

TAX COLLECTIONS FOR CITY INCREASED DURING DECEMBER

Mayor W. G. Clark Presides at Last City Council Meeting—Report On Fire Department

The city council met in its regular January meeting in the council chamber last evening with His Worship Mayor Clark in the chair. It was Mayor Clark's last time to preside, since he is retiring as chief magistrate after ten years' service. The minutes of last month's meeting were read as well as the auditor's report.

The report of tax collections read by Ald. Maxwell showed December, 1934, collection to be \$8,643.54. In December, 1935, the amount collected was 11,903.55.

Aldermen present were T. Earle Doohan, Warren R. Maxwell, Ivan McKnight, H. Ralph Gunter, M.P.P., Fred S. Mundle, Moses Mitchell, C. Hedley Forbes, G. Willard Kitchen, David McCaughey and Dr. H. S. Wright.

Aldermen Maxwell, McCaughey and Mundle were named a committee to look into the matter of a communication from the Pinder Lumber & Milling Company, respecting the proposed erection of a hardwood flooring plant here during the coming summer.

A report of the fire department for the year as sent by Fire Chief Karl Walker was read by Ald. McKnight. The report reviewed the year's work by the department. The report showed a total loss in fires over the year of \$20,995. The report showed changes in the fire alarm system, and the system was shown to be in good shape. On motion the report was referred to the fire committee of the new council.

Ald. Mitchell spoke briefly in congratulation of the fire department's good work during the year. He described it as a most "efficient fire

department." It had been responsible for keeping fires down in the city. The new apparatus had proved a great safeguard against fires.

The council adjourned at about 9.30 to a local restaurant where Mayor Clark was host to the aldermen, civic officials and the press.

Following is the auditor's report for December:

Water	\$1,534.02
Sewerage	159.58
Roads and Streets Ordinary ..	3,569.89
Public Works	125.67
Street Light	609.68
Fire	901.02
Administration of Justice ..	2,293.93
Municipal Home	4,747.32
Board of Health	205.06
Contingent	560.27
Market and Scales	13.98
City Hall	110.50
Wilmot Park83
General Interest	423.75
Insurance	104.20
Assessing and Collecting ..	63.90
Victoria Public Hospital Light	105.73
Refund Taxes Year 1935	1.00
Grants	1,232.75
Salaries and Pensions	1,392.34
Board of School Trustees ..	9,374.72
Debentures Interest	1,625.00
Debentures Redeemed	8,500.00
Total	\$37,655.19

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—The intervention of Governor Hoffman of New Jersey into the Hauptmann case was described today by Rabbi Stephen Wise as an "inexcusable intrusion," prompted by political motives. "I have been informed," he said, "that it was selfish and that he was expecting the nomination of Vice-President."

PUT BOTH HANDS UP AS YOU ENTER ANY ITALIAN HOTEL

NAPLES, Italy, Jan. 8.—When you walk into a hotel in Italy—any hotel in any part of Italy—you raise both your hands above your head. To raise only one is to give the Fascist salute. This is a sign of friendship. But it is not enough. Raise both hands. This is a sign of complete surrender. And how appropriate a gesture this is!

Having made the sign of surrender, you now approach the desk. The desk clerk eyes you over, probably pushes a button under the desk. The manager and his staff come to swarm around you. They wear black suits, quite in accordance with the occasion, for it seems to be your funeral anyway. They bow and they bob and shower you with good mornings or good afternoons or even good evenings.

There is no printed tariff of room rates and so you are completely at their mercy. You may now lower your hands to your breast pocket and surrender your passport. The cover of your passport reveals your nationality and therefore is an indication of how deeply you are digging your financial grave.

Protest Is Expected

A price for a room and bath is mentioned. You protest. In fact, you are not expected to take this lying down anyway, so your protest is well taken. Ten lire is shaved off the original price; but since they had expected you to protest they had put an additional ten per cent on the first quotation. They lose nothing—you gain nothing.

The manager, assisted by the assistant manager, who in turn is assisted by all the hotel hangers-on, then writes this rate onto a little folder and carries it upstairs with you and your baggage. The manager leads the procession to the elevator, one boy walks behind with your suitcase, and one or two others march in attendance. This is called service. It costs you 15 per cent of the total amount of your bill, as you will notice when the final day of reckoning arrives.

The manager opens your windows, points to the local attractions and hopes you are content with the room. After his departure you examine the little folder and discover that if you tip any of the hotel staff at any time

that individual will instantly be dismissed. This tantalizes you so you dip into your pocket and, waiting until the manager is upon, you tip the nearest bellhop. He accepts gratefully and the manager smiles at your good gesture. The next day the bellhop is still on the job and will continue so indefinitely. He probably had to surrender the tip to the manager, but the protest does not reach your ears.

Also on this same folder you learn you are to pay a residence tax in the hotel at any rate of 5 lire a day. This tax must not exceed 30 lire but since you have left town before six days are up you don't get a chance to test the truth of this.

Sanctions Halt Bath

About 7 o'clock in the evening you decide you need a good hot bath. Impossible. The bellhop responding to your summons tells you that due to sanctions the government will permit no fuel to be used for heating bath water until the morning hours. As for steam heat in the room, that is also verboten. It takes fuel to heat the hotel and as fuel is scarce there will be no heat. The manager is quite in agreement with this edict.

In addition to the residence tax there is also a stamp tax which seems to be of uncertain amount and not very readily computed. You will find it on your bill when the time arrives for such an important disclosure.

In your room you will find no card of instructions, what to do, what not to do. Nothing about throwing dogs out, turning off the lights, keeping quiet after certain hours, what to do in case of fire or burglars or sloppy service. You are completely free to do as you wish, but since it is cold, since you cannot take a hot bath and since there is no heat in the room, you go to bed and pray the sun may be shining in the window when you awaken.

Stamps All Over Bill

Now comes the time to check out. The desk clerk sends for pen and ink and paper, also for water, for he has to wet a lot of stamps that are pasted all over the bill. These represent the taxes you have paid and range in denominations from one lire to five. jokingly, though with a note of proper submission in your voice, remark you will have the bill framed and the desk clerk informs you there

R. L. PHILLIPS, MAJ. JAS. PRINGLE FETE GARAGEMEN

R. L. Phillips and Maj. James Pringle, president and vice-president of Phillips and Pringle Ltd., entertained about thirty garagemen and automobile dealers at a banquet and card party last night. As the guests entered the banquet hall they were greeted by their hosts and escorted to their tables. Following a most delicious and complete feast the central host addressed his guests briefly.

He spoke to them as competitors and friends, he said. He referred to his association with R. F. Randolph & Son and related some of his experiences on the road. He declared that there was nothing more valuable than friendship among competitors.

Among his competitors he mentioned especially the late E. R. Teed. He described the late Mr. Teed as a very dear friend. He spoke of the firm of which he is president, stating that he was glad to have the opportunity of meeting his competitors in such pleasant surroundings. He pointed out the value of trade among local garage owners pointing out how much more advantageous it was to trade among themselves than trading with firms outside the city.

He pointed out that his firm, Phillips and Pringle Ltd., were jobbers and that they have been consistent jobbers throughout their long career.

His firm also, he pointed out, carried the best lines of products in the Maritime Provinces. They could compete with any chain store in the Maritimes by selling retail, but they will never even consider doing that, said Mr. Phillips.

In closing, Mr. Phillips told his guests that the motto of his company was "Do unto others as thou wouldst be done". He wished all his guests a prosperous 1936.

George Clark, manager of the automotive department of J. Clark & Sons, replied briefly to Mr. Phillips' address and tendered on behalf of the guests,

is a framemaker a few doors down the street.

When you leave the hotel you may lower your hands, but, since your pockets are empty, you might just as well keep your arms above your head. But remember—raise them again every time you step into a hotel.

CLEVER CHILDREN CRAVE VARIETY

Preference for Dance Music Sign of Lower Intelligence, Says Survey.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 8.—If you have been perturbed by the desire of your children to listen to Crime Clews, Amos 'n' Andy, Lowell Thomas, Tim Healy's Stamp Club or Phil Baker's comedy, don't let it worry you. Their preference is a sign of intelligence whatever you may think of these programs. Speaking broadly, children of higher intelligence listen to narrative programs. On the other hand, boys and girls on a lower scale of intelligence listen to popular dance music and to more sentimental programs. The smarter children tire more easily of any given program and crave variety.

These conclusions were reached by Azriel Eisenberg, a graduate student at Teachers' College, Columbia University, who questioned 3,445 children of 120 New York city schools on their radio habits and correlated the results with intelligence tests given them.

While a "radio" child, or one who listens seven hours weekly, probably has a low degree of leadership ability, he has a good sense of humor, is honest, energetic, inquisitive, and rational, the survey disclosed.

And the children who listen to comedy programs either are, or become congenial to a surprising extent.

There are exactly three things a child, irrespective of sex, would rather do than listen to the radio. In order a boy or girl would prefer (1) to go to the movies; (2) to listen to an orchestra on the stage; (3) to read the funnies.

The boy would rather play ball, also. But school children prefer the radio to the phonograph or to playing an instrument themselves; and they prefer it to reading of any kind, or to working puzzles.

Of the programs considered "silly" by the children, Cantor's heads the list.

Exactly 27 per cent of the boys and girls reported lying awake in bed thinking about what they have heard on the radio. Almost two-thirds who dream, tell of murders, nightmares, falling out of bed, and other similar unpleasant occurrences, while of pleasant things.

Exactly 63 per cent of the boys and girls in school read the radio section of the daily newspapers, they said, while only 18 per cent answered that they did not.

The main thing the boys learned from the radio was better morals; the girls learned the use of soap. Programs listed by the children as being helpful, in order, were: Buck Rogers (astronomy), Rose and Drums (civil war), Lowell Thomas (news), Little Orphan Annie (world geography), and Bobby Benson (Texas and Mexico affairs).

The school pupils listed six character and personality traits they ascribed to the influence of radio in order: To be good, to be honest, to be obedient to parents, to be kind, to be helpful to others and to be careful.

Undesirable traits learned from the radio included, in order: Stealing, dis-

a hearty vote of thanks for the splendid spirit of hospitality and friendships displayed by Mr. Phillips.

Cards were then played until about midnight when the guests left for home.

obedience, mischievousness, fright, nightmares, staying up late and being silly.

As for food habits more children learned to eat good foods than anything else. Next they learned to eat cereals, then to drink milk, then to drink coffee, and finally to chew gum.

The radio does very little to enrich the children's vocabulary, the author concluded. Only 235 of the pupils gave new words they had learned over the air.

As for the music learned over the air, 85 per cent of the children dance songs. Seven per cent pick up cowboy melodies; 3 per cent theme melodies; 3 per cent general melodies, and only 2 per cent classical and semi-classical music.

Says X-Ray May Locate Hereditary Human Traits

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 7.—Human traits, that may or may not be passed on to succeeding generations may some day be determined by X-ray a Franklin Institute audience was told yesterday.

Ellis L. Manning, of the General Electric Company's research laboratory, said that "by raying the germ cells containing embryonic human life with high-voltage X-rays, it is possible to so the orientation of the chromosomes and genes comprising the cells as to determine the hereditary traits which shall be passed on to the individual."

"I believe we may look forward to the day," he said, "when the character and temperament of the human quantity may be determined in conformity with the desires of science by this method."

Mr. Manning's topic was "The New Country and the Real Lilliputians."

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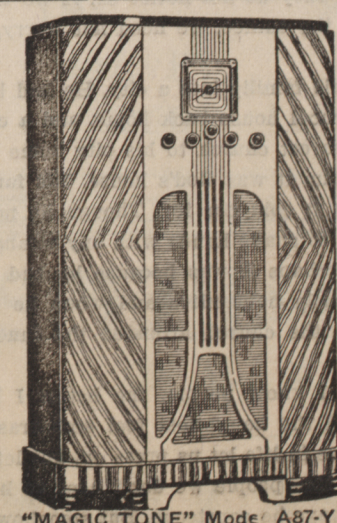
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