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Retain One Year Term

Municipal nominations and elections still are several weeks away, but it never is too early to start giving thought and consideration to this important business of democratic government. Municipal business is the people's business and the responsibility of electing those who for the coming year will transact the public business of the municipality is an important one which should have the serious interest of every taxpayer.

It is charged that sometimes some elected representatives once in office treat public business as if it were their own. Fortunately this charge does not apply to our municipal councils in this area but the best guarantee that it will not happen is for all citizens to take an interest in their own public business.

Citizens of Richmond Hill are reminded that at an early meeting this year our municipal council decided to submit to the electors the question of a two year term. At the time we expressed surprise that a council so recently elected should be concerned so soon with a proposal for a two year term. Certainly we observed no public demand for a change. However as it now stands the taxpayers of Richmond Hill will have to register a "no" vote at the coming elections if they want to retain the right and privilege of annually having a say in their own public business.

Under our present system of annual elections the taxpayers once every year have the privilege of hearing the annual reports and passing judgement on those who have held public office. Many arguments will be advanced in favor of the two year term. One will be that in the interests of economy we should save the expense of an election. We suggest this is the last place to start in cut-

ting expenses and every taxpayer undoubtedly could make suggestions where some economies might be brought about without taking away the taxpayers' right of annual elections.

The cost of a municipal election is very small compared to the cost of a municipal council which is not the best available for the public service. In two minutes a municipal government could waste more money on an ill-advised venture than municipal elections would cost for the next ten years.

Other arguments will be that a two year term encourages long-range planning, that other municipalities are doing it, and that members of parliament are elected for terms of five years. There is little in these arguments to support the new proposal and we share the view that while the two year term may be considered by some council members as a nice cosy idea, it has little to commend it in the interests of the taxpayer.

A good council or a good council member can be elected by acclamation or re-elected if the people so desire and thus can be saved much of the expense of an election and there can be continuity of service and long term planning. There's no need to throw away the right of annual elections to obtain these objectives.

A one year term may be too short for a good council member. It is altogether too long for a poor council member. The taxpayer has little enough say now in his own public business. In annual elections he at least has the opportunity once a year of saying who is going to spend his money. Good municipal government will be best served by continuing the one year term.

No Help For Merchants

The long drawn-out struggle by the Yonge Street merchants to have the parking meters removed from the town's main street came to an abrupt end early last month when council again turned down the proposal. Repeated requests to both the 1963 and 1964 administrations to have the meters removed have fallen on deaf ears on every occasion, although the merchants did have the solid support of two members of the 1963 council.

The businessmen's first request was made to council in the early summer of 1963. This latest refusal had the support of not only the transportation and parking committee but also the police committee. Police Committee Chairman Walter

Scudds said the town police don't have enough men to properly supervise the Yonge Street area. On the other hand he claimed the meters tend to police themselves.

It is most unfortunate that council has seen fit to override the wishes of the vast majority of Yonge Street businessmen. Today's age of mobility dictates that shoppers must have plenty of free parking. If it's not available in one location, then there is the temptation to simply drive on and seek it elsewhere. Instead of helping the merchants in a high taxation area to meet its competition, council seems determined to make their task more difficult.

Dear Mr. Editor

BEVERLEY ACRES AND JARVIS STREET

Dear Mr. Editor:
I have had a severe traumatic experience and as I can't afford a psychiatrist I will write a letter to the editor as a form of therapy.
You see, it was my twenty-ninth birthday and I had a wonderful leisurely day. My daughter has three miles to walk to and from school each day this year because the dear Richmond Hill Public School Board doesn't believe there is any point in Beverley Acres children attending the closest school, so she isn't around too much any more. My husband sent me some beautiful roses and after I had arranged them I went around muttering, "Flowers! From Jim! He remembered! Of course he did, you haven't changed a bit!" Which is technically true. I always have been slightly un-glued.
I felt maybe a change would be good for me. Nobody can be just a wife and mother for ever.
Next day, I was trying to decide whether I would become a fence, a bootlegger or a pusher when one of my emotional neighbors burst in waving a newspaper. It was the Post! I read the offensive article twice. I was furious! I live in a two storey semi-detached house. Suppose someone thought I was the middle-aged landlady with the bawling, slightly-intoxicated tenants. My hairdresser could have blabbed, despite what the commercials say. Maybe someone can count and remember how many years I have been twenty-nine. Middle-aged! The shame of it!
So I phoned the police station. I wanted to have the address of the middle-aged landlady so I could send him some Vice Tanny advertising or at least a 5BX pamphlet. Things were a wee bit hectic at headquarters but I found out we

don't have a policeman with a crystal ball and they refused to give me the middle-aged landlady's name.
I had the queer notion that maybe he was breaking a law having tenants in a single family home so I was referred to the "proper authority". The "proper authority" couldn't help me either.
So I phoned the Bell and got the number of the Post. The gentleman in charge of inquiries about the police article wouldn't tell me what I wanted to know either and when I was brief enough to express my belief that Beverley Acres would never become a second Jarvis Street I was told that that was only my opinion. Actually my street is about 28 feet wide and I no longer intend to bother with a new career now, getting angry once in a while is diversion enough so I will go back to my bar, a Weed-X bar that is, and concentrate on dandies, not oracles and editors.

The middle-aged landlady does need help though. If he is breaking a by-law he should be made aware of it and be permitted to correct the situation.
Yours truly,
JUST A WIFE AND MOTHER

REPLIES TO "CONSTANT SPECTATOR"
Dear Mr. Editor:
In your issue of September 24, you published an article on minor ball, signed by a "Constant Spectator".
I am glad that "Constant" agrees that boys who sign up, should show up to all games and support their team. Did "Constant" ever think that a lot of coaches are tired of being looked upon as a "Baby Sitter"? That a lot of coaches play their best players for most of the game, for the simple reason that these players are

best because of their attendance at practices and games and desire to play and win? If "Constant" looked around at a game he would see that the "better" player who plays more of the game, is being supported by his parents and in a lot of cases his grandparents.
These boys are not foisted off on a coach twice a week, while their parents are busy elsewhere. Would "Constant" have a boy who showed for four league games and one practice, play as much of a game as the boy who never missed a league game or a practice? If he did he would be a poor and unfair coach, and would soon find that he was losing his good dependable players.
I like new ideas and suggestions, on how to improve the operation, and playing of games of the Richmond Hill Minor Ball Association, but they are better brought up at a meeting of this association, so everyone interested can pass upon the merits of these ideas. What applies to another sport is not always beneficial to another, and how anyone can compare softball to hockey is beyond me. The game of ball and the game of hockey are entirely different, played under different rules, and at a different time of year.
Many of the gentlemen who have done such a fine job for the baseball, have no connection with hockey. I personally get a bit tired of hearing "this is the way they do it in hockey" at a ball meeting. The minor ball has come a long way, and could go a lot further if "Constant Spectator", and people like him, who after reading his article seem to think he knows what the purpose of the minor ball is could sign himself "Constant Participant".
Yours truly,
R. H. DAVIS.



Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

The Student Minister In The Mission Field . . . Allan Aho

Allan Aho, 20 year old son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Aho, Thornhill, is now in his third year at Victoria College, U. of T., where he is taking the honours course. His ambition is to teach theology or one of its related subjects in a seminary or church college. His reason for entering the ministry is to satisfy a desire to spread the word of the Gospel and entering the ministry seemed the best possible answer to him. Allan is fond of reading, plays the piano, swims in the summer and skis in the winter.

Last May, Allan took the C.P.R. train out to Calgary and from there a special train to Vulcan in Central Alberta. He was met by the supervising pastor, Rev. Donald Sharpe who drove him out to Milo where his church was located. His complete charge includes the neighboring communities of Mayorville and Queenstown as well. He was pleasantly surprised to know that Mr. Sharpe knew Rev. Higgins who is the present minister of the Thornhill United Church and that he was also acquainted with Allan's principal at Victoria College. This all served to make him feel more at home.

Allan found his quarters at the back of the church building where he would attend to his own needs from May 15 to August 11. At first he had a few qualms as to whether he would be up to his task but he resolved to do his best in any case.

"It was all prairie land out there," said Allan, "no trees at all except for the trees that the farmers planted." He said that the people were mostly farmers who went in for raising beef cattle and wheat growing or else they were retired and lived in the villages.

Through the week Allan spent his mornings preparing his sermon of the week and selecting hymns. In the afternoons he spent much of his time visiting and getting acquainted with the people. He found them very friendly and easy to know.

"There were not too many church activities," said Allan, "no young people's group . . . only the ladies aid and the C.G.I.T."

While he was in Milo, Allan supervised the vacation Bible school. On Sunday, he held an hour long service from 11.30 to 12.30. Some of the sermons he prepared had such interesting titles as "Christ and Culture", "What Takes Place After Death", "Faith Healing", "One Man Plus God", "Can We Believe In Miracles". He taught the intermediate class in Sunday school. He did other things too like helping the C.G.I.T. to conduct the business meeting at the annual C.G.I.T. banquet. On one occasion he offered the prayer at the Lion's Club banquet and at another time attended a Rebekah Lodge memorial service.

He visited the Eden Valley Indian Reservation and helped to conduct a service for the Indians. An Indian interpreter was on hand to translate the English sermon into the Indian language. This reservation was the territory of the Stoney Indian tribe. At other times he assisted Mr. Sharpe in Vulcan. It was Mr. Sharpe's duty to help and advise the student minister.

It wasn't all work though for Allan had fun too. McGregor Park was close by and it had an artificial lake that was good for swimming and there was a miniature golf course. Sometimes he played ball with the local children.

He received many social invitations to the homes and had the opportunity of making several friends. There were of course frustrations like the time when Allan had to struggle with the car he was given to use. One time he got stuck miles from nowhere and another time a tire was stolen right from under his nose. So much of the time he rode a bicycle.

Allan's own personal philosophy follows along the lines of the reason he chose the ministry as his career.

"The most important thing in life," he said, "is to find out what God has in mind for one and to be able to fulfill it as much as possible, always asking for His help and resolving to do the best each day to make the world a little better."

Next year, Allan would like a little change, perhaps to go to a foreign country like France or Germany or join a project like "Operation Crossroads." And the year after that he would like to go back to a mission field again.

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Hunters Urged Use Guns With Care

This is the time of year when the blast of shot guns is heard in the marshes and uplands. The Ontario Safety League reminds duck and grouse hunters that shot guns were involved in nearly half the hunting accidents which occurred in Ontario during 1963. And well over half of these accidents happened because a gun was accidentally discharged.

It is suicidal to carry a loaded gun in an automobile, or a boat that is not anchored in a blind. A gun should never be left in a position where the movement of a boat or dog might cause it to fall down and discharge. Gun muzzles should be pointed away from other hunters at all times. Hunters should sit close enough together in a blind or boat that it would be impossible for them to

get into each other's line of fire. It is a good idea, both for good shooting and safety, to choose a captain or leader who is an experienced hunter, and plan your hunt ahead of time. In this way everyone is familiar with the hunting strategy and safety rules to be used. Grouse hunting brings other hazards; accidental discharge of guns from stumbling or triggers caught on brush, and fellow hunters getting into your line of fire as you swing on birds. Let your hunting be judged by the pleasure of being in the outdoors, not by the weight of your game bag. Remember, there's always another day, another year. The Ontario Safety League reminds you that one human life is not worth any amount of game.

Second Thoughts

BY GEORGE MAYES

● Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead

Justice Minister Guy Favreau has decreed that atheism shall not be a bar to Canadian citizenship . . . But a Canadian citizen is bound to find true atheism a bit of a bar to properly expressing his feelings about Canadian winters.

Four employees of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, who had been trapped underground at its Nevada testing site when an elevator cable broke, were supplied with a telephone and hot meals, and paid double and double-double time until they were brought out 80 hours later . . . forcibly, we would say.

It Takes One to Catch One . . .

Royal Canadian Navy frogmen have been detailed to make underwater patrols of the Royal yacht Britannia while it is in Quebec waters to protect it from bombs attached by (they should pardon the expression) frog-men.

The United Nations has voted to keep its peace-force in Cyprus for another three months—or, until Boxing Day. But Secretary-General U. Thant says the U.N. has a problem in not having the money to pay them and most of the troops are a little old for the Santa Claus bit.

TTC Chairman Ralph Day is urging all businesses in the Metro area to stagger their working hours to avoid transit congestion. This would play hob with a lot of individual systems involving a downtown bar and an uncongested, staggered homecoming.

North Vietnam has "demanded" that the United States withdraw its Seventh Fleet from the Gulf of Tonkin . . . Or?

The CBC is giving the World's Series TV precedence over the Queen on October 10. Her Majesty's visit to the Citadel in Quebec City will be videotaped for showing after the game. This is sound thinking. A lot of angry Frenchmen will be staying home to boo the Yankees instead of the British, thus increasing the chances that the tape will stay "live".

In Dorchester, N.B., last week, a prison guard was fatally stabbed by a prisoner during the evening recreation period. . . . Well, peoples' ideas of recreation do differ.

Canada's most marrying minister, the Rev. I. G. Perkins of Donlands United Church in Toronto, wants to stage the biggest mass wedding the world has ever seen. In the past 40 years he has married 3400 couples and he is inviting them all back for a gigantic remarriage ceremony with all the trimmings—music, flowers, and even another marriage certificate. . . . And our Second Thought receiver just blew all its tubes.

Flashback

In Years Gone By

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

The Upper Canada Gazette was the first newspaper published in Upper Canada, reported Henry Scadding, D.D., in his history, "Toronto of Old" published in the 1880's.

Its first number appeared at

Newark or Niagara on Thursday, April 18, 1793. As it was apparently expected to combine, with a record of the acts of the new government some account of events happening on the continent at large, it was made to bear the double title of Upper Canada Gazette, or American Oracle. Louis Roy was its first printer, a skilled artisan engaged probably from Lower Canada, where printing had been introduced about 30 years previously, some time after the English occupation of the country.

In the second volume (1794) of the Gazette and Oracle, Louis Roy's name disappeared. G. Tiffany became the printer. In 1798, it had assumed the quarto form and was dated "West Niagara", a name Newark was beginning to acquire. In 1800, the paper was issued at York weekly, from the office of William Waters and T. G. Simons. On May 17, that year, it was noted that "His Excellency Peter Hunter, Esq., Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the province arrived in our harbor on board the Toronto Thursday evening, and on Friday morning landed at the garrison, where he is to reside at present."

In 1801, J. Bennett became printer and publisher of the Gazette or Oracle and the printing office removed to "the house of H. Cameron, King Street". Subscriptions were received there and at the Toronto Coffee House, York. For six weeks in the spring of 1801 the paper appeared on blue paper usually seen only on government "blue-books" a sign of Dr. Scadding said that the stock of white paper had run

On June 13, the paper noted great rejoicing the previous Monday when news of the victory by Lord Nelson over the Danes in Copenhagen Roads on April 2, reached the frontier capital city. The great guns at the garrison were fired; at night there was a general illumination and bonfires blazed, it was recorded.

Dr. Scadding comments that "It would have been gratifying to posterity had the printers of the Gazette and Oracle endeavoured to furnish a connected record of 'the short and simple annals' of their own immediate neighborhood. But these unfortunately were deemed undeserving of much notice. Announcements of meetings, projects and subscriptions for particular purposes appear, with no following account of what was subsequently said, done and effected. When a local incident was mentioned, the detail was generally very meagre.

The first imposing-stone was preserved and was still in existence at the Canadian Institute, 58 Richmond Street East, Toronto, in 1893. It was a limestone slab about six inches thick and about two by five feet. Although in one place there was quite a depression, remains of a quarry fracture which had not been dressed out, the smoothly finished face provided ample room to accommodate a form of the old Gazette. (Ed. Note: Nowadays, imposing stones have a smooth metal surface, but up until the beginning of this century, smooth limestone or marble, often referred to as "blue-books" a sign of the manufacturer were used, hence the name "stone".)

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