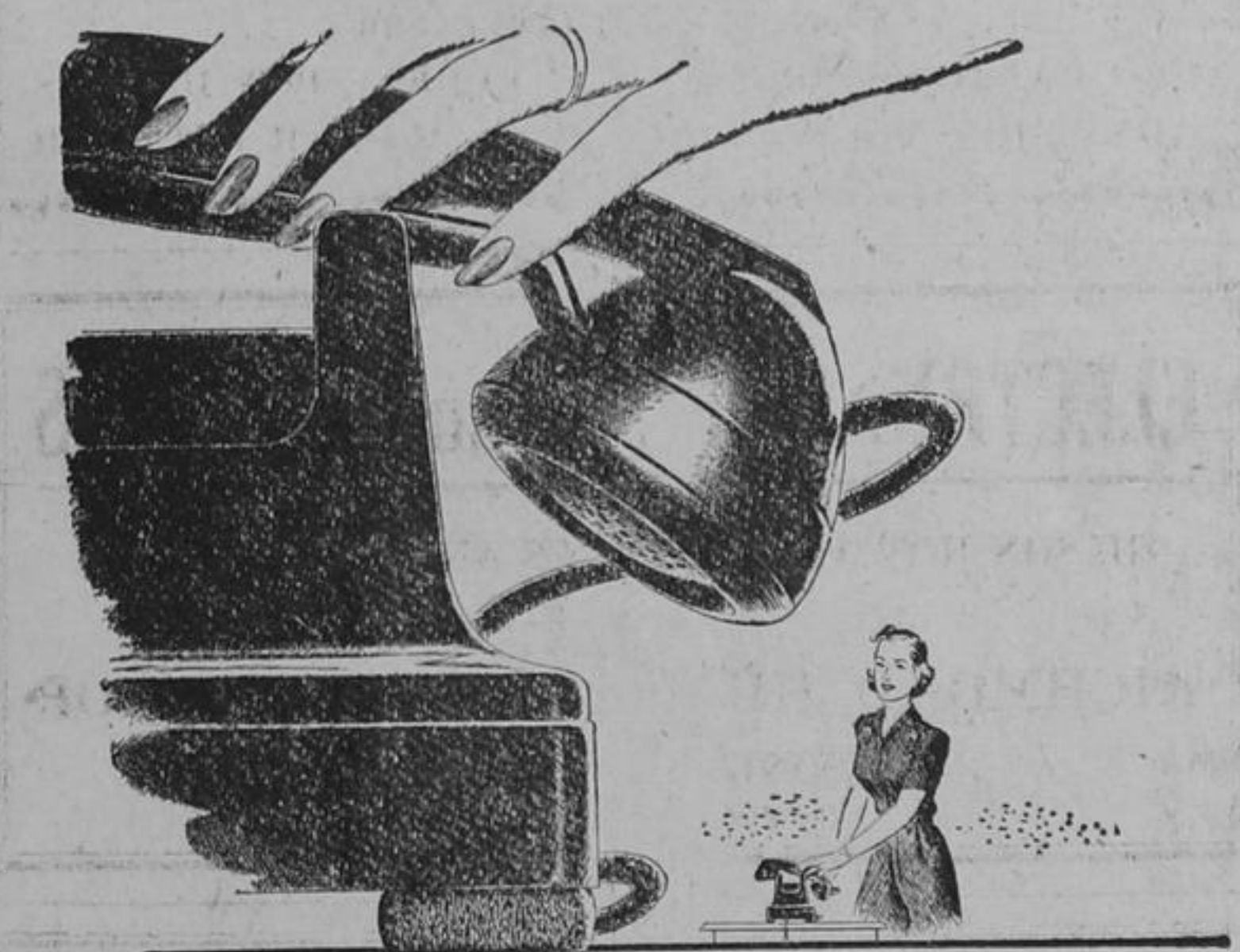


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SALE REGISTERS
 SAT., JUNE 11 — Auction sale of high class modern and antique furniture, garden tools, etc., at 1 Arnold Street, Richmond Hill. Property of Wesley Clark. Sale at 2 p.m. Terms cash, no reserve. Ken and Clarke Prentice, auctioneers.

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WED., JUNE 15 — Auction Sale of household furniture and other effects at Langstaff sideroad, & Fairview Ave., West side of Yonge St. The property of Mr. L. Larson. Sale at 2 p.m. Ken and Clarke Prentice, Auctioneers.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 1949 — Auction Sale of Dairy Cattle, Farm Stock, implements, high class furniture, etc. on Lansing Highway at Oriole east of Yonge Street, property of George Stone. Sale at 1.30 p.m. Terms cash, no reserve, property sold. Ken & Clarke Prentice, auctioneers.

SAT., JUNE 18 — Auction Sale of farm implements, fence wire, fence posts, fencing tools, such as stretchers, chains, diggers; a large variety of carpenter and blacksmith tools, etc., on Finch's Ave., east of Yonge St., in North York Twp. Property of Geo. Trimble. Terms cash, no reserve. Proprietor quitting. Sale at 2 p.m. Ken and Clarke Prentice, auctioneers.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18 — High class furniture, Mason and Risch piano, electric washing machine, apt. size new, with ironer complete; dishes, cooking utensils, garden equipment on Main St., Stouffville. West End The property of Clifford Salmon. Sale will be held under cover if it should rain. No reserve as property sold. Sale at 12.30 sharp. Terms cash Lloyd Turner, clerk, A. S. Farmer, auctioneer.

SAT., JUNE 18 — Extensive Auction Sale of household furnishings, electric refrigerator, electric stove, piano, linens, kitchen articles, silverware and also many antiques in walnut, brass and silver. The property of Mrs. Emma Radcliffe, 17 Eagle St., Newmarket. Sale at 12.30 p.m. Terms cash. F. N. Smith, auctioneer. Phone Newmarket 187J. *2w50

From The Hilltop
 A COLUMN OF VIEWS AND OBSERVATIONS
 (By F. J. Pickering)

"The province will pay half the cost."
 "It's all right, it won't cost us so much. The Dominion Government takes care of fifty per cent of the expenditure."

How many, many times in my years as a newspaperman have I heard those or similar expressions used? Several thousands, at a safe estimate. And how many, many times have I seen expenditures authorized because the sponsors thereof were able to assure the spending body that "the province will take care of half of the expense."

Why is it, I wonder, that those magic words seem to have the power to make people believe that, because a senior governmental body is providing some of the needed funds, the cost to them of any project is lessened by the amount contributed by such senior body? It's a magic formula which dulls the perceptions and, apparently miraculously, solves financial problems because the money comes from somewhere else — not directly out of the pockets of those who want new roads, new schools, new recreational centres, or whatever the particular project may call for.

The plain, cold fact remains that whatever governing bodies may contribute part of the expenses or cost of any particular scheme, in the final analysis the money comes from the pockets of the individual taxpayers.

Take, as a simple example, the cost of old age pensions — one of the most worthy of the social reforms ever brought into being in this or any other country. The cost, as everyone knows, is divided between different government bodies. But let's stop kidding ourselves. In the final analysis every cent of every dollar given to those whose welfare is our responsibility comes from the pockets of the taxpayers of Canada no matter through what channels it travels to reach the ultimate consignee.

No Secret Gold Mine
 Neither federal or provincial governments have any hidden "pot of gold" by which they can hand out largesse to the claimants for old age pensions, the school boards who wish to erect a new building, the municipality which wants to cut a new road, or any of the thousand and one endeavours calling for the expenditure of public funds. Their incomes are derived from the same sources as those of our municipalities — through taxation.

True that in many cases it is hidden taxation. It hasn't the same personal and telling impact as the tax bills that "Curly" Lynett and comparable civic officials send out. But it's there just the same.

It's concealed in the cost of every article for which the ultimate consumer pays — that is, every article subject to taxation — and just try to think quickly of half a dozen that aren't in some way or other, it's camouflaged in every licence. It's hidden in every grocery bill. But it's there just the same, this amount that Dominion or provincial governments contribute to public projects of one type or another, and it's paid by the consumer.

Of course it must be remembered that said federal and provincial governments have sources of income, through our system of the division of taxing powers, which enable them to collect money in fields not open to, for instance, the township of Markham.

Then, too, it must be recalled that the system of distribution of funds by a senior governmental body operating in its wider field leads to equality of distribution of the country's wealth — that the poorer district is helped by the better off one.

It isn't the system I'm kicking against. Imperfect though it may be in many ways it's about the best that has been found yet and only

time and the processes of evolution can better it.
 But, I assert again, we are only fooling ourselves when we halve or quarter the cost of an undertaking because some other government contributes OUR money to it.

It reminds me of a man who divides his pay into two portions. One goes to the "missus" for housekeeping, etc. She pays the household bills. But who, in the final analysis, will deny that it was the money earned by him that went across the counter? He may eventually come across with the money for a new hat — having had a good day at the Woodbine, perhaps, or just plain feeling good, or bowing as gracefully as possible to those imperious forces which most married men are subjected to on occasion. But, in the end, it was the wage-earner's money that paid the bills — unless he was lucky enough to have married a Barbara Hutton.

So it is with our public expenditures. Finally, it is the incomes of all the people of Canada which pay the cost, whether it be disguised as a federal grant or a provincial subsidy.

It seems to me that a realization of that plain, simple truth might have a steadying effect upon those applicants who blithely propose expenditures because "the Dominion government pays half."

There's no reason why sound, justifiable projects should be halted for that reason. But it would be quite a unique experience to hear some public official ask — "Who pays it?" and then answer himself and the applicant by saying — "WE do."

REV. T. K. CHIU ADDRESSES W.M.S. SECTIONAL MEETING

Rev. T. K. Chiu, a third generation Christian and a son of the Manse, was guest speaker at the 34th Annual Meeting of Section IV, Toronto Presbyterial, held on Tuesday, May 31st in Westminster Presbyterian Church, Willowdale. He was educated at Fukien Christian University and Theological training at Cheshunt College, Cambridge, England. Mr. and Mrs. Chiu are working for the Church of Christ in China, serving as minister at Kunming, Yunnan Mission, and are spending their furlough in Canada having spent seven years in the field.

Rev. Chiu told of the problems confronting the Christians in China today under the unsettled conditions. He also spoke of the theme "Behold I have set before thee an open door" which was also the theme of the first Christian Conference in China after the cessation of hostilities with Japan.

He said doors that were open then have been closed but there is still before the Christians in China a door which is open, but which offers a much different kind of opportunity.

Rev. Chiu delighted those present with his singing of several of the hymns used by the Christians in China, singing them first in English and then in Chinese.

Some sixty delegates were present from nine auxiliaries. Reports showed all auxiliaries were active in the work and optimistic for the future.

Mrs. A. Curr, president of Toronto Presbyterial brought an inspirational message, also speaking from the theme.

EDGELEY

Miss Dorothy Rupert of Toronto was the guest of Mrs. C. H. Snider last week.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Lloyd Thompson in the death of her father, Mr. F. Rowntree, Weston.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Maginn attended the Walker-Bryan wedding at Aurora Friday evening, June 3rd.

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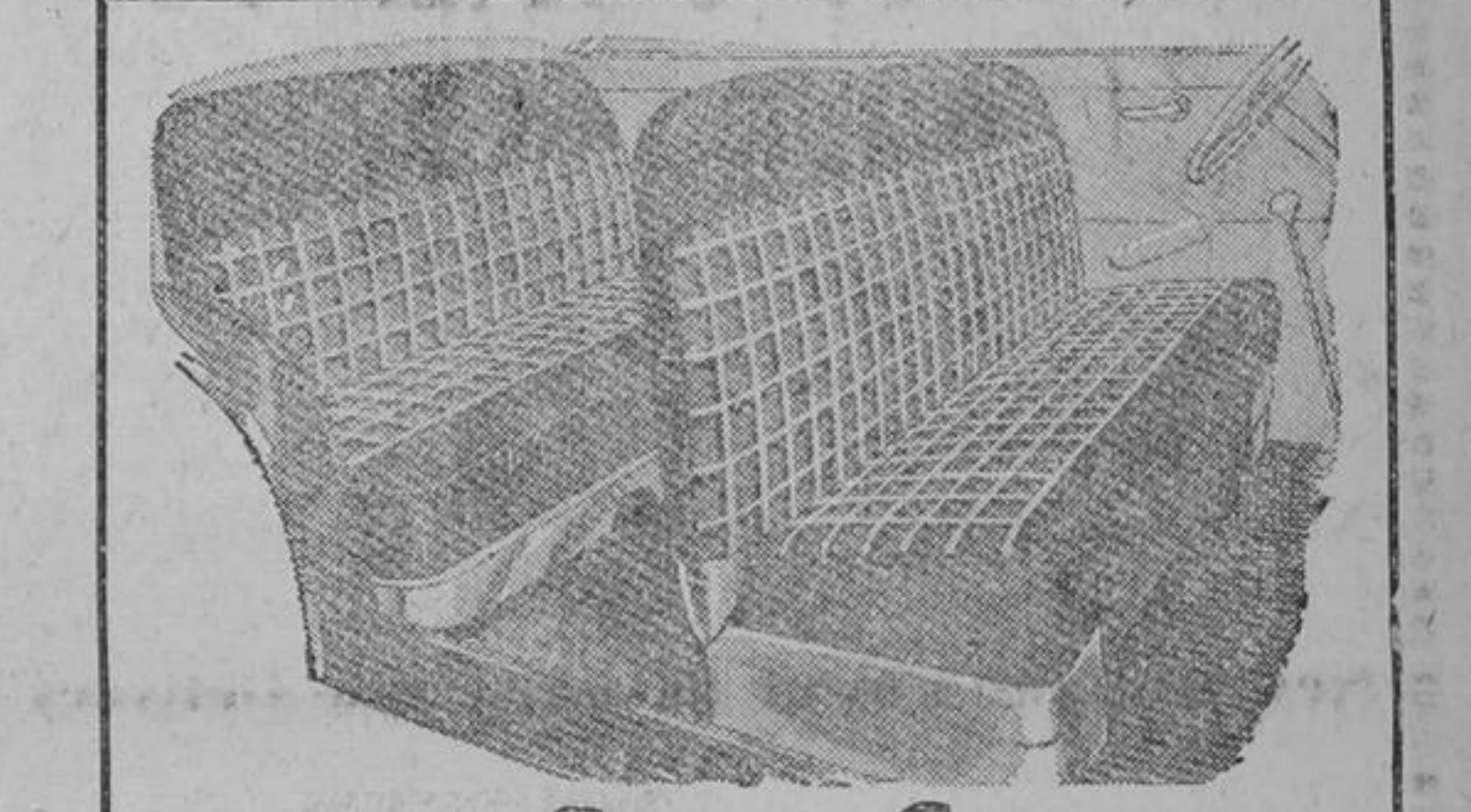
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