

PRESBYTERY HEARS RESOLUTION ON MINSTREL SHOWS

It's that time of year again. Another Minstrel Show is in the throes of production. Notwithstanding the objection to such productions in the interests of equality for all men, the usual capacity audiences that have marked the undertaking since its introduction twelve years ago. We're not suggesting any particular cultural uplift to the community, nevertheless, it seems to be enjoyed by those who see it and this is gratifying to us, inasmuch as we have a part in it.

In view of the lightness of the production we suspect that most people could easily conclude that very little effort is put into it. This is not the case. Just ask any Choir Leader who has dedicated people with voices suited for that kind of work. She, or he, will tell you of their difficulties. Imagine then, training thirty voices to some measure of harmony when they are taken from the ranks of Butcher, Baker and candlestick maker. You are beginning to get the idea. Then try to imagine an intro-vert getting up and making a gook of himself in front of 300 people for the first such experience in his life. It proves one thing that these fellows who are members of the Jarvis Lions Club are sufficiently dedicated to the service to others, they have pledged themselves to render, that they would do anything.

Whenever the Minstrel Show comes up there always seems to be a thousand and one ob-

The Haldimand-Norfolk Presbyterian Church has just reminded us that we have not sent in our report on the annual Census of Manufacturers (Printing and Publishing). We note, too, that only two days remain to make our annual return to the Workmen's Compensation Board. Looking over the pile of mail on the desk we also note our T-4 Income Tax report has not yet been submitted. No need to worry about that though there is still one day left. Some thing else we would like to do at this particular time is to go down and digest Pierre Ber-

But we mustn't let these ordinary things interfere with the necessity of familiarizing ourself with the content of the forthcoming Minstrel Show. We are thankful we do not have to arrange the costumes and stage effects. We are thankful we do not have to blacken our face, nor sing nor dance, nor manage the ticket sale, nor make the candy, nor sell the refreshments, or supply the lunch for the cast on the evening. This only leaves with the job of being interlocutor and there's nothing to it as many will attest. Hope to see you at the Minstrel Show on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, March 10, 11 and 12.

United Church People to take a recess from supporting minstrel shows. The resolution was tabled for further study at a future meeting. The resolution came from some members of the United Church of Canada who are concerned about the continuing production of minstrel shows because such shows tend to be offensive to negro people. The mover of the resolution, Rev. Carl Moore of Nanticoke, said that although no offense is ever intended by the producers of Minstrel Shows yet Negro people are sometimes insulted. The reason for the insult, Mr. Moore said, was that the shows create the mistaken image of the Negro as an illiterate, rather than a person.

In the preamble to the resolution, it was pointed out that Negro people need the support of all Christian people. No thing should be done either in- nocently or otherwise which makes the struggle more difficult for Negro people to gain dignity, equal rights, and full freedom. The resolution pointed out that during the short debate before the motion was tabled, one of the speakers said that the United Church Observer should refrain from taking part in minstrel shows until the Negro's struggle in North America has brought him into full rights and equality.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Flowers have long been accepted as suitable evidence of sympathy and understanding at the time of bereavement. The art of flower arrangements, in the form of sprays and wreaths, has been developed to a fine art and the beauty of the creations do seem appropriate. More recently, however, there has been a growing tendency for people to express sympathy by contributions to the Heart Fund, the Cancer Society and local Hospitals. All of these agencies of mercy are generally in desperate need of funds to properly and adequately carry out the demands for their services.

In view of the needs relating to our new West Haldimand General Hospital, the suggestion has been respectfully made that if this need were made known more widely, local citizens would gladly make a gift to the hospital, in place of flowers as a means of expressing their sympathy at the time of bereavement. Local undertakers would be pleased to accept contributions so designated and to advise how this may be done. If the above suggestion is found generally acceptable by the citizens of the West Haldimand Area it will be extremely helpful to the Hospital in maintaining and improving the standard of care that is so important to every patient in the Hos-

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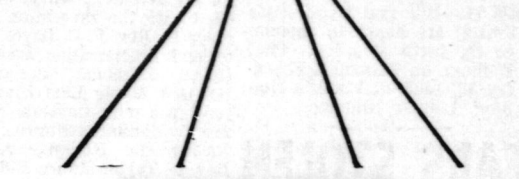
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IN THE ORBIT OF OUR EYE



DEATH IN THE POT

The recent death of a River-son student in Toronto has caused quite a bit of reproach. However it is the opinion of this writer that it is the fault of the school or the students but rather the selling methods met with in the world today. While on the Hamilton Board of Education I was constantly being "lobbied", I guess you would call it, by sales representatives seeking to get their wares before the young of Canada. In particular I recall a typewriter firm that protested mightily because they did not have some of their machines in the commercial class. The thinking here was "that the young man or woman entering an office would ask for the one they saw in the store".

\$12,170 AWARDED IN CIVIL SUIT

A Supreme Court jury last week awarded a Jarvis-area couple \$12,170 for out-of-pocket expenses and general damages resulting from a December, 1962, highway accident here. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Bartlett, R.R. 3 Jarvis, whose seven-month-old son was killed in the crash, sought compensation from the estate of Raymond White, of Simcoe, driver of the other car, who was also killed. The jury assessed 90 per cent of the responsibility for the accident to Mr. White and 10 per cent to Mr. Bartlett. The suit was the first civil jury action of the current general sessions of the Ontario Supreme Court before Mr. Justice C. D. Stewart.

Steaming bowls or mugs of tomato consomme or tomato soup will please and surprise your family and guests. Substitute tomato juice for one half the water in consomme or soup. Tomato juice suggests food specialists at Macdonald Institute, Guelph.

At the same time it will manifest to the bereaved the sympathy and understanding intended.

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COMMENTS BY MR. A. L. MILLER
(CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD)

This is a Happy Anniversary. In reviewing our first full year as an operational Hospital I am confident the citizens of the West Haldimand community share my intense satisfaction in the achievements of our Hospital. The level of occupancy has indicated that we may have underestimated the needs of the community with respect to the service the Hospital renders. However, the standard of patient care is the foremost criterion in assessing the worth of our Hospital and in this area I feel we can all be extremely proud.

Building a Hospital and operating a Hospital are two altogether different fields. While the problems involved in building the Hospital were many and varied they are all in the past and I am thankful to know the building itself is acceptable to the public. In the operational field of a Hospital there is room for few mistakes and certainly no major ones. The smooth functioning of the Hospital in the first full year is, therefore, a tremendous gratifying. All credit for this excellent state of affairs rests with the staff of the Hospital and primarily with the administrator who is responsible for the overall management of the institution. The heads of departments have fully demonstrated their capabilities and, here too, it is gratifying to feel that we have people qualified above average in many instances. All departments of the Hospital have worked together with a coordination that merits commendation. The Medical Staff of the Hospital has worked together as a team and I feel this group of dedicated men are giving the people of the community a standard of service of which we can be proud. It is also very gratifying to the Board to have a man with the surgical skills of Dr. Dehner.

I feel we should be very happy with the results of the first full year of operation. However, on this anniversary date we should give thought to the further improvements that might be made in order to be in a position to provide the best standard of patient care it is possible to give. There are new items of equipment coming on the market all of which should be considered for the further development of our Hospital. Money for capital expenditures must be raised locally and there will always be a need for funds.

While we can take satisfaction from the results of our first operational year let us never forget our continuing responsibility in maintaining the present high standards and improving wherever and however we can in the future.

COMMENTS BY R. G. HYDE (CHAIRMAN — FINANCE COMMITTEE)

In any charitable endeavour which exists today a great deal of emphasis must, necessarily, be placed on finance. The purpose of giving to some worthy cause gives most of us a heartfelt satisfaction of knowing we have helped our fellowmen and made the world a better place in which to live. Our successful financial campaign of three years ago is an example of the Haldimand County residents feelings towards a charitable institution and I am proud to say that all but \$50,000. of the pledges have been honoured. However, our financial needs for the hospital were too finely estimated. Unforeseen refinements to the physical plant were needed—due to over capacity occupancy—additional beds had to be purchased and we were to be able to meet most conceivable emergencies, much additional medical equipment had to be purchased.

The result is that your Hospital Board is in debt approximately \$85,000. — \$34,000, the maximum permitted, has been borrowed from the Ontario Hospital Services Commission at 3% interest, the balance is borrowed from the bank at the current interest rate. Your Hospital board has no way of raising this money and appeals to the good and loyal people of West Haldimand to come to the rescue and wipe off this debt.

It gives me a great deal of personal satisfaction when I hear some of the very complimentary remarks made to us by our co-patients and I realize the tremendous amount of care which is being given to Haldimand County residents in our hospital.

The proof that a hospital was needed in the area has been proven many, many, times during our first year of operation. We will our unpaid and dear friends of the hospital who feel they would like to invest in this fine asset to our health protection please send a cheque made out to West Haldimand General Hospital, marked "Building Fund". Your cheque will be gratefully received.

COMMENTS BY THE HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR (C. C. PAYLOR)

It gives me great pleasure to report to you some of the activities in the hospital during its first ten months of operation in 1964. There were 1032 Adult admissions and 204 babies born in the hospital in 1964.

When we consider the amount of travelling which would have been involved for the relatives and friends of our 1032 patients, had the hospital not been built in Haldimand County, we must pay a sincere tribute to the foresight of the Board of Directors for their wisdom, to the public for their wonderful response to the campaign and to the County Council and the Government for their grants.

During 1964 the hospital Major Operating room was used for 246 operations. The Emergency department very competently dealt with 757 emergencies ranging from a cut finger to a major operation. Our Physiotherapy department gave 4,500 treatments to in and out patients.

Our X-Ray department did 2,100 examinations ranging from a Chest X-Ray to an Operative Cholangiogram. Our Laboratory did 33,000 units of work representing over 30,000 procedures. Our dietary department prepared and served 50,000 meals to the patients and staff.

Our Laundry washed 140,000 lbs. of hospital linen. The hospital is very well equipped to deal with all emergencies and the staff has settled down into a well organized, efficient unit. As many of you who have visited the hospital will know there is a warm, friendly and cheerful atmosphere at all times and the patients are all given tender, loving care by our very human staff.

We have had many problems throughout the year, as you can well imagine, but by everyone working as members of a team, we have conquered them all. One problem is still with us and remains to be solved and that is the question of occupancy during the next six months. This has been in the region of 100% and at the present time the occupancy is strained to the limit at 110% capacity.

Throughout the year the hospital has provided employment for around 100 people and the 10 months payroll was \$185,000. most of which would be spent in Haldimand County. During 1964 the hospital had two articles printed in hospital magazines distributed throughout North America, also the hospital was fortunate to be in the last 100 entries for the Massey Gold Medal award for beauty of architecture. We had visitors to our hospital from British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Michigan, Washington, New York and Amsterdam, Holland. We have corresponded with hospitals in Chicago, Whitehorse, Yukon, Fort Churchill and Baie Comeau, Quebec. The Staff of the Hospital would like to join the Board of Directors in wishing the Hospital a very Happy Birthday.

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