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## EXAMINATIONS

At the recent teachers' convention in Timmins, Mr. Thornton Mustard, of Toronto Normal School, appeared to favour the abolition of examinations in schools. Many teachers and professional educationalists seem to agree with him. The present policy of the Dept. of Education of Ontario is evidently not in favour of examinations. All of this would be humorous, were it not for the serious side to the case for the people at large. The humorous aspect lies in the fact that while the professional educationalists appear to be striving to eliminate examinations or make them so easy that they cease to be real tests, at the same time the tests for those entering the teaching profession seem to be more and more difficult. In other words while decrying examinations for the world at large, the examinations for teachers are increased and made more stringent. The serious side to the matter is that business, the professions, industry and other walks in life that have to take the products of the schools are forced to accept the test-less students, while the teaching profession is protected by examinations and tests of all kinds. Pupils are educated to take their place in life, and surely business and industry have a right to the protection of tests and examinations that the teaching profession finds so absolutely necessary to guard its ranks. Probably the majority of teachers recognize the need for school examinations, but it would be well for the Dept. of Education officials to fully grasp the fact that the public in general sees the need for the same protection that the Dept. of Education feels is so imperative in the case of teachers.

Mr. Mustard was quoted as saying that he believed that the competitive angle should be removed from school work. That may sound like a high ideal, but in reality it is no more than impractical nonsense in this highly competitive world. Just the minute he leaves school for any sort of work, the pupil has to face tests, examinations, every day, every hour. The plea that some children become nervous at examinations and so do not do as well as they might, is no argument against examinations. On the contrary it is an indictment of the schools. The schools should teach children to face tests. Indeed, this should be one of the chief works of the school, for the pupil will have to stand up under tests the minute he leaves the schoolroom. It is idle to suggest that the world would be better if there were less competition. That is as may be. The fact remains that the world has to be accepted as it is. The modern schools do not pretend to be educating the children for any other world than this. It is the Sunday school that deals with preparation for another world. Anyway, this isn't such a bad old world, and it may be made much better if the pupils of the schools are taught high ideals and bravely equipped to face the tests of daily life.

## THERE IS ANOTHER ANGLE

The Ottawa Journal takes The Brockville Recorder and Times to task for some comment on the recent provincial election in the riding of Leeds. The Brockville Recorder and Times calls it "almost incredible folly" for the riding to elect a Conservative in place of the Liberal who formerly held the seat. "One can scarcely blame a government," says The Brockville Recorder and Times, "if it declines to extend favours to a part of the province which, in face of all that has been done in its behalf, deliberately rejects the government candidate. Leeds will certainly lose much that it might have gained. It may also lose part of that which it already possesses. Some of these days Leeds may come to its senses."

The Ottawa Journal feels that this is putting politics on a pretty low level. It sees in such an attitude only the suggestion that the voters are urged to show gratitude for favours of the past and a lively appreciation of gifts that are to come. "This," says The Journal, "is the theory that the spoils belong to the winners, that government is by the victors for the victors, that constituencies with opposition members need expect nothing but the privilege of paying taxes for happier and less foolish districts."

The Journal prefers the ideal state where voters follow their convictions, vote against the government if they so desire, and then the government, irrespective of the verdict of the people, gives out its favours as the needs may be and regardless of how the people may have voted.

In an editorial article The Journal's theory is much the more attractive to those who retain idealistic views on government and politics. "But The Journal should not be too severe in condemnation of The Brockville Recorder and Times in its presentation of the case. There is another angle to the case which The Journal apparently has overlooked. It should be granted that in any past favours given the riding of Leeds, the government acted only in the best interests of the people in general. If the government did not act properly, then, of course, the people of Leeds did right to vote against the government candidate. Even

if the riding benefitted from the favours given, as good citizens of the province, the people of Leeds should by their vote condemn the government if its favours to Leeds were not properly given to supply public needs. Surely that is taking a high enough stand to suit even The Ottawa Journal. But it is just there that the argument of The Recorder and Times has the strongest weight. If a government candidate is rejected, what else can a government think but that its policy is condemned? How can a constituency express approval or disapproval of the government attitude towards the riding except by its vote? Would it be fair to condemn the government if it held that the election of an opposition member in Leeds showed that the people of the riding were dissatisfied with the attitude and actions of the government? At the provincial election in 1934 The Advance pointed out that if Northern constituencies voted against the Henry government, that government, if returned, and any other government that might take its place, would have no other recourse than to believe that the North was not sufficiently in favour of the government's policy of road building and help to settlers to say so. Had the North endorsed the Henry government candidates at that time, the new government would have been impressed with the fact that no matter how many other constituencies were against the Conservative administration, the North at least favoured a policy of development in this country. When men like C. V. Gallagher and others in this North had succeeded in convincing the Hepburn government that full attention should be given to the North, and when in response to this the present government had inaugurated a new policy that promised development for this country—and when the good faith of the government was proved by the fact that the policy had actually been announced and work well under way, months before an election was considered—then The Advance again urged that if the people of the North wished to endorse such a policy they could only do so by their votes. The Advance doubts if this is "sordid" or "on a pretty low level." Instead, it seems to be the only practical way that democracy can be made effective in any material measure. Leeds County no doubt feels that it is the ideal location for certain public institutions, and that certain highways should be built within its borders. There seems no fair reason why it should condemn the government for attentions that are proclaimed as great needs and public benefits.

The Ottawa Journal is quite right in suggesting that the needs of a constituency should not be overlooked simply because it elects an opposition member. If a government adopted such a policy that would be good reason for all Ontario to vote against the administration. Few governments, however, have ever taken so low a view of administration. If Leeds has elected the right type of member, and if he has patience, tact and talent, it is not likely that the interests of the riding will be neglected. But the fact still remains as a practical truth that any government will need to be shown that the condemnation of its policies by the votes of the people of a riding does not mean what it seems to mean—a disapproval of the attitude of the government, especially in regard to the riding.

## BALLYHOO'S LAST GASP!

With the election over it was hoped that the last had been heard of the malicious political ballyhoo—at least for a time. But mischief-making dies hard! And so last week the ballyhoo artists—in a last gasp as it were—tried to create ill-will and annoyance by the story that after just being elected as member for this riding, Mr. C. V. Gallagher was about to resign so that a new member of the Hepburn administration might secure a seat in the Legislature. Of course, there was no word of truth in the report, but why expect that in the old ballyhoo. When C. V. Gallagher went to Toronto on personal business, the ballyhoo suggested that he had been called to the city to discuss his resignation. When Premier Hepburn paid a well-earned holiday visit to the Porcupine camp, the old ballyhoo insinuated that he was here to talk to Mr. Gallagher on the question. Ballyhoo can always twist things to its own ends until the people wake up and refuse to heed any of the silly ballyhoo. The recent election in this riding was not just an ordinary election. It was fought and won more on the personal qualities of the candidates than on the ordinary issues of an election. "The North needs Gallagher" had been the slogan, and it was no idle phrase. The people believed it, meant it. Never has a candidate in this riding received so large a measure of popular support from all classes, all creeds, all political beliefs, as Mr. Gallagher did. "The North wanted Gallagher." There were so many unusual conditions in the election—and all centred round the public service and genial personality of C. V. Gallagher—that the idea of his resignation threatened to be a greater disappointment to the people than even his defeat would have been. To lose it all after winning it all! No doubt it was to create just such a feeling that the ballyhoo busied itself once more. Also, perhaps, there was the idea that the reports would not be openly denied. The premier was alleged to have said that a seat would be opened in the North. Wouldn't it be a reflection on him if it were said there was no seat available here? A seat had to be opened somewhere, so why not here? So went the old ballyhoo! It did not affect the ballyhoo that the unusual situation here was fully recognized by the premier, the party, the member. It did not stop the ballyhoo to know that several seats, where other conditions prevail-



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Mr. Alf. Quensby was a recent visitor to New Liskeard.

Mrs. Robt. James is visiting her mother, Mrs. A. Pearson, Kirkland Lake.

Miss Margaret Morin left on Friday to spend a holiday in Toronto.

Miss Isabel Stack, of Iroquois Falls, is visiting friends in town.

F. Smith was a visitor to New Liskeard last week.

Miss Ella Wilson was the guest of friends at Latchford last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Vansickle, and Mr. and Mrs. Richards returned on Thursday from a holiday spent in Toronto.

Miss Marie Gillette, of Rouyn, was the guest of friends in Timmins last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shafter, of Montreal spent a few days in town last week.

Miss Beatrice Vanier, of Iroquois Falls, spent a few days in town last week visiting friends.

Mr. Gerry Foster returned last week from a visit to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Foster, Halleybury.

Mr. Edgar Thorpe is on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Thorpe, Beamsville, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Draper, of Toronto, were guests of friends in Timmins last week.

ed, had been offered for the new minister. "Why stick to facts, when people may be annoyed and irritated, and there is a chance of creating ill-will?" asked the ballyhoo artists.

Just to again squelch the ballyhoo, it should be stated that C. V. Gallagher declares flatly that he did not offer to resign his seat, was not asked to resign, was not approached in the matter in any way, did not consider it, and was not asked to consider it. Premier Hepburn emphatically denies the story—says the matter was never discussed, considered, or thought of. Surely this should be enough even for the ballyhoo artists! At least the incident should bring the people to give the right weight—which is none at all—to all the ballyhoo. Bye-bye, ballyhoo!

## GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

The Toronto Globe and Mail shows itself a true friend of the provincial government, of the Dept. of Highways, and of the public safety, when it urges that new 1938 automobile markers be issued. There appears to be a general agreement that the markers recently issued are not the best, that at any distance it is impossible to distinguish the numbers. At the present time when so earnest an effort is being made by the authorities to assure a greater measure of highway safety, it would be worse than foolish to take a chance on making enforcement of traffic laws less sure and certain. In this connection there is one point that has escaped much comment. Traffic officers and other law enforcement officers have freely admitted the difficulty of reading the new markers at any distance. What an opportunity this gives for bringing the enforcement of law into question. How can the law enforcement officers swear to the reliability of their reading of numbers that are admittedly impossible to decipher at any distance? The small expense entailed in the making of new markers would be fully justified.

Letters in the larger daily newspapers are al-

# WANT Ads

## FOR SALE

FOR SALE—4 floor registers size 12x14; also 2 wall registers 12x14, almost new, \$250 ea. Also large floor register for Hot Air Furnace, size 32x32; will sell for \$500. 1 Heater with 2 oil burners complete with stove—\$270. Apply Riverview Hotel, 2 Gillies St. S., phone 690W. —78 79

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## POSITION WANTED

WANTED—Finnish woman, good work-er, wants work of any kind. Apply at 63 Balsam Street, North, front or rear. —79p

## LOST

LOST—Gold watch on Saturday night between Timmins and Schumacher. Initials J.M.N. on case. Reward. Apply Box J.M., Advance office. —79

Mr. D. B. Curtis returned on Thursday from a brief visit to Toronto.

Many Timmins people attended the Golf Club dance in Iroquois Falls on Friday night.

Miss Geraldine Turcotte attended the Golf Club dance at Iroquois Falls on Friday evening.

Pat Andrews left this morning for Toronto on business and for a few days' holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Yuill announce the marriage of their daughter, Hester, to Mr. Ralph Jackson, son of Mr. C. C. and the late Mrs. Jackson, of Kingston, Ontario.

In the Campbell's Bay column of The Pembroke Observer last week the following personal item will be of local interest: "Mr. Frank Murtagh, who has been visiting friends and relatives here after many years' absence, left Monday to return to his home in Timmins."

Mr. H. C. Slade, Mr. G. Aceti and Mr. F. Bauman left Sunday to attend the Annual Convention of Regular Baptist Churches of Ontario and Quebec, being held this week at Jarvis St. Baptist Church, Toronto. Mrs. Aceti, Miss Ethel Slade and Mrs. C. A. Remus accompanied the delegates.

His many friends in town will regret that Mr. Chas. Pierce is ill at his home here. All will be pleased to know, however that this afternoon he is reported as making very pleasing progress to recovery though he will have to remain in bed for some time yet.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Luxton announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Georgina Adeline, to Mr. Stanley Hunter, Rouyn, Que., son of Mrs. J. Hunter and the late Mr. Hunter, of Peterborough, Ont. The wedding to take place in Timmins middle of November.

Sudbury Star:—Our idea of embarrassment is the fellow who sold his vote and then couldn't remember to which political party he had made the sale.

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By order of the Board,  
BALMER NEILLY,  
Treasurer  
Dated at Toronto, October 14, 1937.

## General Meeting of the Legion This Evening

The monthly general meeting of the Canadian Legion will be held in the Legion hall, tonight at 8:00 p.m. This being the second night of nominations and as there is a keen interest being shown this year in the coming election of officers for 1938, a large number of members should be present to take part in the discussions of general business.

## Pleasant Birthday Party Event on Friday Last Week

Miss Simone Larose, whose birthday was on Friday, October 15th, received many delightful surprises on that day. Mr. and Mrs. Miller, of the Parisian Millinery, who regard Miss Larose as their own daughter, had planned a surprise party in her honour on Friday, and they, as well as members of the staff and several friends presented her with many lovely gifts. The party went to the Goldfield's for a birthday lunch and a very happy time was had by all.

## PROPERTIES FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Modern, comfortable house for sale, with garage, at 179 Main street, South Porcupine, or phone 167 South Porcupine. —78

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TO RENT—Newly decorated two-room apartment down town in South Porcupine, suitable for light housekeeping. Apply 19 Railroad street, (Connaught Hill) South Porcupine. —79

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Dated the 14th day of October, 1937.  
I. McIVOR,  
Assistant-Treasurer.

## MISCELLANEOUS

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 4414

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## Clearing the Air During Stressful Election Days

(From Toronto Telegram)

It was once said by a famous statesman that no man in his platform appearances stood behind a desk and hid his feet from his audience would ever win the confidence of his hearers. Yet nowadays a multitude of candidates hide behind the "mike" in a broadcasting studio and hope to make a hit with their unseen audience.

Apart from the complaint of those who find station after station devoted to blab-blah during the spate of an election, there is a question whether freedom of the radio is an assistance to democracy in its choice of representatives. Frequently an orator says things over the radio that he would never be able to get away with in a public meeting. There is no opportunity of nailing the irresponsibilities of the little man whose voice is just as loud and travels just as far as those of responsible leaders. When there are a great many of these little men, it is impossible to refute each of them, and even if the attempt were made the fact remains that a lie travels a league while the truth is getting on its boots.

There is much to be said for the limitation of radio addresses to political contests in which parties confront each other. The proposal which is under consideration by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to adopt something like the plan followed in Great Britain has much to recommend it. If the leaders of all parties were allotted equal time to present their views, and the time limited to what these leaders agreed was adequate, the public would probably be content to do without the multitude of lesser speakers on the radio. These latter should be encouraged to get acquainted with those whose votes they seek by the traditional expedient of hiring a hall.

Blairmore Enterprise:—We came very near mentioning a fatality in our columns last week, but just happened to discover that the marriage had not yet taken place.