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**The Editor's Corner**

**POT POURRI**

The Herald got some publicity on Don Fairbairn's Sunday radio show "Neighbourly News" when Don featured a story from "Chatting" about calendars. The item had been reprinted in the Fergus newspaper and Don gave us a dig about not sending the Herald to him. It was one of those things we had overlooked and we are adding him to the subscription list this week. Tom Dickenson has bought the service station established by Roy Smith at the Maple Avenue and Fifth Line corner. Tom is one of our most successful young war veterans. When he came home from overseas service in Italy, where he won the Military Medal for bravery, he started a trucking and haulage business and the addition of the garage is a further step in his business career. A letter sent from Toronto and signed "Critic" cannot be printed because the writer did not submit his name when he mailed it. We seldom print critical letters unless the writer's name is published too, and never print an anonymous letter unless the writer at least makes himself known to us. A Reader's Digest article on smoking has created a good deal of interest lately and the Globe and Mail columnist J. V. McArey devoted his column to it one day last week. Mr. McArey confesses to being a smoker and refused to get alarmed about the possibility of shortening his life unless he stops the habit. We are inclined to agree with him for it seems that smoking is the only bad habit that a newspaperman has time for. Mr. William Broughton adds to the information in a recent Chatting column about his moving to town that he is an entertainer too and did considerable singing in 1943 to American and Canadian troops and the RAF in Iceland. One of the highlights was a singing appearance with Benny Goodman's band. He is a tenor and has sung professionally in England and will be glad to sing at any veteran's concert in Georgetown or Toronto. He hopes to broadcast from a Toronto radio station in the near future. Speaking of broadcasting, we enjoy a new program called "he Show Goes On" in which professional talent gets an audition before talent buyers. It is heard Friday evenings, with a rebroadcast Saturday afternoon. Night club owners, theatrical producers and band leaders are making use of the program. We listen to the radio in "spurts" and last week, with fewer evenings out than usual, had our radio playing more than it has for months. Enjoyed the Groucho Marx quizz show and the Great Gildersleeve particularly. Both are a welcome relief from the tired old comedy of Jack Benny, Fred Allen, Al Jolson and Eddie Cantor. Sunday's Theatre Guild on the Air is our choice for the best in drama, and we enjoy Lux Radio Theatre, Suspense, Escape and Big Story. Once was enough for the new comedians Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis. We had just read in Liberty magazine how many thousands of dollars they would make this year from radio and movies and it left a great big "Why?" in our mind. Wonder if their sponsors have ever heard Canada's top comedy team, Wayne and Shuster.

**WE'RE MAD AGAIN**

Every now and then we get a mad on about taxes. No, we don't mean municipal or personal taxes, for while we don't like handing money out any better than the next man, we realize that everyone has to pay a fair share to keep our country progressing. We don't even object to the hidden taxes which are made so much of, for it is a painless way of paying when it is taken out of cigarettes and liquor.

Our mad comes because of the system whereby an employer has to collect and remit income tax and sales tax to the government. And when we get a letter, as we did last week, assessing us ten dollars for fate pay-

ment of the monthly tax deductions made from Herald employees... we explode. The fact that we "haven't a leg to stand on" as the lady of the house reminds us doesn't help a bit. We still went ahead with a letter to the tax department which will be read by the assistant to the assistant something-or-other and in due course we will get another bill from the department with a further request for the ten spot.

We are mad because in the first place we don't think it is right that a business man should have to act as a free collection agent for the tax department. If Mr. Abbott wants us to be a collector we should be entitled to the recognized fee charged by firms which specialize in the business. Or, at the very least, we shouldn't be out of pocket for postage, stationery and stamp cheques to forward the deductions. Our second "beef" is that any business firm allows thirty days for payment of accounts, but the tax department wants their money on the line exactly seven days after the end of the month in which deductions were made. We sent the cheque on the 12th.

To keep the record straight, this is as good a time as any to register our yearly protest at payment of a \$2.00 licence fee for the privilege of charging our printing customers eight per cent sales tax, collecting it from them and sending it in monthly. And if an account is uncollectable we not only lose the money the customer owes us, but the eight per cent which we have remitted too. We can see no justification whatever for having to pay two dollars to do all this work.



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