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**PAINT UP, CLEAN UP**

Spring is here and now is the time to undertake a community drive to make the town and district more beautiful and attractive. These are difficult times and we know expenditures on extensive improvements are beyond the reach of many, but it is remarkable what a lawn rake and a little manual effort will accomplish. If you can afford it a little touch of paint makes a great difference and a few nice flower beds and shrubs can transform an unsightly corner to a place of beauty. If everyone does a bit it is surprising how the general appearance of the entire community can be made more attractive to those who pass this way or visit with us.

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**FIELD DAY WILL SOON BE HERE**

Richmond Hill's annual Spring Fair will soon be here and the officers and directors are busy preparing for the big annual event. This year the Horse Show will be featured and promises to be one of the best ever held in this section of Ontario. In addition to the regular classes for all breeds of horses there will be features of saddle and hurdle events which are sure to prove popular with the patrons of the fair. There will also be a ladies polo game which is an attraction with plenty of thrills and excitement. The directors are to be commended for engaging for the day one of the foremost military bands of the country and the music by the Toronto Regiment Band will in itself be well worth the whole price of admission charged for the fair.

Each year the officers and directors devote much time and energy to the promotion of this annual fair. They give their time and their money to the Society because they believe the annual Fair is a worth-while community undertaking. In their efforts they should have the whole-hearted support and co-operation of the business men and citizens of Richmond Hill and the entire district. Let's all get behind the 1934 Fair and make it the best in the history of the Richmond Hill Agricultural Society.

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**DAYLIGHT SAVING**

If our watch is set to daylight time and we take the watch at its face value, we don't go to work an hour early and finish an hour early. We go to work and finish at the same time as usual by the watch. There is a difference of about five hours time between England and America. Would it not be rather foolish on the part of any traveller to refuse to set his watch ahead when he arrived there. Imagine the confusion if he continued to leave the watch set at the same time as when he left Canada. He would be invited out for dinner in the evening at eight o'clock, English time, but according to his watch he would go at 8 o'clock Canadian time, which would be 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Again in the morning, looking at his watch when it said six o'clock he would say it's too early to get up yet, but the people in England, going by English time, had utilized the whole morning, for it would then be 11 o'clock in England. After all, the watch is our guide to time, whether it's Greenwich, Standard, Mountain or Pacific, and we must believe our watches, and not argue with ourselves that it is some other time. Daylight saving has many points to commend it. Let us take advantage of the extra hour of sunlight after our day's work is finished.—Huntsville Forrester

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Commenting upon the resolution of the Ontario-Quebec division of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association urging that a gist of all new legislation passed by the provincial government should be advertised in the weekly press so as to inform the citizen of such law and not wait until he has been summoned to court for an infraction of that law, the Mail and Empire says: "Ignorance of the law, as the old maxim has it, excuses no one; yet public acceptance of that dictum does not absolve the Government from the manifest obligation of making the tenor of the law widely known. Each year Government departments waste money on tons of well-nigh useless printed matter that might easily and with general advantage be diverted to the carrying out of some such practical suggestion as is here recommended."

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Motorists in the smaller towns, and particularly those in the country, have been realizing, in a very direct way, that they are being penalized in favor of the city and larger town drivers. Automobile permits cost exactly the same in any township or village as they do in Toronto, Hamilton, or any other city. But the city drivers can use their cars twelve months in the year, whereas the country drivers cannot very often use them more than 7 or 8 months at the most. People who cannot use the roads, through no fault of their own, only a little over half the year, should not be compelled to pay as much for automobile permits as those who, by reason of their place of residence, can drive the full twelve months. A plan could easily be devised where people who are blocked in by snow or mud for five or six months every year, or from choice, only use their cars during the fine weather months, should receive some consideration. Insurance companies are making refunds on premiums where cars are not being used during the winter, and the same concession should be allowed by the Government.

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There has never been a time in the history of Ontario politics, when the rural constituencies held a less exalted opinion of any government, than they hold of the present Henry administration. Hard times, and be it known that the farmer population has experienced hard times, over a greater length of time, and to a greater extent than any other part of the population have given rise to much deep thinking and this thinking has found expression in a condemnation of the policy of the Henry Government, that is both sincere and widespread.—Seaforth Expositor.

**TO YOU FROM ME**

By Leonard Harman

Only youth so noted for its lack of experience and tact would be so foolishly to attempt a task for which both of these qualities are so eminently necessary. For I am proposing to submit my journalistic efforts for the approval of half a dozen editors each with his own viewpoint and all with background and environment greatly dissimilar from my own. Even having passed the scrutiny of friendly newspapermen, these columns must face inspection from the reading public, that mass of citizens with myriad names and natures.

Having cut my wisdom teeth, I stretch to the full height of vigorous young manhood and survey the world in which I live. Frankly, I am baffled by its very complexity. As I ponder, across the limits of my dreamy vision there comes a group of young farmers surmounting snow-banks and suspicions—moving forward. York County is being "stormed" not by a barrage of destructive gunfire by an earnest challenge, a challenge calling rural youth to face life and to struggle with it. So we have the Big Team of the New Canada Movement. And as I converse with these other young men in the familiar farm kitchen where I learned to walk and talk, I feel impelled to make my contribution to the advancement of this movement which is not of an organization.

To many of my readers the New Canada Movement requires no introduction. It represents the awakening of youth to social consciousness. Through its "Moves" run like binding threads the strands of its three-fold ideal—to think without prejudice, to speak without bitterness, to act without fear. Several thousand rural young people have pledged themselves to its support. Many are following the study course in economics arranged by the Examination Board.

But in more local and regional work there appears a distinct gap, a gap which in the York district may be partially filled through our newspapers. As a tentative suggestion, I propose to volunteer my services for the editing of two columns in the first and third weeks of each month. One column will be devoted to leaders in community work, some of them recognized authorities on social problems and others only amateurs like the present writer. The other column will bear "Moves" of the Movement telling of the activities of local units and also containing sundry other items aimed at the building of a New Canada. The nature and direction of these columns will be simply governed as democratically as possible by expression of opinion from "Movers" of the Movement and especially by those within the region covered. Criticism will be welcomed, be it favourable or adverse. The success of the "Moves" column will depend very largely upon the support which it receives from local "Spokesmen."

Having preferred to be little known than to be known for little, an introduction to my readers may be in order. I am a farmer and proud of it. I love the land with its stock and its crops only less than the people who dwell upon it. I will plow my furrow and I will plow it straight, striving for excellence in the husbandry of cattle and of crops. But within the boundaries of the home farm my vision cannot be contained. It would live in a world of beauty and be nurtured by it. Beauty—that harmonious blending of frame and colour and of sound beauty—by the wise enjoyed, by the foolish desecrated. Yet in the field of human relations, I find discord, greed, hate, destruction. If I would truly live creatively, I must do my share in curbing those forces which blight the growth of progress. I must aid the evolution of a social atmosphere more conducive to the development of human character.

I am necessarily confined to the range of my own experience. I am a part only of that world which I have met. I have read little and travelled less. My life might divide into four periods—first, the farm home; second, the little red school-house; third, one of our good High Schools; fourth, the land and the rural community. Knowing something of these phases of life, I have a respect for them; not knowing other phases of life, I have no contempt for them. I am seeking my task in life by helping you to find yours.

It is easier to appeal to the ignorance of people than to their intelligence. Yet I believe we are justified in appealing to intelligence though our appeal be often rejected. Deep in the hearts of the rural people there still lies a spark of that good old-fashioned neighborliness which cannot be extinguished by the advent of the snorting tractor. Could we but fan this spark to flaming fire, what great good might ensue! Could we

but reflect a little of that Light which through the gloom of the centuries shines brightly from Nazareth, what darkness might be dispelled!

While economics must form a great part of the Movement, yet it must only be seen as one part. A host of other factors must be considered in our approach to a New Life. In our cry for a New Man we must not neglect the equal need for a New Woman. She herself must find and show her place in the building of a New Canada. Perhaps the gentleness and sympathy of the New Woman may banish our narrow patriotism and replace it with a universal humanitarianism. She may make her presence felt by opposition to the mass murder of civilians in threatening international conflicts.

To many of our people who grew up during the Nineteenth Century in a world of scarcity, strenuous manual labour became a religious act. But we are born in a different century from that of our parents. In our new world of abundance, thought must become a religious act. I am an idealist; for without idealism youth is dead. But in the realization of our Heaven we must be practical. For this Movement, two great virtues are necessary—Sincerity and Unselfishness. With truth let us lose ourselves in the building of a New Canada.

**Moves**

At the Community Life Conference held at Pickering College in January, the following resolution was passed: "This Conference recognizes the value of the objectives of the New Canada Movement and urges that consideration should be given by local groups to its work throughout the province.

One local minister suggests that ten minutes in each Young People's meeting be devoted to news regarding the Movement.

A couple of weeks before York County was "stormed," John Fawcett of Kettleby walked seven miles to spend an evening with the Advance Team. At midnight, he started home through the deep snow in very cold weather.

The Executive of United Church Young People's Union of Toronto Centre Presbytery North passed a resolution commanding the New Canada Movement for the consideration of youth.

Many of the boys who have given the winter months to the Movement are called back to the home farms for spring work. More and more responsibility must be accepted by local leaders for local work.

The first Training Course now completed by the Movement through pages purchased in the Weekly Sun should be above criticism from the standpoint of bias. A large number of answers have been received from pledged members.

With the succession of the season's deep snow is being replaced by deep mud making further "storming" operations none the less difficult.

The storming of the Big Team must only be regarded as introduction of the Movement. A vast work of extension and consolation remains.

Originally it was intended that Unit Spokesmen and other Movers should meet on a township basis. After a short experience in the field, the Big Team found that this would be impractical. Regions should be arranged so as to be most suitable for carrying on activities. This will be best decided by local leaders who are familiar with their community geography.

**RICHVALE**

Next Sunday, Sunday School and Church Service as usual. The Sunday School are preparing for a special Mother's Day service, May 13th. Remember the date.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Baker spent the week-end at Port Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Baker entertained a few friends at bridge last Saturday evening when an enjoyable time was spent.

There was a good attendance at the concert last Friday evening under the auspices of the Sunday School. The story and pictures of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" given by Rev. Maxwell of Toronto and also the musical numbers were greatly enjoyed and appreciated by all. The artists were Miss Greta Maxwell, Miss Hamilton and Mr. Gordon Maxwell of Toronto. They sang several beautiful numbers the last being "The Holy City" by Mr. Gordon Maxwell and colored pictures of this number were shown during the singing of it.

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**SLATS' DIARY**

BY ROSS FARQUHAR

Friday—ma was a tawking at the Supper table about the new preachers Wife. she sed she was a wanderfull Quiet woman and pa remarked that enny woman witch was quiet must be wanderfull. the rest of the evening pa disided that nothing was the best thing he cud possibly say and he did.



Saturday — Eb Trunk hassent ben to a docter for over 30 yrs. becuz he says he gets beter treatment from a medicle book he boughten off a peddler over 30 yrs. ago. but last week he tuk down real sick. His wife tried to get him to throw the book away but he sed he woodent throw the hole book out just on acct. of it haveing a little miss print in it.

Sunday—Cash Brower witch is a ole Batcheler says yung men are funny Proppashuns. he says that jus when they reach the right age when they might do as they please most of them go and get married.

Munday—Pa just finished reading a new Novel and he was very dustusted becuz it ended with the man in the novel just what he thot of her and pa sed that issent trow to Life for the man to have the last word.

Tuesday—Charley Fenner was always very kind and we use to hear people sy he wood give you the shirt off of his back and now sence his sister has grew up he has had to give her the pants off of he has had to give her his pants it seems like.

Wednesday—Jerry Roberts is able to be out agen since he got to playing with Juniors Kemical set witch he had boughten for Junior for a Crismass present and Jerry cudent wait for Crismas to open it up.

Thursday—Today the teecher called us kids all up to her desk and ast us if we had stole the 2 pound Box of Chockalet candy witch had ben in her desk. Jake sed he was offly sorry but he diddent steal it. Well she miss represented it a little bit becuz about 1/2 of the peaces was not Chockalet enny ways.

**TESTON**

Miss M. Ezard was guest speaker at Y.P.S. Sunday evening. The subject was "The Literary Heritage of England" with reference to Shakespeare and to the Anniversary of St. George's Day. Miss Louise Carson was in charge of the meeting.

Next Sunday evening will be the President's night with Miss Ethel Downing in charge. The speaker will be Sergeant Major Butler of Richmond Hill, who will bring special music.

The Y.P.S. players gave their play in Aurora on Monday evening to a fair sized audience.

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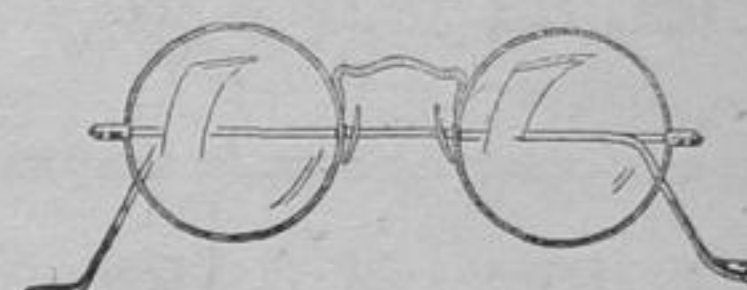
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