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**EDITORIAL**

**Back to School**

This is the last week of the long summer school vacation. Next Tuesday morning the school bells across the province will summon the children back to classes—back to another year of preparation for days of later life.

Just what progress is made—just what experience is gained is something that only the student can answer. Educational facilities are the same for all and any boy or girl can attain a good high school education at home if he or she has the desire to work for it. As in the old poem, "It must be bravely sought; with wishing and with fretting the boon cannot be bought."

A new opportunity opens on Tuesday. A new chance to progress further along in a pursuit of study that will prepare the mind for many of the tasks that will have to be met along life's journey. How hard or how easy those tasks will be depend largely on how well one is prepared to meet them. School days can be happy days but they cannot be carefree.

**Labor Day Monday**

We are not just sure in this year of the significance of Labor Day which occurs next Monday, or whether it has any significance other than the fact that it is another holiday in the year.

But it might be well if on this Labor Day of 1948 those who toil might take stock of their present day status. The world is recovering from a second World War. There have been many adjustments necessary to get fitted back into peacetime routine. There have been difficulties of both management and labor relations. We have seen bitterness in many disputes and in spite of union agreements a growing feeling of insecurity.

Employers have been urged to assure this security of labor. Governments have made rules and provinces aimed to make the place of labor secure. It is doubtful if any of these measures have met the demand. The only security for those who labor with hand on head is the security he or she provides for himself. The willingness and ability to do a better job, the personal savings made when work is plentiful, the careful planning of earnings so that living is below earnings. These are some of the things that make for security of the worker and his home.

Just how far have we gone toward security in the past few years might be a thought for this Labor Day of 1948. Maybe it's too much to think about on a holiday.

**Hide Demand Sags**

Fewer cows are having their hides tanned because fewer Canadians are beating a path to the shoe stores, according to a Financial Post report. But more and more cattle are coming to the meat market. Therein lies a situation that may knock hide prices down and drop leather and shoe prices to a point where sales might begin to pick up again.

In the meantime packers, tanners, shoe manufacturers and shoe retailers are going cautiously on future commitments. Number of "wettings"—hides in first stage of becoming leather—is down 30 to 40% from last August. This follows a decline in shoe sales that registered a 16.4% drop for the first six months of 1948 as compared with same period of last year. (80% of leather goes into shoes.)

**Parking Meters Grow Unpopular**

Huntsville's experience with parking meters as related in a recent issue of the Huntsville Forester, makes interesting reading:

"It is now quite clear that meters will not solve the parking congestion on the business streets of towns such as Huntsville. The traffic muddle on our Main Street is as great, if not greater, than at any previous time in our history. And it will not lessen with the passing years.

Meters were installed in the hope that congestion would be relieved, but this hope has not been realized.

Towns now considering the meter question would be wise to hesitate before succumbing to the urgings of high-pressure salesmen. The installation will not lead to any looked-for Utopia in solving the traffic problem.

From other angles, such as the effect these machines have upon the travelling public and rural shoppers, there is little doubt that the glamour has worn off. Against the hoped-for advantages in the installation of meters, the nuisance they are to motorists and the annoying effect they have upon those doing business at Main Street Stores, more than offsets any possible advantage they bring to the town."

On Saturday morning we had occasion to visit in Guelph where the meters are causing quite a controversy in the court. Here is our experience. The first nickle disappeared but the handle stuck and wouldn't turn. A helpful citizen slapped the box and kicked the post for us but no results. He suggested we try a penny so by feeding another five cents, a cent at a time, we got an hour's time clocked on the meter. The next meter had some time on it but we wanted an hour without having to come back. It took one penny and the hand didn't move so we left it and went back just before the hour and fed in another cent. The third meter worked perfectly. We don't know about the experience of others. That's the first time we've used the Guelph meters in six months and we can appreciate the complaints that come up periodically in police court cases there. They certainly do not make one feel welcome in any town. They are viewed as another tax rather than an aid to better parking facilities and certainly their mechanism is far from perfect.

**Safe Holiday Travel**

"Every traffic rule and regulation we have every highway sign and road marking, and every careful driving habit and precaution Ontario motorists possess, should be rigidly observed and brought into play this coming week-end," declares the Hon. George H. Doucett, Minister of Highways, in an urgent warning of the traffic tragedies that always follow the heavy traffic flow on the Labor Day week-end.

"Fifteen fatal accidents over Labor Day week-end meant one death almost every five hours and failed to lessen the toll last year when 17 were killed," the Minister points out. With this summer's record peaks still prevailing grave anxiety naturally is felt for the traffic outlook for Labor Day of 1948.

Coming at the end of the summer's heavy traffic volume and of the holiday season rush Labor Day is the signal for a flood of American tourists and Ontario families to start toward home, for thousands of Canadian National Exhibition visitors to take to the roads—and for more than half-a-million Ontario children to have one last carefree day before the school bells ring, and life in Ontario slows to normal routine.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

Barrie in getting delivery of a new fire truck ordered two years ago. The cost is \$12,832.

Incentive is defined by Tide Magazine thus: "The hound runs for his lunch . . . the rabbit runs for his life. Bet on the rabbit."

79 speeders appeared in Guelph court during July and fines totalled \$2933 with 65 convictions for traffic by-law violations and 50 for offenses under the Liquor Control Act.

If Mr. St. Laurent retains the premiership after the next election, he will be the first family man in about fifty years to be premier, except for a short period in which office was held by Mr. Meighen in the 20's. Mr. King and Mr. Bennett were bachelors; Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Robert Borden were childless.

Along with removal of controls there should be a drastic reduction in the wartime levels of income taxation maintains the Edmonton Journal. "The opening of the United States market to Canadian livestock producers will mean millions of dollars to western farmers. It will also mean higher prices for beef at the butcher shop. Living costs will go up again; and food costs, which have doubled since 1939, will rise still higher. The Government can increase the purchasing power of all Canadians by cutting down the amount it takes from them in income taxation. Millions of Canadians have no extra dollars now, no surplus purchasing power. Ottawa must reduce personal income tax rates over a wide range, and do it at the earliest possible moment."

**Milton Recollections**

**Fifty Years Ago**

Taken from the edition of the Canadian Champion, September 1, 1898.

Finlay Chisholm is taking a fine pair of carriage horses, a single carriage mare and a two year old carriage stallion to the Toronto exhibition.

Mr. Clark has moved his grocery business down to the store formerly occupied by Robert Bennett next door to the Commercial Hotel.

Peter Chisholm, one of Nassagaweya's oldest residents died on Sunday. He was over eighty years of age.

The band arrived home early this morning from Carlisle where they were engaged to furnish music for the garden party at the Methodist parsonage. The songs by Neil McPhail who accompanied the band from Milton were well received by the large crowd as were also those of Alex Armstrong.

**DIED**

MCCARTNEY—In Trafalgar on August 28th, Mary Jane Little, relict of the late David McCartney in her 94th year.

NIXON—At Norval, on August 29, John Nixon aged 40 years.

**Twenty Years Ago**

Taken from the edition of of the Canadian Champion, August 30, 1928.

Knox Presbyterian Church is receiving a fresh coat of paint.

Misses Myrtle Field, Mina Hume, Bertha Clements and Lily Main returned last week from an enjoyable trip on the upper lakes.

The Halton Cream and Butter Co of Milton have added an up-to-date egg grading dept. to its creamery on Commercial Street and is now in the market to purchase any number of eggs.

J. Devlin of Omagh has completed his new barn and is ready for the crops. The steel stabling will go in later.

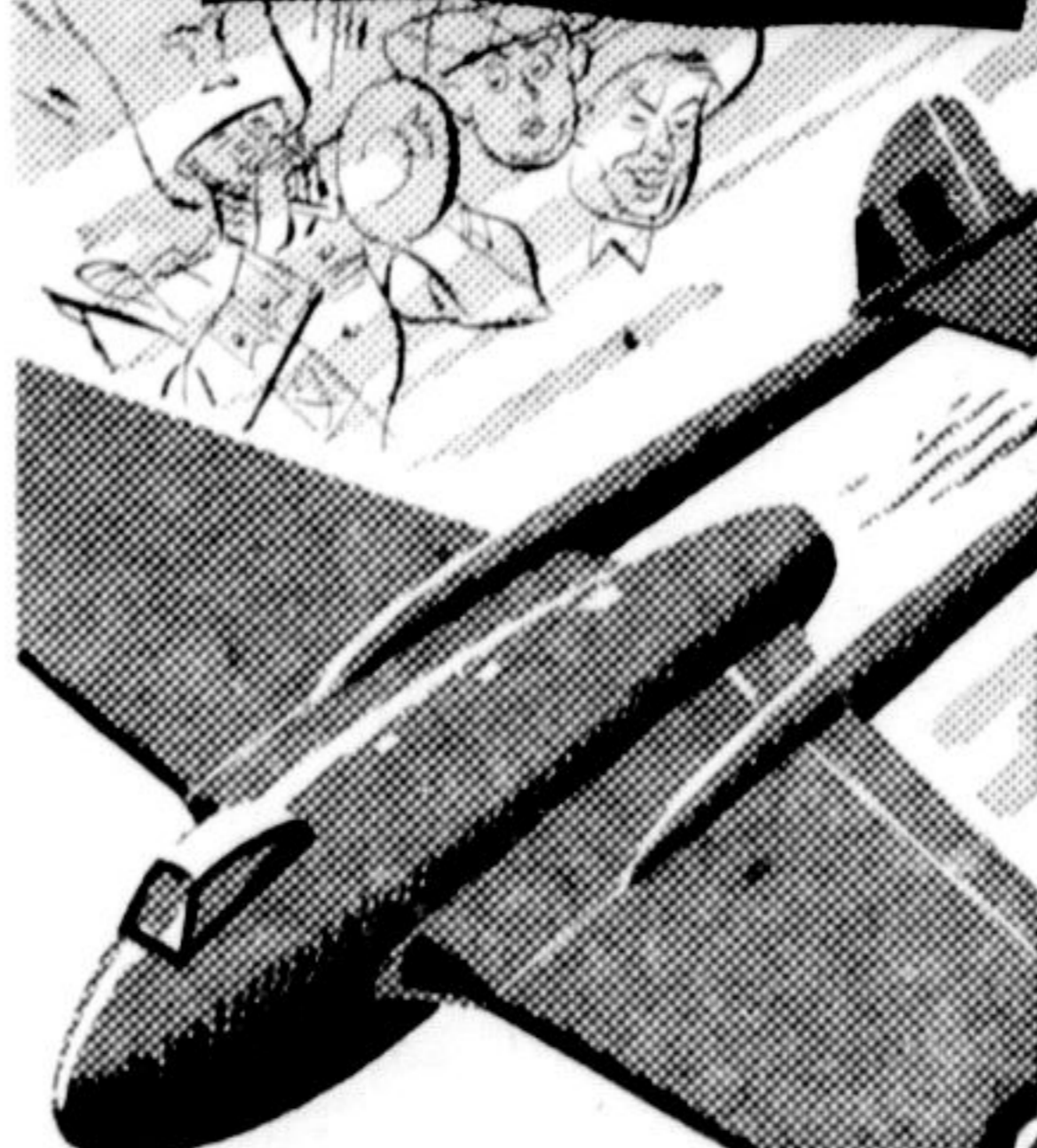
When Harvey Metcalfe, mechanic, in Cooper's garage cut the nut off a bolt with a chisel the nut hit his right eye and cut the ball so deep it is feared that he will lose the sight of the optic. He was taken to Guelph General Hospital.

**MARRIED**

ALCOTT-SCOTT — In Wallasey, Cheshire, England, August 29 Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. N. Scott, of Milton, to Geoffrey Clare, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Alcott Wallasey, England.

A case hardened city reporter, assigned to cover a nudist convention in New Jersey lost his poise when he was required to "dress" for the occasion by exchanging his clothing for an identity disc.

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