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A Popular Appointment

The appointment of Hon. Earl Rowe as Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario announced recently should prove very popular with the people of this province. Certainly it will be popular in Dufferin-Simcoe riding which he has represented in Parliament for thirty-eight years, and here in York North where he is well and favorably known. Hon. Earl Rowe has been a good neighbour and will make a good Lieutenant-Governor.

always been most cooperative and helpful. Another link with York North was his close association and long friendship with this riding's most colorful politician, the late Herb Lennox. Earl Rowe and the late Herb Lennox were close friends and seatmates at Ottawa in the days when Herb was making headlines with his famous red tie and red-banded hat.

A member of the House of Commons since 1925 Mr. Rowe is now the dean of the House, and he was for a short time a member of the Ontario Legislature and leader of his party in the province. Well known and respected in the business world he is perhaps best known as a farmer and internationally famous as a breeder of standard bred horses. Wherever harness racing is known in Canada the name of Earl Rowe is a household word and he enjoys to a remarkable degree the good-will, confidence and respect of the sporting fraternity.

The Richmond Hill Liberal is pleased to join with the Hon. Earl Rowe's many friends in York County in extending congratulations and best wishes. During his long and successful career Earl Rowe was a keen campaigner but a fair one, and he never hit below the belt. He is held in high regard by people who knew him in all political parties. To have retained the confidence and support of those who know him best in the constituency of Dufferin-Simcoe for thirty-eight years is in itself a great tribute and recommendation for the honour of appointment as Lieutenant-Governor.

As a Member of Parliament Earl Rowe has represented the riding of Dufferin-Simcoe which borders on the riding of York North at Bradford and he is well known throughout the County of York. Part of the famous Holland Marsh is in the riding of Dufferin-Simcoe and part in this riding and in problems concerning this area the Dufferin-Simcoe member has

We predict that Mr. Rowe will be one of the most popular of Ontario Lieutenant-Governors and the people of Ontario may rest assured that Her Majesty the Queen will have in her representative in this province one who is second to none in loyalty and devotion to the Crown.

Boards and Commissions

Local taxpayers will welcome council's decision to call a halt to the former practice of paying council members who serve on various town appointed public bodies.

Deputy-reeve Stanley Tinker tabled a motion at last week's meeting of council doing away with any such payments in 1963. In presenting his motion Mr. Tinker said it was not fair to expect citizens to serve without remuneration while council members are paid for serving on the same boards.

The practice of paying council members for this additional service was approved by last year's town council and came into effect on January 1, 1962. There are a total of five council appointed boards and commissions excluding the planning board. These include the industrial commission, recreation committee,

park board, library board and V.O.N. These boards are composed of citizens plus a member or two of council. Members of the town appointed planning board receive the same rate of pay as a councillor. That is \$16.00 per meeting.

A great number of public spirited citizens serve on these various bodies and it would hardly seem fair that while they serve without remuneration a member of council who is also a member of any such board is paid for his efforts. One standard of recognition should prevail for all public service.

Economy and efficiency of operation were important issues in the municipal election campaign. Our people are looking to the new administration to take some positive steps towards reducing the high cost of government.

Where Is The Profit ?

Doubling liquor taxes was urged recently by a veteran doctor and Member of Parliament to pay for the "trouble and disruption" caused by drinking.

are the biggest cause of death of the 16-25 age group.

Dr. P. B. Rynard, former medical health officer and present Federal Conservative member for Simcoe East, also recommended the return to our schools of the old-time twice-a-week "scare" classes on the evils of alcohol.

The majority of inmates of Canadian penitentiaries convicted of manslaughter, rape, murder and arson.

Addressing the sixth annual provincial youth conference on the alcohol problem, Dr. Rynard said drinking was responsible in some measure for:

Dr. Rynard said a survey of the cost of drinking in Massachusetts showed that for every dollar the state received in liquor revenue it paid out \$15 on the problems caused by it. "That applies pretty well across Canada," he added.

About one-quarter of all family and social agencies work.

His proposal to double taxes would increase the price of liquor and beer by nearly 60 per cent. Last year the federal and provincial governments received more than \$214 million in tax revenue from the more than \$371 million spent by Ontario residents on liquor.

Forty Plus

"Life begins at forty," the old saw, has become increasingly untrue during the past 15 years. Men and women over that age who have through one circumstance or another had to seek employment have found only discouragement and heartbreak. They have found that modern business places undue emphasis on youth.

They are using public service spots on radio and television. They have a speakers' bureau. They write letters to public figures. They feed the press with news items.

That these people, with many years of productive life ahead of them, trained, experienced, versatile, adaptable and capable, should find themselves "on the shelf" is one of the tragedies of our age.

With an average of 50 active members, having a monthly turnover of 25 to 30 per cent, this group reports ten times as many job opportunities as a year ago.

A volunteer organization dedicated to alleviating the suffering caused by this situation was formed in Boston in 1938, named "Forty Plus", and was so successful in selling business and industry on the advantages of mature experience that there are now 10 independent but co-operating associations in the U.S.A.

New members are accepted after they have been interviewed and their references checked. They must be experienced men whom the association can unqualifiedly recommend. Another help is that a man gets a new look at opportunity. Meeting with men from other fields, he sees a new picture of the work possibilities.

Men in the Los Angeles organization pride themselves that they are giving the program a new punch. They have stepped up its public re-

Many firms have fixed policies prohibiting the hiring of men over 40. Forty plus thinks this is a mistaken generality, that every man should be judged on an individual basis. Its member believe they are making steady, if slow, progress in persuading business and industry they are right.

Life In A Hospital

The nurses on padded feet
Are gliding from room to room;
Now spreading a little sunshine;
Now casting out some gloom;
It's temperature, pulses, tests,
A bath and a rub as you lie,
And the man in the room across the hall
Is certain he's going to die.

A white-robed interne comes,
And writes your name on a pad,
Your family history a long way back,
And all diseases you've had.
It's temperatures, pulses, meals,
It's pills and a shave each day,
And the man in the room across the hall
Is somewhat better today.

The clock is striking midnight,
And hushed is the traffic's din;
The nurse with flashlight makes her rounds,
And tucks the restless in.
It's temperatures, pulses, tests,
For the cure all doctors seek,
And the man in the room across the hall
Expects to go home next week.
— Robert D. Little

In Years Gone By

Items gleaned from files of "The Liberal", the home paper of this district since 1878.



Last week we recalled the official opening of Richmond Hill High School (the present municipal hall) in December 1897 and reprinted some of the remarks made at the opening ceremonies by William Harrison a distinguished early citizen and the second reeve of the municipality.

In a most interesting address reported fully in "The Liberal" issues early in 1898 Mr. Harrison reviewed the progress of education in this community. He told of the first log school built in 1810 and the first schoolmaster who was paid \$50 per annum. This is a far cry from the Richmond Hill of today with five public and two high schools and an annual salary bill considerably in excess of \$50.

William Harrison speaking in 1897 recalled that thirty years earlier in York County there was in existence what was known as the rate bill system. Few realize that less than a hundred years ago pupils in this district had to pay fees. Each pupil at the beginning of each month had to bring 25 cents to secure for himself a seat in any rural school. It meant few families could send all their children to school at once and many others could not afford school at all. A clause in the old rate school bill provided children of widows were exempt from the monthly fee.

At a school meeting in Richmond Hill in 1867 the citizens here were among the very first in the country to officially vote and pass a resolution in favor of free schools. In 1871 all schools in Ontario were declared free, and Richmond Hill school ratepayers had been among the first to formally demand this historic forward step.

Paying tribute to past graduates of the local high school Mr. Harrison mentioned in particular three distinguished Canadians. In his address he said "My mind goes back to three boys who with satchels on their backs used to climb the steps of Richmond Hill High school to secure their education. These boys continued to climb until today they are the widely known and respected Rev. Dr. Teefe, President of St. Michael's College, Toronto, Hon. Justice Falconbridge and Dr. Coulter, deputy postmaster-general for Canada."

They're never there when you want them! A last week reference to the Doukhobors' readiness to bear bombs wasn't particularly humorous — except that it would be a great place for a typographical error to happen.

A things-could-be-worse second thought for the residents of Maple: If you think the Superior Propane plant is giving you a rough time, just think what it could be like to have an Inferior Propane plant!

A survey by Canadian High News has found that 84% of the girls and 71% of the boys in high school are gum chewers. The surveyors cannot account for the difference. . . Well, if the boys are buying the gum for the girls, obviously 13% are committing bigamy.

Ex-Mayor Phillips says he was "only kidding" when he suggested that Toronto should give him a chauffeur-driven car. . . So give him a kiddie car!

Did you notice the picture in the Globe and Mail movie section of actor John Wayne leaping into a haystack? It was captioned: "Durable Duke" (as he is known) scorns the use of a stunt-man double. This was laudable and also laughable when you noticed the bottom of the picture. Maureen O'Hara was in the haystack.

Premier Lesage of Quebec wants a Royal Commission on bilingualism, "so the spirit of Confederation can be re-thought" . . . Or did he say, "re-fought"?

Now that Toronto's poets have won their fight to recite in the city's parks it will do away with the police-force pastime of bard watching.

The fashion news from New York says Christian Dior is featuring a "race track" skirt — may be because the style isn't expected to last furlong. Or would it have something to do with the action in the back stretch?

With the Sons of Freedom having reached Vancouver, the B.C. Government should acknowledge their lemming-like persistence and encourage them in their trek westward.

A parson in Teddington, England, is using pin-up pictures of leggy glamor girls on the cover of his parish magazine. He says: "I think it will help circulation." If he means raising blood pressures, it will!

The Music Box . . . By W. Ray Stephens

"Dancing in the Dark" is the name of a well known song but this week I am singing the old tune to different words. Writing in the dark. You might say it's also like playing a game of "blind man's bluff." Who reads it? (I know you do, but who else?). And why?

Why, is a real stopper. Once there was trouble in a travelling show and the manager after giving the cast a real pep talk, finished with the old conker "Remember folks, the show must go on." Someone said "Why?" and to this day that manager is still trying to figure out a good reason.

Take just recently for instance. The high school review for 1962 and all that. "The Liberal" gave us about a third of the editorial page in order to get everybody taking part in the show, and there were plenty to be sure. After that lengthy review I felt sure that the 1962 class would abandon their Year Boo' and use the article instead. Well — just a short while after I ran into one of the participating students who had gleaned a good share of the column and in a hinting sort of modest way I queried "And what did you think of the Music Box column in the last Liberal?" The reply was classic. "Ugh? Wot 'view?" The reason I wrote a high school review was because I had the impression that reading is expected at that level of education.

To the game of blind man's bluff let us add another blindfold sport where you are supposed to pin the tail on the important part of the donkey's anatomy. Better still, use me. Actually though, we have had wonderful response (thank you dear neighbours and relatives) and there has been a great deal of comment over such a column and it is heartening to realize that it is accepted so well. These however are the people who do not write to editors despite any controversy or pressure. I am also one, but recently I thought about it and picked several radio programs and followed up with a letter of appreciation. The replies from the several personalities was amazing. Now they know that they no longer talk to themselves.

But where are the younger musicians who could write to this column and pose a few good questions or problems. I thrive on problems, after all we get enough of them in life, so let's have a few. Maybe a beef about the dissonances in Beethoven's Fifth, Tchaikovsky's Sixth or the Third at Old Woodbine. The kids must be glutted with musical posers.

Parents already tell me their troubles with the 'musical' sons and daughters. One father says that he's worried because his teen age son is so taken up with becoming a professional drummer. He should be worried. Drum sets cost about \$300.00 Music can become a melody in youth.

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Could be. Well, next time you want to move on into a better world of modern music as many do, don't go out and buy an instrument without talking to someone. This field is full of 'rocking, twisting kids' who want to 'improve themselves' and end up with a \$350.00 or so electric outfit, namely guitar, which usually has no book of musical instruction but instead a handy do-it-yourself pamphlet on electrical wiring. Supposing you wanted to take up hockey, would you go out and buy a complete set of goals along with goal lights as well?

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out the music!" says Pop. Mom says "I wish you would join the band." Two weeks later "Don't blow that horn in this house again!" Dad feels the need of relaxation of a night so he outs and buys a \$1,200.00 home organ with every thing attached for easy instruction but no music. He can't play the thing but it sure looks good. There are so many ways of amusing yourself musically and without too great a cost. Most of the cost would be application. "I want to play some musical instrument but I'm so dumb." Sure you are but remember there are some pretty dumb musicians around so you're bound to find solace.

"We are putting Mable on the fiddle this year because little girls should be fiddling or something, don't you think?" I never forget the time when my brother and I came home from the first night with a boys' band and we both had sousaphones wrapped around our necks. We were so proud of our musical accomplishment that we paraded around the house until one of us forgot to duck and smashed the living room chandelier. When you're in music you are always in good company. There's Chopin, Brahms, Debussy, Bartok, Mancini, Cable, Anderson, Grofe, Gershwin, Sousa, Acker Bilk (?), Beethoven, Bach, Chopin (again?), Heath, Basie, Bent Fabric?, (Acker Bilk by the way did "Stranger on the Shore" and Bent Fabric introduced the classic concerto "Alley Cat" recently). Kenton, Archie Moore, and many other celebrities of the greatest of all arts-music. Write a letter and find out. If your problem is beyond me I can always refer you to Ann Landers or give you the stopper. Why?

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