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Sir Winston Churchill

The free world mourns the passing of the greatest living statesman of our time. Sir Winston Churchill is dead and thousands have paused to recall the thunder and lightning that had marked the career of one of history's giants.

For Winston Churchill it was an era of trial and turbulence in which all his life seemed preparation for one supreme test. In the early years of the century he was in the thick of every parliamentary battle, although not always on the same side as he switched allegiance between Tories and Liberals.

He was in disagreement with both, and with much of the western world, when in the Thirties he cried out from his political wilderness against the rise and menace of Hitler.

"I know that I can save my country and that nobody else can," said the elder Pitt during the shattering English defeats of 1756. Churchill, who resembled Pitt in many ways, expressed the same feeling at the solemn moment when he took over the conduct of the war in 1940.

"As I went to bed about 3 a.m.," he wrote, "I was conscious of a profound sense of relief. At last I had authority to give directions over the whole scene. I felt as if I were walking with destiny, and that all my life had been but a preparation for this hour and for this trial."

Churchill has left the world something that guides and inspires it as he did all of us who heard him during the war. It is hard to remember anybody in the long history of England — Burke, Pitt, Charles James Fox, Disraeli or Gladstone—who added humor and the amiable qualities of the human spirit to courage and prophecy, as Churchill did.

He understood the difference between what things are and what they ought to be and used humor to demonstrate the gap between fact and perfection. He was a big man in an age of littleness, and he had the talent, foresight and judgment to put it down on paper.

The epitaph for Churchill is that he transcended his own time and country. He remains a symbol of the triumphant human spirit, optimistic, youthful and joyful even when God was shaking creation.

Flashback In Years Gone By. Items gleaned from files of "The Liberal", the home paper of this district since 1878. On January 22, 1920, the editor of "The Liberal" commented that a great many people who did not lay in an extra supply of fuel were looking for the scalp of that weather-wise man who gave so many reasons to show we were to have an "open" winter.

High School Quiz

A federal government questionnaire recently asked 6,000 Canadian high school students what they knew about civil servants. Here are some of the answers. A civil servant draws between \$500 and \$175,000 a year. He's most commonly found stuck behind a desk.

Second Thoughts

BY GEORGE MAYES. Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.

Opposition leader John Diefenbaker says the Liberal Party is schizophrenic, which means a split personality. Ho-ho! Look who's talking!

Toronto's Medical Health Officer is opposed to city-run birth control information centres because, he says, pregnancy is not a disease.

Our feeling of cheer over the prime minister's announcement that the free-trade agreement will increase Canadian car exports is tempered slightly by the second thought that President Johnson is probably telling U.S. car workers it will increase THEIR exports.

The red and white maple leaf flag is to be officially flown for the first time on February 15 when, after "appropriate ceremonies", it will be hoisted over the Peace Tower.

OTTAWA (UP)—Four Royal Canadian Navy warships are being pulled out of service to be sold by Crown Assets Disposal Corp.

Defense Minister Paul Hellyer said yesterday it would be uneconomical to retain them in service.

CHATHAM, ENGLAND. (Reuters)—Sailors at the Royal Naval base have turned down their rum ration for pints of milk.

Britain's Labor Party is now operating on a slim majority of three seats. And Prime Minister Harold Wilson's big problem is seeing that they've never three seats in the men's room.

President Johnson was taken to a Washington hospital last weekend for treatment of what was described as a "common cold". This could be serious, because the reports didn't specify where it was common.

A specialist from the Toronto General Hospital informed last week's meeting of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons that complete starvation is easier than a diet.

"The Liberal" reports that a printing plant locating in the Hill prints magazines, telephone books and three million paper-back novels a year.

Canada's Own TV Bowl Game—Pumping station operators of Metro's water works department have radios going on hockey nights so they can anticipate the sudden demand for toilet-flushing water when the periods end.

OTTAWA REPORT by JOHN ADDISON M.P. 60,000 new jobs, \$250 million increase in production in Canada's auto industry over the next three years sounds breathtaking — but by the signing of the auto agreement by Prime Minister Pearson and President Johnson, a distinct possibility.

Reasons for such an agreement are obvious. First, that the Economic Council of Canada has warned us that 1,500,000 new jobs would have to be created by 1970 and second, to correct our historical imbalance of payments position with the United States.

As I said at the beginning, there are risks but inevitably without risks there is no progress. There is every chance, Canadian production will sky-rocket as a result of this automobile pact.

Understanding the workings of our government is a vital need today among all our people. In spite of the turmoil of headlines and exposes that occur daily, the quiet work of government welfare goes on reaching those who face extraordinary and emergency situations over which they have little or no control.

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Trustees' Pay Should Carry Penalty Clause

"To pay or not to pay school trustees" is the question of the day in this area.

Last year a provincial amendment to the School Administration Act, known as Bill 52, was passed permitting payment of a monthly honorarium to school trustees.

There is a division of opinion on the part of trustees as to whether such an honorarium should be paid, and as to what amount this honorarium should be.

A recommendation by the 1964 finance committee of Richmond Hill Public School Board was that trustees be paid \$20 per month and \$20 per meeting to a maximum of \$60 per month with no payment for committee meetings.

a tie and the chairman declared the motion lost. The matter was then referred back to the finance committee for further study.

Vaughan Township School Area Board, after discussing the matter thoroughly in open meeting, referred it to committee for further study.

Trustees in the Village of Markham, where the maximum monthly payment would be \$40, have decided against any payment.

Most ratepayers will have no quarrel with the payment of an honorarium to school trustees, both elementary and secondary.

A "good" trustee will always give full value for the money, will attend all meetings possible, and contribute his or her fair share to the work of the board.

Dear Mr. Editor

YONGE ST. AND MARKHAM RD. SCHOOL CROSSINGS

Dear Mr. Editor: Seemingly the school crossing is still going to remain at Yonge Street and Markham Road and the school children have still to walk this hazardous stretch of Yonge St. between Lorne Ave. and Markham Rd.

needs to be re-routed. Seemingly because the members of council do not have children attending McConaghy School and using this crossing, they are not showing the concern that should be shown for the children of this area.

TOM MURPHY, 46 Palmer Ave. (Continued On Page 12)

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