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CRITICIZING THE COUNCIL Criticism - - By the Voters

Criticizing a member of the Timmins town council, or, for that matter, a member of any elected body, is anybody's game. We have all done it in the past. So long as we have a democratic system of government, we shall all do it in the future. It is one of our prized privileges.

Like all privileges, it can be abused. It is often abused when we forget that no member of any elected body became such solely on his own vote. The members of the Timmins town council are in office because you, and a lot of other people in Timmins, put them there. Any criticism of the council becomes in effect a criticism of the electors.

For the average voter, the best time for criticism comes at election time. At that time the voter can look over the record and show his approval or disapproval of his representatives on his ballot.

Criticism - - By the Press

Writers in general, and newspaper editors in particular, differ from other voters. Perhaps you've noticed that. For, while such persons have only one vote apiece, they don't have to wait until election day to do their criticizing. They have a chance to type out some discouraging words almost every day of the year.

In fact if a newspaper editor is really anxious to serve his readers, he will make a sincere attempt to offer comment on all actions of elected bodies, as and when such actions occur. In this way he can point out what he considers mistakes as they happen. In this way his criticism may be of some value.

Criticism - - Of the Press

When, however, a newspaper editor sits placidly by and offers no criticism of the actions of elected bodies, it may be understood that he has no criticism to offer, and that such actions have his approval.

And when, after offering such approval, such an editor suddenly decides, near election time, to urge his readers to nominate an entirely new set of names for the town council, one is inclined to wonder what value can be attached to such delayed criticism and what interests (or whose interests) it serves.

Criticism which comes during a discussion may be of some use. When it is delayed until the discussion has ended, and until after action has been taken, it can not be of much help, nor can it be said to merit much attention.

THE COMMUNITY CENTRE BY-LAW

Taking a dose of our own medicine, it is noted that now is the time to comment upon the proposed by-law to purchase a site and erect a community centre in Timmins.

Perhaps the first thing to be mentioned in any discussion of a Timmins community centre is that a centre similar to that proposed already exists in the McIntyre Community Centre, about a mile or so away. Is this centre already serving Timmins, or is it too far away, too overcrowded? Does the McIntyre centre pay its way? Will a similar centre in Timmins pay for its maintenance and depreciation, or is the public willing to make up possible deficits from taxes? Is the price too high or too low. Are adequate facilities for bowling, skating, etc., available in any other way? Are there other forms of public works which are more urgently needed? Are materials, equipment and manpower available to build a community centre? If the community centre is built, will its cost prohibit expenditures on other projects which later may be judged equally necessary?

These are questions which property owners, the people who will be expected to pay the necessary \$500,000.00, should be prepared to answer when the by-law is voted upon in December. These are questions which every prospective member of the Timmins town council must be prepared to discuss, upon which press comment may serve a useful purpose.

While the cost of the community centre will be

spread over a period of years, it would be well to study the effect of such cost on the present mill-rate. Timmins, we believe, is growing, and will continue to grow. Among its growing pains will be the need for new sewers, sidewalks and roads. If we build a community centre, will we have the funds to finance such growth? Anyone who can answer such questions will be performing a much-needed public service.

TRULY EDUCATED - - OR DEAD?

On Friday, George Drew, premier of Ontario, received the degree of Doctor of Laws from the University of Toronto. What he had to say on that occasion was about as well said as anything that has come our way for some time. We believe that both Liberals and Conservatives will agree that the following extracts from Premier Drew's speech come as near the truth as any man may come:

"The inescapable truth is that victory has given us no real sense of security. Above the widespread clamour of domestic disputes and fratricidal strife looms the ominous spectre of that new and dreadful power with which the United Nations brought the war to such a sudden and dramatic end. People are asking each other in all earnestness whether the discovery of atomic energy may not lead inevitably to the destruction of our civilization.

"The answer to that question will not be found in statutory controls or in military counter-measures. President Roosevelt indicated, the only way in which the latest discoveries of material science can be made safe for humanity. The day before he died and still four months before the first atomic bomb at Hiroshima stunned the thoughts and conscience of all mankind, he wrote these words:

"Today we are faced with the pre-eminent fact that, if civilization is to survive, we must cultivate the science of human relationships — the ability of all peoples, of all kinds, to live together and work together in the same world, at peace."

"In that short statement one of our greatest political leaders of all time expressed a simple truth which is of paramount importance to everyone. The very survival of our civilization depends upon the extent to which the great seats of learning everywhere can foster and spread a general understanding of the science of human relationships. Education has now assumed new and very grave responsibilities. It must match material science with science of another kind.

"It is not enough however that man be taught merely to recognize the dangers we face and turn to the study of the science of human relationships. In that field of science they must achieve collective results of material science. To do that they must carry their study and understanding forward into the arena of practical politics where in the end the destiny of every nation is finally determined.

"If civilization is to survive, the greatest need throughout the world today is that our youth be taught the underlying principles of democratic government based upon true freedom, reasoned justice and good will.

"The question of whether man will destroy civilized society or benefit very greatly as a result of his discovery of the most carefully guarded secret of nature will depend very largely upon the energy and sense of urgency with which our great educational institutions tackle the job of teaching young men and women the science of human relationships.

"History marks each succeeding stage of the world's development by the most significant fact connected with that period. Thus we refer to the Glacial Age, the Neolithic Age, the Bronze Age, the Iron Age, the Steam Age, the Electric Age, the Air Age, and now we are told with profound misgivings that we have entered the Atomic Age.

"In each succeeding period civilization, with all its tribulations, has moved steadily upward. It will still do so if the next phase of human development can be called with truth the Age of reason.

"Aristotle was once asked how much educated men were superior to those who were uneducated. 'As much' said he, 'as the living are to the dead.'

"How true that is today but with what a new and terrible meaning! Either we educate ourselves, truly educate ourselves, or die. By great and prolonged scientific effort man has learned how to destroy human life on a scale and in a manner never dreamed of in the past. But man is also capable of rising to new and unimagined peaks of peaceful accomplishment if the same sustained and concentrated effort is applied to the science of human relationships.

"That is the urgent and compelling challenge to all who are devoting their lives to the cause of education. Upon this and similar institutions throughout the world rests, in a very large degree the fate of humanity."

plained in detail to the Club the aims of the guidance plan for youth. Statistics given by him of the number of school pupils who go on to higher learning were: of 100 public school pupils, 62 reach entrance to high school; 12 graduate, and 5 go on to University.

The whole object of the plan is to guide young people into the proper spheres in which they will live and work to the greatest of their capacity, the speaker stated.

The schools job is to find out, and

advise young people how to achieve success. A cumulative record of school work will assist to a great extent in deciding their aptitude for special lines of work.

Guests present were Mr. Bob McDonald, Mr. Charles Goodwood, and Mr. C. Napper. Two more Kiwanians will be initiated soon; Mr. 'Chick' Abramson, and Mr. Lloyd Hunkin.

A. H. Rogers Dies In London; Buried Here

Funeral services for the late Mr. A. H. Rogers of Timmins, who passed away at the Queen Alexandra Sanatorium in London, Ontario on Sunday, were held to-day at 4 p.m.

The deceased was born in Cornwall, England, 59 years ago and came to this country in 1913, taking up residence in Cobalt until the year 1922 when the family came to Timmins.

Surviving are Mrs. Emille Langford Rogers, widow of the deceased, Mrs. Simons and Alfred Rogers, son and daughter in England and Mrs. Alton and Miss Helen Rogers, daughters residing in Timmins.

Rev. W. M. Mustard conducted the service at the First United Church in Timmins.

NOTES TO YOU

Some people will collect almost anything, of course, but we think the award for weirdest collection of the week goes to an attractive young lady named Miss Pricilla Ayers, a student nurse.

Miss Ayers, when we met her, was selling tickets to a dance being held by the student nurses at the Pavilion on Friday night. And as a side-line, she was collecting excuses for not attending the dance.

Best excuse to date, she reports, is "My wife is working on the graveyard shift." Miss Ayers has not thought of the answer to that one, but she will—she's that kind of a young lady.

It is going to be a very good dance, in case you're interested. Part of the proceeds will be used to buy class rings. And if you don't think class rings are important then you haven't talked with any student nurses lately.

Bill Sutton of Schumacher, who evidently enjoys a good laugh as much as anyone, took us to the official opening of the Curling Club at the McIntyre, and managed to get us on the ice for our first experience in curling.

It was quite an experience. Despite Bill's expert coaching, few of our rocks landed on those red, white and blue circles. But several rocks gave the fellows on the neighbouring rinks something to think about. It seems we kept aiming at the wrong broom.

No one bawled us out, however, and we would point out that in this respect curling differs from bridge. We had a swell time and met a grand bunch of fellows; and if we were running the Curling Club there would be an opening night twice a week.

The height of something or other was reached last week, when the latest recruit for the Society for the Advancement of Clean Speech in Public Places At Least was joined by—of all people—a bus driver.

It seems a chap in the back of the bus was turning the air a particularly dirty shade of blue with his language, and the bus driver, a decent chap with troubles of his own, objected. The bad language continued. The driver continued to remonstrate. But nothing, it seemed, could get the curser out of his rut.

Thereupon the bus driver displayed the resourcefulness characteristic of all good northerners. He stopped the bus and proceeded to take steps. The steps were in the direction of the nearest police station, and the talkative chap was placed in the loving care of the constable on duty.

We like the story. We like the idea of the splendid service given the prospective climber. If ever we fall foul of the law—and it may happen any day now—we hope some bus driver will show us similar consideration, and drive us to the jail-house door.

Speaking of cursing, there seems to be a good deal of it around town recently. A number of otherwise normal lads seem to get the inclination to display a rather carelessly developed vocabulary, usually later on in the evening.

This of course, simply means a lot of extra work for the Magistrate's Court, and considerable distress all round.

We don't know the reason for this epidemic of bad language—not for sure, that is—but we suspect that it is simply that a lot of chaps have come out of the Service recently and are now making the most of the opportunity of saying exactly what they think

SOUTH PORCUPINE

Dies Following 7 Months' Illness

Marie Racicot, born in Sudbury, August 23rd, 1931, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Racicot, of Preston East Dome, died on Saturday in Porcupine General Hospital.

The little girl had been seriously ill for seven months, of a painful disease and death came to her as a merciful release from suffering.

When she was first taken ill she was attending the Dome school and was in Grade 7.

Sympathy is expressed by all in the family's sad bereavement.

On Monday at 9 a.m. Father LaSalle conducted High Mass in St. Joachim's Church before the interment in Tisdale cemetery.

pallbearers were her father Joseph Racicot, Frank Caterich, Emanuel Beauchamp, and Albert Duval.

Flowers were from "the family" (Pillow); Preston East Dome friends and neighbours, (wreath); Dome School (wreath); Mr. and Mrs. Marjane Beauchamp; Mrs. Margaret Beauchamp; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Richards; Mr. and Mrs. Gille Lesiere.

Masses were from Miss Marcella Lynch, Miss Iola Smith; Mr. and Mrs. John Beauchamp; and Mr. C. Brazzau.

SOUTH PORCUPINE

Reeve V. H. Evans Gives Address On Remembrance Day

"For the families of the world, Remembrance Day has a profound and personal meaning," Reeve V. H. Evans declared in a special service of remembrance held on Sunday, before the Township building in South Porcupine.

"First, 31 years ago and then again only six short years ago every home in the land was threatened," the Reeve continued. "Away from them marched the youths and the men a vital part of the family life."

"To those left behind they threw the torch that it might burn in every home. By its light the new generations could be taught the truths and principles which would make all of these sacrifices of the many conflicts worth while.

"In the new generation lay then as lies now, the hope of a new world. In the light of the great sacrifices made for us in both of these Great Wars, how have we measured up? They died for the best they knew. Have we failed to live for the best we knew. We have tried, in our humble way, to deal with the effects of these conflicts, at the same time carrying within our hearts conflicts of our own."

"We have reached into our purses and given of our time and energy. We have yet, however, to give the most priceless gifts of all.

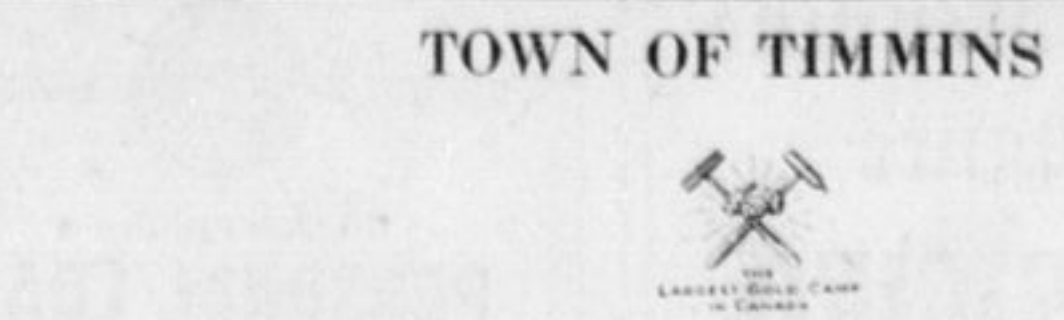
"In the course of their duties our men were firm, grim and resolute. They patrolled the sky, sea and land and kept us safe. What, however,

of their former sergeant. Can't say as we blame them.

We continue to read in various journals of ways in which atomic energy is released. We continue to know as little about it as before. We have yet to hear a better explanation than that offered in an English inn, some months ago:

"You simply takes an atom in one hand," advised our informant. "And you whacks it with a ray. . . the! pouff!"

TOWN OF TIMMINS



Clerk's Notice of First Posting of Voters' List

Voters' Lists, 1945, Municipality of Timmins

This is hereby given that I have complied with Section 8 of the Voters' Lists Act and that I have posted up at my office at Timmins, Ontario, on the 14th day of November, 1945, the list of all persons entitled to vote in the said Municipality at municipal elections and that such list remains there for inspection.

And I hereby call upon all voters to take immediate proceedings to have any errors or omissions corrected according to law, the last day of appeal being the 5th day of December, 1945

Dated at Timmins, Ontario, this 14th day of November, 1945
A. L. SHAW
Clerk.

SOUTH PORCUPINE

Cliff Cunningham Hurt Aboard Ship

Clifford Cunningham of South Porcupine, employed on the steamship 'Lethbridge' owned by the Canadian Steamship Co., suffered a badly sprained ankle when he slipped while descending a hatchway this week.

He was rushed to hospital by ambulance in Fort William where he is making satisfactory progress.

"If we are content to be self-indulgent or soft then we only increase the load which they have had to carry. If our families do not find peace in the home then we have broken faith. Our best contribution is a home built on the principles for which our Empire stands—honour, justice and faith in GOD.

"How are we measuring up to the challenges of the sacrifices of two generations of our young men and women. Our homes can meet this challenge but in order to be successful, we must be sincere and constantly alert. There is every hope for the future if we meet the challenge now.

"On this doubly significant day, let us be grateful to our dead. Nothing can replace them. Let us honour them as never before in building that for which they died. Their hopes will live as we live this day for the future, the Reeve concluded.

Prayers and short addresses were made by Rev. John Ford and Rev. R. J. Scott, and the "Last Post" was sounded by Bugler A. Walsh.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF TIMMINS

I, Arthur Llewellyn Shaw, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of a proposed by-law of the Corporation of the Town of Timmins, namely:

"TOWN OF TIMMINS BY-LAW NUMBER 897

BEING A BY-LAW to authorize the construction of a Community Centre in the Town of Timmins.

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to erect a Community Centre in the Town of Timmins at the expense of the Corporation at large upon a site to be determined.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED as a By-Law of the Corporation of the Town of Timmins as follows:

1. A Community Centre shall be constructed in the Town of Timmins at the expense of the Corporation at large.
2. The Council may by resolution determine the site upon which the same shall be erected and may take all necessary steps to acquire the same.
3. The Mayor and the Clerk of the Corporation may with the approval of the Council to be declared by resolution engage the services of a qualified architect who shall forthwith make such plans, profiles and specifications and furnish such information as may be necessary for the making of a contract for the execution of the work.
4. The whole cost of the work including the acquisition of the site shall not exceed \$500,000.00.
5. The work shall be carried on and executed under the superintendence and direction of the Engineer of the Corporation.
6. The Mayor and Clerk of the Corporation are hereby authorized to enter into a contract on behalf of the Corporation for the construction of the said work with some person, firm or corporation approved by the Council of the Corporation to be declared by resolution.
7. The Treasurer may (subject to the approval of the Council) agree with the Bank of the Corporation for temporary advances of money to meet the costs of the work pending the completion thereof.
8. The amount of the whole rateable property of the Corporation according to the last revised assessment roll was \$12,022,775.00.
9. The amount of the debenture debt of the Corporation is \$655,319.86 and no part of the principal or interest thereon is in arrears.
10. The special assessment shall be paid by twenty annual instalments and the debentures to be issued for the loan to be effected to pay for the cost of the work when completed shall bear interest at three per cent per annum or at such other rate as may be decided upon by the Council and shall be made payable as provided in the Municipal Act and amendments thereto.

If the assent of the electors is obtained to the said proposed by-law it will be taken into consideration by the Council after the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication.

The tenth day of December, 1945 at three o'clock in the afternoon at the Office of the Town of Timmins in the Municipal Building in Timmins has been appointed by the Council as the time and place for the appointment of persons to attend at the polling places and at the final summing up of the votes by the Clerk.

The votes will be taken at the annual election of members of the Council.
The date of the First publication of this notice is the tenth day of November, 1945.
A. L. SHAW, Clerk.

FOR SALE BY TENDER CROWN ASSETS

BUILDINGS AT KAM-KOTIA PORCUPINE MINES LTD., TIMMINS, ONTARIO.

WAR ASSETS CORPORATION will receive offers to purchase the Crown-owned buildings described below. The purchaser shall remove the buildings, fill in excavations and level any mounds that are left when the buildings have been removed, either by reason of such removal or from the original construction; leave the site in a neat and tidy condition and restore the land to the original contour, in a manner satisfactory to an authorized representative of the Corporation, as soon as possible.

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- Water System
- Boiler House
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- Ore Bin

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address to the Secretary, War Assets Corporation, 4095 St. Catherine Street West, Montreal 6, Quebec. Tenders will close at 12 o'clock noon, Eastern Standard Time.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1945
Tenders received after closing time cannot be considered. The highest, or any tender may not necessarily be accepted. Cheques or Bank Drafts will be returned to unsuccessful tenderers.

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