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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Nice To Be Home....

If you are like us you find that [illegible] of the nicest things about travel [illegible] coming home again.

Not that we don't appre[illegible] customed luxury of forgetting [illegible] for a whole two weeks. [illegible] of our fine transcontinental [illegible] paying a week at a large [illegible] and dined by one and another [illegible] suppliers and [illegible] point where we [illegible] selves [illegible] we are.

But living in Georgetown [illegible] now we edit [illegible]

As we [illegible] "done" we trip [illegible] that but I would [illegible]

And as we [illegible] as mile after [illegible] with every [illegible] we passed through a few [illegible] we would say [illegible] farmers can have."

Then we [illegible] Alberta and B.C. [illegible] door, we found ourselves [illegible] scenery." But to feel [illegible] these peaks.

Our Country Is Vast....

No matter how [illegible] raphy book, there is [illegible] ize the vastness of this country [illegible] to travel it by train.

A Vancouver [illegible] impetus to visit the west [illegible] time. And those who have [illegible] should put it on their [illegible] has.

The feeling of [illegible] begins when, after a [illegible] you wake to see the never-ending bushland, dotted with [illegible] after a day of travelling [illegible] shore of Lake Superior [illegible] Port Arthur, and go to bed [illegible] native province.

Cities Of Charm....

Vancouver and Victoria are [illegible] every Canadian should see [illegible] lifetime.

A man, more travelled [illegible] trip that Vancouver and Hong Kong [illegible] the two cities he had seen were [illegible] most impressive natural settings [illegible] not seen Hong Kong [illegible] his word about Vancouver.

From our hotel window at [illegible] was a veritable fairyland. Beacon [illegible] signs flashed in [illegible] of hues [illegible] celebrated Broadway, while [illegible] Electric building beamed its [illegible] sage for miles around. This [illegible] every light inside left burning at [illegible] saw ships in the harbour, lights [illegible] and twinkling lights on [illegible] tainsides, with here and there [illegible] building brilliantly lit, like a [illegible]

Convention Highlights....

The CWNA convention was [illegible] combination of work and play.

Business sessions, like any other trade association, were devoted to speeches and discussions on producing a better product. As usual, we came home filled with [illegible] tion to try all the things we heard. We won't do it, of course, but a proportion of the things we heard will be eventually incorporated to keep the Herald growing in interest and quality.

Playtime was a wonderful mixture.

One of the highlights was a night in Chinatown, which began with a firecracker display, then a traditional Chinese 'lion dance,' in which a number of young athletes almost knocked themselves out gyrating under an ornate lion costume accompanied by weird oriental music, and ended with a ter-

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[illegible] relaxed the latter [illegible] A real treat by the [illegible] commission was another [illegible] We got first picked [illegible] the beetles and a number of other original delicacies. And we sampled the potent sake, the rice wine native to Japan.

[illegible] made of our trip was memorable. And we didn't for a minute envy those truck drivers who stepped on a jet in Toronto Sunday morning and four hours and ten minutes later were talking to us in the hotel lobby which had taken us three days to reach.

Planes for utility, yes, but give us a train trip any day for a real vacation.

Suggest Major Changes In Judgment Fund

Major changes in Ontario's Unsatisfied Judgment Fund and the government's system of returning operators' licenses after suspension were suggested today by E. H. S. Piper, general manager of All Canada Insurance Federation.

The Federation represents 220 Canadian automobile fire and casualty insurance companies.

In a brief to the Ontario select committee on automobile insurance, the Federation suggested that:

Property damage coverage under the Unsatisfied Judgment be dispensed with and that the savings be used to increase personal liability limits, from $10,000 for one person and $20,000 for more than one, to $25,000 inclusive.

Insurance companies be allowed to finance and administer the Unsatisfied Judgment Fund.

An independent 'jury' or Board of Review be established to decide whether or not suspended drivers should have their licenses returned.

PUTTING THE SHOW ON THE ROAD

Sugar and Spice

Dispensed by BILL SMILEY

If all depends on where you sit. Years ago, I used to be bitterly critical of the newspapers. It didn't require much intelligence to see that editors were craven, afraid to publish the truth. It was obvious that their policies were dictated by the advertisers, that publishers were only interested in profits. I'd have written them some pretty fierce letters on the subject, I can tell you, but they probably wouldn't have printed them anyway.

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During the same period, I discovered that newspaper subscribers were irritable, unpredictable and impossible to please, that they were demanding, did not appreciate the editor, and would not write a letter to him unless they had an axe to grind.

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Inevitably, at the next annual meeting, I would be elected to the board of directors of the organization. Within a year, I would have found out that a few harassed officers were doing all the work; that you practically had to use a gun to collect annual fees from the members; and that the latter's chief pleasure in life was criticising the executive on street-corners or in saloons.

I remember when I used to be an ordinary, complaining ratepayer. I felt nothing but the utmost contempt for the stupidity, the narrow minds of the members of the town council. Their callous neglect of such vital problems as [illegible] the street on which I lived was little short of criminal.

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Then, one winter night, half delirious from the 'flu, I allowed my name to be put forward at the annual nomination meeting. For the next two years, I served on the town council. I was shocked and disgusted during my term in office, at the pettiness, the orneriness, and the utter disregard of the fundamentals of municipal economy, that existed among the taxpayers.

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During my term in office, I was certain that raising beef cattle was the ultimate in easy money. You just bought some cattle, put them on the grass, sat back on the porch and watched them swell into big, juicy sirloins at $1 a pound.

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Then I learned that it goes like this. You buy some cattle in the fall, at 23c a pound. You feed them all winter. In the spring, you put them out to pasture. One falls into a crack in the rocks, and breaks his silly neck. Another expires horribly, after eating a broken beer bottle that somebody threw over the fence. A third comes down with the bloat. But they've gained 100 pounds each, and you can still break even. So you ship them to market in the fall. And that week, the bottom drops out of beef prices, and they go under the hammer at 18c a pound, leaving you a net profit of minus $700.

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Until this year, I regarded tent-caterpillars as the twentieth century's answer to the bubonic plague or the Great Fire of London. I knew they were lazy, insolent, selfish, dull and not worth a fiddler's foot. This year, we have a teen-ager of our own, and I've discovered that they are essentially lively, high-spirited, lovable, warm-hearted and fascinating young people, the hope of the future.

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As a frazzled editor, putting in a long work-week, I used to view with envy, and not a little indignation, the teachers ambling downtown about 4.30 each day. With other disgruntled ratepayers, I spent hours figuring out how many days they worked, how many holidays they had, how much money they got, and how little they did for it all.

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Now I'm a teacher. I have been at it for only a couple of weeks, but I've caught on quickly. Already I realize that no body is so vital to the welfare of the community as our teachers. No one is overworked, underpaid and unappreciated as the teacher. I've learned that teachers are completely uninterested in salary schedules, annual increments, and superannuation figures. They just do it for the sheer love of it.

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It all depends on where you sit.

10 and 25 YEARS AGO

ECHOES

From the Pages of the Herald, September 27, 1950 and October 2nd, 1935

10 YEARS AGO

- Playing on the GHS football team this year are Alan Gillis, Jim Timleck, Frank Carter, Ron Breen, Bill Doherty, Richard Sienko, Don Ford, Jim Buck, Ted Tyler, Inc. Bill MacCormack, Don Hutchinson, quarterbacks; Ron Denham, Bud Varey, Paul Barber, Keith Scott, Carl Schenk, George McClure, halfbacks. The team is coached by principal J. L. Lambert and Keith Thompson.
- Hon. Dana Porter, Minister of Education, will be asked to look over four or five suggested sites for a new central high school which is being planned by North Halton High School District Board.
- James Linton of Georgetown won the club championship at Brampton Golf Club when he defeated Vince Doyle in the finals Sunday. Linton won the match on the 31st hole, 6 and 5.

25 YEARS AGO

- Mr. F. Y. Barraclough of Glen Williams, who was appointed a Justice of the Peace in April was also appointed Commissioner for taking affidavits last month.
- On the night of September 27th Mr. M. Saxe's Creamery on Guelph St. was broken into and a small amount of money stolen. On the same night an attempt was made to rob Wm. King's Butcher Shop.
- Champions at Georgetown High School Field Day were: C. Hoare, Junior; R. Foulds, E. Arnold, Intermediate; and E. Lanan and R. Duncan, Senior. The meet was conducted by H. J. Heldmann.
- At the Gregory this week: The Age of Indiscretion starring Paul Lukas and Madge Evans; Daring Young Man starring James Dunn and Mae Clark; and Les Miserables starring Fredric March and Charles Laughton.

Your Hospital Progress Report - No. 1

by Thomas T. Ferguson,
Director of Publicity, Georgetown District Memorial Hospital

In a quiet meadow in the Park district of our town, history is being made. A modern structure of brick and steel is rising, a silent tribute to the thousands of people who make up our community.

Your hospital as I saw it today, is a long, low rambling building with a dark brown and blonde brick exterior, with two levels of structural steel, yet unclad, standing stark against the skyline.

The exterior walls of the sprawling first floor have a multitude of openings, to accomodate large areas of glass, and all in all the front elevation of the hospital to be offers a most pleasing appearance from the entrance ways.

If you have not visited the site recently, I urge you to do so as soon as you can, and I know you will be impressed as I was with the appearance and progress of the project.

As you can well realize, even at this stage a tremendous amount of money has been spent, and your pledges are needed urgently, to maintain construction progress. If you have already pledged, won't you check your pledge card right now, and make sure you are up to date. If you're not, won't you send in your pledge first thing tomorrow morning. If you have not pledged as yet, then the following paragraph is for you.

Many of you in our community I know had, and for all I know may still have some reservations as to the success of a project such as this. If you are one of the few, who when approached for a pledge said: "I'm from Missouri, you have to show me;" then I say this to you " Go to the park and see what has been done already." This edifice of brick and steel is no mirage, it's there for all to see. Assure yourself if you have to, then make your pledge."

For those of you who wish to give a little extra, there will be an official hospital tag day this Saturday, so give as much as you can to your Hospital Fund, the money you give may save a life . . . "Yours."

Controversial Corner

by Ian Cass

How Free is our Economy and How Private our Enterprise?

In an editorial last week, the Toronto Globe & Mail soundly berated all those who think that action from Ottawa can solve the problem of our unemployment. The Globe editorial said quite bluntly that ours is a free economy based on private enterprise and it is not the Government's function to make jobs for the unemployed or to assemble conferences on how jobs can be created. Unemployment, says the writer, can be reduced only by the production of goods at prices people are willing to pay. Government action to overcome unemployment can only be expected in Fascist or Communist countries, he continues. In other words, regardless of imports from highly mechanized extremely wealthy nations like the U.S., regardless of imports from highly mechanized overseas nations with a relative salary structure one quarter that of Canada's, it is still up to business, labour and agriculture to solve this country's severe economic problems by themselves.

Best of Bunch

Although I consider the Globe as probably the best of the mediocre bunch of Toronto papers, this particular editorial is made up of a variety of misconceptions, undeveloped generalizations and tenuous, untenable verbosity, or, if you like your prose less prosy — it is undiluted hogwash.

No one who has done much studying of the present sagging economy would deny that a more responsible approach by some sections of organized labour would improve the situation. Canadian autonomy over Canadian unions might help also. No one, including the head of the Canadian Manufacturer's Association, would deny that there is inefficiency, waste and bad management in some sections of our industry. If these two factions of Society would pull together, which is unlikely, yet no doubt we would all be better off. To suggest that labour and management alone can solve our problems merely established ignorance of the basic facts.

Might be Valid

If as many people fondly imagine, Canada had a completely "free" economy, if the country was completely operated by "private enterprise", this type of editorial might be valid. Both the Liberal and Conservative parties may claim to be free from Fascism or Communism, but they cannot claim to be free from Socialism. This is no longer a country in which business men, who practise "private enterprise", have complete control of the country's destiny. The very political platforms of social improvement and welfare which were the battle cry of Socialism thirty years ago are now fondly nurtured by all parties. Old age pensions, medical care, paid holidays, trade union protection, minimum wage scales — all these were rank Socialisms in 1900. To-day they are supported by any party which expects to gain a majority in Ottawa. To most of us, these aspects of earlier Socialism are now part of an essential social justice — an awareness that society must care for its weak, its sick and its aged, and that labour is as necessary as capital.

When we consider the further development of government control and activity; when we consider the vast power wielded by Ottawa over every stage of trade and commerce, over imports and exports, over industry and agriculture, over finance and taxation, the whole idea of Canada as a nation of private enterprize and laissey-faire policies is exposed for what it is — mythology.

Extreme Right Wing

The people of most Western nations have long ago rebelled against the extreme right-wing type of Conservatism, where capital and business interests dominated the national policy. Most people, quite rightly I think, feel that the government should have sufficient control over the nations' affairs to ensure that the economy as a whole operates in the best interests of the most people. The powers vested in to-day's Federal Government should enable them to deal with any major crisis, economic or otherwise. It is ridiculous for the Globe & Mail to suggest that the Government should not be held responsible for our present economic difficulties or to suggest that they can be resolved solely by industry and labour.

Government expenditure amounts to approximately one fifth of the national expenditure; Government taxation amounts to one fifth of the national income. The Government is directly involved in the business of air, sea and rail transportation; in power development; in forestry, fishing, wheat and pigs; coal and metal mineral production; the aircraft industry, the housing industry, the chemical industry and the telecommunications industry; it has a finger in research, seaways, harbours, land, the list is endless. Can this be called an economy of "private enterprise?"

Only One Way

There is only one way by which Canada's economy can be boosted and her unemployment reduced and that is through a significant increase in secondary manufacturing. Our economic problems cannot be cured by increased sales of raw materials or agricultural products — those days are over. Our problems cannot be overcome by increased foreign capital investment — those days are over, and none too soon. And, just the same, the problems will not be solved by fervant appeals to industry and labour although both could stand some house cleaning.

Secondary Manufacturing

Secondary manufacturing — the fabrication of metal after it leaves the rolling mill, the fashioning of wood after it leaves the lumber camp, the forming of plastics from the raw chemicals, the manufacture of electrical equipment from copper and glass — this is secondary manufacturing and it is our only way out.

This type of manufacturer is in extinction in many trades, electronics, footwear and cutlery, to mention a few. This threat is the direct result of the Federal Government's unenlightened import policies. The Globe and Mail says Canadian manufacturers must be competitive; they must reduce costs. Finance Minister Fleming says that costs must be kept down or home markets will be lost. This is fine, but does Mr. Fleming look closely into the production costs of efficient producers and see that they are given some protection from foreign imports? Does any Government agency investigate the production costs of a 6AL6 tube using Canadian labour, and then set tariff rates to protect the industry and its workers from imported tubes made by 40 cents an hour labour? I don't suppose so. It seems to me that the Government is still more interested in disposing of agricultural surpluses, which have been so badly handled over the past ten years that if they no longer offer any solution, then they are in encouraging the development of secondary manufacturing which is our only solution.

In Driver's Seat

The Globe and Mail and Mr. Fleming may like to think that the responsibility rests with industry and labour and certainly both have a real contribution to make. At the same time, let us not kid ourselves about our "free economy" and "free enterprise." As far as finding a solution to our economic problems is concerned, the Government is in the driver's seat. If they wish somebody else to take over the wheel, I'm sure that can be arranged.

Still Alive After Having Lung Cancer Removed

The first man ever to have a lung removed because of cancer is alive and healthy today, twenty-seven years after the operation, although the surgeon who performed this history-making job has since died . . . of lung cancer.

The patient's name is Dr. James L. Gilmore of Pittsburg. In 1933 he went to see Dr. Evarl A. Graham of St. Louis to be treated for what he thought was a lung abscess. X-Rays showed a shadow on the left lung that looked like cancer and a bronchoscopy which removed a small portion of lung for examination by the pathologist confirmed that Dr. Gilmore did indeed have lung cancer.

There was only one chance . . . an operation. Dr. Gilmore went home and, to show his optimism, had some necessary dental work done. He also hedged a bit by buying a cemetery plot.

When Dr. Graham operated he discovered that the cancer involved the bronchial tubes as well as part of the lung, and nothing short of complete removal of the lung would have any chance of saving his patient. Although this had never been done before except on animals Dr. Graham, after consultation with a friend of the patient, decided to go ahead with the radical procedure.

It was the first pneumonectomy in medical history and it was completely sucessful. Dr. Gilmore has lived and worked for twenty-seven years without a lung . . . and without cancer.