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THE CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

The York County Children's Aid Society which was the subject of a government investigation a short time ago has again taken the spotlight of public interest as a result of the demand of this organization for increased financial assistance from the County Council at the December session. The demands for the work of the Children's Aid Society has steadily increased until to-day the amount required to carry on the work has reached a very high figure. It is well that the matter has been brought forcibly to the attention of the citizens of the county because the magnitude of the financial requirements of this organization warrants an active interest in the Society, its work and its administration, by every ratepayer.

The splendid work carried on by Children's Aid Societies throughout the province commends itself to every public spirited citizen and there is perhaps no branch of public welfare work which so touches the hearts and sympathies of our people as that which has to do with the care of little children. We all know that the work of the Children's Aid Society has become more burdensome and more involved with the passing of the years and the severe economic depression of the past five years has added to the work of the organization. Down through the years many a young life has been richly blessed by the work of this organization and we have nothing but the highest of praise and tribute for those men and women who have unselfishly and without any remuneration devoted themselves whole-heartedly to the work. The widespread comment on the increasing financial demands of the Society has not in any way been criticism of the work carried on by the Children's Aid Society. We know of no ratepayer who wishes any neglected or dependent child to be deprived of the necessary care and attention. On the other hand there is abroad an impression that administration costs of the Society have increased to an alarming degree and that recent innovations in the carrying on of the work have not been in keeping with the ability of the taxpayer to pay.

Taxpayers of York County who struggle from January to December in an effort to carry on a farm or a business and meet their obligations and taxation are not in sympathy to-day with needless "frills" in administration. Farmers and business men with thousands of dollars invested who during the past five years could not make decent wages, not to mention any return on their investment, do not take kindly in these times to needless expenditure for elaborate office accommodation when savings might be accomplished by using quarters already available. We feel certain that taxpayers of York County are not in favor of needlessly high salaries and allowances.

We know the taxpayers of York County are in sympathy with the work of the Children's Aid Society but we would like to be satisfied that there are at present no expensive administration frills which might be eliminated at this time. Those who spend public money during these very difficult days should be ever mindful of the taxpayers' ability to pay.

BROTHERHOOD SPIRIT GROWING

The following from the Saltcoats (Sask.) Observer is indicative of the growing spirit to recognize true worth regardless of party names. "The distinction of being the seventh Mayor of the Town of Saltcoats about to serve his seventh term of office, falls to His Worship, Mayor Fea, who was again elected by acclamation on Monday. Mayor Fea had decided against standing for the mayoralty this year but altered his plans when he was petitioned by a long list of citizens to allow his name to come forward."

However Quebec takes no back seat for Saskatchewan when it comes to a demonstration of the better spirit among men. As is indicated by the following from the Lachute Watchman: "Signal tribute to Hon. Athanase David, Provincial Secy., for his work on behalf of the progress and development of Terrebonne County and Laurentian areas on Quebec's legislative front, was paid by the mayors of all towns and villages in the county of Terrebonne—Conservative as well as Liberal. All of them signed the Hon. Athanase David's nomination papers."

This is believed to be the first time in Quebec's political history that a member of the Legislative Assembly has, on the eve of re-nomination as a candidate, won the support of each and every chief magistrate in a county, whatever their political hue may be."

DON'T WORRY

Probably the most asinine advice to one addicted to worry is that hackneyed phrase, "don't worry," for it simultaneously reveals in the adviser a smug presumption of authority to tender advice, and paradoxically, a void of understanding making for obvious inability to counsel sagely, a position most exasperating to the worrier. It is like assuring a man on the desert without water that all he needs to correct his condition is water. You can almost hear his high-pitched shout, as his bloodshot eyes burn above cracked, swollen lips, "How, in God's name, will I get water."

Anyone who has wrestled with worry and conquered knows that worry is an outward manifestation of fear—fear of someone or something which first must be exposed to that daylight in which no ominous ghosts have ventured since creation. It is a fact that no one ever has been placed in a situation so trying that he need be without enough confidence to conquer its terror. Which brings to mind the remark of the dear old lady on her deathbed to the effect that she had had a great deal of trouble in her life, most of which had never happened.

In the light reason fear can be appreciated as a drama. On the stage drama causes playgoers to become tense. It is accomplished by putting players in conflict one against another, or one against the elements. The uncertainty of what is about to happen gives edge to the play. As entertainment drama has its place, but in the main it is better to keep drama in the background in every-day life.

LEADERSHIP

A few years ago a young man was overheard discussing the topic of leadership excitedly, it being evident that he considered himself a leader. Somewhere in the world, if he still lives and is able to talk, he will be overheard thunderingly discussing leadership, the while doing nothing about it. His attitude revealed much of the letter and none of the spirit of leadership.

A cultured Irishman the other day remarked that he was getting along fairly well in this country, but was having some trouble in making his Celtic dreams come true. The naive manner in which he said this was comical, but his honest realization of the need of a practical working out of dreams gives him a great advantage over the "Leadership" young man. The latter hasn't yet arrived at the point of this homely truth, and we fear, will go back to dust without knowing why he didn't win the plaudits of his fellow men for leadership. In world affairs to-day, as was always the case, there are outstanding examples of leadership. Under such leaders change is occurring but often change does not imply desirable advancement. And still conditions of the people of the world are getting better. How come? It is just that plain men and women all over the world are finding contentment in expressing themselves helpfully, without show, and in most cases these would be amazed if it were suggested to them that their constructive actions merited praise.



SCOUTS

SCOUTING'S POSSIBILITIES FOR GOOD

"In these times I do not think there is any other movement that has greater possibilities for good than the Boy Scout movement."—Sir Francis Floud, British High Commissioner to Canada.

LESS OF THE "I" AND MORE OF THE "WE"

"A little less of the "I" and more of the "we" is what is needed. The Scout organization exemplifies this for Canada. You can't all be leaders. Be the best "you" that you can."—Reeve Diefl Carter, at Kirkland Lake Scout Fathers' and Sons.

MAKING "GOOD SCOUTS" OF HAWKS

An attempt to train three young hawks to be "good citizens," and leave farmers' chickens alone, is the reported effort of three Boy Scouts of Gorham, Maine. During a summer camp hike the boys came upon the young hawks, apparently abandoned by their parents. In variance with their reputation, the birds made friendly pets.

NEXT BIG SCOUT JAMBOREE IN HOLLAND

The next World Boy Scout Jamboree, it has been announced officially, will be held in Holland, in the summer of 1937. The formal invitation was received at the International Bureau, London, from His Excellency, Admiral J. J. Rambonnet, Chief Scout for Holland, along with assurance of the support of the Dutch Government. To the announcement Imperial Scout Headquarters add an invitation to British Empire contingents to visit the Home Land on the way to or from the Netherlands.

TO THE UNKNOWN SCOUT

A memorial plaque to the unknown Boy Scout whose good turn in England to the late William D. Boyce, Chicago publisher, brought Scouting to the United States, was dedicated on the state House lawn at Columbus, Ohio, as part of the 21st Birthday celebration of the Boy Scouts of America. The ceremony included an address by Governor Davey. The inscription on the tablet reads: "Dedicated to the Unknown Boy Scout, 1910-1935, in England, Whose Good Turn Brought Scouting to Millions of American Boys. Sponsored by Central Union Area, Boy Scouts of America."

— THE FUTURE —

Who teaches a boy by the Master's plan,
Is shaping the course of the future man,
Father or mother, teacher or priest,
Friend or stranger, saint or beast,
Is dealing with one who is a living seed,
And may be the man the world shall need;
For who can measure the pride and joy,
That may grow one day from a little boy.

—Akela, 48 Pack, Toronto

When some folks lose a loved one they try by every mechanism to bring back the object of their affections. They resurrect old snap shots and visit mutually loved spots. Others get into life as the loved one would be doing—and make sure of having a good report to make if ever they meet again.

Milk Board Asks More Co-Operation

One of the difficulties confronting the Milk Control Board in its operations is the failure of certain elements in the milk industry to co-operate with the Board. Any undertaking for the common good entails, as its first requisite, the full and loyal co-operation of all parties affected. In the majority of instances, the Board has found a commendable readiness on the part of producers and distributors alike to support the efforts of the officials charged with the task of solving their problems.

But every flock has its black sheep, and the milk industry is afflicted with the same handicaps as any other line of endeavour. There are those engaged in a legitimate enterprise who seek to harvest an additional profit by every device known to them. And while these methods may not actually be across the line dividing the honest act from the criminal, they violate the ethics of any business and help retard progress and development. The Milk Control Board has few inspectors, but the officials have other means of discovering infringements of the act, and they are not slow to punish.

The milk problem on the Ontario-Quebec border, milk trucking, duplication of services, the cutting off of producers from a market without just cause, and cases where unjust amounts of milk paid for on a surplus basis, are some of the pressing matters that confront the board and call for utmost consideration. As far as duplication of services is concerned, it is believed the board will tackle this problem shortly and endeavour to correct a number of uneconomic situations. Overlapping of services places a great toll on both the producers of milk and the consumers.

At the beginning of 1935, the board set as its objectives, the following: A sufficient supply of high quality milk for the consumers in the urban centres of Ontario, a close co-operation between producers and distributors associations in all important markets, prompt payment of accounts due milk producers by distributors, a close check on the accuracy of records of milk distributors, a complete study of the costs of production and distribution of milk.

Not all of these objectives have been attained, but astonishing progress has been made in those which have not yet been solved. Rome was not built in a day, and perfection is yet far off in the milk field, not that the board expects to achieve such a condition. But the problems that have been encountered and overcome and the problems that have been tackled and partially solved, represent an effort without parallel in the work of government bodies. Then there are the problems that have not yet been touched but at some time must be faced. The production and marketing of fluid milk represents a huge investment in this Province, and the board must move with care lest by hasty action it jeopardise the industry.

But where there are abuses and obvious inequalities, the board will function to its fullest degree under the provisions of the act. Already it has disciplined and punished those who sought to evade the regulations. This swift action has a salutary effect. Much, however, remains to be done. The board is moving slowly but steadily along a well-mapped out route. Some of its proposed efforts in 1936 will be outlined in next week's article.

People don't go to school because they think they know everything—nor to church because they consider themselves saints.

SLATS' DIARY
BY ROSS FARQUHAR

Sunday: We got a good 1 on Unkel Hen. Hese got a frend down in



Florida & recently written him that he will cum down their & spend the winter. Yesterday p. m. a tellagram cum witch sed Their aint no winter down their. So Unkel Hen said he went go then.

Monday: We was all talken about Ma driven t:-e ford at supper when Pa got off 1 I thot was not so worst. He said the onley aksident she is in

danger of having is for the highway to turn in the same direckshen she does. Ma lookt about 1/2 sore but didn't reply nothen.

Tuesday: Are skool class was on the subjec of foods & vitamines and etc to day & teacher sed fish is brane fd. What kind shud I eat sed Jake & teacher sed a whale. Sevrall including me laft but Jake was to dum to get the idear.

Wednesday: I feel I forgot to tell about Blisters losen his job last sumer. He was imploid at mister Simpkins store & sed to mister Simpkins sed he his grampa is ded & he must go to the funrel. In the p. m. Mr. Simpkins was to the b. b. game & thair was Blisters. Sed mister Simpkins in a sorta pekuler toan to Blisters—

Thursday: Yest. contd—Sed he so this is your granprence funel. Blisters replide & sed it looks like it. He is empreing. So Blisters got mischarge & aint got no job. I feel offle noked out sense noon & cant figger if carryin cole or Thanks Given done it.

Friday: As it was the last day of skool for the wk. I was feelen xclent & boldy stept up to Jane & ast her cood I see her home. Sure she sed. Yule find it at the kornr of forth & Washington sts. Sh is purty dum but I xpect she reely got my thot. Ile get even with that dame sum day.

Saturday: Jed Hawkins nose more wase to get in bad with the teacher who has about 1/2 red hare than all the kids in skool. When she told him to take eney well known cuplet and pair a frase it he rote if at 1st you dont sukseed, dye dye agen. I think Jed will pass to a nuther rm. with out skairsly no trubbel.

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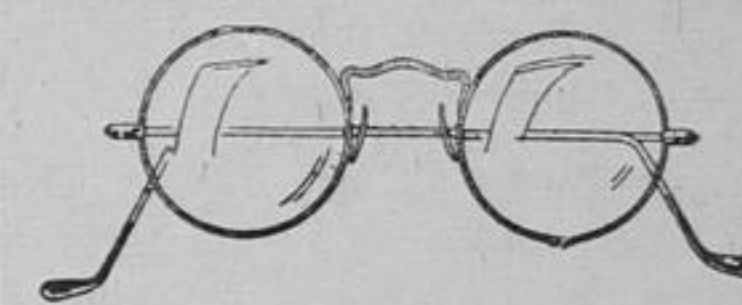
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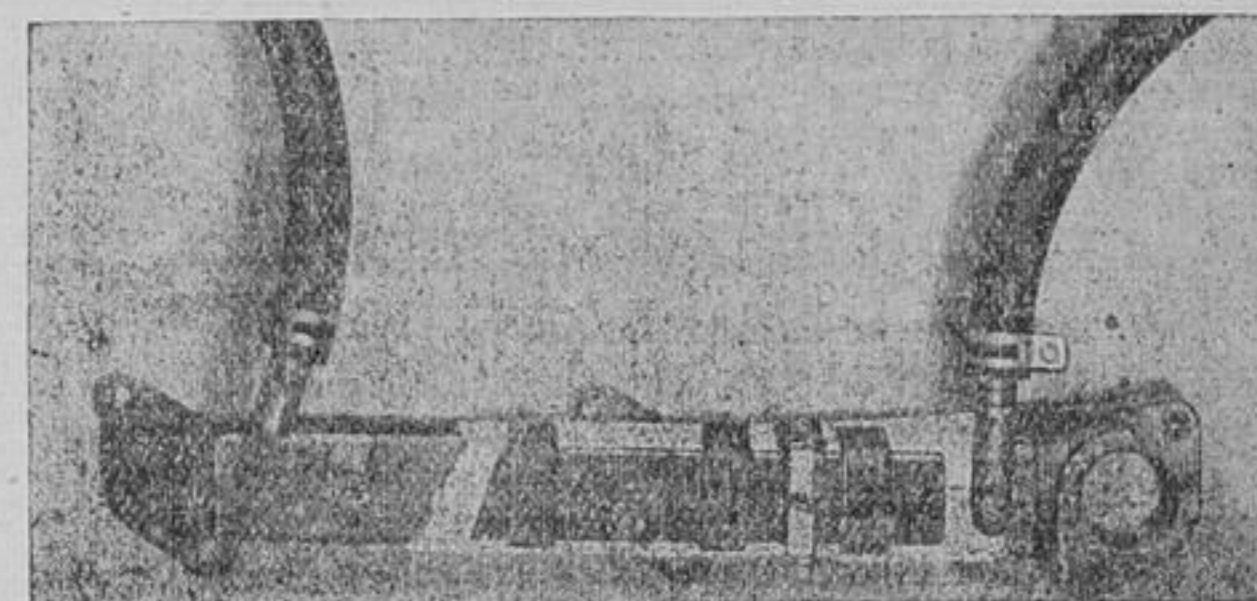
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