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Vote, And Vote Early

Next Monday is election day, and we urge every qualified voter to go to the place of voting and register a vote for one of the candidates. This is a duty of good citizenship in Canada.

Democracy is on trial in a troubled and much disturbed world and if it is to work successfully every citizen must play a part. One of the best guarantees that democracy will work is for everyone to take an interest in public affairs and register a vote on election day.

It is very easy to find fault and make excuses. Some are critical of the political parties others talk disparagingly of the candidates, some people claim they are too busy and many just take a "don't care attitude". None of these excuses are good enough. Just pause for one moment and contemplate the fate of many thousands of people in the world who are today denied the privilege of going to the polls to select a government. We still have this privilege and right, so let's make good use of it.

The issues of the campaign have been discussed by leaders and candidates in a long campaign and there is no excuse for not knowing the party platforms and candidates. The political parties and candidates have worked hard in an effort to present their claims for support before the electorate and if there is any lack of information the fault must lie with the individual voter who has failed to take advantage of the many opportunities to meet and hear the candidates and see and hear the leaders.

Some confess confusion amidst the claims and counter claims and the promises and more promises, but the only answer to this problem is to assess the claims and promises in the light of past performances and

make your choice. We believe our system of government is the best in the world, and while it may be far from perfect, we think that what is needed most to make it better, is the active interest of our people in the political parties seeking election.

All can make some contribution to better government by taking an active interest in some political party. Having done this the plain duty of a good citizen is to go to the polls on election day and register a choice for the candidate he thinks will best serve Canada.

You have often heard the expression "vote early and often". Of course you can't vote often, but you can vote early and if you do so you will earn the gratitude of tired and overworked party campaigners. One of the really big jobs of any political organization is to get voters to the polls. If you go to the poll early, your name is struck from the party workers' lists and you relieve the many workers of unnecessary work on a very busy day.

It is an important duty to vote, and it's good advice to vote early. The polling places and locations have been well advertised, but it is a safe bet on election day some votes will be lost because voters attend after the polls close, and some others will say they didn't know where to vote.

Election campaigns are gruelling and demanding and the unsung heroes and heroines are the men and women who man the polls and work untiringly to get the vote out. They never get their pictures in the paper and they never head a torch-light parade election night, but they are making a useful and necessary contribution to democracy.

Next Monday your most important duty is to vote.

Behold The Politician

There is a popular misconception abroad in this election year that politics and politicians are fundamentally dishonest with themselves and with the public they seek to convert to their point of view.

This misconception has been fanned like a prairie fire by many stories. Even a few eminent authors have joined the chorus — one of which suggested that the profession of politics in modern America usually found the politician crawling in the gutter.

The problem faced by politicians is that their lives are thrown bare to the public. No other group of people in our society garner so much personal publicity. The facts good or bad are there for all to judge, as it should be.

No group of men in a trade or profession are immune to fault. We have all known people in all walks of life that have turned up as bad eggs. Every human being has potential good and bad within him. Considering the glare of publicity which surrounds them and the problems that beset them, politicians have been a pretty decent lot throughout Canadian history.

Whatever we say about them we must always remember that the art of politics is holding power, power delegated in Canada from the elector on an election day for a specified period of time. If the politician is to be successful in his profession then he must maintain power, and to accomplish this he must correctly understand what is acceptable to the majority of the electorate.

The art of winning elections has little to do with political theories. On the other hand, it has a great deal to do with leadership. Governments change hands because one leader is able to persuade the electorate better than another. He may use an old or new political theory as part of his campaign, but unless he can put his story over to the public, and unless he can get the public to believe in his qualities of leadership he is starting off the wrong track.

Thus politics is the art of leadership at its keenest point in our society. In the rough and tumble of an election, politicians, like ordinary people, get excited. Like ordinary people too they say things which shouldn't be said, make promises in the heat of the campaign which on second thought should not have been made. There is not a man or woman in any walk of life worth their salt who hasn't done as much, or even more.

Those among us who term themselves as politicians, either part or full time, should earn our respect for their interest in public business. Whether we belong to a particular party or not we should be broad minded enough to understand the high human qualities that motivate men and women who enter the rough and tumble of public life. They deserve our respect even though they may not win our vote.

Ambulance Service

An ambulance service is a dire humanitarian need in any community, and with the expansion in our suburban areas, Richmond Hill, Vaughan and Markham, we the citizens should put forth an effort to meet this necessity.

When an accident or illness strikes, time is an important factor, and suffering is alleviated and lives saved, if the proper transportation to hospital can be carried out at once. What is more distressing is to realize many victims of highway accidents must wait on the roadside while police frantically search for an ambulance.

The ambulance service in this area is operated by Mr. Roy Bagley of Richmond Hill. Mr. Bagley by agreement serves both Richmond Hill and Vaughan. The councils of these two municipalities have wisely agreed to continue their present ambulance subsidy at least on a trial basis. They will continue to pay \$100. monthly

towards the cost of operating the service until the end of August, at which time the whole matter will once again be studied.

Mr. Bagley reports he answers an average of 30-35 calls a month, the majority of which are emergency cases. In a busy month his calls reach 40. An average of only 25 calls per month makes the service uneconomical to operate. Expenses are understandably high when one considers equipment, staff and insurance. The closest other ambulance is in Woodbridge.

There is also the question of the new hospital shortly to be built to serve the southern part of the county. This would make an ambulance service a necessity.

When emergencies strike a community needs a fast reliable ambulance service. There is no way to forecast when injury will strike but one can be prepared.

Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

"WALTER" PLAYS FOR WATER SAFETY AT ALL TIMES

That nice young boy, Walter Safety, is soon going to be as famous as Elmer, the Safety Elephant. And for a good reason. Just as Elmer tries to deal with traffic safety, Walter tries to deal with another kind, and that is Safety on the water. Now that Water Safety week is over, don't think for a moment that a memory of Walter shouldn't linger on. Walter Safety, that bright little boy who paddles his own canoe, knows all about Water Safety. His main job . . . in posters, films, and wherever he goes will be to drive home what the Red Cross water safety people have been preaching for 16 years about the courtesies, rules and common sense of water safety. Walter is exceptionally water wise, and he's chock full of knowledge about swimming, boating, water skiing and scuba diving. If Walter has his way he would have non-swimmers enroll in an approved course today. If you're already a good swimmer, he would like it immensely if you took one of the Red Cross instructor or leader courses. In fact if there is anything you want to know about Water Safety, just ask Walter, care of your Water Safety Committee, Richmond Hill Branch of the Red Cross.

M. J. YOULE-WHITE — TEACHER, AUTHOR, ART CRITIC AND LECTURER

Mr. Youle-White lives at 75 Pearson Avenue, Richvale, with his wife Laura, son Julian Roger, and daughters, Tamara and Sylvio Cerne. He is vitally concerned with the art of communication. So much so . . . that he says: "In the beginning was the word . . . then came sentences and paragraphs. English is well equipped to act as a vehicle of sane Canadianism while, at the same time promoting the international feeling that is so necessary today. The writer should be (and feel himself to be) an alert member of the English speaking peoples, and he should both draw from, and contribute to the tradition of English writing. In this way, both he, and it, will be enriched and extended."

Mr. Michael John Youle-White was born in Frome, Somerset, and educated at Frome Grammar School and Leeds University in England. He possesses the Oxford School Certificate, the Bristol Higher School certificate and his B.A. with first class English from Leeds. He also has his post-graduate certificate in Education of the University of Leeds. Since coming to Canada in 1955, he has pursued various courses at Carleton University and obtained his Ontario High School Specialist Certificate in 1959. His teaching experience includes posts at Kerrobert, Saskatchewan; Colborne High School and three years at Glebe Collegiate Institute in Ottawa. His present position is that of head of the English department, Thornhill Secondary School.

His lecturing experience has been considerable. He was formerly lecturer in Art History to the Bradford Division of the Leeds W.E.A. He was special lecturer at the Norman MacKenzie Art Gallery, Regina, Sask., and is now part-time lecturer in History and Appreciation of Art at the Ronald Satok School of Fine Art.

Mr. Youle-White's interest in writing was due to the personal encouragement of the late Lord Wavell, son of the Field-Marshal, and also to the friendship of Bonamy Dobree and George Wilson Knight, plus the acquaintance of a host of other writers from the late Sir Beerbohm Tree up to Sir Maurice Bowra, John-Heath Stubbs, Maurice de Sausmauz, Arnold Hauser, Sultan Mohammed Want, etc., plus the beneficial influence of his frequent visits to Wadham College.

Mr. Youle-White said that his major writing areas were quite diversified. They include art-historical writing and art criticism (especially painting and sculpture); literary criticism (favorite periods are the 17th and 19th centuries); educational philosophy; amateur-psycho-analyses; essays and belles-lettres. "I chose these particular areas only because I am interested in them and because they are important to me because I believe they help to contribute to that rich background of learning and culture that every teacher should have in order to further enrich the lives of his students," said Mr. Youle-White. "I also write about the paintings in my collection and am an inveterate writer of letters to the editors of the London Times and the Toronto Globe and Mail," he added.

Many of his published books on the market can be found at Coles. They are: A Commentary on Hemingway's Old Man And The Sea; Notes to Shaw's Caesar and Cleopatra; Typical Examination Answers to Shakespeare's Macbeth; The Secret of Studying; Typical Examination Answers to Shakespeare's Hamlet. His other book is found at the English Exchange, and it is An Inquiry Into The Symbolism of the Old Man And The Sea. Mr. Youle-White's present project is "Democracy In Canada" (an intelligent young person's guide to Canadian Institutions and Social Services.)

As regarding the art of writing, Mr. Youle-White said that it was not enough to want to write . . . it was necessary to write, write and write. Then you must care enough to polish, revise, scrutinize and even delete what one has written. One's waste paper basket should be kept full of discarded manuscripts and one's desk drawer full of rejection slips. "I hope that some of my students will take up writing for recreation as well as for examination. Words are important, you see, because they enable communication to take place," he emphasized.

Mr. Youle-White is rather an exception as far as rejection slips are concerned. He has never had one. Publishers have always commissioned his books from him.

Mr. Youle-White collects Airola paintings, Satok drawings and prints and also modern first editions. And as he finally concludes: "My interests have to do with the past . . . the future . . . and communication."

WEATHER LORE FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

June, "the month of roses," is expected to provide calm weather, for that sets corn in tune, and "a dripping June brings all things in tune" . . . except perhaps the holiday makers. An ancient saying, current in the days of the old calendar, claimed that rain on the eighth of June foretold a wet harvest. By the calendar of today that would mean the eighteenth.

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Nature Notes

By Richmond Hill Naturalists

The club held numerous field trips this spring and found that this year's migration varied from previous records. The main cause was the extremely dry weather plus hot days very early in May. On May 1st, earlier than usual, there was a local wave of warblers. Two days later, when there should have been increased activity, the woods seemed comparatively quiet. It is thought that the birds continued their direct flight to their nesting grounds and did not stop for feeding in this vicinity. The nearby marshy areas were definitely not wet enough to attract the usual number of water and shore birds. One pond seemed ideal for two pair of mallards. On the 19th one mother was observed feeding her 8 ducklings in and out of the reeds and the second one had ten to look after.

The trip to the Langley farm is always a much looked for event because of the variety of plants and ferns. This bog was very dry and as a result the Labrador tea was not blooming and the blueberry buds had dried up. The additional heat had produced hundreds more mosquitoes. When a group is not prepared for such a horde of pests it can be dampening to the enthusiasm!

A cook-out, a 'first' for the club, took place at 6:30 a.m. at the home of John Lunn on Wel-drick Ave. It is necessary to be out very early when birds are being banded. Otherwise there might be too many birds in the net and quickly. A little later when the inevitable lull had been broken by a few warblers, a yellow-bellied flycatcher and a least flycatcher were banded. It is very difficult to identify these two flycatchers in the field so we felt most fortunate to be able to make the comparison at close range. The Lunn's have banded 81 species since the first of the year. Of these, fifty had previously been banded. It makes the work intensely interesting to discover the Trall's flycatcher back nesting in the same area. Some others which were re-banded, after migration were 5 cat-birds, 4 yellow warblers, 1 brown thrasher, 2 Baltimore orowls, 2 kingfishers and seven sparrows.

Their yard has at least 20 nests, which are occupied. In the process of keeping nesting records the Lunn's have carefully watched a song sparrow's nest which contained 2 cowbird eggs and two song sparrow's. All four were reared and left the nest. Frequently the bigger, greedy cowbirds take most of the food and this leaves the smaller birds to starve.

Variation not only adds excitement but increases our knowledge. On May 27th the group was watching a crested flycatcher pop in and out of a nesting hole about thirty feet up in a maple tree. They were amazed to see a fluffy but tiny baby raccoon fall out of a hole, lower down, in the same tree. No one investigated too closely because mother coon kept sticking her head out of the hole, continually hissing and spitting.

The Cold Creek Conservation area, two sections west of Nobleton, is being officially opened around June 20th. The bog contains a typical northern bog area which is a paradise for wild-plant lovers. To assure the public that it will remain that way no one is allowed on a reservation and accompanied by a member of the staff. The club was fortunate to be one of the first to visit this swamp. The trail was still just a vague line which further gave us the impression that we might be in the midst of some northern wilderness. Several black spruce had never seen black spruce growing. It was no hardship to stay on the trail because, at most at one's feet, some of the more rare plants were blooming. The early coral root, yellow lady-slippers and a promise of showy lady-slippers blooming within two weeks, cranberry, twin-flowers, pecker plants, three-leaved false Solomon's seal and many others growing out of the very wet sphagnum moss. To make this beauty even more complete we could hear the winter wren singing its rollicking song and the oven bird and northern water thrush chattering frequently.

Second Thoughts . . .

by George Mayes

● Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.

CBC President J. Alphonse Ouimet forecasts global television by 1964 — enabling Canadians to watch the Olympics "live" from Japan . . . And likely, by that time, on a transistorized Japanese set.

Pickering Township councillors rejected a request to include Sunday dancing in a Sunday-sports bylaw. Dancing, they decided, is not a sport . . . And, let's face it — dancing, these days, is not even dancing.

A Hamilton conference of Young Alcoholics Anonymous was told that hundreds of Canadian teenagers are alcoholics but don't realize it because they think they're too young . . . Well at least they are well preserved.

The giant DeBeers group of South Africa has sent its top geologist to northern Ontario to hunt for diamonds. He is a man named Dr. Arnold Waters and obviously the giantism of the DeBeers group doesn't extend to mentality or they'd know that, in Canada, women are the best diamond hunters.

Mayor Phillips says Toronto is definitely not going to have a bar on top of its new City Hall . . . No promises of rye-in-the-sky, eh?

Women employees at the Oshawa plant of General Motors went on a short strike for the right to wear pedal-pushers to work. This "right" would be all right except that in some cases it looks like the pedals have pushed right back.

A garden fete being held by the York Central Hospital Auxiliary invites all branches of the auxiliary to contribute articles for sale in the home-baking and white elephant displays . . . (Please specify which.)

The Director of Ontario's Apprenticeship Training Program says he knows boys who spell "work" W-U-R-K. These are probably the ones who seem to know all the other four-letter words.

A new library in Port Credit was caught with its shelves down for its official opening when the trucker's strike held up delivery of its shelving and furniture . . . What a spot for pocket novels.

The Royal Canadian Legion's Halifax convention resolved to urge the government to train and equip our forces with the most modern and effective weapons "made in Canada by Canadians" . . . So all right — next time we'll fight them with hockey sticks.

From one of the Hollywood "news" columns: Jack Haly Jr. and Cindy Robbins are talking about ending their two-year romance with a marriage . . . Yep! That'll do it every time.

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