the year before. If you want a real pleasant thought you can pretty well depend that next year's will be increased again.

Here in Canada we have the distinction of being numbered among the highest taxed people in the world, and in this area municipal taxes rate pretty high in Canada. We have no desire to win fame or set a record in the field of high tax payments and we suggest that when municipal taxes reach the point they have today it is past time when citizens with a stake in the community should do serious

Our Lawmakers

One of the finest services a citizen and taxpayer can do for himself, his municipality and his country is to keep in contact with his municipal representative and member of parliament on all matters of importance.

Members of parliament or municipal representatives do not know your feelings and opinions unless you tell them. It is not always easy or possible to contact them personally, but you always can write a letter. Do this more often and your representatives will appreciate your interest in the job they are doing for you at the town hall, at Toronto or Ottawa.

We now are in the midst of a general election and important issues are at stake. There is no better time to make your opinions felt than at election time and we suggest you

Our policies and our views are our own, and ours alone. We have no desire to tell anyone how to vote, but we do urge all citizens to take an active interest in some political party and vote on election day. Under our system of government the party system is the very basis of our democratic way of life, and if we as individuals want to influence the course of administration in government we must interest ourselves in the political parties and their candidates.

It has been our experience and observation that there are good people in all political parties. In fact, contrary to an all too prevalent impression, we think most men and women active in political parties are honest and sincere in their convictions and in their desire to serve.

Rt. Hon. John Diefenbaker is an able parliamentarian and a Christian gentleman sincerely devoted to public service. We think he has failed to surround himself with able administrators and his record of government leaves much to be desired. The devalued dollar and the mounting deficits of our national administration are enough in themselves to make every voter stop and give very serious consideration to the need for a change.

The devalued dollar and the mounting deficits are confirmation that there is something seriously wrong with the Canadian economy. There is everywhere an uneasiness and instability which does not auger well for the future. There is an underlying fear that worse things are in store.

There may be many fancy theories of high finance, and clever talkers may present many arguments, but when our national deficit continues to mount year by year and our Canadian dollar is worth a little over ninety cents in the world markets, we think it's pretty serious business. In your own private business you'd probably agree it was time for a new manager.

We have that opportunity on June 18th and in Hon. L. B. Pearson we think we have an able and dedicated statesman who has surrounded himself with able Canadians and is the man for the job. If you agree with us that we need at this time a change in management of our national affairs we suggest you vote for John Addison, Liberal candidate.

thinking. A home owner today pays in municipal taxes an amount which a few years ago was a fair rental for living in his own home.

If you are concerned as you gather up the money needed for the first instalment, we trust your concern will carry on through the year and not be forgotten as soon as you have put away the cheque book. On municipal election day when the representatives who spend your hard earned tax dollars were elected only a small percentage of the people took the trouble to vote.

If it hurts to pay your taxes we suggest you should show some concern at election time as to the quality and ability of the people who are going to spend it.

write to one or all the candidates and let them have your views.

Canada is yours — it doesn't belong to any political leader or party. Your town, village or township is yours and the business transacted by elected representatives is your business. Keep it that way, and make sure your representatives know that you know it's your business and that you are interested.

Gangland activities, corruption in high places, political boss rule which are among the curses of democracy to be avoided at all cost are only possible when the people are indifferent.

Show that you are interested in your own business. Write to your municipal representative, your member of the legislature, your member of parliament and prospective members of parliament today.

Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

LIFE OF THE PIONEER FARM WOMAN WAS HARD BUT REWARDING

History was made by the pioneer woman on the farm. The pattern of her days was filled with ceaseless working and planning and when her menfolks returned from the fields at sundown, their limbs shaken from the battle with forest and soil, she mends the overalls that got torn and darns the socks that got rubbed into holes from trudging the fields. The pioneer farmer rested in the evening, smoking his pipe, but the woman must mend and bake for tomorrow. Her day never ended. There was always a baby to tend, or hot mash to prepare for a sick animal. Washday meant scrubbing the men's overalls that were caked with earth, bloodstained from the butchering; the yard is festooned with lines of overalls and shirts.

And in the harvest time, she will have to cook for them . . . hot breads and meats, and vegetables from the garden. How ravenous they are when they come to the house at noon! They have cleared the dishes of chicken and pork and lamb before she has time herself to sit down and eat. And harvesting all seems to come when she's doing her canning. Sometimes the woman was needed in the fields. Then there was always supper to set, and plants to water. She works among her plants and there is a softness in her movements, as though she would stroke each leaf and flower. The mother in her that has raised many children, the warmth in her that tends the menfolk and the garden and the chickens, finds in these plants something more to love, as though there were no limit in her need of life to cherish.

As the pioneer woman stood in her kitchen stirring a pan upon the stove, she seems a worthy figure of womanhood. Against a world given over to destruction she symbolizes the preserver of life. Hers is a life without hates, that is big enough to care for the fields of the farmers and the children of other mothers. The pioneer woman had to be all of these things . . . and if it hadn't been for her dedicated devotion to the care of all these things the pioneer farmer never would have made it alone.

CERAMICS IS AN INTERESTING STUDY . . . FOR GWEN SANDS

Mrs. Alan B. Sands of 19 Uplands Avenue, Thornhill, and mother of two small girls, manages to find time for such a creative hobby as the making of fine pottery. She has lived in Thornhill about five years, and her interest in the art of ceramics began when she first moved into the locality. Gwen admits to have had leanings toward art while she was still at school, and she was inspired by a friend of hers who did it for a living. Gwen has two kilns in her basement studio, and she makes all kinds of sculptured figures such as cats, dogs, horses, angels and other figurines. She also turns out plates, vases, ash trays, mugs and jugs and many other useful articles. There are three main ways in which the pottery pieces may be formed, explained Mrs. Sand. First, there is thrown pottery, which involves the use of the pottery wheel, and the second involves casting them into a mould, and last there is hand built pottery which incorporates coil and slab. Gwen works in both earthenware and stoneware. She never gets tired of the thrill she receives when she opens the kiln to behold her latest handiwork. Will it be a success? This is the question that sometimes enters her mind. She honestly admits that she has plenty of failures. But she doesn't feel bad about it, because . . . as she says philosophically . . . it happens to the best potters all the time. Creative work like this brings to Gwen Sands a real feeling of warmth, and she intends to keep up her ceramics for as long as she lives. "By the time I'm an old woman, I'll be a good potter . . . I hope!" she asserts.

Gwen sells some of her pottery, gives some away and throws some out. The money she makes she re-invests in her hobby. She has two kilns and materials can be rather expensive. Last year, she gave private lessons in her home. She had eight pupils. Gwen is rather proud of the fact that she made a piece of sculpture for the Curtain Club of Richmond Hill. Other interesting information offered by Gwen is that it takes about 1900 degrees of heat to bake earthenware and 1300 degrees is required for stoneware. The products cannot be removed from the oven for about 36 hours. In preparing the glaze, she mixes together certain colors with sand and clay. For example, cobalt makes blue; manganese makes purple; copper gives the green and from uranium comes orange and red. There are three methods of applying glaze . . . spraying . . . dipping and pouring.

Gwen Sands has another hobby to which she gives considerable interest and time. She loves to collect antiques. She is lending her lovely old spinning wheel to the Rug Bazaar of the Thornhill United Church Women, to be held on June 8 and 9. She, herself, will be there on Friday to show you how to make some of the little sculptured figures that she is so fond of doing.

WOODS-MAGIC

More and more I am convinced that there is real healing for the mind and spirit in woodland surroundings. Of course, the fact that you go there at all, leads one to believe that there will be an easing off of work and worry. It's hard to worry when you see flecks of blue sky peeping in between the birch leaves, and hear the tree-music made by the wind. In fact, the whole woodland has become a sort of mysterious paradise of whispering sounds and scurrying little animals.

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Second Thoughts . . .

by George Mayes

• Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.

For a time there, it looked like Willowdale's G.E.M. store had lost control of its discount operations . . . Even the ceiling was 10% off!

John Addison's Liberal Campaign Bandwagon was reported in last week's paper as having played for several hours at the Richmond Hill Fair "where they attracted a respectable crowd" . . . None of those other-party people, eh?

The Ontario Dental Association says fluoridation should be made mandatory . . . And kidatory, too!

The incident of the disrobing Doukhobors MAY have been unrehearsed, as Dief says, but the make-up man on The Telegram seemed to be a little sceptical: " . . . the five women began to remove their clothing just as the Prime Minister reached the point in his speech where he declared See DOUKHOBORS Page 16"

High-diving donkeys will be a feature of the water front show at this year's C.N.E. . . . Being raised into position, we suppose, by an ass-jack.

The Metro Police Department's long-awaited Riot and Emergency squad is finally scheduled to begin operation in July. It may be only coincidence, but the date DOES coincide with the Shriner's Convention.

The 1962 Grey Cup game may be seen by more Americans than Canadians. Our national football final will likely be carried by 135 stateside TV stations — but only 8 in Canada. Which, on second thought, will be about the same ratio as the nationality of the players.

Two adjoining story-heads in a Toronto paper were at least amusing, if not confidence inspiring: (1) Girl Hit At Crosswalk Carried 120 Feet On Car. (2) City Crosswalks Model for Province.

The Federal Government has cracked down on advertisers making misleading cure-all claims. The crack down is directed primarily at medical manufacturers . . . not political parties.

A request to the Richmond Hill Town Council for the opening of a short-cutting walkway for school children cited the atomic attack instructions: "If you can't get home in 15 minutes, don't bother" With most kids, this sort of "instruction" is just every-day instinct.

This is National Water Safety Week — Your chance to pick a partner and practice-up on mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

Nature Notes

By Richmond Hill Naturalists

The annual meeting of the Richmond Hill Naturalists and Informative film strips, outlining the method of their production, and pointing out the many advantages of their use for educational purposes. The following officers were elected for the 1962-63 season: President, Mr. John Lunn; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Y. T. Lambert; 2nd vice-president, Mr. F. S. Harwood; Secretary, Mrs. T. Boardman; Recording Secretary, Mrs. P. Addison; Treasurer, Mr. C. Chambers; Director, Mrs. G. T. MacKenzie, Mr. T. C. Seddon, and Mr. C. R. Tilt. Mr. John Lunn, the president elect, who had been employed by the National Film Board on first arriving in Canada from England, gave an interesting

Have You Read These?

BOOK REVIEWS FROM THE RICHMOND HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Spring of Malice, by John Harris, Hutchinson, 1962: An obsession with military glory is the dominant theme of this novel, which brings to mind some of the recent events in France. An elderly French general of an illustrious military family, dismissed by the American Supreme Command in 1945 for his mismanagement of operations, devotes the rest of his life and his family's to a vain campaign to reinstate himself, while his son attempts to murder the American general who was responsible for his dismissal. Mr. Harris has devised an ingenious plot and he creates a lifelike picture of the part played in it by the American army, French police and the international newspapermen.

Sky Fever the autobiography of Sir Geoffrey de Havilland. (Hamilton, 1961) Sir Geoffrey's first time the human and personal story of the aircraft designer and director of the De Havilland Aircraft Co. In describing his outstanding memories, the author emerges as a man of surprisingly wide interests beyond his mechanical inclination, natural history, country life and a vigorous family life described with a distinct sense of humour. Above all the reader is left no doubt of the almost spiritual personal enjoyment of flight which permeates the book as it has inspired the author.

Ulla, Fla. by James Ramsey Ullman (World, 1962) The building of a luxury hotel on a small South Sea island for an ex-patriate influx brings an odd assortment of American entrepreneurs and workers to Tiara and, as a consequence problems for its native Polynesians. Ullman's resolution of the personal dramas of the three main characters, Carol Loftus, a young nurse, Mitchell Carr, an almost middle-aged construction expert, and John Koa, a resentful native youth is not unusual, but his problem of the modern world in isolated societies is stimulating and frank.

Sold To The Lady In The Green Hat by Emma Bailey, (Dodd, 1962) America's first woman auctioneer tells the story of her unique career and the trials with which her husband and two daughters loyally assisted her through twelve years in business in Brattleboro, Vermont. The closing chapters raise and answer the most frequent inquiries put to the author about bidding, buying, and selling at an auction.

The Blood of The Lamb, by Peter De Vries (Little, 1962) The struggle for and against faith characterizes this novel about the son of a Dutch immigrant family in Chicago. The protagonist grows to maturity through a series of deaths among family and friends, but the tone of the novel is not sombre, but rather swings between the comic and the serious until the final episode in which tragedy takes over.

The Lady At Box 99, The Story of Miriam Van Waters, by Burslem J. Rowles, (Seabury, 1962) The biography of a fascinating woman and outstanding penologist, Dr. Van Waters. This daughter of an Episcopal clergyman whose religion permeated her thoughts and actions became a leading authority on social work and juvenile and female delinquency. Humane, understanding, progressive, she firmly believed that re-education of "students" could reshape their lives. Her concepts, put into practice, helped many women later to lead happy, useful lives.

"Dear Mr. Editor"

HAS HEARING RESTORED

Dear Mr. Editor: Then two years ago, I met a woman who was wearing a hearing aid like myself. A year later, I noticed the same woman was not wearing an aid, and she told me about an ear operation by which she had gained her hearing and asked me to find out if it would help me. The operation was a success, and I feel sure that I must have 100% perfect hearing, but I will not know until June 18th at which date I will be tested. I entered the hospital on May 23rd and came home on May 23rd. It is painless and I experienced no sickness. I hope others will find out about this operation and perhaps gain their hearing. I would be happy to answer any questions or supply any information. Sincerely yours, Mrs. R. J. Gimpson, R.R. 2, John Simpyon.

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