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## The Editor's Corner

### SIGNS OF THE TIMES

For the first time in several years, a man called at the office the other day asking for a "hand-out." To our shame we were busy at the time and brushed him off rather abruptly. The price of a meal would have been much cheaper than the thinking afterwards that we had not helped someone whom circumstances had put in such a position. To be sure, a lot of these characters are parasites who wouldn't do a day's work at any price, but there is always the chance that a meal at the right time might have far-reaching effects on the future of a man down on his luck and might reaffirm his faith in human nature.

It is disturbing to realize that the war boom is ending and that once again there is a need for relief. Our knowledge of economics is limited and we cannot understand a system which brings prosperity when everyone is engaged making products which will blow themselves or other products to bits and depression when every product made can be utilized. The States tried an artificial system during the last depression in deliberately destroying food produce. Perhaps we should carry it farther and start producing refrigerators and automobiles and radios for the scrap heap.

We cannot altogether agree with a reader who last week wrote of an experience with a transient and laid the blame on drinking and gambling, then suggested that the breweries and distilleries should provide meals and beds for the men who are the products of their trade. During the war drinking was just as common as it is today and yet there were no transients. To be sure there are cases where over-indulgence in intoxicants has serious results on man's finances and morals, but this cannot be blamed on liquor producers any more than it can be blamed on the people themselves who, through their government, control the sale of intoxicants.

The problem of transients and unemployment is an economic one, to our way of thinking which requires some study by the proper government agency. It is tied up with supply and demand of commodities and with the law of survival which decrees that those who are toughest will win out. During the war, there were more jobs available than there were people to fill them, hence there was no unemployment. Now the picture is shifting and there are more people than jobs, which means that someone has to be out of work. It is the government's problem to so readjust our economy that there will always be more work than there are hands, which automatically eliminates the problem altogether.

### POT POURRI

Mr. George Allen left this week for Hespeler where he has accepted a position with the Artex Woolen Mills. . . Never realized how abundant wild life is in Esqueing until we read that 49 foxes were shot in the township in one month. The \$5 county bounty is helping to keep down the nuisance caused by these pests which do much damage to poultry flocks. Elmer Thompson and John R. Barber who are associated in the Elmer C. Thompson Insurance Service have become local agents for University Tours which can provide a complete all-expense tour to almost any place you could choose for a vacation. The town is fortunate in having someone like Mr. Barber available for travel consultation, for he has travelled extensively and can be very helpful in trip planning. . . One of the finest pictures which Hollywood has produced was "Lost Boundaries" which played at the Roxy last week. It handled a social question with dignity and the acting of a cast of relatively unknowns was superb. Miss Dorothy Stone was amused by our editorial on taxes and brought in a sheaf of correspondence which she had had with the sales tax department relative to a sum of 18c owing. Miss Stone, who does most of her commercial art work for the government, which pays no sales tax, complained of the fact that it had cost her over five dollars in fees and postage over a two year period to remit sales tax of less than three dollars. . . Just when we thought the trend was back to the sweet music of the "30's" the radio hit parade now blares out "R-a-g-g-M-o-p-p" and the "Chattanooga Shoe Shine Boy" then settles down to a solid diet of cowboy tunes. . . Employers are reminded that February 28 was the deadline for submitting a statement of income tax remittances for employees. We know because it cost us \$10 one year for late filing. . . Have you played Canasta? We tried it once and it is a lot of fun. It's really a rummy game with variations and can be picked up in about 15 minutes. Harold Robson, goalie for the team, has accepted a position with Bar-

rage's Cleaners. . . A suggestion has been made that we start a column "Things We Would Like To Know" and we have it under consideration. The idea would be for us to ask a topical question each week with the hope that a reader who had the information would either write a letter or tell us the answer for the next week. . . Miss Olivia Durnford is kindly supplying us with news of the CGIT which will appear weekly as CGIT Chatter. . .



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