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IS RELIEF A PERMANENT BURDEN?

The statement of the Canadian Welfare Council that Canada must look forward indefinitely to caring for 300,000 to 400,000 workers each year who are unable to secure employment in the winter time, is challenged by the Montreal Gazette, which points out that before the great depression and the institution of relief such people as were seasonably unemployed were in the habit of conserving their income for the days in which they were without work. Hereafter, it would appear that they need no longer be thrifty, but are to live at the public expense just so soon as their actual employment ceases or so soon as they have spent what they have earned. The Gazette objects to the statement that "this is a load that Canada must carry in her economic stride, apart from economic collapse or drought." To place this obligation upon the taxpayer, without discrimination, is to place a premium upon improvidence.

EARLIER CLOSING HOURS

Richmond Hill merchants held a meeting Monday evening and decided to petition council for a by-law fixing closing hours. When this by-law is passed Richmond Hill like the great majority of other centres will have six o'clock closing of stores except Friday and Saturday evenings. We think the merchants took a sensible step and we are sure the citizens of Richmond Hill and the surrounding district will co-operate with them to the fullest extent. Local business men need your business and are anxious to give the best possible service but we do not think it is necessary to stay open long hours every evening to serve the needs of the buying public. There are still two evenings for those who prefer shopping at night or are unable to do so during the daytime as the stores will be open both Friday and Saturday evenings. On behalf of the Richmond Hill merchants we ask the people of the district for your co-operation.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING SATURDAY

The annual meeting of the Richmond Hill Agricultural Society will be held in the Municipal Hall Saturday. Last year this historic Society held its 88th annual Spring Fair and after the annual meeting plans will commence at once for the holding of the 89th exhibition next May 24th. For nearly a century Richmond Hill Fair has been an established institution in this community. Every citizen of the town and district should take an interest in Richmond Hill Fair and lend a helping hand to promote its interests. Every citizen of town and country is invited to attend the annual meeting on Saturday and we hope to see a representative gathering at this meeting. Show your interest in Richmond Hill Fair by attending the annual meeting on Saturday and help make the 1938 Spring Exhibition bigger and better than any of the 88 which are now a matter of history in this community.

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY ASKS FOR \$50,000

The Children's Aid Society asked County Council for \$50,000.00 to carry on the work of the Society in the coming year. There is probably no more commendable work than that of looking after the under-privileged children but when \$50,000.00 of the taxpayers' money is to be handed out we think the taxpayers should have a little more say in its spending and a little more information as to where it goes. It is freely hinted that the salary list of the Society is rather healthy and that the administration of the affairs of the organization generally are on a plane not quite in keeping with the ability of the taxpayer to pay. Before handing out fifty thousand dollars we hope County Council will make a thorough investigation of the whole administration of the Children's Aid Society. No one wants this important work to suffer for lack of sufficient funds but large salaries for a crew of officials after all is not much help to the under-privileged children.

THE FORGOTTEN HIGHWAY

Much has been written about the "Forgotten Man" but Yonge Street, one of the most important traffic arteries of the province, will soon earn the reputation of the "forgotten highway". The bottle-neck from Richmond Hill to Steele's corners is a dark blot on the fine highway system of this fair province and we hope another year will not be allowed to pass without some major improvement on this important stretch of roadway.

LISTEN TO THE HOLLER

It is a strange thing that many people will squander a half dollar in a raffle, a prize draw, or take a chance on almost anything under the sun, and will spend a like amount at a picture show or for gas without a second thought, but when it is announced that radio licenses will increase by six-bits they raise a holler which would wake the dead. We have been asking for better radio programs and less of the advertising blah about patent medicines and if we are ever going to obtain it we must expect to pay the piper. Radio programs over Canadian stations still leave much to be desired but at least they are better than in the past.

CANADA'S TASK IN 1938

Make Canada one nation; that is Canada's job of the year. It is a job to which every citizen must put his hand. The job will require a modernized constitution. It will require the best wisdom and judgment the Rowell Commission can bring to bear on our complex financial and taxation puzzles. It will require elimination of over-lapping services and of the vexatious confusion and waste that have crept into our governmental system since 1867. Above all, it will require the active co-operation of all Canadians who believe Canada should go forward as one nation and who are prepared to make sacrifices, if necessary, to achieve this end. This is Canada's job for 1938. — Toronto Financial Post.

WOODBIDGE

Miss M. Blake Entertained at Weston Among the many parties and show-ers given in honor of Miss Marjorie Blake, bride-to-be, was one by Miss Marie Allen at her home in Weston on Wednesday night of last week when Weston and Woodbridge friends were in attendance. Miss Blake was presented with a silver cake dish. Lunch was served by the hostess. United Church Y. P. S. Enjoy Lantern Views

Monday night's meeting of the United Church Young People's Society was devoted to Missionary work in general with Mr. Lorne Carr and Miss Bessie Nattress in charge. Lantern views by Mrs. A. E. Kearney on the subject "A New Church Faces a New World" was a feature of the program. Other items given were, a reading by Miss Norma Williamson and musical selections by a quartette composed of Misses Ann McLean, Enid Shore, Bert Shore and Charlie McLean.

At Christ Church A.Y.P.A. meeting Victor Dumbleton presented his report of his attendance at the Ontario Provincial Conference at St. Catharines.

Arthur Hollingshead who for several weeks was confined to his bed through illness is fully recovered and at work again.

Frank O. Reeves is a patient in Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton.

Too Much Entertainment

Welland Tribune With Christmas receding into the realm of memory, many people are trying to account for the sensation of physical and mental depression which possesses them. It is always the case after Yuletide that there is an aftermath of illness and the reason lies in the circumstance that so many people are unable to resist the extra temptation of so much palate-enticing food. In Canada and the United States, Christmas always has been observed by an abundant offering of food prepared in an attractive manner. Some of it would have been better regarded as a spectacle rather than eaten, but human beings seem to lose a lot of their will power when they sit down to the Christmas feast and observe the great array of tempting viands ranging from roast turkey to plum pudding. It is also the case that many people indulge in alcoholic drinks at this season and the consequent derangement of their digestive system gives them a feeling of serious illness. To those whose physical condition is affected by some malady, the illness from Christmas over-eating and over-drinking is actually serious and when the symptoms are disturbing, they should not hesitate to obtain medical advice. However, a considerable percentage of the adult population has learned, by experience, to avoid the dangers of the prolific food supplies that are available at Christmas and the New Year and they escape the digestive upsets that are the fate of those less sophisticated or more adventurous.

It is mostly the effect of poor discretion in eating that promotes the making of "good resolutions" at this season and while most of this has no lasting influence, it is not a completely futile practice. Some people actually stick to their reform resolutions for months and they are the better for it. One of the most desirable resolutions would be to decide on steps to promote good health by moderation in eating and drinking. Another disastrous modern practice is late hours. That is an institution which insidiously takes a tremendous toll on human vitality. In many cases where death takes individuals who should be at their best physically, the reason is that they have simply worn out their vital resources by lack of adequate rest. As lack of sufficient sleep is generally associated with other forms of physical abuse, the combination is assuredly deadly. Medical authorities seem to be emphasizing more than ever, the desirability of from 8 to 10 hours sleep out of the 24, and the advice seems to be exceedingly sound and desirable. The social customs of recent years render it difficult for people to get time to sleep the necessary period. However, the penalties that are imposed by nature because of violation of the laws of health are sufficient to constitute serious warning. No one can afford to jeopardize health by foolish social customs. The intelligent procedure is to try to change the practices that dictate late hours at social functions. The modern dance institution seems to be one of the worst offenders. It would appear to be not an impossible reform to have all social gatherings end not later than midnight. Everyone would still have a good time and be able to get sufficient rest to maintain good physical condition.

He didn't carve his career — he chiseled it.

NEWTONBROOK

Mrs. A. W. Stephenson, Miss Jean and Masters Douglas and Bruce Stephenson attended the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mrs. Stephenson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Beacock in Toronto last Tuesday afternoon.

Notwithstanding the very inclement weather last Monday evening there was a very good attendance at the weekly meeting of the Young People's Union. Mr. Irwin Brown, citizenship convener, was in the chair. Mr. W. T. New led in the devotional service. A very interesting address on "Conditions in Russia" was given by Mr. Clifford Brett which was very much enjoyed by all. The meeting next Monday evening will be in charge of Miss Beatrice Johnstone, convener of Christian Culture.

A supper meeting was held at Newtonbrook United Church last Wednesday evening for the officers of the various Young People's Unions of the Suburban Area and was sponsored by the Young People's Council of Toronto. About sixty-five sat down to a very fine repast, served by Newtonbrook Y.P.U., after which the Young People divided into study groups. These groups were led by the leaders of the various departments of the Young People's Council. Mr. Jimmy Gray conducted the Presidents' Conference, Miss Bessie Hoffman led the Missionary group which had the largest attendance, Mr. Fred Western the Citizenship, Mr. J. Sharp the Recreation group and Miss Anns the Christian Fellowship Conference. The conference closed with a short devotional service conducted by Rev. A. H. Halbert.

A St. Valentine Tea will be held under the auspices of the Woman's Association on Thursday, Feb. 3rd in the S. S. hall of the United Church from 3 to 5 o'clock.

The Mission Band held their regular meeting last Saturday afternoon with twenty-five present. An interesting program was presented. Their Mission Study was "Trinidad".

Rev. A. H. and Mrs. Halbert attended the reception in Toronto of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Beacock on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary in Toronto last Tuesday.

The young people of the community have been thoroughly enjoying the skating at the rink at Newtonbrook Public School. The thaw over last week-end spoiled the ice considerably.

Among those who attended the annual meeting of Toronto Centre Presbyterian W.M.S. last Tuesday in Eglington United Church, Toronto, were Mrs. J. Murray, Miss Lever, Mrs. W. T. Wells, Miss Case, Mrs. A. H. Halbert, Mrs. F. D. Foreman, Mrs. R. Pinder, Mrs. W. Murchison, Miss E. McPhail represented the Girls' Mission Circle and Miss Mary Douglas the C.G.I.T.

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