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Those Petty "Officials"

By E. HOLWELL

Attacking the visiting public as "self appointed watch dogs"—and also suggesting that readers "would be well advised to read the older books on the library shelves" instead of continually asking for more new books—Mrs. F. M. Holliday demonstrated to all and sundry that she is not a fit person to represent the public's interest on our local Library Board.

Does she have something to hide that she would like to conduct Public Library business in secret?

This being my first appearance as an onlooker at a board meeting, I was both surprised and finally disgusted with what took place. From my observation I would say that "watch dogs" from the reading public are most certainly needed. It is too bad that the members of the Board are appointed and not elected.

Space does not permit a blow-by-blow description of the insulting, spiteful and vindictive remarks that were hurled across the table.

William Manning, one of our more solid citizens, chose this occasion to adopt the role of a high-minded school principal who thought that discipline should be administered to a couple of his pupils—in this case, another member of the board and our hard working librarian.

In his customary flowery and self-righteous platform type oratory he literally backed his bewildered looking victims into a corner. I had a vision of a beetle-browed public school Form Master of the Victorian era treating his wayward charges to

Do you know the members of your Township Council? Your School Board, your Planning Board? Do you know what they are doing or plan to do? How can you be affected as a taxpayer? When are their meetings and what goes on? What happens in committees library, parks and roads?

READ IT IN THE BULLETIN

Population Increase and Leadership

During the past several years the population of Whitby Township has grown steadily—but leadership in the form of council members—school board members—planning board members—and the assorted members who are appointed from time to time to function on the various local and township committees have not kept pace with the steady influx of new population.

a fierce tongue lashing for some minor infraction on school rules.

Able assisted by Mrs. F. M. Holliday, he subjected our librarian to the most grueling cross examination.

On what basis does Mr. Manning presume to set himself up as a prosecutor, mouthing suggestions of ugly rumors and dirty work at the cross-roads.

It seems that someone, several months ago, had the intelligence, courage and forethought to remove and destroy some filthy, dilapidated, milled and spider ridden "books" from the shelves of the old library. These "books" had occupied valuable space on the shelves since the year dot.

But to Mr. Manning and others the "books" were the valuable items.

For shame! That anyone could commit such a monstrous crime.

What Are The Facts?

In 1954 the township population was 2,900. Four years later—1958—the population had all but doubled this figure—5,400—an increase of 46 percent. It is estimated that our present population is well over 6,000.

The rate of increase is such that the new population now constitutes a majority!

What does this mean in terms of Township policy?

The minority cannot expect to continue as the sole arbiters—pursuing a policy which may have been satisfactory for a body of long established residents. The voice of the majority demands recognition—but the old timers who have had their fingers in the Township pie for so many years stubbornly refuse to recognize this new relation of forces and hang on like limpets, continually setting up obstacles to further development.

This is borne out by the fact that, during the past four years, less than one percent of new people have managed to penetrate the inner circles of our township committees.

It is an alarming situation — so much so that we, as the publication committee of the Bulletin, feel that our next few issues should be devoted to an enlightenment campaign.

The next nomination meeting is only about three months away and, for those of you who are desirous of a change, now is the time to acquaint yourselves with present office holders who might NOT be worthy of re-election.

Hydro Burns Up Brooklin Dollars

Do you recall our presentation of comparative hydro rates and the campaign which was initiated for the establishment of a Township PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION?

Once again—Read and compare.

The following rates are based on a 1000 kilowatt hours consumption

Oshawa	\$ 9.40	Whitby	\$12.90
Port Perry	11.30	Pickering	15.50
Orono	11.50	BROOKLIN	20.49

At that time we pointed out the following:

"The time is now ripe for the Township to set up a Public Utilities Commission and, under existing legislation, such a commission has the right to negotiate with the Ontario Hydro."

We were fully aware of the fact that the Ontario Hydro would NOT recognize anyone but an official body from the Township.

How was this proposal handled by council?

To quote councillor McMahon—"I have been paying \$30.00 hydro bills for years, you don't hear me complaining."

In its official capacity council did NOTHING.

To the Editor:

The Brooklin Public Library Board met in the basement of the township hall on Wednesday evening, August 12. All the members of the board were present. Miss McKeown, the librarian, was welcomed home after attending a school for librarians in Toronto during the month of July. Miss McKeown brought back many new ideas for the conduct of the library.

Preliminary plans for the erection of a new library building were discussed. It is expected this building will be erected near the new fire hall on the eastern border of the Meadowcrest sub-division.

Miss McKeown reported receipt of a large number of new books while others are expected shortly. The public are cordially invited to visit the library, in the basement of the Township Hall on Tuesdays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. till 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Inspect the new arrivals and choose your favorites from both old and new on the shelves.

—Mrs. F. M. Holliday,
Sec., Public Library Board.

PERSONALS—

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Rutherford and family spent the past week on a pleasant camping and fishing trip in the holiday country.

The sympathy of the community is being extended the past week to Rev. S. J. Hillier of the United Church in the death of his mother in England, age 93.

During the month of July, Miss Marie Kay, took over the duties of librarian while Miss McKeown was in Toronto.

Friends of Miss Alma McCormick, formerly of Brooklin and now residing in Owen Sound, will be glad to extend congratulations to her on having recently celebrated her 90th birthday. Miss McCormick is quite hale except for failing eyesight.

ARF! !

Watch dogs indeed!
Who go to feed,
On bones the Board tosses out.
What kind of sin,
Is "sitting in"?
To find out what it's all about.
It shows folks are keen,
To be in on the scene,
When the library's bigger and
better.
So get on with the job,
Ignore the mob,
And above all, let's not be bitter.

—Mutt.

Meadowcrest subdivision residents, seen these days, with broad smiles should be forgiven, it seems that the subdivider has finally discovered the roads.

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Birth Notices

BAILEY—Sid and Ellen are happy to announce the arrival of a daughter, Rhonda Lynn, 6 lbs., 8½ ozs., on Monday, July 27, 1959, at the Oshawa General Hospital.

GIBSON—Irvin and Dorothy (nee Graham) wish to announce the arrival of their baby daughter, Terri Lyn, 6 lbs., on Saturday, July 25, 1959. A sister for Barbara Joan.

EXPERT SHOE REPAIRS — Baldwin Street across from Guy Stevensons Used Car Lot.

FOR RENT—3-room apartment. Phone Brooklin 88.

WANTED — Ironing. Rates reasonable. Mrs. G. Freeburn, Myrtle Station.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

Now that the Oshawa City Council has refused the South Ontario Agricultural Association permission to build new Fair Buildings for the annual Fall Fair, held in Alexandra Park, Oshawa, it seems worthwhile for "Brooklin" with our large arena and fair grounds, to invite the Fall Fair Board to consider moving the Fall Fair to Brooklin.

Brooklin seems to be growing by leaps and bounds, if the birth notice column in the Bulletin is any indication. By the way, we print births, weddings and death notices free, just send your notice to the Brooklin Bulletin, P.O. Box 99, Brooklin.

Now that the Bulletin is distributed in Columbus, Raglan and Greenwood, let's hear from some of you new readers. We print all the news we have room for. Send contributions for publication to The Brooklin Bulletin, P.O. Box 99, Brooklin, by the 20th of each month.

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Example of Leadership

Elsewhere in this issue we have reprinted a list of questions for which we endeavour to provide answers.

Two such questions are:

Do you know the members of your Township Council?

When are their meetings and what goes on?

Answers to "what goes on" should give the average taxpayer a real answer to the first question.

To those of you who are not intimately acquainted with council members, they are individually known as: Bill (reeve Heron), Heber (deputy reeve Heber Down), Myrt (councillor Mrs. Lovelock), Gord (councillor McMahon), and of course the new young member from the Meadowcrest subdivision, known there as the Senator (councillor Young).

Collectively (as our elected representatives), they are charged with the responsibility for conducting the affairs of the township, to provide leadership, and to apply normal intelligence to any question or problem confronting them.

In answer to "what goes on," here is a case in point.

A simple request from the council of the City of Barrie came before them recently.

They were asked to lend their support to a resolution asking the governments (Provincial and Federal) to introduce legislation making it compulsory for manufacturers of trucks, of four tons or over, to provide a secondary braking system which would be truly effective in the event of failure of the normal brakes.

Barrie, which has recently experienced two serious accidents due to brake failures, drafted the above resolution and initiated a province wide campaign for increased safety on our streets and highways. Such a campaign is highly commendable and should receive the unqualified support of all those who favor such improvements.

WHAT DID OUR COUNCIL DO?

Not wishing to commit himself (as usual) reeve (Bill) Heron turned to councillor (Gord) McMahon with the remark "you're the automobile expert on this council—what do you think we should do." Addressed thus, our Gordie, trying very hard to look important, replied slowly and thoughtfully, "Well, not being an engineer I would have to discuss this with the manufacturers before committing myself to such a suggestion. It's a very difficult thing you know, and quite costly I imagine, to provide two sets of brakes for any vehicle."

In the face of such a profound statement, council readily agreed that they were not equipped with the necessary engineering qualifications to design such a secondary braking system.

Action to support the Barrie safety campaign was therefore tabled in order that Gordie could investigate and come up with an answer.

THE FOLLOWING WERE TAKEN FROM THE OSHAWA TIMES

News Item No. 1—The Town of Whitby endorsed a resolution issued by Barrie asking for legislation to make a two-way braking system necessary on all trucks and busses over four tons.

News Item No. 2—Barrie resolution plea supported by North York Council.

News Item No. 3—Police chief Bernard Kitney of Bowmanville thanks the Town Council for endorsing Barrie resolution.

News Item No. 4—Well! What do you know? Whitby Township Council sees the light and endorses Barrie resolution.

What Is This We Hear? Well-diggers in Brooklin?

The following excerpts from the minutes of council meeting of July 27 will bring readers up to date on the latest developments regarding the proposed Brooklin water project.

As the result of a report by William Manning, acting chairman of the Water Committee in the absence of Dr. McKinney, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by W. H. Down, seconded by Myrtle Lovelock that this Council requests the Ontario Water Resources Commission to provide a water system for the Brooklin area in accordance with "The Report on a Proposed Waterworks system for the Village of Brooklin" as prepared by Mr. W. T. Dempsey, P.Eng., dated April 10, 1959. Furthermore, this Council approves of the payment of \$15,000 to Meadowcrest Homes Ltd. for its equity in the present water system now operated by Meadowcrest Homes Ltd. including the elevated steel tank. Also this Council authorizes the Ontario Water Resources Commission to engage an independent engineer to make an inspection of the present water system of Meadowcrest Homes Ltd. prior to the conclusion of an agreement with Meadowcrest Homes Ltd. for the purchase of its interest in said system.

The Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to Dr. A. E. Berry, General Manager of the Ontario Water Resources Commission. Carried.

In the words of Wm. Manning, "It now depends on the Township engineer how quickly Brooklin gets cool, cool water."

Regular collection of old newspapers is made in Brooklin every THIRD Saturday afternoon of the month. The revenue from these collections goes alternately to the Boy Scouts or to one of the church organizations. Please remember to bundle your papers and leave them for collection.

Local Group Visits Dalziel Pioneer Museum

Last month the Brooklin Women's Institute sponsored a visit to the Pioneer Museum in Dalziel Conservation Area which is on the boundary of Metropolitan Toronto west of Jane Street. The party of 48 included two or three gentlemen and several children.

The museum gives an authentic presentation of the life of the pioneer families in South Central Ontario during the early 19th century. A 150-year-old barn houses the collection of equipment and furnishings most items of which were donated and hold special links with the past of these pioneers.

One section reveals the living room of the period with pine cupboards, a fireplace with bake oven, also work table with utensils and cooking equipment. A spinning area displays wheel, loom and hand woven covers and carpets. The bedroom has a rope bed, copper bed warmer and old pine chests and highboy. Farm equipment consisting of wooden plows, winnowing baskets, grain crushers, old rakes and a flail are exhibited along with old cooperage tools and hand forged household and farm equipment.

With a back drop of realistic scenery is a section showing the maple sugar bush, complete with sap tank, boiling kettles, moulds, sled and all other sugaring equipment. None of the equipment displayed is later than 1850.

If the school holidays are beginning to drag, this would be a good place to take the children for the day. The grounds provide excellent picnic facilities and ample parking space free of charge.

You are reminded that **FREE SALK POLIO INNOCULATIONS** are available up to the end of August from your own doctor. All adults who received their first two "shots" in the Township organized clinic are now due for their third booster. The M.O.H. Dr. McKinney urges all to go and get their boosters now. The immunization program, i.e., three shots must be completed to effectively guard against polio.

BROOKLIN UNITED CHURCH

Regular weekly choir practice will recommence on Thursday, Sept. 10, 1959, at 8 p.m., at which time our organist and choirleader, Mrs. Fred Brown will be very pleased to welcome all choir members and all those nice people who promised to join the choir. There is room for both male and female voices so come and sing with us.

Now that the holiday season is drawing to a close all the usual fall and winter activities and committees will once again begin to function, may we please hear from the various secretaries (P.O. Box 99). The Brooklin Bulletin is always glad to publish YOUR news.