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EDITORIAL

One of the few good effects of TV, seems to be that it is forcing the radio stations to improve their programs. It is perhaps ironical to think of Roy Thomson actually having to encourage creative talent within his organizations, which for so long appear to have been dominated by executives with cash-register brains.

For years we have had to put up with programs that consisted for the most part of canned music, canned news, and interminable commercials. More recently the radio stations have been making a real effort to improve the quality of their programs, and inevitable, the creative people on their staffs are now beginning to get some recognition.

Jesse French, the amiable manager of the New Liskeard station, has made CJKL a lot of friends (it could surely use them) by his consistent policy of encouraging public service features and local talent.

A few years ago we would occasionally hear Jesse's voice over Kirkland Lake, and once in a while CJKL-Kirkland Lake would broadcast a program that was fresh and different, and therefore completely out of the Thomson tradition.

When CJKL opened its New Liskeard studio, fortunately they sent Jesse to run the show, instead of another cash-register executive. Probably because he's far enough from head office to get away with it, he has served up a variety of programs completely out of the old CJKL tradition of canned entertainment.

He is extremely well liked locally for his work with children, and to watch him draw out some shy and nervous youngster is both an education and a lesson in human relations. We hear rumors that he now has a much more ambitious local talent show up his sleeve, and no doubt it will equal or surpass his previous efforts.

When money is easy and the entertainment and information economy booming, mediums of entertainment and information can prosper without much more talent than a wire service and some high pressure salesman. When things toughen up a little, even the Thomsons have to turn to talent to sell their product.

If, in years gone by, CJKL had been run by Jesse French, or



Yes indeed! — I'm having it done during the winter when men and materials are available.

EVERYBODY SHOULD SUPPORT THE WINTER WORK CAMPAIGN

his type of creative radio man, then when the station tried to get a local TV license, it would have received a much more friendly welcome. As it is, it is significant that Mr. French personally received a friendly and polite hearing from all local organizations, while some of the

cash register boys got a real going over.

Good luck Jesse, keep up the good work. The only thing that puzzles us is how Thomson has been able to hang on to you so long. You are far better than he deserves.

Ole 'Orrible's Column

It seems that natural gas is actually here, or at least, just around the corner. Several hundred men will be needed to cut the right of way for the Trans-Canada line, and later this year the Northern Ontario Natural Gas Company will be busy installing lines.

One of the benefits we may expect from the Northern Ontario Natural Gas Company, is that it will have to have a strong and aggressive industrial development department, working to bring new industries and business to the north, and new consumers for its product.

If ever there was a time for the Haileybury and Cobalt councils to be on their respective toes, and promotion minded, it is now. There are some signs of life in the Haileybury council. At Cobalt, Councillor Mathews has shown already that he is prepared to risk unpopularity for the benefit of the town. It will be interesting to see if the cotton wool and status quo gang manage to stifle him with the old slogan "let's not do anything, and then we won't be criticised."

The government has apparently decided that the economy of New Liskeard is in such poor shape, that it has to steer some government departments there. A few months ago the department of public works was trying to find offices to place a division of the department of municipal affairs.

It examined some excellent

offices in Haileybury, but completely bypassed the Inch block in Cobalt. Now we learn that the department has arranged to rent offices in New Liskeard. We might add that it didn't have the common politeness to let the Haileybury people know that it had made other arrangements.

As the district town, with office space available, Haileybury would have been the logical place to put the government office. Judging by the progress being made by the department of works in building the extension to the mining school, Haileybury is on the government's black list.

If courses in elementary logic are being taught in Ontario's schools, then W. J. Dunlop, minister of education, should enroll as a pupil. The last sentence of his letter to Mayor Cooke of Haileybury is about the most stupid statement we have seen from a minister of the Crown in a number of years.

The honorable minister wonders if students will flock into Haileybury to study at a technological institute if the town also has a mining institute. We presume that if Toronto University only taught one subject instead of a dozen or more, that, using the minister's thinking, the enrolment would be greatly enlarged. What the minister means is that while it might be perfectly logical to place the technological institute at Haileybury, where it would supplement the mining institute, it may not be politically expedient to do so.



The above picture, taken from our family album, is of old Chief Hatcher Head, one of ole 'Orrible's ancestors. In his memory we are starting a fighting fund for the Indians of Lumbee County in the U.S., who are doing to the Klu Klux Klan what Sitting Bull did to Custer. Donations of tomahawks, firearms and other equipment may be left at the office, and will be forwarded to Lumbee County, where some of this continent's finest citizens are knocking the blazes out of an organization that should have been wiped out years ago.

Personal Name Calling is one of the most unlovely forms of political activity. Chances are that those who indulge in this practice do nothing to enhance in the public mind their own reputation or that of the party to which they belong. Case in point is the bumbling personal criticisms of the attributes of present members of the Federal Government made in recent series of addresses in Western Ontario by

former Immigration Minister Pickersgill. According to Mr. Pickersgill, Prime Minister Diefenbaker is "incompetent," Trade Minister Churchill "a high school debater," and Finance Minister Fleming "the most pugnacious, arrogant, offensive, rudest person in Parliament in 20 years."

Commenting on Mr. Pickersgill's utterance, The Brantford Expositor observes: "This may be said to him, that it, as some social arbiters claim, a gentleman is one who is never unintentionally rude, then he is a gentleman." Mr. Pickersgill would serve Parliament and his constituents better if he discarded his arsenal of offensive adjectives and devoted himself to his proper role as an Opposition member, namely, criticizing the Government in the House of Commons and supporting his criticisms by facts. Adequate ammunition should not be hard to find.

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY (Continued from Page 1)

The children in boarding homes and schools. The Society car used by the staff in the branch office in Haileybury was traded in on a new car purchased in the Tri-Town area. The executive committee presented recommendation pertaining to improvements required at the Receiving Home. Tentative plans were made for the Annual Meeting of the Society to be held in Haileybury in March or the early part of April.

After a vote of thanks to Mrs. Field for her hospitality the meeting was adjourned.

OTTAWA REPORT

By Arnold Peters, M.P. In the past few months as your representative I have learned a great many things about the everyday operation of our federal government. I have much more to learn but I am entirely convinced that I can with your help be a good representative of the people of Temiskaming and at the same time contribute some new and constructive measures to the House of Commons.

What I have said on several occasions has not met with complete approval by everyone. This is particularly true in regard to my position to the Emergency Gold Mines Assistance Act.

I said while discussing the estimates of the Department of Mines that I was in favor of increasing the subsidy paid to the gold mines under the E.G.M.A. Act but that certain conditions must be secured. First the mines receiving this subsidy must see that the wages of its employees would allow the employees a decent standard of living which would provide for reasonable support of the communities dependent on the mines. And secondly, some of the increased assistance should be used to set up secondary industries against the day when the mines would be worked out, so that our mining communities would not be left in disastrous straits.

The Northern Miner, which speaks for the mining companies and has been no supporter of the workers in the mines, declared in its editorial of December 26th, 1957, that my position would only lead to increased wage demands. As an ex-miner I know that the wages in the gold mining industry are well below those wages paid in other mining communities and an increase may be requested. However, my main objective in asking for increased assistance is to obtain secondary industries that will employ the men in the mining fields that cannot work in the mines and also the women who can find only limited employment in mining areas.

For years the Conservatives have spoken for a better deal for the Gold Mining industry. I personally had expected an increase in the assistance that the Liberals had curtailed. However on

January 7th the Minister of Mines gave notice that the present E.G.M.A. Act would be extended for two years at the next session. He made no mention of any increase whatever. In this regard the policy is the same as that pursued by the former Liberal regime. To me the announcement was a disappointment. I am sure it is a disappointment to all the miners and the communities dependent on the gold mining industry.

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