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FOOLISH QUESTION 1933-1936

At the last meeting of the town council there was a man who signified his desire to ask a question. None of the councillors seemed to know the gentleman. Perhaps the mayor knew him. Maybe the mayor saw him before. But to others he was a strange man, and so remains. Eventually he was given opportunity to ask his question. What he wanted to ask was why the councillors always opposed everything that the mayor brought forward. The question itself clinched the idea of him being a strange man—strange to the town, strange to municipal affairs. Granting that the question was not asked sarcastically, it argues that the man has not been long in town, does not follow council meetings, does not read the reports of council meetings, does not form his judgment on the facts. If there are enough men like him in town the mayor may be re-elected, but The Advance doubts the presence of so many strangers.

In reporting the incident last week The Advance noted the fact that all the councillors simply laughed. There are town employees also who would have laughed, had they not feared for their jobs. To those who have watched municipal matters in the past three years, the question was certainly absurd.

The mayor's advice to the gentleman asking the question was that he should take the matter up with each individual councillor. If that advice is followed the strange gentleman will certainly "get an earful"—indeed, six earfuls. If he could induce town employees to talk he would hear still more. He might be told plenty by those officials who appear to suffer from the fact that the mayor makes a practice of dropping around at twelve noon and five o'clock in the afternoon to discuss matters. No doubt if the homes where dinner and supper are delayed through the mayor's method could be prevailed upon to state their real views the questioner's ears would be full to overflowing and the mayor's ears would be red. However, town employees know the penalty likely to follow expressing any of their feelings, so the strange questioner is not likely to get anything there. About the only way he could achieve anything along that line would be to hire a private detective and send him out to threaten the loss of their jobs if they didn't tell something. And The Advance does not approve of anything like that.

If the strange questioner will go to each councillor, however, he should hear enough to make him feel that it was worth considerable to ask such a question.

The first councillor should tell the strange questioner the story of the old Scottish lady who was watching the troops go by. "Look! Look!" she exclaimed. "They're a' out of step but oor Jock!" It should then be carefully explained that the good old lady was mistaken—that it was Jock that was out of step, not the 999 others in the battalion. "When one man in 1000 seems to have a different step than the other 999, then the chances are all in favour of the one man being wrong." Let the first councillor tell the strange questioner this, and then quietly elucidate the point that if six councillors are always against the one mayor, there must be a reason, and the chances are all against the one mayor in the case. The municipal history of Timmins proves this. This year is the first year in the history of Timmins that the mayor could not get along with anybody. If the fault isn't the mayor's, it would be easier anyway to change the mayor rather than to change everybody else.

Another councillor might reply that he tried agreeing with the mayor on every occasion, until he felt just like an echo, but that there came a time when humanity rebelled, and even he had to get out of step with one to keep step with himself and others.

Other councillors might reply to the strange questioner by asking how it is possible to agree with anyone who cannot agree even with himself. Reference could be made to the case of the mayor working for the discharge of the fire chief, and then when he received some support, fighting tooth and nail the other way. The case of the hospital grant might be referred to. In that case there was vicious opposition to any such grant, yet some days ago the mayor was speaking over the radio in fulsome support of all he had before opposed. The waste of time, money, effort and goodwill through abortive attempts to collect more money than the law allows from the mining industry might also be quoted. Someone might mention the loss to the town through the frequent attempts to disorganize the police force. Another item would be the famous Central Public School-Town Hall Cocktail. But not to make a long catalogue of the matter it is fair to say that the mayor has the unfortunate habit of imagining trouble where there is none. He has nothing constructive to offer. He has a perverse penchant for creating ill-will and bitterness. The council no doubt recognizes regretfully how much time has been lost in opposing the mayor and his pet schemes. They see

how little has been accomplished because of all this. But in the interests of the town they saw no other course open to them. Indeed, if they had opposed the mayor on any and every occasion right from the start they would have been further ahead, and so would the town. The strange questioner may be assured of this—that even if the whole council were changed, there would be the same trouble. The past years prove this. It would be a more pertinent and helpful question to ask why the mayor cannot agree with the six councillors. It is hard to blame the councillors for "just laughing" when the question is put the other way.

GOOD POLICE WORK

On many occasions during the past in commenting on cases of the capture of criminals here or the breaking up of one form or another of lawlessness. The Advance has had opportunity to say:—"Good police work!" In breaking up attempts to form gangster rings here, the police have done excellent work. It is true that this good police work has won them enmity in high places, but police expect all this. In recent months, the local police have been subjected to all sorts of vilification. It has made their work much more difficult, but nevertheless they have made a brave attempt to carry on to the best of their ability. What is needed to make their work effective and completely successful is the proper measure of public support. Both police and public should recognize the true functions of the police. The best police work is not a matter of the number of convictions. It is rather a question of the enforcement of law and order and the full protection of all. The ideal police force would be the one that could maintain law and order without any arrests whatever. But such a desirable situation would require also an ideal public. It is easier to secure the ideal police force than the ideal public, though both are well worth striving for.

At the present moment the public should be specially interested in the local police because of the vision they are showing in the carrying out of their daily work. Some months ago, the local police formed a club or association that seemed to suggest special interest in their work. At first it was understood that the purpose of the Timmins Police Amateur Athletic Association was simply to foster good fellowship and understanding, health and efficiency among the members of the Timmins police force. That alone was a worthy cause fully warranting public approval and support. But, now, it develops that the T.P.A.A.A. had a deeper aim—one with wide vision, actuated by knowledge and purpose and seeking for the building of better citizenship. The secondary purpose of the T.P.A.A.A., it appears, is the promoting of midget teams for sports among the young lads of Timmins who are not already provided for. Various church, fraternal and community organizations have been looking after sports for boys and doing remarkably good work for better citizenship. But there are groups of boys who are untouched by the organizations referred to. These groups of lads, it may be said, are the ones that need attention and help the most. Some of the boys are the kind that have shown that they cannot be handled by the other organizations. There is reason to believe that the T.P.A.A.A. can do something for these lads, and set them in the right way. The very fact that they will know that the police are anxious that they should have a good chance for fun and health and sport should have a good effect on the boys. Then they will find in associating with the police that the members of the force are good fellows, happy, hardy, sturdy men, men they can truly respect. That will be another good thing. The plan appears on the surface to be likely to make a complete change in the attitude of some boys to the police, and it may also make a change for the better in the attitude of the public to the police. The public may not fully recognize the fact, but the truth is that Timmins has been fortunate all through the years in the type of men on its police forces, and never has it had a higher class of men in character and disposition than at the present. There is proof of this in the fact that the police are looking at their duties and at the town and its citizenship in so broad a spirit. Recently, there have been some good people who have feared that the police have been a "little hard on the youngsters". One youngster said not long ago:—"A kid can't get away with anything in this town." In so far as that boy's idea was correct, it argued true friendliness on the part of the police both for the boy and for the town. It is a genuine service to the boy—and to the town—when a lad is checked up before he becomes a confirmed lawbreaker. The less the boy is able "to get away with" at the start of life, the less he is liable to suffer from the force of the law in later days. The Advance has watched the attitude of the present police force to the boys, and finds it generally kindly, sympathetic and far-sighted. There have been some complaints from a few parents but there is need for little sympathy here, as in many cases the checking up of parents and forcing them to do their full share in caring for their boys is one of the best services the police can give to a town. It seems to The Advance that the police are showing a remarkably far-sighted policy in planning for sport and occupation for the boys and creating goodwill by evidencing such keen interest in the lads. It promises to have very helpful influence, and to make for better citizenship all round, and it is sincerely to be hoped that the malice of a few, or the indifference of many, will not be allowed to handicap the ambitious plans of the police in this particular. Every good citizen, every lover of the boys, should be

LOCALS

Miss Claudia Raymond is visiting relatives in Sturgeon Falls.

W. Lawrence, sign writer, was a business visitor to Toronto last week.

Dr. Ray Hughes was a visitor this week-end in Toronto and Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Hector J. Petrucci, of Montreal, were Timmins visitors last week.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Vachon, 97 Sixth avenue, on November 14th, at St. Mary's hospital—a daughter.

E. L. Stewart, of Hamilton, spent a few days in town last week, the guest of friends here.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. A. Stebbins, 84 Tamarack street, on November 13th—a son.

F. W. Schumacher, of Columbus, Ohio, is a visitor in town for a few days, looking after his numerous interests in the district.

Injuries sustained by Robert Russell when setting off a bomb at the cenotaph on Wednesday last have been found to be superficial. Although his face was cut with flying powder and gravel, there will be no further ill effects.

C.G.I.T. in Charge of Church Service

Girls Conduct Interesting Form of Service at United Church, with Their Own Choir

The Canadian Girls in Training took charge of the service last night at the Timmins United Church, having their own choir for the professional and recessional and singing an anthem during the service.

Miss Jean MacDonald, president of the local group, outlined the work of the C.G.I.T. for the coming year.

Dr. Margaret Patterson, of Toronto, formerly a medical missionary in India, and formerly magistrate in the family court, Toronto, addressed the girls, basing her remarks on C.G.I.T. She quoted "under the leadership of Jesus. It is my purpose to cherish health, speak truth, know God and serve others; and with His help to become the girl He would have me be." She quoted also from the guide for living, made from a normal training class.

Sunday evening concluded C.G.I.T. week, held all over Canada. Earlier in the week the department here attended the Family Party held at the church under the leadership of the Women's Missionary Society. The C.G.I.T. here comprises 60 girls in which there are six groups: Brownies, Mariners, Night-hawks, Kysmi, Akipa, and Smilers, all having their own leaders.

After last night's service, the girls entertained their mothers in the school room. The programme was provided by representatives from each group. The girls also presented their memorial service which they had given earlier in the week.

The C.G.I.T. made a donation toward the hospital in India in which Dr. Patterson is interested, the Ludhiana.

First Whist Drive and Dance by the Pipe Band

The first whist drive and dance for this season under the auspices of the Porcupine District Pipe Band, is to be held in the Hollinger hall on Friday, Nov. 20th. There will be good prizes, and all may be assured of the same sort of pleasant, happy time that has always characterized Pipe Band events. Last year the Pipe Band events were notable for their enjoyment and hospitality and they will be equally pleasing this season. Remember the date, the place, the event—Friday, Nov. 20th, Hollinger hall, the first whist drive and dance of the season by the Pipe Band.

wholeheartedly in support of the T.P.A.A.A. and its modern aspirations.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Sam McBride, mayor of Toronto, died Saturday. His death is mourned not only in Toronto but in many distant places. He was a distinctive character—"a bonnie fighter"—with a sharp tongue, perhaps, but a kindly heart. An interesting sidelight on Toronto's mayor for 1936 is given by the fact that last night all Toronto evening papers were sold out in Timmins. Each store asked the reason for the run on the newspapers replied:—"Must be the death of Mayor McBride. Nearly everybody seems to be interested in the news of his death." There were many people in town who knew the late mayor of Toronto personally, but the interest seemed to extend to all who had read of his many battles for what he believed to be right, and the many incidents in which he had shown his great-heartedness.

The North Bay Nugget comments on the fact that the Armistice Day services in that city were disturbed by the boisterous romping of children around the cenotaph. The same trouble has occurred in other places on similar occasions. The remedy seems to lie in the homes of the children. In other days children were taught respect for others and for sacred occasions. It would be well to remember and emphasize the fact that disturbances

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MISCELLANEOUS

WELL KNOWN CARD READER—Resides 151 Pine North, by the hospital. Convince yourselves. Daily 10 to 10 p.m. -87p-88

CHILDREN FOR ADOPTION—Good homes desired for children, boys and girls, Catholic and Protestant, ages 4 to 14 years. Any home desiring to adopt a youngster should have their clergyman write A. G. Carson, Supt. Children's Aid, Timmins, Ont 441f

SHARE THE ENJOYMENT WITH THE PIPE BAND ON FRIDAY EVENING—The Porcupine District Pipe Band open their Whist Drive and Dance season, in the Hollinger hall, on Friday first, November 20th. This is made possible through the courteous perpetual granting of the use of the hall by the Hollinger Mine Management. To all who enjoy a pleasant evening at whist, tea and dancing an earnest invitation is extended. Doors open at 7.45 p.m. Admission to Whist, tea and dancing 50 cents. Splendid prizes for the winning ladies and gentlemen, in whist game. Bring all your skillful playing friends with you! -88-89

First of the Legion Get-Together Events

Pleasant Occasion at Legion Here on Saturday Evening

The first of the winter series of Saturday evening "Get-Togethers" was held in the Legion hall on Saturday last. It was "Presidents Night" with Austin Neame in the chair. There was a fair attendance and all present enjoyed themselves in happy manner. An attractive programme had been prepared for the occasion through the efforts of Comrades Curtis and Nippers. The star attraction was the playing of Comrade Gino, on the piano-accordion. He showed a complete mastery of this popular instrument both in classic and semi-classic numbers. Insisted encores proved the pleasure to his listeners.

The newly-organized Legion orchestra rendered old-time war songs, marches and some of the latest dance tunes. These were well received. Other offerings on the evening's programme were—Wilson Thompson, Percy Harris, Ted Jones, W. Docton, W. Ashton, H. Scott and others. The laughing song by the "Captain" was a great hit. In all it was a very happy event and augurs well for the future evenings of similar nature to be held from time to time.

Sudbury Hydro Insures Against the Hold-up Men

There have been so many holdups in Sudbury district, according to the idea of the Sudbury Hydro Electric Commission that the latter body has thought it a good idea to take out burglary insurance on their daily collections at the Hydro office. Accordingly the other day a meeting of the commission authorized the payment of a \$3,000 commission fee for burglary insurance for three years.

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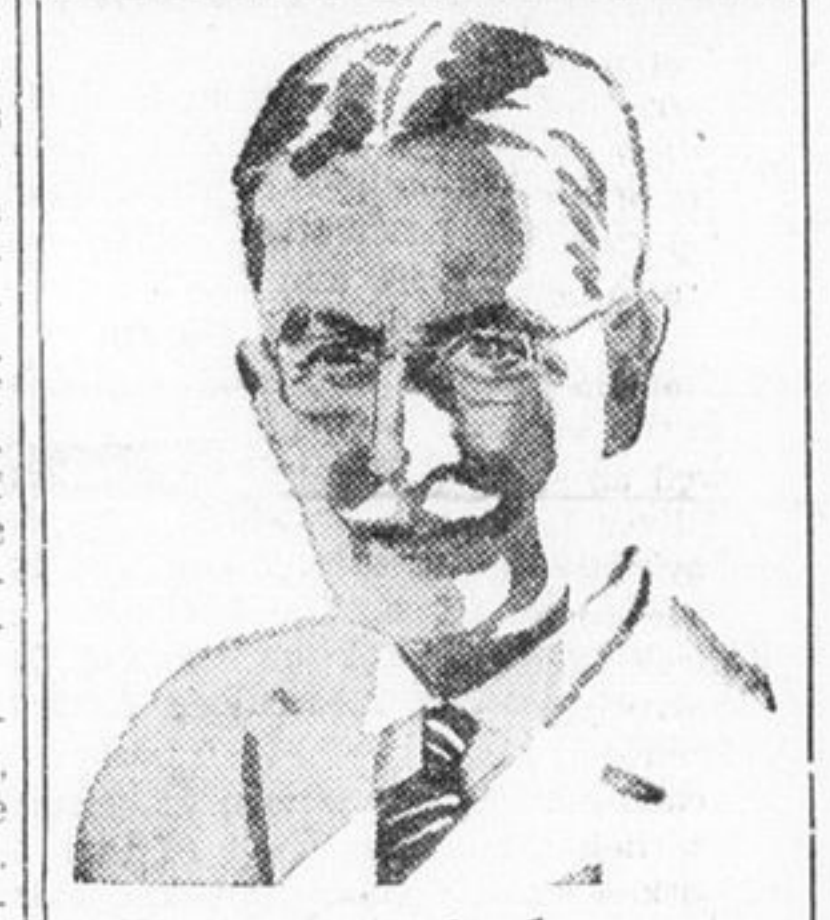
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CHRISTMAS WHIST DRIVE BY DAUGHTERS OF ENGLAND

There will be a whist drive in the Hollinger Recreation hall, on Monday, Nov. 30th, under the auspices of the Daughters of England. Attractive prizes will be given for the event. The Daughters of England have so many successes to their credit in similar events in the past that their assurance that the event on Nov. 30th will be one of the best yet is sufficient proof that all who like a pleasant evening should make special note of this event.

To Avoid Milk Shortage in Camp

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Gauthier, solicitor, explained this morning. The Producers' association has been holding meetings recently and finally decided on the two-cent increase. Distributors will meet this week to set their new scale. Cream will also be increased in price, it is expected. The Toronto price for milk is 12 cents a quart, but since feed is available in Southern Ontario at much lower prices, the new Timmins price is not believed to be out of line. Tom E. Cahill is president of the Producers' association and A. Belanger is secretary-treasurer. Toronto Telegram:—"Things are better. The box office lines are much longer than the bread lines."