

WARNING FROM SOCIALIST AUSTRALIA

The people of Australia have tossed out the Socialist government of J. B. Chifley and placed in power a coalition of Liberals and Country Party members who made anti-socialism the main plank in their campaign.

There is a moral for Canadians in the downfall of the Australian socialists. First elected in 1941, they proceeded on orthodox socialist lines, with the support of the majority of the Australian people.

There is a salutary lesson for the governments too: In action and in policy governments do well to keep even so much as the faintest shadow of the tax gatherer from falling across a voter's bank book, or the faintest suspicion that his prying eye is there.

FORD LEADS AUTO SALES

For the first time in years, more Fords had been sold than Chevrolts, reports The Financial Post. On the domestic market, Ford was having its greatest year in history.

Part of the answer was the big jump Ford got while GM and Chrysler were shut down for model changeover. Ford made its major postwar design change early last year.

Now it looks like Ford will beat its competitors to the punch again, although this will take time. The advantage won't be as great before the end of the year. Ford will be out with 1950 models.

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Hello Homemakers! We promise ourselves that we would have a few games ready for teenagers' party on Valentine's Day. Having decided on several games to use, we hope to give you an idea or two.

Simple games are best. For example, the Clothespin game. Provide two milk bottles and twenty clothespins to the two contestants.

"Name the Movie" is a guessing game. Clip the advertisements of current movies from newspapers and cut off the titles and number them.

A make-believe sleigh race may be fun. Fasten strips of paper tape on the floor with Scotch tape. Mark off irregular spaces on the tape and use one set of dice for the game.

VALENTINE FRUIT BAILS: 1 tsp butter, 1 cup sugar, 1 egg, few grains salt, 1/2 cup chopped dates, 1/2 cup chopped nuts, 1 tsp vanilla.

DROP COOKIES: 1/2 cup shortening, 1 1/2 cups brown sugar, 3 eggs, 2 1/2 cups sifted cake flour, 1/2 tsp baking soda, 1/2 tsp nutmeg, 1/2 tsp salt, 1 cup diced cherries.

NESSEROLE ICE BOX CAKE: 1 box cherry powder, 1 cup hot water, 1 large can evaporated milk, 1/2 cup finely diced peach, 1/2 tsp almond extract, 16 graham crackers, Chocolate sprinkles.

CREAM MINTS: 4 cups granulated sugar, 1 1/2 cups water, 1 tsp. cream tartar, A drop of oil of peppermint.

Combine sugar, water and cream tartar, and boil together to soft ball stage. Pour the hot syrup into a shallow buttered pan and allow to cool to lukewarm undisturbed.

GRAPE PEZ: 1 tin lime juice, 8 lemons, 1 large tin apple juice, 2 cups grape juice, 1 1/2 cups sugar, 2 large gingerale.

PRIVATE FRONT LESS THAN PUBLIC WASTE

The entire cost of management of all the private industries in North America is less than fifteen per cent of all money earned by industry. Compared with the efficiency of operation of publicly-owned industries privately-owned industries have a wide margin of savings.

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"The Dutch government," says this story, "had little to be thankful for to Germany." Professor Egbert DeVries, special economic adviser to the Dutch Ministry of Overseas Affairs, had even less to be thankful for.

"The aftermath of this action," says the writer, "was an improvement in trade relations between Germany and Holland."

"Great-souled" is the literal translation of Manhatma.

Chronicles of... Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Acton Free Press OWEN DOLENE P. CLARKE

We had a houseful again this week-end and the fun and chatter that went on was a welcome change from a week of considering problems that were concerned only with falling farm prices and the eccentricities of the weather.

Daughter was home and in great form—quite well pleased with her housing venture, but still wondering how she can cope with the various things that need to be done—all of which cost money.

The young couple, friends of Daughter's, who occupy the ground floor rooms have been helping with some of the decorating.

"Just wait until you see my Bubble Room," says Daughter. "It's swell!"

"Bubble Room," I echoed in bewildered surprise.

"Yes, that's what we call it," laughed Daughter. "You see, we got a bargain price on some real good wall paper but when it came to putting it on, it was so heavy that it wouldn't hold the paste properly."

Electric wiring has been another of her worries. The house, being old, has insufficient circuits.

Daughter proved the title was well deserved. It so happened the wind had got up, and it was also getting quite a bit colder.

Joy was also here and her big worry was making out an annual report to the Board regarding her nursing activities—and anyone who has dealt with annual reports of any kind knows what a headache they can be.

Partner and I have our problems too major and minor. The trouble is one cannot always be sure which are major and which are minor.

I imagine quite a lot of mount-ains and molehills will be given a airing at the annual meeting of the Federation of Agriculture being held in Niagara Falls this week.

After all, what does an editor, or a farmer, look like? I am not going to stick my neck out by giving you my idea of a typical editor, but I do know that some folks' idea of a typical farmer is a man in overalls, pant legs rolled over rubber boots; wearing a smock or windbreaker; cap pulled down over his ears and a beard admittedly a little on the fuzzy side.

But when the farmer is through with his work for the day and intends going out; or when business or pleasure takes him to the city, then, as Lotta Dempsey says—"You can't tell an editor, from a farmer, look like? I am not going to stick my neck out by giving you my idea of a typical editor, but I do know that some folks' idea of a typical farmer is a man in overalls, pant legs rolled over rubber boots; wearing a smock or windbreaker; cap pulled down over his ears and a beard admittedly a little on the fuzzy side.

Staid business and other conventions mean big money to the cities in which they are held. Of \$34 millions in total revenue from visitors to Toronto, The Financial Post reports that at least \$15 millions came from the conventions alone.

When It's Personal It Hurts

By Joseph Lister Rutledge

Nobody likes increase in his own personal costs, yet we bear with a measure of fortitude cost increases that are indefinite or that do not touch us too nearly.

Think of it. While most prices, including our own income, have increased 50 to 100 per cent, rentals, including the recently permitted increases, have advanced 24 per cent.

It is true, of course, that these are averages, and that there must be many individual cases where those on fixed incomes, or those living on savings find themselves faced with a very serious problem.

There are, and always will be, persons to whom a minor increase in rent must be a tragic happening. We might also remember that it is no more tragic than an increase in food or fuel costs.

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