# The Mail Bag

## Wants Better Precautions For Safety on Highway Job

87 Sargent Rd.

To the Editor:

No doubt most readers of the Herald are aware of the publicity given by Toronto Newspapers to the lack of safety precautions in the construction industry.

We have an example of this close to here, in the construction of the railway overpass on No. 7 highway between here and Brampton.

The construction company have created (for no obvious reasons) a small length of highway that would put any car manufacturer's proving ground to shame.

It's a road of broken pavement, potholes, loose gravel and inadequate warning signs that all go to create a condition to cause any unwary driver to lose control of his motor vehicle.

Luckily there hasn't been any serious accidents yet because of this and may fate be so kind to not cause any before construction is completed.

If this is the way this company is allowed to operate, then all garages of Georgetown should get prepared for a booming business in the months to come.

For when this company comes to town to rebuild over a mile of highway east of town, that there will surely be lots of broken springs, shocks, axles, etc. to replace.

I wonder if they have allotted part of the almost quarter of a million dollars they will receive, to cover the cost of these repairs.

Albert Porter.

## Can't Sweep Unemployment Under Rug, Must Face Facts

R.R. 2,
Oakville, Ont.,
August 10, 1964

Dear Editor:

The editorials in the Oakville Record Journal on August 13 and 14 indicate an eagerness to drown out the statements of fact disbursed by the New Democratic Party Convention which concluded in Toronto on August 12. One of their concerns is that the true extent of unemployment be swept under the rug and left there. It does not deplore the fact that we have unemployment. It only deplores the fact that the N.D.P. Convention is concerned about it and says so in no uncertain terms. Then it tries to minimize unemployment by mistatements of fact. All these mistatements prove is that the writer is unfamiliar with the operation of the Employment Office and has probably not endured unemployment himself.

There is however, one aspect that to my knowledge neither side has given consideration. It is this. We are all acutely aware of the enormous increase of door to door salesmen that has occurred in recent years. When one comes to my door, I invite him in and talk to him - not about his product, but about him - I usually find that he is an unemployed worker, whose unemployment insurance stamps have run out and he was forced to accept this door-to-door deal - at first with promises that 'there's gold in them thar hills' but later it boiled down to 'there's peanuts in them thar hills'. These men are listed as 'employed' by the employment office but it is really only unfruitful forced labour and they would gladly take a job if one was available, but it isn't, so they peddle unnecessary goods to people who cant afford to buy.

There are many other points at issue but the viewpoint of all is governed by the writer's opinions on - which is more precious, money or people.

Men of vision, who look into the future, predict that by the year 2000 only 5% of our people will be involved in production, because of automation. So the theory of working for your daily bread is going out of fashion whether we like it or not. Our present governments, in view of this, have established the Unemployment Assistance Act with a maximum tab of $150 a month for a family with 6 children. People in this sphere are not potential customers for any goods other than the bare necessities of life, and by the year 2000 this condition will govern 95% of our people. The year 2000 is only 36 years away. Many now living will see that date. Will the manufacturers of that day be satisfied to sell their goods to only 5% of the population? In the meantime the same condition will be true but on a lesser scale. This is real criterion that will induce the wealthy who pull the strings of government control, to place the income for the unemployed on a level that will make them potential customers.

In the meantime we can expect to hear that the unemployed are a bunch of lazy bums but in reality we no longer want or need their work because it is being done by machines. Canadians are fortunate in having the New Democratic Party to shed a ray of light on the myths of capitalism and its satellite news media, who pick and choose the kind of news they will distribute.

Whereas the Republican Party of the U.S.A. proposes Goldwater as a President who could lead his country back to the 19th century, the New Democratic Party of Canada and its provinces choose only leaders and programs that are geared to the future.

Jack Henry

### DANGERS ON FARM FOR CITY FOLK

A vacation on the farm may be a great treat to a city family but there are dangers to be avoided. Riding on or operating farm machinery is for the experienced adult and not for younger teens and children. Also, it isn't advisable to try making friends with farm animals who may be strange to the children.


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