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Notes and Comments

The Hall Issue

On December ninth all ratepayers in Stouffville eligible to vote on money bylaws will be called upon to mark their ballot, yes or no, whether or not they are in favour of spending \$25,000 on a Community Hall, when the proper time comes to do such building, or in the meantime if a suitable building should come on the market.

If the vote is favourable, and if a hall is built, the cost will be spread over twenty years, and the annual debenture should not be burdensome. In fact it may not increase the tax rate at all, since some substantial payments now being made will be dropping off when the hall debentures would be starting.

Stouffville is definitely suffering from hall accommodation, and it would be a near tragedy if the ratepayers failed to give their consent to the project. There will be certain opposition, from those sources who oppose everything and anything that costs a bit of money. Strange, that people wrap themselves up in their own smugness. They have a bit of money and don't care a hang about other people. However, such individuals are few in number and will make no appreciable difference to the progress of the town, if the rank and file of the ratepayers get out and assert their influence. Almost every business man on Main street signed a petition for the vote, and it will be to their interest to do all they can to assure a successful decision.

Few Farm Bells Now

Time was when many a farm woodshed had a bell on the peak of the roof or an old rusty plowshare dangling from a projecting bar at the side. These were used to summon the farmer and his sons or the hired man to dinner and supper. Reminiscing on the passing of such bells the Fort William Times-Journal says:

"In the old days watches were rare among the farmers and wrist watches had not been built. The family time was kept by the tall old clock on the kitchen wall. The clock might be incorrect anywhere from minutes to half an hour but it served the purpose. Where there was a farm bell the housewife pulled the rope and made the bell clang lustily prior to taking up the meal.

"All farm homes did not have a bell. Some used a big horn which could be heard in remote fields and which served the purpose as well as a bell. Others again ran up a white flag on a tall pole which could be seen from all parts of a level farm.

In any case, whether it was by bell, by horn or by flag it did not take the men in the fields long to respond. There is nothing like work to sharpen the appetite. One may suspect that ears were tuned for the bell or horn long before the awaited signal was heard and eyes were trained on top of the flag-pole for the first sight of the fluttering white cloth."

Over 7 Million Circulation

Comes word from London that the News of the World, a weekly which deals in life's light and shadows, but mainly its shadows, has come to a circulation of more than seven million, largest circulation of any newspaper in the world's history.

Here's food for thought. People tell us continually that newspapers go in too much for triviality, that they would be liked better and read more widely if they stressed politics, literature, art, philosophy. We wonder what such complainants have to say to this repartee of the News of the World, with its seven million readers? For the News of the World isn't much concerned with politics, literature, art and philosophy. Lord Riddell (so created by Lloyd George) gave it its real start in life by noting shrewdly that it was, as somebody said, "sex o'clock," and that more people were more interested in what went on in the divorce courts than before the Privy Council. The News of the World became the organ of what the intellectuals called the "proletariat."

The fact is that there are vastly more people who want "entertainment" in their newspapers than there are those who demand serious reading prepared by thoughtful persons. And if most of our newspapers have played down crime and sex, and have spent great sums in bringing people world news that is important, it is not because of wide support from the public.—Ottawa Journal

Weapons

It has recently been decided by a Canadian court that robbery effected by the threat of using what appears to be, but actually is, not, a lethal weapon is not robbery under arms. This decision must either be reversed, or if that is impossible, which is probably the case, the law must be changed. To a citizen faced with what appears to be a large and effective military revolver, and told that if he does not hand over the content of the till he will be shot, it makes no difference whatever that the implement may be a clever imitation. The only way he can find out whether it is or not is by allowing himself to be shot, and if it is not an imitation he will then be too dead to care.

The shops frequented by small boys are full of the most accurate imitations of large German pistols and revolvers which anybody can buy for a dollar or so. If a hold-up man can use one of these to threaten his victim, and then when caught get the charge against him reduced to ordinary robbery by showing that the implement could not be fired, we shall have a very dangerous epidemic of this sort of crime.

The real difference between robbery with and robbery without arms is not in the ability of the criminal to kill or maim; it is in his ability to make the victim believe he can kill or maim. It seems to us that any action calculated to give an ordinary reasonable person the impression that the criminal is armed should be sufficient to establish a more serious charge than that of mere robbery.

—Toronto Saturday Night

OUR CAPITAL CORRESPONDENT

Written exclusively for The Stouffville Tribune by M. L. Schwartz.

Before the Canadian Parliament will open again probably towards the end of January in 1947, several new members will be ready to take their seats in the House of Commons and so far these by-elections have produced opponents of the Governments rather than supporters, this being true of the results in Pontiac, Parkdale and Portage la Prairie. Now, the political fences are expected to be strengthened in the latest by-election in Richelieu-Vercheres where the death of the late Hon. P.J.A. Cardin has created a contest. Quickly, the Government acted to call this contest and it is believed in Ottawa that the supporters of the Government are practically certain that it will bring back another Liberal. It is emphasized that the late member, a powerful leader in the Liberal Party, had been elected there again and again during his 35 years in Parliament. Moreover, in face of the strength of Premier Duplessis' Union Nationale Party in the provincial field, this constituency, divided into two provincial seats, has returned two Liberal supporters in the Legislative Assembly at Quebec. In other words, it is believed in Ottawa that the Richelieu-Vercheres by-election on Dec. 25 will result in a victory for the supporters of the King Government in Quebec probably by an overwhelming majority and this is expected to counteract the effects somewhat of the three reverses suffered in Pontiac, Parkdale and Portage la Prairie.

With high ranking officials present, including members of the Federal Cabinet, a demonstration of "things to come" was given in this capital when a Sikorsky helicopter was put through various tests. "The helicopter is definitely here to stay," said Igor Sikorsky, world famous aeronautical engineer to a meeting here. "It has proved its peculiar and extremely advantageous characteristics in vast number of engineering tests as well as in great number of useful missions, particularly in successful rescue work."

When the regulations allowing Canadians to visit across the border in United States for six months without passports are applied, these will affect the travels of naturalized as well as native-born Canadians. This has been made clear in Ottawa. No passport would be necessary but proper identification may be required, such as birth certificate, baptismal certificate, or any other suitable identification.

"Democracy on any other than Christian principle is dangerous," said in the capital Rev. Dr. C. J. L. Bates, president of University of West Japan from 1920 to 1940, when addressing a meeting. "The market is an enormous state of chaos and will remain that way until controls are off," declared in Ottawa Roger G. Dennison of New York, planning expert. "We know that controls are on their way out and it is a healthy sign we are getting back to earth." "Farm labor would continue to be scarce owing to so many of this type of labor entering industrial plants attracted by better wages and security," remarked here George V. Haythorne, Assistant Director of Agriculture, Forests, Fisheries, Department of Labor. "Radio has done more for the unity of Canada than we know," commented in Ottawa Claire Wallace, famous woman broadcaster whose programmes are heard daily across this country. "Canada should turn a sympathetic ear to India for there is 'big business' there for the Dominion—after all 400,000,000 people create quite a market," declared in Ottawa P. Kodanda Rao, Indian educationist, author and student, during the course of a visit. "We would like to see greater economic relations between Canada and China," Gen. Chang Chun, Governor of Szechuan Province, China, stated in this capital. "Labor must be treated as a partner, not a commodity to be bought as cheaply as possible," said Eugene Forsey, Director of Economic Research, Canadian Congress of Labor.

After the arrival of the first large group of Polish soldiers admitted to Canada under a special arrangement, another 1,300 in a second group are expected to reach these shores this month, with officials believing that 1,500 or more may be placed on Ontario farms, 900 or so in Alberta, and the others elsewhere throughout Canada. This continent looks "like another world" in contrast with Europe in so far as scarcity and plenty are concerned, emphasized in Ottawa Mrs. Jean Henshaw after her return from abroad where she was looking after displaced children in Germany. Hon. J. E. Read, Canadian representative at the International Court of Justice, told a gathering here that many important world questions have been settled peacefully in the International Court of Justice's history. The Canadian Minister of Trade and Commerce, Hon. James MacKinnon, was honored at a luncheon in Ottawa by the commercial representatives of numerous foreign countries stationed in this capital, including commercial attaches from the embassies of Brazil, Cuba, France, Greece, Russia, Sweden, Turkey, Poland, New Zealand, United States, United Kingdom, etc. High-ranking officers of the Canadian armed services inspected closely the famous RAF Lancaster, Aries, holder of several remarkable records, such as the Cairo-Capetown run, with this

Outlines Rules For Candidates In Town Elections

Who may contest office in the forthcoming municipal election in Markham, Whitchurch, Uxbridge, or Pickering Townships or in Stouffville? Does one have to own property? What technical points are involved? These are some of the questions being asked. Virtually anyone on the voters' list who is assessed for at least \$100 is entitled to stand for one of the municipal offices in the places mentioned.

Must Be 21
 He or she must be a British subject by birth or naturalization and have reached the full age of 21.
He must be a householder residing in town or be rated on the last revised assessment roll of the municipality for land held in his own right for an amount sufficient to entitle him to be entered on the voters' list, and reside in or within five miles of the municipality.
"Householder" means the person who occupies and is assessed as owner or tenant of a dwelling or apartment house or part of a dwelling or apartment house separately occupied as a dwelling.
 For example a tenant assessed for \$125 is entitled to contest office but another party may own a lot assessed for only \$275 and not be permitted to seek election.

Some Can't Run
 Among those not entitled to stand for office are judge, goaler, sheriff, deputy sheriff or bailiff, a chief constable assessment commissioner, tax collector, town treasurer or clerk, or any other officer, employee or servant of the corporation of the municipality, a member of a school board unless he has on or before the day of nomination filed his resignation with the secretary of the board; a tenant who at the time of nomination owes more than three months' rent upon the property in respect of which he qualifies.
 A person is not eligible to sit on Council or vote if he is an owner or tenant against the land in respect of which he qualifies there are at the time of the nomination any taxes of a preceding year or years overdue and unpaid.
 An interesting point is that a candidate in villages and townships needs only an assessment of \$100; in towns having a population not exceeding 3,000, it is \$200, and in cities, \$400.

More Hens on Farms

Compared with 1945, there were more hens and chickens on Canadian farms in 1946, but less turkeys, geese and ducks. According to the poultry bulletin of the June survey of live stock and poultry, poultry of all kinds numbered 89,849,300 as against 89,504,500 in 1945, an increase of 344,800 birds, or 0.4 per cent.

Hens and chickens showed an increase of 0.9 per cent, the 1946 number being 85,459,200 compared with 84,724,800 in 1945.

Turkeys decreased in number, the 1946 number being 3,037,800 against the 1945 number of 3,325,600. However, gains were recorded in four provinces—Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Alberta and British Columbia.

The number of geese declined by 4 per cent, the numbers being 615,700 compared with 641,200 on June 1 a year ago.
 Ducks decreased in number from 812,900 in 1945 to 736,600, only two provinces—Quebec and British Columbia—increasing the number of ducks as at June 1, 1946.

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Last Monday was a holiday in many towns throughout Ontario — Remembrance Day — they called it. Many of those who were enthusiastic for the day off, however, will recall the date as the time they put on the storm windows, or rooted out the last remaining vegetables from the garden—a day to remember all right.

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KENNEDY BACKS WALLIS ABOUT SALE OF COWS

If export of Ontario milch cows to the United States continues at the present rate, the dairy industry in the province will be dealt a severe blow, Agriculture Minister Kennedy of Ontario said last week in an interview. He commented on a report from Kitchener, that the

exodus of cattle across the border is causing concern in Waterloo County. In June, 1939, 345 milk cows were exported from Ontario, he said. Last, June exports totalled 4,415.

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