

This Is Democracy?

The day our conservative provincial government passes legislation telling me I can't quit my job when I want to, even if it is as a bargaining lever, will be the day I emigrate. I will have lost one of my basic human rights - freedom (what little I have left).

Yet that is exactly what they are trying to do in the teaching profession.

Education Minister Thomas Wells introduced legislation in the House last week to prevent mass resignations by thousands of Ontario teachers in January over contract disputes.

Teachers are not allowed to strike and can only submit resignations on December 31st and August 31st.

The original bill, which declared the resignations immediately void, has been amended so that resignations already sent in would be acceptable August 31st.

Will the teachers' move cause any more chaos than a garbage strike, mail strike, nurses' strike or rail and air strike? And, they aren't even striking, they are quitting their jobs. Boards have the right to hire others.

However, there is more at stake than this one issue. We are living in a country and province which is supposed to be based on the democratic system.

But, it seems our democratic rights and freedom of choice are diminishing day by day. The provincial government decided to institute the regional system in parts of Ontario, so we have regional government.

The provincial government decided we should have it in 1974, not '75, so it will be implemented in Haldimand - Norfolk next April.

The provincial government decided they should appoint a chairman for our region, so John White gave it to conservative John McCombs. (Mr. McCombs is qualified and may have been the best choice, but we still had no say in the matter).

Most motions passed by our local councils are subject to the approval of some ministry in Queen's Park. The provincial government has its final say.

And the list goes on. And we always say there is nothing we can do about it because we can't buck the province.

Where is democracy when people feel they are pawns of our provincial government and dare not speak up for their rights. It is a good sign that the teachers are sticking up for their freedom of choice - to quit their jobs or stay on.

Maybe, it will set an example for the rest of us, to start talking back to the kings in Queen's Park.

With Pen In Hand

THE EARTH IN MOONLIGHT

In the presence of the moon
this earth spins
full - grown, not deprived
of the good.

And the mountains that were
and the mists
that fill the valleys brim
call,
to the older way of
knowing
what we did
and sharing that
which we had.

I know that Man
is a fool and will not learn
to harmonize.

But what I say
when shedding sorrow
I turn to the moon;
and apologize. . .

by Gary Thomson.

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Counter Clockwise

June 13, 1946.

Mr. George Reu commenced building on the new home being erected at the east end of the Village on Mon. for Mr. Rex Beard.

June 13, 1946.

Workmen are making extensive repairs to the Jacques Block on Main St., recently purchased by N. C. Colbert of Hagersville. It is expected the store will

soon be occupied for retail business purposes.

June 13, 1946.

Mr. Harvey McClain had his hand badly crushed in a wagon wheel last week.

June 13, 1946.

A large number of friends of Mr. Alex Angus, Jr. and his bride who recently arrived from overseas, treated

them to a rousing chivalry about midnight on Thursday in Rockford.

June 13, 1946.

Bob Frith, proprietor of the former Burwash store, has provided the community with a modern cold storage locker service.

June 13, 1946.

F. W. Reicheld and Son, proprietors of the Jarvis Hereford Farms have just reported the sale of a bull, Jarvis Butisher Mischief No. 177 to Dr. Chilvers Gooch for the exceptional price of \$1000.

June 13, 1946.

The Fire Department was called around eleven - thirty o'clock on Tuesday morning when a car being repaired by Ron Murphy burst into flames at Joe's Motor Service.

June 13, 1946.

We are happy to extend best wishes to Mrs. R A McCarter who celebrated her 85th birthday this week.

June 13, 1946.

Next Sunday, June 16th. Knox Church will be marking its' 60th Anniversary. The early

records of Knox Presbyterian Church reveal that the fine edifice was erected at a cost of \$10,367.15, in addition to the cost of the lot which was \$795.65.

June 6, 1946.

Colliding with the first baseman after pounding out a long drive to left field in the softball tilt on Monday night, Stan Mitchell ended up with a broken nasal organ.

June 6, 1946.

When urged to hurry after three attempts to open the safe in the Bank vault at the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Selkirk on Friday, manager Alf Wilson told the threatening bandit standing behind him with a gun that "I'm a little nervous. This doesn't happen every day."

Despite the coolness of the manager, the bandits managed to make what appears to be a clear escape with around \$8,000 in currency.

In Hagersville, Constables McRae and Winger being on the watch for them spied the car and shots were exchanged by the bandits and Chief McRae.

How Santa Claus Became Tradition

The tradition that Santa Claus is the giver of Christmas presents comes to us from a fourth century German legend of St. Nicholas (Santa Claus is a German corruption of the name.) When St. Nicholas learned of three young women who were unable to attract suitors because their father was too poor to provide them with a dowry, he filled three bags with gold one night and threw them into the windows of the rooms of the young women. Soon after, they were all happily married. Unexpected gifts were thereafter attributed to St. Nicholas.

The myth that Santa Claus descends the chimney to fill the stockings comes from the Norsemen. Their legend tells us that at the winter solstice the goddess Hertha appeared in their fireplaces and brought with her happiness and good fortune. Dr. Clement Clarke Moore, a professor in the General Theological Seminary in New York, put the myth in the form of a poem, "The Visit of St. Nicholas." He invented the sleigh and the reindeer and his description of St. Nicholas was suggested by the appearance of a German man-of-all-work in his employ. The sleigh bells were suggested by the bells on the bridle of his own horse. He wrote the poem for his children in 1822 and read it to them on Christmas Eve of that year. This poem has become the foundation of our own rich American tradition about Santa Claus.

Low Cost Dentures

Area residents are not taking advantage of a low cost dental plan which has been initiated by the Ontario Dental Association.

Dentures are a necessity for a large segment of the population and the cost of quality dentures is a major concern, especially to those with fixed or limited incomes.

Dentists participating in this low cost plan are obliged by statute to provide a denture service to anyone who asks for it. The maximum fee is \$180 for complete upper and lower dentures, with single dentures, partial plates and reliners at proportionately lower prices.

This should be of particular interest to senior citizens and their organizations, residents in homes for the aged, welfare recipients and anyone who has to live on a fixed income.

Santa Claus

Virginia, yes, my little girl,
there is a Santa Claus.
This kindly Saint you love so well,
is real as mother's arms.
He may not ride the wintry sky,
or sail from Pole to Pole,
He lives in every loving heart,
in every giving soul!

There are no lines on Santa's chart,
no colour, race, or creed.
His rosy cheeks and crimson coat
bring joy to every child.
His sack of gifts is always full,
and lavish is his hand.
He brightens lives, inspires their souls,
He lights the hearts of man.

Virginia keep your memory clear,
your image silver - bright,
This world has need of loving hearts,
Of Saints like Santa Claus.
Your child - like faith must grow with age,
Your spirit grow with time.
To spread his message of good - will,
to every land and clime.

Yes, child, this cheery Saint of yours,
shall never cease to live,
While youthful hearts are warm with hope,
his image cannot fade.
And as you older grow you'll learn,
the greatest gift of all,
The Baby that was born this Day
in Bethlehem's lowly stall.

Then thank the Giver of all good gifts,
from whom all blessings flow,
And know the joy of Christian love,
that seeketh not its own.
Your Life will be a blessing, dear,
your soul will be a shrine,
Your mind will be His foot - stool, and
Your heart will be His throne.

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Bureaucracy

I sometimes wonder how anything gets done in this country when I hear about the bureaucratic channels the tiniest business matters have to travel through.

The Jarvis Hydro - Electric Commission and Ontario Hydro exchange two poles between them. Jarvis uses two belonging to the provincial branch, while they use two of ours.

Instead of calling it quits there as Jarvis expected, they must invoice (in duplicate) Hydro at \$3 a pole (\$6) and will receive a cheque in return.

Likewise, they will invoice Jarvis and a cheque will be sent out.

Bits 'n Pieces

At School

Parents and school trustees will be given free access to schools under the new Consolidated Education Act which was given first reading in the Legislature last week.

Under the new Act, parents and school trustees are designated as school visitors and will be able to visit a school at any time. The designation was previously limited to clergyman and members of the Legislature.

Few Attend Area Schools

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It was reported at the Jarvis meeting that two teachers and 60 students attended Hagersville Secondary School. However, only 20 students remained by 9:30. At Caledonia High School, no teachers and eight students attended; at

Dunnville - no teachers and 16 students; at Cayuga - no teachers and no students.

In a secret ballot vote a week ago Wednesday, 89 per cent of the 175 teachers in the Haldimand branch of Division 6 of OSSTF voted in favor of the

classroom boycott. On Friday, elementary teachers also voted in favor of the walk - out proposal 115 - 13.

David Aylsworth, president of the Haldimand District of the Ontario Secondary School Teacher's Federation, described the legislation as totally unfair because it destroys teachers as a bargaining unit.

Bill 274 would stop teachers who have already handed in their resignations in 16 areas from quitting their jobs. The resignations would only be accepted August 31st.

Bill 275 deals with aspects of collective bargaining and how disputes will be resolved.

Letters went home with Walpole North elementary students telling parents the teachers "feel that their rights are being denied by this legislation (Bill 274) because we are the only group subjected to this discriminatory practice".

The letters said the teachers would not be in class Tuesday and asked parents "to understand our dilemma and give us the fullest cooperation possible".

A message was read from Norman Walpole, principal of the South

The Donkey,
A Family Favorite

The donkey, or ass, was the most valuable animal to the biblical family, and also the most economical, since he ate only a quarter as much barley as a horse. The most menial of animals, he was famous for his stamina and sure-footedness. Humble as his status was, he would bear the cameler on his back, and lead the long, stately strings of camels across the desert.

Even poor families, like Joseph's of Nazareth, could afford one donkey, which they trimmed with blue beads and red wool to show their pride of ownership. This simple beast was their mode of transport into Bethlehem and later for the Flight into Egypt.



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Crossing Guard

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more work in the area. However, he added, "we cannot dictate, we can only recommend". He mentioned he had written to the Jarvis Council, but had not received any acknowledgment of his letter.

(The reading of this letter at council was reported in the Nov. 22nd issue of the Record).

Some discussed the volunteer program which had been set up in the village at one time with crossing guards at Highway 3 and Walpole Street and Highway 6.

Mrs. Doughty said children cross wherever they want to now, but when they had a crossing guard, they always came to the guard.

Wilma Wilson suggested the village might get some money for a crossing guard

under the new regional government system. She also pointed out that some people will question why there should be a crossing guard at one particular time when the children are running around the streets at other times also.

Mr. Mackereth said he felt a crossing guard helps to make children more safety conscious about crossing a street.

The women discussed making up a petition and having interested tax-payers sign it.

Israeli Project Creates Biblical Zoo

A grassy 10,000 acres in the Negev, 25 miles from Eilat, has been transformed into a veritable "Noah's Park" called the Hal Bar which, in Hebrew, means wild life preserve. Breeding herds of most of the 120 animals mentioned in the Bible have been collected and pastured here.

Bruce and Iona Meehan

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