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JOYS OF A GARDEN

Did you ever stick a petunia seed in your eye? The chances are that if you did, you wouldn't know you had done it. It is just about the size of the period which ends this sentence.

Nothing so confirms a man's faith in God as planting one of those almost microscopic seeds and watching it sprout, produce a plant a foot high and a ruffled flower so large that it takes both hands to hide it. God's wonders are all concealed in that tiny mite of seed.

Did you ever plant another little blonde mite of a radish seed and watch it sprout, grow and produce a radish a thousand times its size? A bunch of such radishes on your own dining table have a succulent flavor far superior to the ordinary radishes purchased at a store.

Few people realize that the smaller the garden, the more fun. A one-man garden the size of a large rug can be cultivated, the soil prepared, the beds made, the seed planted and the weeds kept down by one man working one hour a day. That man can get more fun out of that little plot of ground, out of watching the development of the plants and the flowers or vegetables, than he can get out of the same space in any other way.

With the garden come lessons in patience, lessons in care—even in failure the lesson of more care next time—and above all, a personal touch with the wonders of nature and the wonders of God which are living sermons rather than sermons of words.

ENCOURAGING AGITATORS

If the opinion expressed by Hon. Earl Rowe and his temporary representative, Hon. Leopold Macaulay, as to the course pursued by Premier Hepburn in dealing with those Lakeview agitators are correctly reported by the daily press, it is little wonder that the good old Tory party looks a whole lot like what is described in the Good Book as the "abomination of desolation." It seems to be cursed with leaders who have absolutely no grasp of public opinion and who can be relied upon to say the wrong thing without fail.

Long suffering taxpayers, both in Toronto and the rest of the Province, who are bearing the brunt of the enormous relief problem which we are facing, admire the courage and initiative of the Premier in taking summary steps to unmask the shiftless agitators who are seeking to profit at the expense of others. This is eminently a time for sane leadership when we see women submitting to having their children placarded with Communist signs and hawked all over the country as "red" propaganda, instead of being in school where they belong. Agitation is a disease with a certain element of the foreign born who live among us and the pity of it is that a lot of them do not come from central Europe, but from other parts of the Empire. This class cannot be deported but if they are at all in earnest in their cries that they are being starved they should be afforded an opportunity to be sent back to whence they came at the public expense. Such action on the part of the Government would be a fine economy in the end.

In the meantime cheap clap-trap from politicians of the calibre of Messrs. Rowe and Macaulay only give aid and sustenance to the agitators.—Hudson Herald.

HYDRO EXTENSIONS

One of our exchanges very aptly points out what hydro power means to the rural community: "One is given a sense of real satisfaction as he drives through the Province of Ontario to see the number of farms blessed with the benefits of Hydro. Driving along on a dark night one sees a farmyard brilliantly lighted with a floodlight, dispelling the gloom that has blanketed rural Ontario since time began. Not only outside has a miracle been wrought. In the house the farmer's wife can now have at her disposal all the conveniences which her urban sister has enjoyed for years. In the barn the farmer does not need to go about his tasks with a dangerous lantern, groping in the dark to find his way about. Portable electric motors lighten the burden of countless tasks about the farm. Rural Hydro expansion is one of the finest undertakings in many years."

WONDERS OF POST OFFICE

At the laying of the corner stone of the new post office building Wednesday, Bishop Rix drew attention to the wonderful service given in this country by the Post Office Department. A letter can be mailed at Prince Rupert and carried to Prince Edward Island, considerably more than three thousand miles away, all for three cents. Letters may also be sent to the Arctic Ocean and to the most remote country points without any increased charge except when they go by airplane, when there is a slight additional charge. With the scattered population of Canada it is a wonder that the Post Office Department finds it possible to pay its way while giving this service.—Prince Rupert Daily News.

SPONGING ON THE CHURCHES

Rev. A. J. Goldring of Creemore put the situation respecting the people and the churches in a few words. In a recent sermon in St. Paul's Anglican Church, Lindsay, he spoke of the use made by non-supporters of the greatest institution of any community, those who only made use of the church at times of baptism, marriage and death. As the Star rightly states, it is a sad commentary to make, nevertheless true. Were the contribution but a nickle a week, it would not only help financially, but be a demonstration of interest and a recognition of the place that the house of worship should have in their round of life. Acquiring service, yea, demanding it, without making any return is poor business, while the lack of identification with one of the many churches is an injustice to oneself. It is selfishness of an extreme order.—Collingwood Enterprise-Bulletin.

You don't have to go to the big city to win success. A 20-year-old chap in Seaforth has developed a stamp business in the basement of his home and has customers all through the world. He buys and sells stamps through the medium of a magazine he publishes with a paid circulation of four thousand copies. Last summer he took a trip to Europe and Africa in the interest of his growing business.—St. Mary's Journal.

WEDDING

CAMERON-BATTERSBY

St. George's Anglican church, Haliburton, was the scene of an interesting wedding Saturday when Sylvia Helen Toker Battersby, daughter of Rev. Canon H. Francis Battersby and Mrs. Battersby, formerly of Richmond Hill, became the bride of Keith Gordon Cameron, son of A. W. Cameron and the late Mrs. Cameron. The father of the bride officiated. The church was decorated with calla lilies, spring flowers and ferns and the wedding music was played by Dr. Herbert Walker of Dunnville.

Given in marriage by her brother, W. S. Battersby, of Lindsay, the bride was gowned in white bridal satin, floor length, with long sleeves extending to points over the hands; veil of heirloom lace caught in cap effect with orange blossoms. She also wore her great grandmother's cameo brooch, and carried a shower bouquet of butterfly roses and baby's breath. Miss Margaret Battersby, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Miss Hazel Cameron, sister of the groom, bridesmaid. The maid of honor wore pink point d'esprit over dusky rose, and the bridesmaid, powder blue lace over pale blue taffeta. Each wore matching toques with shoulder length veils and carried colonial bouquets of roses and sweet peas. Reginald Springer, of Toronto, was best man, and ushers George Boyd, Toronto and Garnet Sedgwick, Haliburton.

A reception was held at St. George's rectory, where the bride's mother received wearing navy sheer over printed silk, navy hat and accessories, and shoulder bouquet of pink butterfly roses and lilies of the valley. Mrs. Thomas Ennis, of Toronto, aunt of the groom, also received, wearing a black ensemble with corsage of roses and sweet peas. For the wedding trip by motor to the United States the bride wore rose beige crepe with bolero of parisand flannel, topcoat in parisand, with matching hat and accessories. The bride is a graduate nurse of St. Nicholas hospital, Peterboro, and was an outpost nurse for the Red Cross at Kirkland Lake and Wilberforce.

YORK MARKET

North Toronto Market was a blaze of color on Saturday with flowers for Mother's Day. There were potted plants to delight any mother; rich hued calceolarias, petunias and gloxinias ranging from 35c. to 75c., feathery spirea at \$1.50, mixed pans from 50c. to \$1, and large hydrangeas or amaryllis from \$2 up. Large bunches of marsh marigolds and other wild flowers were 5c. and 10c. bunch, a single rose to wear for mother cost 10c., pansies were 25c. bunch, stocks 35c. and 50c., snapdragons 50c. to \$1, carnations \$1.50 doz., wallflowers 35c. bunch, statice 35c.

There was also a wide choice of plants, flowering shrubs and evergreen trees for garden planting; perennial roots were mostly 15c. and 20c. each, pansies 20c. and 2 boxes for 25c., early cabbage plants were 10c. doz.

Asparagus was plentiful, bunches sold at 2 for 15c. and 4 for 25c., tips were 25c. lb., 6-qt. baskets 60c. and selected \$1. All the small things, lettuce, radishes, etc., sold at 3 and 4 for 10c. Cucumbers were 10c. ea. Outdoor rhubarb could be bought at 2 bunches for 5c.

Butter fetched 33c. and 35c. lb., eggs were 22c. to 33c., according to size, all Grade A, roasting chicken was 28c. lb. and duck was found at the same price, broilers were 35c. lb. There was plenty of maple syrup and maple sugar sold at 25c. lb. The fish man had trout 23c. lb., white fish 20c., fillets 28c.

Prices of meat were as follows: Beef, porterhouse 32c., sirloin 27c., round 22c., boned rolled rib 22c. to 27c., short rib 19c., blade 18c., chuck 14c. to 17c., boned rolled brisket 15c. Pork, loin 29c., leg 24c., butt 23c., shoulder 17c. Veal, fillet 18c. to 24c., cutlet 28c., rolled shoulder 18c. Lamb, leg 29c., loin 28c., shoulder 19c.

Incongruity: Man with a Hitler moustache laughing at a woman wearing a "sauce-pan lid."

In spite of all the reforms of the reformers the world does not seem to be getting any better.

Valdosta Times offers this recipe for keeping out of jail: "Fish, smoke a pipe or fall in love with a dog."

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London, Canada, March 14, 1938.

Dear Mr. Editor:

As a believer in the exceptional power of the weekly press to guide public thought I cannot but commend your special effort to assemble constructive views concerning the great public issues of Canada. Though I dare not count my own views as of any worth, yet I venture to submit one or two of them if for no other reasons than that you have requested them and that I hold them very strongly.

It seems to me that the many internal issues that confront us now are really only so many phases of one great issue essentially a great moral issue. Most of our troubles appear to be due to the inability of Canadians as a group to see national conditions as they are. This is nothing less than a refusal to face facts, a shortcoming the right name of which is a very unlovely one—intellectual dishonesty. However sanely we conduct our private lives and our private business we are in the habit of assuming an attitude of wishful thinking in regard to our public problems. We act as though unpleasant problems will solve themselves if we only close our eyes to their existence long enough. We seem to assume that by merely wishing things to be otherwise we can improve them or remove them. In the meantime the plain fact is that our problems are steadily growing worse—public debts mounting, railway deficits nearing their absolute limit, government expenses increasing through the demands of ourselves, the people, who blindly ask to be bribed by our own money.

Another form of this self-inflicted blindness is playing the old game of "passing the buck." Canada is a democracy and, therefore, we, the people, are fundamentally the government. Our representatives do the chores of government for us but we are responsible for the kind of people they are and the way in which they do their chores. In practice, however, we lay the blame of bad or indifferent government upon them and arrogate to ourselves credit for any bits of good government. We are

also in the habit of endeavoring to make influences originating outside the country the scapegoat for many of our own sins.

I believe that the weekly press can do Canada no better service than, even at the risk of becoming bore-some through repetition, by constant-

ly reminding Canadians that most of their national troubles are of their own making and hence of their own curing; that the day of reckoning is absolutely unavoidable; that if we face the facts in our public business as we do in our private business there is yet time to solve a large number of our problems and to reduce or even avoid the impact of calamity. Many other nations sincerely profess to admire Canadians for their common sense. Let us endeavor to show ourselves genuinely worth of the praise.

Sincerely yours, W. SHERWOOD FOX, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Western Ontario, London, Canada.

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