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Citizens and Parasites

A number of readers have taken us to task for daring to venture our opinion on next Monday's federal election, when we endorsed the election of Burnaby Councillor Emmet Burreby in his first attempt to represent Burnaby. We heard comment, not all favourable, from members of all four parties contesting the election in Burnaby. Even the Liberals and the New Democrats were unhappy about us "splitting the vote." That's unthinkable, events to party not entering all federal seats.

Not a single party in Canada, however, has advocated compulsory polls, so any such move must be considered some time off. In the mean time, Canadians must choose whether to be parasites or citizens on polling day. Citizens are those who exercise the franchise. Parasites are those who just aren't concerned enough to make the effort required to mark an "X". Parasites feel they have no interest in the nation's business, nothing to gain or lose no matter what the outcome, and have, accordingly, no right to voice any complaint of governmental injustice between elections. Burnaby-Coquitlam had 8,500 parasites registered, but unwilling to vote in the last election. Burnaby-Richmond undoubtedly suffered at the hands of a like number. How many will fall in their duties next Monday? Or do you plan to vote?

Flashback

— From the files of the Burnaby Advertiser —

5 Years Ago

Municipal candidates endorsed by the Vancouver Labor Council, for the December civic poll, were incumbent Councillors Russell Hicks and Bob Pringle, and stationery engineer Graham Humphreys, 120 North Holden, and transit operator John Higman, 6826 Aubrey. Supported in her re-election bid was Mrs. Eileen Dally, along with new nominees Jim Gordon, 5812 Kincaid, a carpenter, and Dale Lawrence, 4005 Bumble, a steelworker. Named campaign manager was Carl Erickson, 8879 Ivy. And seventh division Eagles 2075 took a close soccer contest against Marborough Spurs, 2-1, on the basis of a free hall goal by Bruce Wilson, heading the ball into the nets from a pass from Gary Sugiyama and Billy Thompson. Thompson later scored the winning shot.

10 Years Ago

Burnaby North High principal G. B. Carpenter spoke on his "Forty Years in Education" at the annual fall convention of 500 Burnaby public school teachers in Burnaby South High, on October 23, 1955. Walt Disney's "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea," with Peter Lorre, Paul Lukas, James

Mason and Kirk Douglas, was playing at the Regent Theatre, as advertised in a full-page photo night promotion ad, in co-operation with a number of Vancouver Heights merchants.

20 Years Ago

The Burnaby Lions, under the direction of Safety Committee chairman Ted Hooper, launched a drive to buy two insulator units for the north and south Burnaby halls of the Burnaby Fire Department. The club planned to salvage pop and beer bottles to raise the required total of \$800.

A meeting November 8, 1945, was to investigate the desirability of building a Lochvale Community Food Locker at Sperling and Kitcheener, where the Pacific 66 station now stands.

25 Years Ago

A new series of articles, "The History of Burnaby," began to appear in the Advertiser, under the authorship of George Green, Burnaby's best-known historian. Genuine "furnace" scandal, "free-dwelling, specialty cut for range or furnace from No. 1 Fir Export Logs" was advertised not to stick together, for \$2.50 per unit of 50 sacks!

Comment

Beards That Are Really Far Out

Full blown beards may seem out of keeping with the clean cut, crew cut young astronauts of Cape Kennedy, but the necessities of space living may demand them. All the best brains in the U.S. space program, it appears, can't come up with a solution to shaving inside a pressure mask. As a result, the astronauts must let their whiskers sprout and put up with the fact that these are exactly their richest when total attention has to be concentrated on firing off retro rockets to return to earth.

It has been suggested, in the absence of a billion-dollar space razor program, that the thing to do is let the beard grow before blast off until it is soft and comfortable. No decisions have been taken yet, but it promises to do more for the beard's popularity than anything since Commander Whitehead. Financial Post (Toronto)

What More Could a Nation Ask?

Despite growing evidence of close links between cigarette smoking and several kinds of illness, anti-smoking campaigns may be going up in smoke. In the first six months of this year a record 21,000 million cigarettes were placed on shelves and in vending machines across the nation. In the full 12 months of 1964, Canadians picked away some 40,000 million cigarettes. This is an impressive 6% increase over the 1955 total. During the same period Canada's population has grown 25%.

Behind the increased use of cigarettes is no doubt the exploding teen-age population. Warnings by public and private agencies that cigarettes may be injurious to health obviously aren't getting through to all. But there may well be others, especially women, who continue smoking for a specific reason. Note this from Canada's Health and Welfare Minister, J. L. LaFlamme: "I've sacrificed my figure for my country. I have gained 40 pounds since I stopped smoking 2 1/2 years ago in support of the anti-smoking education program." Financial Post (Toronto)

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Profile

Tony Parr

Burnaby's myriad planning problems may be a constant source of confusion to Burnaby residents — on and off Municipal Council — but they're a career for one of Burnaby's newer senior civil servants.

Anthony Lea Parr, 55, was hired less than two years ago as Burnaby's Town Planner. In this week's profile, he discusses his most vital and controversial development plans next week. And he's hoping that the public

will accept his presentation in the constructive attitude in which it has been prepared.

Next Wednesday, Burnaby Council and Parr will formally release plans for redeveloping a nine-square-block area of Burnaby.

Not nine blocks on the back side of Burnaby Mountain, or half a mile south of Marine Drive, on the boggy Big Bend flats, but nine blocks in a key area of residential Burnaby. The plans will call for either redevelopment, rehabilitation, or conservation of every piece of property on either side of Bender, Hastings and Albert Streets, from Burnaby Road up the hill to MacDonald Avenue.

Every building and lot will in some way be affected by the plans — and included in the land strip are the United and Baptist churches, medical offices, cafes, a number of apartment blocks, and an even greater number of private dwellings, many private

business premises, and a scattering of empty lots. Most important business affected is, of course, the Burnaby Examiner.

On hand to view the new redevelopment proposals will be representatives of the federal and provincial governments, local business, concerned homeowners, and the press.

And all eyes will be focused on Tony Parr, as he unveils and explains his proposals.

If accepted, they might mean the satisfactory conclusion to decades of embittered wrangling between Municipal Council and Hastings Street store-owners.

But if rejected by any of the interested parties, and no immediate compromises prove acceptable, the plans will become another landmark on the barren scene of misunderstanding and distrust.

And Parr has been Burnaby long enough to know the political importance of finding some permanent solution to the stalemate.

Born in a small town of Gloucestershire, in the southwest of England, Parr had decided on an architectural career by the time he turned eleven.

"I was always interested in drawing and architecture," he recalls. The small city of his birth doubtless also added further to Parr's interest in building. For Cirencester dates its origin and its early architecture from Roman times.

Completing his primary and grammar school education at home, Parr then went for five years architectural training at Leicester. He started work in 1953, while serving a contract with the Ministry of Defence. He worked on a number of projects, one of seven or eight brand-new cities built following the war, within a 100-mile radius of London, became home for Parr.

While working on the detailed architectural work for Harlow, Parr became more and more interested in the general field of town planning, and he soon enrolled in a post-graduate three-year course in town planning at London Polytechnic College, while still working for the government agency.

While visiting old neighbors on Christmas Eve in Cirencester, Tony met a girl over from Canada, on her first trip to the old country, visiting her English aunt and uncle.

Eleanor Mary (Meg) Jones, of Victoria, B.C. and Tony Parr were married in Cirencester in 1954, but Meg's parents in far-off Canada hadn't an opportunity to meet their new son-in-law until several years later.

For shortly after his marriage, Parr was served his enlistment papers, and had to scramble to find a desirable position in the services while he still had a choice.

Fortunate to spot an interesting job with the Royal Engineers, Tony was appointed a military planning officer for the London area, forming plans for new barracks, hospitals, and other army installations throughout the metro area.

With national service completed two years later, Mr. and Mrs. Parr wasted no time leaving for Canada.

With Meg's family living in Victoria, where Mr. Jones was municipal engineer, the Parrs came right across Canada non-stop, arriving in Vancouver in 1957.

Temporarily employed as a designer for a city structural

steel firm, Parr soon entered a competition and won the position as the first planning officer of the Vancouver Island district of Saanich, a municipality related to Victoria City in much the same manner as Burnaby is to Vancouver.

Saanich has participated in the Victoria Regional Planning Board, but the municipal council decided that the population growth (from 35,000 to 55,000 in less than six years) required a full-time man, and Parr was selected to pioneer the plan for town planning in Saanich.

Major problems facing the Saanich Planning Department — which grew from one to seven members in the six years — were urban sprawl, highways, and a host of new shopping centers.

Although Saanich is comparable to Burnaby in a number of areas, there are also points of dissimilarity.

"One of the basic differences is that in Saanich it was fairly easy to be content with the plans for other metro areas. Here, the job is a little harder."

Moved to Burnaby

Tony Parr, his wife and his growing family moved to the mainland in the early months of 1964, and settled into a modest post-and-beam home in

the Upper Lansdale area of North Vancouver district. The Burnaby appointment was made more than six months after the previous Town Planner William Blakely, was summarily fired by a closed meeting of Burnaby Council, at the insistence of members of one of the local political organizations.

The department operated without a department head for more than half a year, while the whole question of employee firings and department policies were used as campaign material by the two incumbent Burnaby political groups.

Projects overdue included a new Burnaby Zoning Bylaw, high-rise apartment site studies, redevelopment of the Hastings area, and future development of the Maywood-Willington area, where apartment and private dwellings commercial buildings and industrial buildings on almost all sides — and a score of other pressing planning problems hardly touched.

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partment was in fact, four members short-staffed when Tony Parr took on the responsibilities of Planner.

It had to review the staff and the projects, and then had to fill the positions," Parr recalls.

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Opinion

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November 8th will be a momentous day in the history of Canada, a day of progress, or a day of frustration.

It is also of world consequence. Though we cannot say "as goes Canada, so goes the world," yet we can assert that a strong united Canada can have an influence on world affairs far beyond our relative size in population.

What are the issues of this election? Is a question difficult for most of us honestly to answer.

I do not think that the respective programs, or platforms of the parties concerned have taken any significant development.

The federal election, over the years, demonstrated what they really are, all election utterances to the contrary.

The Conservative are suave, polished, cultural, perhaps more persuasive in argument but less creative in action than the other parties.

The Liberals are more pragmatic and more involved in intrigue; shulduggery than usual. This may be due to the fact that they are, "basically, more down-to-earth" than the Conservatives, and as a result, have got mixed up in more dirty political deals than is good for the nation.

The New Democrats continue to be the left-wing of Canadian politics (a position held formerly by the Liberals)

and present a watered-down brand of socialism that is becoming more and more acceptable to Canadians, much of their thunder being put into operation already by the parties that have been in power.

The Social Crediters (what- ever that misnomer really means), are essentially business and economic opportunists, and, of course, in Canada, with an unlimited natural resource to be exploited, they cannot help but be a success in their particular field of endeavour.

The Creditists (another misnomer) exploit not only natural resources, but national weaknesses, such as the French-English divide which should have been buried on the Plains of Abraham, with Wolfe and Montreal.

What concerns me about the present political crisis in Canada (and I doubt if the present election will resolve it) is the disintegration of strong government, and the increase of these splinter groups which have the authority to call themselves parties, all aspiring, rather hopelessly, to significant national leadership. Some candidates are so parochial in their thinking that they are embarrassed by any question of national scope.

Surely this indicates the presence among us of many "big loads in small packages," but it also demonstrates the

need for more all-inclusive and comprehensive statesmanship.

Before it gets any later (and the zero hour is almost upon us) we should get public opinion to concentrate on a return to the two-party system in Canada.

Whatever they may be called (and the old names are now archaic) there appears need for an orthodox party and a radical party, and everyone should be able to find scope for their spheres of interest in one camp or the other.

The alternative is to do away with parties altogether, and return only independent representatives from all ridings, these members to govern Canada, when they reach Ottawa, on the same basis as Council governs a City.

But, we haven't time for these reforms before Nov. 8th, so let us hope that some one party will have a workable majority when the dust of the verbal battle clears away.

I can tell you right now who is going to win the election. Whoever gets the most votes.

But, whoever wins the battle of the ballots has the bigger job of winning the battle of good government for Canada. Let us pray.



FOURTH ANNIVERSARY is celebrated by Rocky's Meat Market in Vancouver Heights, anniversary draw winner R. Ghini, 4009 Union Street, accepts a Grade-A turkey. Rocky, in his store at 4342 Hastings, Drawing was made Monday night, with Mrs. R. Pierce, wife of the owner of neighboring MV Pharmacy, the lucky one.

Young Clef Scholarship Winners to Hold Concert

The Clef Society of Burnaby School, on Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 8:15 p.m. Tickets (\$1.00) are available at the door or by calling Mrs. R. Weeks, CV 4-4005.

The concert will be held in the Burnaby North Senior Secondary School, on Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 8:15 p.m. Tickets (\$1.00) are available at the door or by calling Mrs. R. Weeks, CV 4-4005.

Participants are John Hanson, Sandra Wyness, Sheila Horne, Joseph Bayer, Charles Austin and Jill Price, pianists; George Laverock, trumpeter, accompanied by Charles Austin, and Katherine Fern, vocalist. Guest vocalist for the evening will be Anne Heatherington.

S. Burnaby Fall Fashion Show

A preview of the latest fall fashions, presented by the Fashion Bureau of Eatons, is expected to draw many Burnaby women to the new lounge of the McEpherson Winter Club on Wednesday, November 17.

Guests, following the 8:00 p.m. showings, will be invited to tour the facilities of the club, offering year-round activities to all members of the family.

Tickets for the event, covering refreshments and door prizes as well as admission, will be available at the club office, 7325 McPherson Avenue in south Burnaby.

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take their place. Residential plotting of Burnaby Mountain, and parks development for Burnaby Lake are a couple of the more pressing issues, but many of the old matters are still far from solution.

Burnaby's first high-rise apartment is yet to rise, for Council hasn't yet set a final policy on locations.

A municipal roads grid has yet to be designed.

And the Hastings Street redevelopment proposals, even if accepted outright by all concerned, will nevertheless take a number of years to see through to completion.

"We never had enough time to prepare the major, comprehensive plan the area needs," Parr noted, and set about to assure that at least half the department's time is spent in preparing Burnaby's first, complete plan.

But the department's biggest project, Parr notes, must be the gradual development of public understanding of the function of the town planning department to the lives of every citizen.

"Without public understanding of development plans, it's pretty hard to make plans that will satisfy the people involved."

The residents of an area have to make up their minds themselves, as to what they would like their area to become, before a town planner is able to translate the wishes into fact.

Parr doesn't hold with the "correct" number of business-proportion of industrial to residential districts, or the "correct" number of businesses to serve a city of Burnaby's population.

"Rather than using set standards, municipalities should be analyzed to see what the people want," he explained. "Then Council will have to state overall principles to guide the department."

The public agrees that immediate redevelopment is necessary for the Hastings Street area, Parr feels.

"It is quite obvious that everyone wants something done." The only question, he observed concerns the methods of the plan's execution.

"I'm hopeful that the merchants will be able to plan a part in the development of the property."

The existing store owners should find it possible to take part in the new plan, Parr hopes, although not too many have yet come forward and expressed interest in participation.

Hastings is far from the only department project underway, however, and Parr isn't one to stick to a simple eight-hour day.

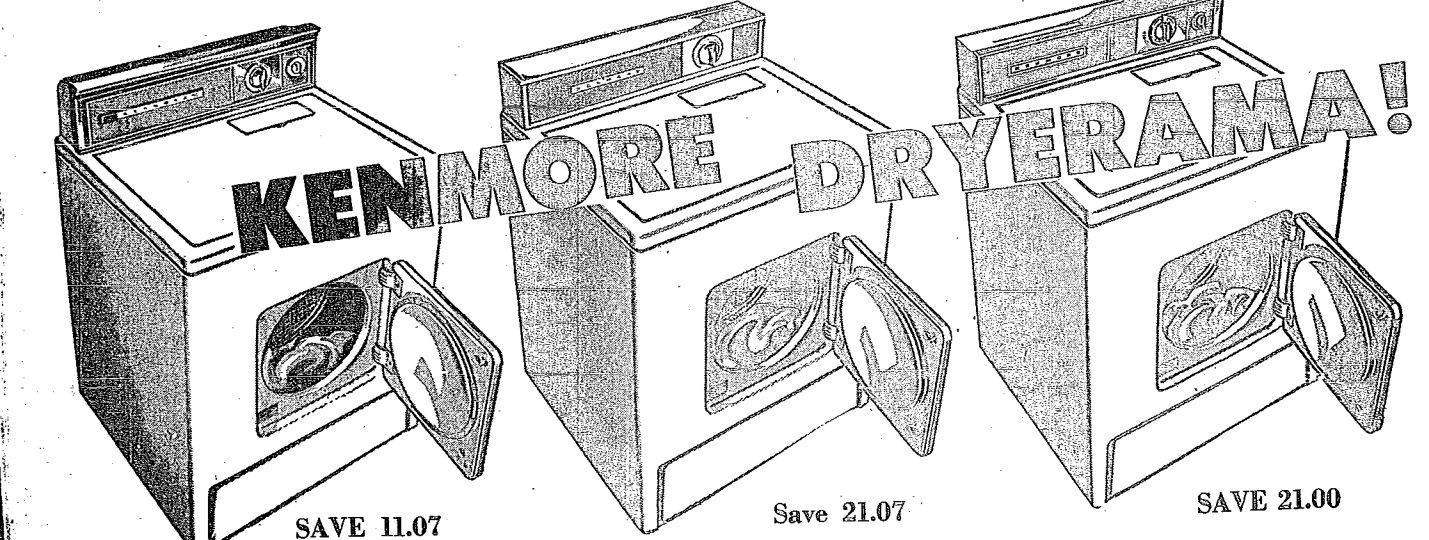
But his job is one that he likes to do. He is married to Caroline, 40, Gillian, 8, twins Richard and Michael, 6, and new-born Andrew (just 15 days old today) find their father at home most evenings - hard at work in his lower-floor study corner.

For there are yet more upcoming developments requiring speedy planning work - the North Road Centre, the Brentwood high-rise proposals, and western route from Hastings to Simon Fraser. But they'll all be taken in good stride by Tony Parr and his staff, if early indications are reliable.

For the life of a planner obviously agrees with Tony Parr.

"It's a fascinating business," he has found.

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