

HOODOO GOES TO COUNCIL

The town Council of the town of Harvey, deep in the Bible Belt, can boast of many things but its greatest claim in contemporary history is its fine and noble leader, that champion of democratic right, Filibuster A. Carr. Because of his uncanny knack of being to get any bill past the Council he was more affectionately known as "Railroad" Carr.

As the thirteenth yearly meeting of the Council opened, Hoodoo Simpson, one of the town's pious and freethinking citizens, sat at the right of "Old Railroad". In keeping with established southern democratic tradition the Council was made up of those citizens who never disagreed with "Railroad's" farsighted town planning. In fact "Railroad's" greatest principle was "Spend the people's money where it will do me the greatest good". "Railroad", a big man in a brown suit, smoking an expensive tobacco, leaned over the desk and glowered at the councilmen and councilwomen.

"Well, how shall we spend the citizen's money tonight", he said. "Railroad" was always very discreet on money matters. He smiled benignly on the members. The council, who were always ready to act as a check on freespending replied in a chorus.

"Whatever you suggest chief!" they cried.

"Well it has brought to my attention by a number of the citizens that the property lots on either side of my house are in need of landscaping". "Railroad" was always ready to act on the suggestions of citizens.

"I move the council appropriate two thousand dollars to landscape the property next to your house". The council men had seen his duty and he done it. He beamed at the chief.

However the matter was not so quickly to be disposed of; Miss Pettyhead, prominent leader of all the town's benevolent Ladies' Leagues and a suspected member of the KKK sorority, spoke up. "But Chief", she said, "couldn't we save money by dividing the expense between the Street Repair Department and the Town Dead Loss Department, square the cube of half the remainder, split the infinitive, eliminate the logus on the bogus with a three percent bond issue and then contribute the interest to charity and then the money we save on Income Tax we could use to re landscape the lots".

"Railroad" Carr wrung his hands in despair. Hoodoo looked anxiously at the Chief to see which way the wind was blowing before he said anything. Hoodoo believed in the old political maxim "The Lord helps those who help themselves".

"Are there any other questions", "Railroad" asked blithely.

The council, however having decided for themselves that they would be there all night if they made an issue of the thing said nothing so that after a few words of consolation from the "Old Railroad" they all voted in favor of improving the lot.

As the council departed "Railroad" took Hoodoo by the arm and asked him if he felt that they had acted rationally.

"Well . . .", he started to speak.

"Good, Good, M'boy, I knew you'd like seeing the Council at work".

So Hoodoo left the meeting and wandered slowly homeward, thanking his lucky stars that he lived under a progressive, enlightened and democratic form of local government.

APPLICATION FOR TENDERS

Upon the announcement of the death of Joseph Stalin, the Praesidium wishes to announce that in full accordance with its Democratic principles it is now ready to receive tenders for the position of Premier of Russia.

All applications must have successfully completed the following educational requirements: ENGLISH 2; PORNOGRAPHY II; MINING I (salt mining); FOUUDRY PRACTICE and INTERIOR DECORATION (specially iron work and curtains); ILLOGIC 2; MISREPRESENTATION I (or any equivalent class).

Candidates must also have a working knowledge of the word "NO" or "VETO".

All tenders must be accompanied by parents signature and must be submitted to the Acting President Dick Tater Mac Konnoloff before the next Greek Kalends.

SPORTS, SHMORTS

A popular winter sport has developed in Canada with the coming of the automobile. It is a game known as "Push you Fools, Push", and is a relatively simple affair which involves pushing a car out of a snow bank. The players are divided into two teams, the driver of the car versus those trying to push the car out of the snow.

The pushers are allowed to take up the following position, two rear fender men, a right hand side man and a right hand front fender man. The pushers are not allowed to speak but are allowed to conscript any passers-by to help them. The driver of the car is allowed one assistant if he wishes, the assistant's job being to shout instructions to the driver such as "O.K. gun'er", or "Cut the wheels right (or left)". The driver's assistant is also permitted to reach in occasionally and jiggle the wheel if he sees the car is about to get out of the snow.

The pushers are sometimes given two extra men if the weather is icy. Their job is to go from door

to door to collect ashes and sand to throw under the wheels, however this is considered unfair by the driver as it encourages him to spin the wheels and thereby wear out his new snow tires.

Under normal conditions the pushers are considered to have lost if they are unable to get the car out in an hour but any foul language on the part of the driver immediately concedes a win for the pushers, who are entitled to leave at that point if they wish.

Competition in this sport is so keen that drivers are known to buy sleek lined new cars so as not leave any hand grip on the body of the cars for the pushers to use, but the pushers have in turn encouraged the use of tire chains to even the chances. Any driver using chains is considered a real sport.

With the coming of the heavier cars there was much fear that "Push, you fools, Push" would die out as a winter sport but the introduction of smaller lighter European make cars is once again bringing the game back into the prominence that it fully deserves.

A One Act Drama In Geology Lab

Scene I
The Geology Lab.

Professor: "Now Children I shall pass among you a very rare specimen of a crystal known as "Vitrius Aqua". This is the only crystal of its type in captivity so I will ask you to be very careful with it as even a slight jarring is likely to split the stone."

Students: "O.K., starting passing."

There is a silence as the crystal is passed from hand to hand.

A murmur of voices. Then from the back of the room there is heard a heavy thud followed by a deathly stillness.

Prof. (voice trembling): "Was that my crystal?"

There is a one minute silence during which one could have heard a pin (or another crystal) drop.

Voice from back of class: "Perfect Cleavage".

Prof.: "I repeat, was that my crystal? Is my crystal broken?"

Three voices from rear in chorus, "No sir, the piece I have is in perfect shape."

Professor falls frothing to the floor.

Exuent class severally, by all exits.

Professor Burpin Stein, expounding a new theory of expirativity, claims that men breathe out as often as they breathe in.

The are 12 eggs in a dozen.

Most fish live in water.

Joke
Joe Stalin died this week.

You've heard of the man who swallows swords? Well that is nothing, wait 'til you meet the man who inhales Camels.

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Culled from the College Campus

ALAN MARSHALL, Collector

There has been little to distinguish the Monday before the second Tuesday in March, in years gone by; except that it usually sees groups of students arguing over Campus Queen Candidates. This year, it was different. Here is some campus comment on the day of confusion.

Kingsman: Some joker did it; I don't know who. I missed by economics class.

Coed in Arts: I don't see why the signs weren't taken down sooner. Most of the kids weren't here till five to nine; and the signs weren't taken down till nine thirty, or so. I think the staff should have taken them down sooner. I am certainly curious as to what group did it. I was annoyed, though, because I missed a class. I was taken in by it.

Law Student: I wasn't there. I only heard about it afterwards.

King's Coed: It should be done more often. I think it was a very clever idea.

Arts Professor: I had a nine o'clock class. There were more students there than I thought would be, after hearing about it. There were about twenty-five or so students there, out of a class of about seventy-five. I gave the regular lecture, and the others will just have to get it up, that's all. A typical undergraduate trick.

Science Coed: I was disgusted. I missed my math class. If a person wants to miss a class, that's one thing. But to make others miss theirs, too! I think it was in very poor taste.

Engineer: We heard about it Tuesday. We thought it was a good idea.

Arts Professor: I think those were hoaxed who wanted to be hoaxed.

Arts Coed: I don't think much of it. There were a lot of sturents who came in from Bedford and Dartmouth, and then missed their classes. If they ever find out who did it, I think they should be expelled. Students could have gone home for a long weekend, had it not been for the lectures on Monday. Then this comes along, and they missed their lectures too, and therefore wasted their whole weekends. It's not a bit funny, just stupid.

Law Student: Nothing much happened here. Most of the students came to classes and had classes anyway.

Science Professor: The janitor must have been fooled by the notices, because he didn't unlock the lecture room door. I think that clinched it for the students. But things were going by ten o'clock. I think the idea must have occurred to scupper a nine o'clock class, because the secret was bound to be out by ten. I wonder if the students realize the cost of this. Every lecture costs them up to fifty cents or so.

Butsy O'Brien: I took those notices down, on orders from Mr. Theakston. They were all over the place.

And do you know who did it?
Ah no; that's the sixty-four dollar question.

President Kerr: This is a very old trick. Nothing new in it at all. I am told that it had all the earmarks of authenticity. So it seems to have been very skillfully done. What it comes to is that a few students have perpetrated a trick on their fellow students. It is the student body who suffered from it.

So much for the comments.

Whoever did this appears to be keeping quiet about it, at least for the time being. Some suspicion has fallen on the engineers. I suppose some think that it is just the sort of thing they would do. Also, they have access to the blue ribbon typewriters. Some of the engineers are aware that the engineers are suspected, and have denied responsibility for it.

Certainly the case against the engineers is very weak, unless more evidence comes in. The Glee Club has been suggested too; the idea being that they wanted to avoid missing any classes during their trip to Truro. This is unlikely, because the hoax was bound to be discovered before it would be of any use to the Glee Club. Also, it is unlikely that any students are so cold blooded as to perpetrate this hoax on utilitarian motives. It looks like devilment pure and simple. In this case, your guess is as good as mine.

It has been remarked that what made this trick so striking is that nothing like it has been done at Dalhousie for years. Also, that the perpetrator has pulled a fast one on the college, and that it is absolutely impossible to get back at him. Certainly it was very cleverly done.

Quote

Oh Ye who teach the ingenious youth of nations,
I pray ye flog them upon all occasions
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