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The Editor's Corner

STEEL SHORTAGE EASING

Barring a turn for the worse internationally, the steel shortage may start easing off next year, accord ing to an article in the Financial Post.

This doesn't mean that we're going to have so much steel it will be running out of our ears, as a United States mill operator predicted some time ago. But the word in the trade is that some improvement is due in Canada about the middle of next year.

Recently U.S. reports said the first glimmering of inventory correction was showing up, but warned that it might take until the first quarter of 1952 to unsnarl current U.S. confusion raised by the new Controlled Materials plan.

In Canada, between now and the time an improvement could be expected, things may get wore for some steel users, notably in the construction business. There the shortage has been and still is hurting the most.

WE HAD REAL COMICS THEN

Sometimes we shoot off our mouth about the younger generation (and some of the not-so-younger ones, too) turning into a nation of comic book readers. Certainly they have a big sale and a tremendous following these days. Not only do the newspapers vie with each other to give the biggest array, but the publishing companies are flooding the market with Adventure comics, Disney comics, Blondie comics, and yes, even "Love

comics. But one forgets fast. It wasn't so many years ago that we were an avid follower of the funnies, and buried with some forgotten boyhood treasures we came across what must have been the original of all comic books, the adventures of The Gumps.

When or why we gave up reading comics we can't say. Certainly many of today's variety should not be designated by that name, for they make no attempt at humour. "Comics" and "Funnies" were originally terms used to describe picture cartoons such as Bringing Up Father, Blondie, Gasoline Alley, The Gumps, Katzenjammer Kids, Cap Stubbs, Mickey Mouse. Each daily episode was a comic story in itself. Then, some cartooners got the idea of continuous stories. Dagwood and Blondie, got married, had a family. So did Skeezix, The odd character even died. Gradually "Comic" became a trade word to describe anything which told a story in cartoon pictures. Now we live in the days of Buck Rogers, The Phantom, Terry and the Pirates, Nothing funny about their adventures.

SNAP, CRACKLE, POP!

We met a friend at Malton Airport arriving by plane from New York Friday night. It is inconceivable in this mechanized day and age, but it was the first time we had actually visited an airport. We enjoyed waiting for the plane, hearing the announcement on the loudspeaker that flight so--and-so would be arriving in six minutes, then seeing the huge mechanical bird make a graceful landing on the runway and taxi to its appointed place. It is truly a wonder of our age to see distance reduced to such fractions, and to hear of the ease and comfort with which one can travel. No, we have never had a plane ride, either.

Standing at the window beside a stoutish lady who was also meeting a passenger from the plane, we were not so impressed with another wonder of our age, and not so admirable. The large lady was smoking a cigarette, chattering a mile a minute to a friend, and chewing bubble gum. We were frankly fascinated, and it was hard to watch the plane for our eyes kept turning to the lady. We have certainly no strong feelings about ladies smoking in public, but that "snap, crackle, pop" had a fascination. Why do people do it! We played a little game. Could we pick out the person she was waiting for? It was ridiculously easy. Standing out like a sore thumb among the disembarking passengers was her masculine double - "snap, crackle, pop."

We met our company and missed the greeting of these bubble gum degenerates, but a wicked thought crossed our mind. What if those two "pops" coincided when their lips met. They would be sealed in a fatal embrace, strangled by their addiction. A good poster theme for advertising the OSOBGG. (Ontario Society of Objectors to Bubble Gum Chewers.)

POT POURRI

Mrs. James Ritchie has joined the staff of MacCormack's Drugs as a clerk . . . Mel Tamblyn, who has been working as stockkeeper for Saxe Motors for the past year, has returned to Toronto to work for National Motors. Mel and his wife are still making their home in town in one of Mrs. Smythe's apartments on Main St. North . . . Del Kenney, who was a visitor with us on Sunday, has an interesting job. A former barnstorming flyer who used to travel from town to town in Ontario taking people for plane rides, he served with the RCAF in the war. Now he works for the Venezuela government, flying a passenger plane from New York to Caracao, return. He lives in Bronxville, a New York suburb, and flies one trip a week. The beauty of his job is that, as a Venezuela civil servant, his salary is subject only to the very low income tax of that country and his "take-home pay" is much higher than people in similar income brackets in this country . . . Frank Tighe, who returned to work for Smith & Stone a few months ago after spending a year in Arizona, has left for the States again. This time, Frank, his wife, and stepdaughter, Dianne Cameron, will be living in Los-Angeles . . . People have been very helpful this summer in telling us of their visits and visitors. The social and personal column on the front page is one of the best features of the Herald and we ask all readers to keep up. the good work

ASHGROVE *

Mrs. Poole, Acton, is Church Servics Speaker

The service on Sunday morning was in charge of the WMS with the president, 'Mrs. Hector Bird in home of Marilyn Wilson. charge and opening with a hymn. The Scripture Psalm 33, was read a trip to Des Moines, Iowa, where by Mrs. John Bellboddy who also he visited the Pioneer Hybrid Corn gave the prayer. Mrs. Chester De Plant and the Hy-line Chick Hatch-Forest of Georgetown sang a solo eries. "I Do Not Ask, O Lord." Mrs. Walker, Mrs. C. L. Poole of Acton who Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. spoke on "A Nation crashes when its Frank Ruddell and Bobby. -moral fibre weakens." She said multitudes have gone mad for entertainment and the expression "it's all right if you can get away with it," is too much abroad today. Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people. With God himself back of our homes we surely have hope. Prayer is the mightiest force in the world today. It is our task to introduce Christ to all people In closing she said "Choose ye this day whom you will serve."

Valerie Nurse was visiting her aunt Mrs Walter Thompson last week in Toronto

Allan Brownridge is having some holidays with his grandmother, Mrs.

Miller, at Silverceek.

The Bright Star Mission Band met on Sunday afternoon at the

ter Brownridge introduced the spea- son Norman of Mono Road were

guest this week Dianne McKinney of Erin and Adrienne Nurse is up in Erin visiting Ruth McKinney. There will be no service in the church 'on Sunday.

APPROACH CUT DOWN AT CROSS STREET

this week where Cross Street ap-

Freddie Barnes is visiting with his uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Vern Barnes at Milton and Jackie Barnes with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wrigglesworth, also of Milton.

Mr. Fred Nurse has returned from

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Oldfield and

Miss Valerie Nurse had as her

A bad crossing is being remedied

proachs Main This is at the corner where A. Norton is completing work on his new apartment and effice building. The roadway is being cut down, the work being done by the town men with the aid of Mansell Nelles' bulldozer from Ac-



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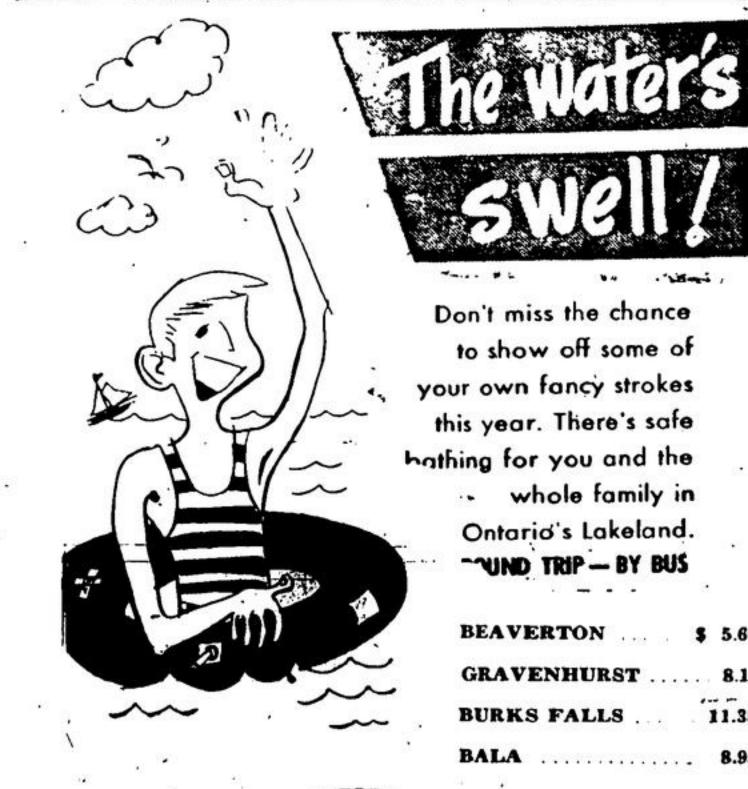
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in this case it is particularly tough

because there has been sickness to the family and the money is hadled A little girl lost a change purse needed particularly. Anyone findthis week somewhere between the ing it would make a ittle girl hap py if they got in touch with the xactly an unusual occurrence, but Herald Office.