

# Editorial

## A Ballot Vote - A Council Guide

At the recent December elections in the Township of Pickering, ratepayers cast a majority ballot in favour of Sunday movies and Sunday sports. In spite of a negative return in the more rural areas of the municipality, the question of its passing wasn't even close.

In spite of this landslide affirmative opinion registered by the electorate, the deputy-reeve, Mrs. Jean McPherson elected to vote against the passing of both bylaws at a regular meeting of council last week. She explained that her opinion on the issue was still unchanged and she could not condone any program of this type.

Although we can readily appreciate anyone's personal feelings on such a debatable subject we feel, that by placing such questions before a ballot-vote of the people, the council is obligated to be guided by its re-

sults. We would suggest that on Dec. 9th, the matter was automatically taken out of the council's hands. This is only democracy in action. If the members would over-rule the decision of the electors, then the whole idea behind such a plan is of no avail. The council, as servants of the people, should serve the people. We could not help but assume, with some dismay, what might have happened if three other councillors had adopted a similar attitude to the deputy-reeve's stand, and both bylaws had been defeated. Wouldn't that have been a fine pot of potatoes? We could just visualize the municipal chambers crammed with irate ratepayers that would have made the anti-assessment gathering look like an afternoon sewing circle. The deputy-reeve may have the courage of her convictions, but in this particular issue, the wishes of the electorate should come first.

## Our Library Deserves Support

The annual report from the Stouffville Library Board indicates that the growth in hunger for books is continuing, a trend that despite TV and other interests, has been continuing for some years. The report indicates too, that greater changes will have to be made in the financing of these facilities in the future if we are to keep pace with this growing demand for the printed word.

Like school facilities, the need for good facilities in the field of reading are something that cannot be ignored. Most important is the need to provide the availability of good reading for our young people. What provisions there are in the way of grants from government sources for capital expansion of libraries we do not know, but this avenue should certainly be explored. As was pointed out in the recent inaugural meeting of the Library Board, the present building was erected through the Carnegie Foundation twenty-five years ago, and since then the population has trebled. This fact alone should be enough to cause town authorities to take a close look at library needs. Present facilities are

severely cramped and there is little land in the present site on which to build. If the present site is to be maintained it would appear that another storey on the building might be the only answer, if this is feasible on the present structure.

While increased population forms a factual reason for needing enlarged facilities, there is also the impact of the vast advancement from the technological development of the last decade. There is serious need for informative reading material that would permit individuals to "brush up" on their knowledge so that they can intelligently assess the world of today. We live in an age overloaded with conflicts which bring an increased tendency to seek guidance from good books.

Library grants have been increased in recent years, but they still fall short and cannot provide for the natural growth and better facilities we are entitled to expect from our Library operations.

The time has come when we must be prepared to award this institution the place it deserves so that it can fulfill the duties the public is demanding of it.

## The Finer Things Of Life

The oft-times callous and selfish interests that surround this work-a-day world was hit a solid jolt on the jaw right here in our own community, last week, when it was learned that a young Uxbridge man, presently employed in Stouffville, had willingly offered one of his kidneys in an effort to save the life of an older brother. For 22 year old Gene More, it was not any heroic gesture on his part. Rather than except any verbal compliments for his act, he appeared more inclined to pass it off as an occurrence that should be expected of one brother for another.

For this writer, there is much more to it than that. The decision sets an example in life that many of us would do well to emulate even on

a much smaller scale. The actual operation or the period of convalescence to follow, is not the important factor in this story. It's the unselfish willingness to give of one's own, in order that another might live, that sets such an admirable example in this case.

This act is something that we could well expect from this 22 year old young man. For those who have come to know him here in Stouffville, he is just that kind of person. The best-wishes of the community is extended to this family in their time of deep concern. One may be sure that with family ties welded so closely together, the success or failure of this venture can leave no room for regret.

## Putting The Best To The Test

On Friday night of this week, the Uxbridge "Black Hawks" will come to town for an exhibition benefit game with an aggregation of all-star hockey talent from the Stouffville Community League.

The Uxbridge club, last year's Provincial Intermediate "C" champions, have organized another fine team again this season and their home-town supporters are justly proud of their entry. Attendances of close to 1,000 people have not been uncommon, even during the regular schedule and the playoffs are yet to come.

In Friday's game, the spotlight of attention will be focussed on two

individual performers. Uxbridge has the top point-scorer in their lineup out of an entire 8-team league in Art Rennick (No. 4). The all-stars, in turn, will dress their top marksman in Matt Kinnari (No. 9).

Many faithful followers of the Community League's weekly activities have suggested any member of the all-star unit could hold his own in O.H.A. company. On Friday, two of the best in each class, Rennick and Kinnari will be put to the test. Of course if Rennick (No. 4) should fall below pre-game expectations, fans might be wise to watch Bob Cherry (No. 17), Wayne Redshaw (No. 16) or Fred Etcher (No. 12). Each has produced enviable records to date.

## Checking Under The Hood



There's a new movement, and a fairly strong one, afoot in Quebec these days. Its adherents, labeled "Separatists," are urging that La Belle Province secede from the rest of Canada and establish a separate French nation on the shores of the St. Lawrence.

I don't know the ins and outs of it, but personally I think it's a splendid idea. In fact, not only do I wish them well, but I hope the scheme becomes a trend that will sweep North America. It's the only thing that can break up the vast, meat blocks into which this continent is divided, and give us a hedge-podge of untidy, interesting little states, countries and principalities, such as the other continents boast.

As far as I can see, breaking Canada down from 10 huge, indigestible chunks of 40 or 50 juicy, indigestible morsels would solve most of our problems in a twinkling.

First of all, it might stop cultured Europeans and disgruntled homebrews from articles about the good, gray Canadians, those unimaginative, conservative, colorless people who live somewhere north of Detroit, nursing their inferiority complex. I get so sick of this slop I could cry.

We'd be able to enjoy such fascinating things as: revolutions and counter-revolutions; refugees fleeing across borders; students rioting in the streets; military juntas carrying out coups d'etat; sidewalk cafes riddled with spies; United Nations aid; abusing the Americans; and all the other finer things in life.

Another thing. Canadians probably travel more miles per year than anyone else, yet most of us have never been outside the country. What could be more boring than to climb on a train, ride it for the best part of a week, climb off, and still be in the same country? That's what happens now.

All this would be changed. With all our new countries and borders, a cross-country train trip would become a thrilling adventure. We'd need passports and visas. We'd have to pass border guards with tommy guns. Our travelling companions would be mysterious strangers — espionage agents, diplomats' mistresses, wild-eyed anarchists — instead of talkative elderly ladies going to visit their daughters, young mothers with damp whiny children, and exhausted middle-aged men heading for home after the hardware convention.

There'd be no more juvenile delinquency, as half a hundred new armies would provide an outlet for high-spirited youth. And a lot of dandy little wars would keep them on their toes. But there wouldn't be much fighting. Supposing the new monarchy of Prince Edward Island declared war on the new union known as the United Counties of the Ottawa Valley. They'd have to fight their way through the new nations of Pas-samoquoddy, Gaspé, Beaverbrook and Nova Laurentia to get at each other.

My plan would hush up those bores who continually agitate for a Canadian national anthem and a distinctive Canadian flag. They'd be too busy writing anthems and designing flags for such new nations as The Yukon Republic, The Peace River Principality, Western Northern Ontario and Prince Rupert's Land.

The smashing up of stodgy old Canada would also give us a chance to introduce some fine new social legislation that the present Federal Government refuses to consider. Surely some of our brave new nations would lead the way in such progressive social measures as: homes for unwed fathers; a free fix a day for dope addicts; handy-dandy divorce by vending machine.

There'd be a bit of confusion at first, of course, financially.

## REPORT FROM PARLIAMENT

By Michael Starr, M.P.  
Minister of Labour

Parliament approved the new and enlarged Municipal Winter Works Program at the end of the week and this meant that some \$40,000,000 was available for the Federal contribution to work undertaken by some 2,200 municipalities across Canada. Looking over the figures, I note that some \$180,000 has been expended as the Federal Government share for winter works in Oshawa and district since the program started in 1958.

Not a considerable sum, perhaps, in comparison with the amounts provided through Public Works for harbour improvement and dredging; but, nevertheless, significant in providing employment during wintertime for many of those who otherwise might not have had work.

I might say that when this item was passed this week, it also meant that some 100 municipalities, whose accounts were already in for this winter, could now get their money and be in a position to pay their bills.

On Monday, my colleague, the Honourable Minister of National Health and Welfare, introduced a resolution raising the Old Age Pension by \$10.00 a month.

This is now being debated in the House and will then be passed as a Bill and is expected to become law within the next two weeks.

This is a matter of considerable interest to more than a million old age pensioners across the country who would have to do without their beer when the baby bonus cheques failed to appear. This, however, could be solved by having the new governments distribute free beer once a month.

But the real beauty of the scheme is this. Do you realize that instead of being a big, fat, prosperous, peaceful country, we could suddenly become a whole mess of small, poor, struggling, aggressive countries? All we'd have to do is abolish the income tax, then sit back and scream for help, and the Yanks would rush in enough foreign aid to keep us in luxury.

## FOR PARENTS ONLY

by Nancy Cleaver

### VALENTINE GIFTS

Red, heart-shaped Valentines say, "I love you!" even without any words printed on them and no one is ever too old or too young for this expression of affection. February the 14th is supposed to belong especially to youthful sweethearts, but loving is an emotion which laughs at age categories.

In Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable we are told that St. Valentine was a priest who before he was even a Christian was imprisoned for succouring persecuted Christians. From his association with them he himself adopted the faith of his prisoners. Although by tradition he healed the blindness of his jailer's daughter, this precious gift of sight did not save him from martyrdom. It has long been believed that he was clubbed to death on Feb. 14, 269.

Valentine's Day comes when Winter in many lands is beginning to loosen its icy grip. It is a very ancient superstition, in warmer climates than ours, that birds chose their mates for the year on the date of Saint Valentine's death. Chaucer refers to this myth in "Parliament of Fowles", 309, and the Bard of Avon wrote in "Midsummer Night's Dream", "Good morrow friends! St. Valentine is past; begin these wood-birds but to couple now?"

In England this was a quaint old custom that on St. Valen-

tine's Day lots for lovers were drawn. The girl who was thus chosen by lot was the drawer's "valentine". She received a gift, frequently in the form of gloves, but sometimes a much more expensive present.

Parents all know that small children love to make and give presents. Cutting out valentines to give to friends and relatives is a very enjoyable and popular activity for the small fry. There are many inexpensive Valentine books complete with envelopes which are a boon to busy mothers.

But if you have time, why not buy a sheet of bright red construction paper or cardboard and encourage your child to make his own valentines? Equip your small son or daughter with this paper and with an outline of a heart, blunt scissors, paste, and old magazines with colored pictures. With just a little help from you outlining the heart with pencil on the cardboard and finding a suitable picture, your child will quickly be completely engrossed in his Valentine Production project. If there are duplicate snapshots of individuals in your family, a snap of a person instead of a picture from a magazine makes the valentine much more personal.

Encourage the scholar who has learned to block print to write a message on the Valentine and address the envelope. If a child finds he can use a skill he has learned at school, he is much more willing to concentrate and master his new lessons. If your child is good at penmanship, by all means have him write a little note to an elder relative or a friend out of town to tuck in the envelope with his valentine.

Composing poetry is a solitary occupation and if you are a budding writer in your family, encourage him to express his thoughts on paper. John Masfield once said, "Poetry is written to be read aloud." No adolescent would want other members of his family to see—much less to hear, the lines he has penned with so much effort. But after the evening meal on St. Valentine's Day, mother or dad might read aloud a favourite poem or two, which is suitable for the day.

Song and poetry will always best express the language of love. Robbie Burns, Scotland's immortal bard realized this and his love songs have never been surpassed in any language.

The florists have a slogan — "Say it with flowers," but no one knows if Burns gave his sweetheart a red rose before he penned those lines which could well be used on a home-made valentine (with a picture of a rose from an old seed-catalogue).

"O my love is like a red, red rose that's newly sprung in June; my love is like a melody that's sweetly played in tune."

Lovers are confident that their love is not only a "grand passion" but also an enduring one. Thus Burns' exclamation of his undying affection has become one of the well known verses for the Lover's Festival: "As fair art thou, my bonnie lass, so deep in love am I; and I will love thee still, my dear, till a' the seas gang dry."

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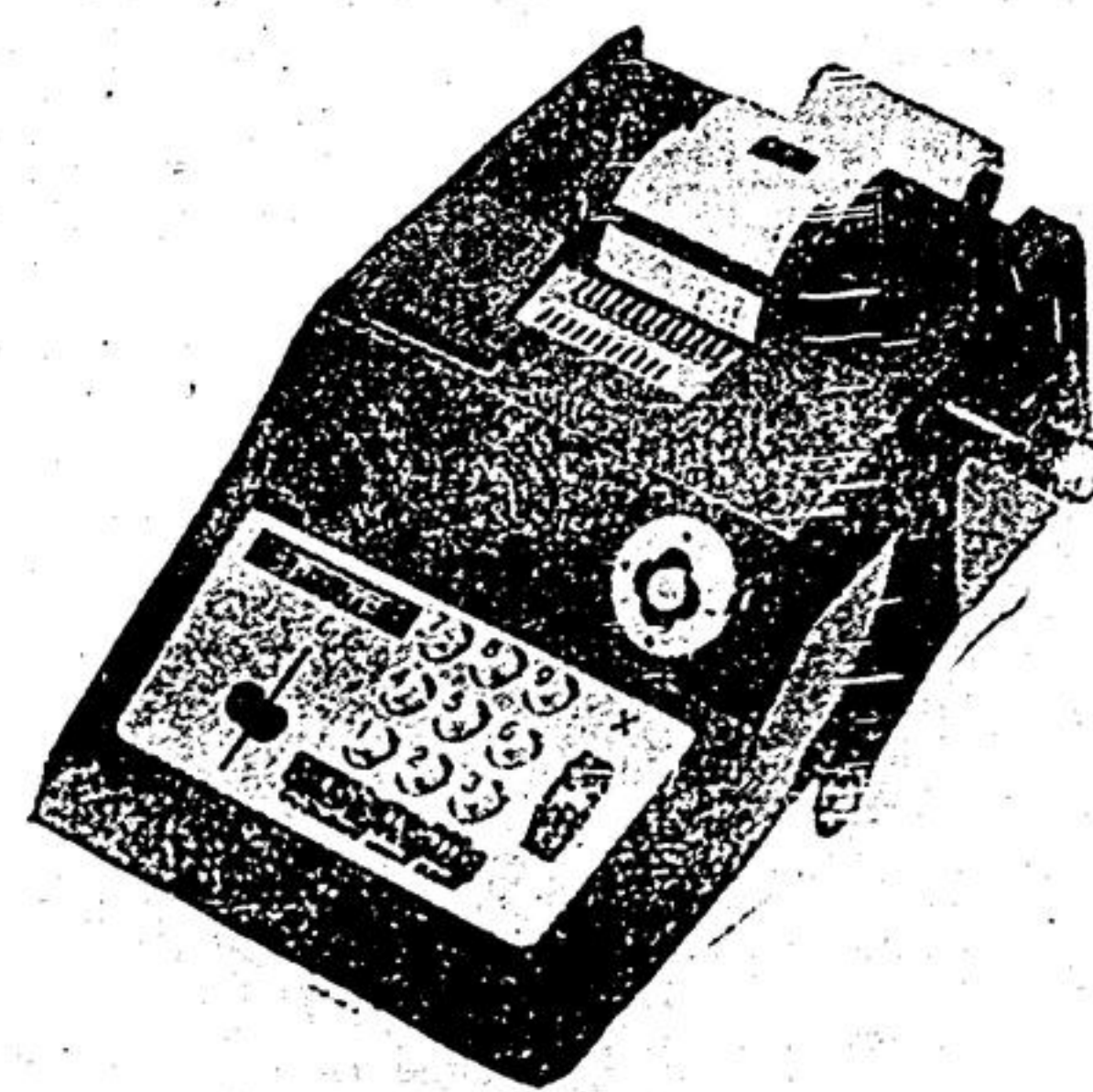
dence of a greater degree of co-operation on both sides, in order to keep the economy rolling in high gear.

This has been the key to success in Europe where management and labour have sat down together; to deal with such problems as automation, export markets, training and up-grading of workers and so on.

It is evident that these principles must be applied here and there and there are encouraging signs that management and labour are getting closer to gether in working out the machinery to deal with these problems.

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