

CASTOR COMMENT

Small-town split

Our municipal planners are thinking of zoning the entire main street of Russell Village commercial. We think that is a bad idea.

We think Russell's traditional small-town split of businesses and residences into distinct areas should be preserved. Agreed, that could cause problems for new business wanting to locate in the village but we don't think that ways of doing this within the existing setup have been fully explored.

The main street of Embrun is zoned commercial its entire length. The result is businesses and residences jostled efficiently together. While Embrun's main street cannot be changed back, we feel that the intrinsic beauty of Russell's street is preferable. Once it begins to be changed the beauty will be lost.

Poll-itical persuasion

The House of Commons should undertake a serious study of the operations of the public opinion polls in Federal elections.

In the election just past the polls played a role in conditioning public opinion to the expectation of a Liberal majority government. Opinion surveys were issued several times during the course of the campaign, some commissioned by the parties, some independently, some commissioned by friends of the Liberal Party, like the Toronto Star. Nearly all of the polls predicted the Liberals would win by a smashing majority.

Win by a majority they did. Smashing it was not. The Gallup poll, for example, which regularly and faithfully came out in favour of the Liberals, their leader and their policies was out by as much as ten points on the final result. How could this be? And why did those of the media who subscribe to the Gallup poll treat its widely optimistic prognostications as Gospel? Playing the putative opinions of 1,100 individuals out of several million voters as though they were Holy Writ was, without any quibble whatsoever, a direct and positive pressure on the minds of voters, particularly those who like to be with the winners. It is something that Parliament should look into without delay.

Reason for Ryan

Claude Ryan, former editor of *Le Devoir* and leader of the Liberal Party in Quebec, is not a man to set the heather on fire. And yet, in the Quebec Assembly the other day he spoke in a way that should be studied by every person committed to the survival of Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

In quiet, moderate tones, almost conversationally, he spoke of his love for his native province and said he had no lessons in patriotism to learn from Rene Levesque and his adherents in the PQ party. He spoke of Canada and laid claim to the soil of Canada, the riches of Canada and the people of Canada. He said the attachment was more than historical, it was visceral, "part of our very nature."

He said Levesque's referendum would tear Quebec out of Canada, would dispossess French Canadians of their heritage, would lead to tortuous and troubled times, an adventure whose depth and magnitude no one could appreciate at this moment.

He called on Premier Levesque to revise the referendum question, to remove the lengthy preamble, to make the two parts simple and honest, with one question touching on the separation of Quebec from Canada and a second touching on an economic union.

Finally, he demanded that Levesque should be clear, honest, lucid and forthright in his approach to the referendum. There is little chance that Levesque will accede to that request. But Claude Ryan was all of those things in his speech in the legislature and for this, he deserves the thanks of all who believe in Canada.

Heritage committee now

Russell Township council is thinking of establishing heritage committees, one to represent Russell Village interests and one for Embrun.

Council is only thinking about it, mind you, but that's a good start. It's a sound idea, one that could help council obtain grants for the purchase and preservation of heritage properties.

Councillor Baird McNeill has reminded us that the wheels of government grind slowly and it may be some time before the idea becomes reality.

We would suggest that council act promptly this time. Let's get the committees going and put them to work identifying local historical structures and suggesting which ones should be acquired by the municipality.

The committees could also help council design heritage preservation bylaws to ensure that there's no further desecration of the area's pioneer character.

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Good families get it too

Earl Harrison is a good citizen. He comes of a good family. He lives in the house homesteaded by his grandfather many long years ago, on the highway between Russell and Metcalfe.

Just close your eyes and pray

You wish to have a love-filled life, And joy to swell your heart? You want to sense those special thrills,

But don't know where to start? I'll tell you how to get these things, And keep them through each day. The answer is so simple, Just close your eyes and pray.

And from on high, He'll hear that prayer

And cleanse you from within, He'll grant you each desire And He'll cast out all your sin. He'll give you love to fill your heart

And brighten up each day. It's such a simple recipe, Just close your eyes and pray.

Your life shall change, your friends will too,

When Jesus takes control And by His special mercy His love shall make you whole.

There is no secret, no defeat No pills to take each day.

To get and keep that love-filled life, Just close your eyes and pray.

Don't worry about things to come,

Don't dwell on things gone by Just set your thoughts on Jesus Christ

Who watches from on high. For Jesus' Love surrounds us all, His Peace is everywhere.

And joy and peace and deepest love, Shall all be found in prayer.

Nicol Mackie
Edwards

ago, on the highway between Russell and Metcalfe.

He is a good family man, with a wife and three boys. Tom, the oldest, gets good marks at Metcalfe High. David is the second boy. He was having trouble with his marks not long ago but in recent months there has been improvement.

David, as Earl says, is a good boy. He became involved with a bad bunch in Russell and, as a result found himself in court recently in Rockland. He pleaded guilty to breaking and entering and was remanded in custody for sentencing by Judge Patrick White.

This meant he was slated to spend two weeks in the dilapidated county jail at L'Orignal. On his first day in the prison he was set upon and beaten by fellow prisoners; and on the second day beaten again, this time more severely.

Earl is not happy with the turn taken by events. He says David is entitled to compensation.

Although examined by Dr. Frank Kinnaird shortly after the beating with no signs of permanent damage. Earl says this could come about at a later date.

"There is no guarantee that he won't suffer a recurrence later. The ringing in his ears didn't stop for two days. He got no medical attention, except on the second day, a nurse who suggested he rinse his swollen eyes with water."

David is now on suspended sentence and has returned to school.

Earl Harrison says he couldn't believe that this kind of brutal treatment could be meted out to a young prisoner, tied and helpless within 30 feet of a guard, without the guard being aware of something wrong.

"The other prisoner with

David, young Laframboise, could hear his groans and screams. How come the guard couldn't?"

Earl is happy that he went to the prison to see his son, otherwise, the beating wouldn't have been discovered.

"He didn't say anything the first time, when his mother went in. The prisoners were standing around, within feet of the visitors' area. When I sent in on Saturday, I saw that something was wrong."

"He knows the price now of getting involved in that kind of caper."

Correspondence

Editor, Castor Review;

For some time now we have been receiving the Castor Review. Sent to us as a gift subscription from my brother and family living in Ottawa, you are our Canadian media connection. Especially pleasing has been your position promoting national unity with the cry on your masthead ONE CANADA. We enjoy reading your news.

Recent events in the Middle East involving the rescue of the estranged Americans in Iran by Canadian embassy officials prompt us to write. Indeed the heroism displayed by your countrymen is something to rally around and take pride in. May it be a catalyst in bringing the growing population of your country closer together.

We would like to personalize the thanks already extended by our prominent American officials by just saying,

Thank you Canada,
Thank you Russell, Ontario
Thank you Castor Review!

Sincerely,
Will and Janice Arpaia
Woodbridge, Connecticut,
U.S.A.



Beaver Bob CV-Concocted Vanity

I have been told by experts on job hunting that one of the important things is the curriculum vitae.

This document, which contains a listing of a person's qualifications and activities is regarded as highly important by prospective employers.

For the benefit of those in a position where such information is useful, I put forth some helpful hints on how to put together a curriculum vitae that is tasteful, clear, complete without appearing boastful.

First, let us be clear about the meaning of the words. Curriculum vitae is Latin and means, literally, the story of one's life.

This is not exactly what prospective employers are looking for, since most of them are pressed for time. In essence, the CV, as it is known, simply summarizes a person's qualifications and the jobs he or she has held.

You begin at the beginning, with your name. Even though your name may not be romantic or glamorous, it is best to use your own, rather than cooking up some phony monicker, like John Dillinger, or Bruno Richard Hauptmann, that may raise an employer's eyebrows, or the hair off his head.

Even if your name is fairly commonplace, like Elmo Seltzer or Adam Plupph, it is still better to use it than make use of an alias, for example, Cecil Strangeways or Gloria de Haven.

There are ways, however, of dressing up commonplace names. Take Elmo Seltzer. This can be glamorized by the addition of a middle initial. Elmo T. Seltzer.

Note the difference, the air of command that is imparted by this simple device. Dishonest, you say? Not at all. A man who would stoop to such measures would never become President, you say? Stuff and nonsense. Harry Truman stuck an S. in the middle of his name, without the shadow of a right to put it there. When asked what it stood for, he merely said it was to fill up an empty space. We all know where he ended up.

Even more attention-getting is to place the initial first. T. Elmo Seltzer. Get the impact? I think it is better to stick to a simple cognomen. Single barrelled. Double-barrelled names tend — to terrify people. It is a bit like the two-gun men of the Old West. One gun should be enough for most people. Thus, a name like T. Elmo Seltzer-Soda is a bit much.

Leaving the name aside for the moment, let us move on to the meat of the CV. Generally, it is not necessary to detail one's education before the age of eight, the assumption being that up to that age, the course of education is pretty much the same for everyone.

I know people who are experts in making up CVs and generally, they put down every detail, no matter how trivial. Recently, I saw a CV running to about 14 pages of close type. It was a masterpiece, a chef d'oeuvre, a magnum opus. Not satisfied with including every course he had ever taken, including the ones he failed, this chap mentioned the music he had listened to, the television pro-

grams he watched and every book he had ever read or heard of. Under hobbies, he put down long walks in the country and ended up with a job of guard at the county jail.

Some people are not above adding a little imagination, creative art in the concoction of CVs. A friend of mine who is a master at this sort of thing, always gives himself a string of degrees from purely imaginary universities. He even included the University of the Punjab and was astounded to discover there was such a place.

If you are going to be creative, it is better to go the whole way. Do not do, as another friend did, who stated that he had walked half way up Fujiyama. It would have been better to go the whole way. If you are going to say that you have climbed mountains, mention a big one. They are better known. It is, for example, more impressive to put down that you have scaled Pike's Peak or the Matterhorn, or that you got as far as the 20,000-foot level of Mount Everest than to boast about scaling the Eardley Escarpment.

Sometimes it is useful in making a big impression to put yourself down as the author of little-known works, for example, a monograph on "The Giant Yellow Frogs of the Castor." Do not sneer, kind reader. Stranger things have happened. A British High Commissioner in Ottawa once won fame by writing a book about "The Birds of Brewery Creek". Brewery Creek for the uninitiated, is in Hull.