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The new approach to world problems by Stalin's successors in Moscow is welcomed here as in other national capitals, but while it is welcomed it is nevertheless received with caution and subjected to the most careful study and consideration. In a world the free world is delighted at the prospect of better relations with Russia, but we've got to be very sure they really mean it and are willing to back up words with constructive action.

It has been Canada's policy to seek settlement of the conflict in Korea by peaceful negotiation, and we have constantly striven to prevent any extension of that war beyond the borders of Korea. Therefore Canada of course, as every other free nation, welcomes any proposals which have as an objective the winning of peace. Hon. Lester B. Pearson spoke for the government and I am sure for the House and the people of Canada when he said the new proposals from Russia would be examined closely and with good will. The Secretary of State made the significant observation that he considered recent developments as hopeful. From the President of United Nations organizations and one so experienced in world affairs this comment is encouraging.

At United Nations
 In the international scene an important event of the week was the appointment by United Nations General Assembly of Sweden's Dag Hammarskjöld as Secretary-General. Canada's Mike Pearson had general support for this job but his nomination was vetoed by Russia. After Stalin's death Vishinsky returned to New York and let it be known that a Swede would be acceptable to the new bosses of the Kremlin.

Three Canadian Cabinet Ministers will fly to Paris next week to attend a meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. External Affairs Minister Pearson, Finance Minister Abbott and Defence Minister Claxton will make this trip. The future program both military and economic will be considered with the view to still greater co-operation.

Up Yukon Way
 In central Canada we don't hear much about the Yukon, but this week Parliament passed legislation to streamline and bring up to date the administrative machinery for this vast territory.

The Yukon territory is an area rich in natural resources. Prospecting is active and interesting discoveries are being made. It has an interesting and colorful history and the government is sparing no effort to promote its growth and development.

Population of the Yukon is just a little over 9000 and it covers an area of some 207,000 square miles. Its affairs are administered by an elected commission of five members and the Department of Resources and Development. Last year federal expenditures amounted to \$5,626,000 and revenue was \$1,848,000. Some day it will be organized as another province of Canada but population does not warrant that step at the present time.

Conservation
 Legislation of great importance to Canada's development was passed this week, authorizing federal grants of assistance to provinces for conservation of water resources. Its effects can be both far-reaching and lasting.

The conservation of natural resources within the provinces is primarily a provincial responsibility and there is no intention or desire on the part of the federal government to invade that jurisdiction. The basic purpose of the new legislation is to enable the federal government to assist the provincial government and municipalities in carrying out conservation measures of a major character designed to conserve water resources and at the same time reduce the hazard of serious flooding and soil erosion.

The people of Canada I am pleased to say are becoming more and more conservation conscious. We already have come a long way from the early days of our history when our water and forest resources were depleted without thought for the future. This progress has been made through the efforts of public spirited citizens and far-sighted men and women in our farm organizations and in private industry and at all levels of government.

This new legislation will for the first time offer broad federal assistance on a definite basis for the conservation of our natural resources. The legislation is passed by your federal government with the utmost confidence that expenditures under this Bill will return great dividends to the national good of Canada in the years to come.

St. Lawrence Seaway
 That Ottawa is concerned with the continued delay by our neighbour, the U.S.A., in the matter of the St. Lawrence Seaway development is a considerable understatement. Canada's forthright Minister of Trade and Commerce, Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, this week used plain and unvarnished language in letting this fact be known in the United States.

Canada is ready to go ahead with the joint development now, or failing U.S. co-operation is ready and anxious to proceed alone with the development which promises so much to our future prosperity. There is real hope here that technicalities soon will be ironed out and a start made on the project. Here at Ottawa everything is in readiness and every possible preliminary step has been taken. Only the red tape of international agreement remains to be cleared away.

What's Your Beef?
 People have many beefs, legitimate or otherwise. The housewife, especially, is literally consumed with them. What do we do about them? Do we crab to our neighbors over the back fence, or take our troubles to the proper source?

Canadian women control 85 percent of the nation's spending. That's a very great responsibility, so it is important that women spend wisely.

The Canadian Association of Consumers, originating from the Consumer branch of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, acts as liaison between the consumer and the manufacturer. This is the organization which takes care of your beefs if at all possible. Hear Mrs. Walter Rean, vice-president of the Canadian Association of Consumers, discuss your purchasing problems and how they try to solve them, when she will be guest speaker at the Coronation Luncheon under the auspices of the W.A. of the Presbyterian Church, Richmond Hill, on Tuesday, May 5, at 1 o'clock.

Presentation to S.S. Superintendent

Last Sunday morning at the Anglican Mission Service held in the Howitt School, Mr. H. H. Beattie was presented with a pen and pencil set by the Rev. Arthur A. Chote and Mrs. D. L. Wood. For about a year now Mr. Beattie has been superintendent of the Sunday School which was started in the Howitt Public School to meet the needs of the children in that District. His efforts have been rewarded by a slow but steady growth. The children and parents have appreciated the painstaking efforts of Mr. Beattie as he has pioneered this Sunday School work. In thanking Mr. Beattie before a large crowd of adults who had gathered for the occasion Rev. Chote remarked: "Only time will reveal the effect and the influence that Mr. Beattie has had upon the lives of these children in their formative years as he has presented the Gospel of Jesus Christ faithfully Sunday after Sunday."

Mrs. D. L. Wood expressed the thanks of the Sunday School teachers to Mr. Beattie for his godly and helpful leadership. The Beattie family is moving to a southern climate for family health reasons. Our prayers and well-wishes are with them in this move.

L.O.L. Sponsors Amateur Night

Victoria Lodge L.O.L. sponsored another very successful "Amateur Night" last Thursday evening, April 9, in the Orange Hall. There were 14 entries providing a variety of talent and entertainment. Fred Bovaird was the able Master of Ceremonies for the evening and Don Leno provided the accompaniment.

The three judges, Mrs. Wm. Turner, Norman Bradshaw and Councillor Floyd Perkins, heard all the contestants on the stage and after calling a group back for a second hearing, made the final decision. Fred Thomas presented the prizes to the following lucky winners, 1st Dorothy Bennett, of Lansing, vocal solo; 2nd, Danny Cox, Scarborough, mouth-organ and guitar and 3rd between Mary Joyce Bowes, Toronto, tap dance and Garry Skippon, Richvale, elocutionist.

There was an exceptionally good turnout both in contestants and audience this year and the Lodge was very gratified with the results. In place of the \$1 deposit paid by the contestants, those who participated received their dollar back in the form of a Coronation year silver dollar bearing the effigy of the Queen.

The winner of the door prize, a lovely cream and sugar set was Mr. G. Patterson of Centre St.

Building To Be Sold By Auction

The three storey building on Yonge St., immediately south of the Richmond Theatre, will be sold by public auction next Wednesday, April 22 at 3:30 p.m.

The brick building which for many years has been a landmark in Richmond Hill, has served during the years as a hotel, factory and office building. The building which contains much valuable material is to be wrecked and removed to make way for the construction of a new business block. The building is equipped with a practically new oil burner and hot air furnace.

Ken and Clarke Prentice, auctioneers, will officiate at the sale.

The First Year Of Old Age Security Pensions

On January 1, 1952, Canada's new Old Age Security Act, which, with the Blind Persons Act, replaced the former Old Age Pensions Act, came into effect. For the first time monthly payments of \$40 without a means test were provided for all Canadians 70 years of age and over who have lived in this country for at least 20 years. Old age security pensions are paid by the federal government out of a special old age security fund. In this fund are deposited monies received from special additions to the sales tax, income tax and tax on corporate profits.

This January 1 marked the first birthday of operations under the Act. How has this vast administration undertaking fared during its first year? How many Canadians are receiving pensions under the Act and how much money is involved?

On December 31, 1952, at the end of one full year of payments, 680,579 Canadians were receiving their monthly \$40 cheques. Payments for the twelve months totalled \$317,282,435, the December amount being \$27,246,012.

The provincial breakdown, giving the number receiving pensions at the end of the year and the amount of payments for the entire twelve months, is as follows: Newfoundland 14,767, \$6,923,345; Prince Edward Island 6,525, \$3,119,560; Nova Scotia 36,048, \$17,037,362; New Brunswick 25,621, \$12,108,840; Quebec 146,617, \$68,570,686; Ontario 253,188, \$117,954,387; Manitoba 40,062, \$18,647,200; Saskatchewan 39,947, \$18,586,000; Alberta 39,430, \$18,269,205; British Columbia 77,930, \$35,854,770; Yukon and Northwest Territories 444, \$211,080.

From the point of view of both prospective pensioners and the federal administrators of the Act, the major problem raised by the first year of operations has been that of proving age.

Based on this first year's experience, evidence proving age is now classified as Class A or B. A birth or baptismal certificate constitutes Class A evidence; no further proof is needed. All other types of evidence — marriage certificates, insurance or government annuity certificates, communion and confirmation certificates or other church records, pension and superannuation records, employment records, educational documents, medical documents, public records, military service records, homestead records, membership records, family bibles, census and national registration records — are considered Class B evidence. Two items of Class B evidence are required.

Old age security officials stress the importance of submitting application forms as soon as possible after age 69½ has been reached. Even if evidence proving age has not been secured by that time, the application should be forwarded since the date of receipt of the application in the regional office affects the date that payments begin.

With nearly 700,000 over-70's receiving a third of a billion dollars a year, the Department of National Health and Welfare has assumed an administrative burden of major proportions. Since, however, this burden was shouldered by the family allowances division, with a staff increase of less than 160 persons, administrative costs have been kept to a minimum.

Annual Reports Show Busy Year For Richmond Hill W. Institute Carrville Board Accepts School Area No. 1's Offer

Richmond Hill Women's Institute met on Thursday, April 11, in the Presbyterian Church School-room. The president, Mrs. H. H. MacKay, paid a tribute to the late Dowager Queen Mary, mentioning that she was also a member of our organization, having been President of the W. I. Branch at Sandringham.

Annual reports brought the year's work in review. The secretary, Mrs. J. Pollard, touched on the year's highlights. In June ten members attended the District Annual at Wexford. Picnic was held at Midland with a visit to Fort Ste. Marie and the Martyr's Shrine. September had its guest speaker, Mrs. H. P. Matthews of Richmond Hill, who spoke on Life in Africa as she saw it during her recent stay there. In October two firsts, a fashion show by Reiters' Furs and Jenny's Dress Shop of Thornhill and Lucy Dickie, Richmond Hill, and we assisted the Lions Club in sponsoring a community fair, taking charge of the Home Economics Department. Miss Ethel Chapman, well known writer and woman's Editor, spoke on Leadership in November. Also at this meeting, 60 lbs. of fruit were donated to be sent to our Link Institute in Wakefield. The annual prize for Grade 11 Student was won by Laurence Johnston. In December the story of Christmas Carols was the theme of the meeting. Also in December, the plaque in the Richmond Hill Public Library, commemorating the Women's Institute gift was unveiled.

The Fortieth Anniversary was celebrated in January with Mrs. Carol Innes Proctor, a former Richmond Hillite, and daughter of Mrs. J. Innes, a charter member, showing her very interesting nature slides. The President as chairman of a committee of all service organizations in the village helped organize the tag day held for the Flood Relief Fund.

There are 71 paid members with an average attendance of 47. Three members have assisted each month at the Child Health Clinic. Two members have met with others in preliminary steps to form a Cancer Society. Sewing and knitting have been done for York County Children's Aid. In short the local branch has tried to live up to the motto "For Home and Country."

Mrs. Bowes, sewing convener, reported eight complete baby sets, 80 pair booties, 12 soakers, 4 bonnets, 8 sweaters, 2 pair mitts, 30 diapers, 132 nightgowns and 6 flannel jackets had been made in the past year for the Children's Aid Society.

Mrs. L. W. Zuefelt reported new stories in the Twentieth Century History, also numerous requests for information.

Mrs. W. Sayers and Mrs. G. Irwin were appointed W. I. representatives on the local Coronation celebration committee with a donation given. As the District Annual meeting is to be held in Richmond Hill on May 14th, the regular meeting date, it was decided to meet on June 11 when the program planned for May will be presented.

while still in its original place. Emphasis was placed on go to your doctor immediately any Cancer Danger Signals are noticed. He stressed the fact the society is comprised principally of volunteers and is an agency to assist the cancer sufferers wherever necessary.

Mrs. W. Sayers took the chair for the election of officers. Mrs. N. Glass, convener of the nominating committee presented the following slate of officers: Hon. Presidents, Mrs. A. L. Phipps, Mrs. G. Verex, Mrs. G. Irwin, Mrs. W. Sayers, Mrs. H. H. MacKay; president, Mrs. L. W. Zuefelt; 1st vice pres., Mrs. J. Pollard; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Large; rec. sec., Mrs. J. Pollard; cor. sec., Mrs. W. Middleton; treasurer, Mrs. R. Fox; District Director, Mrs. H. H. MacKay; Branch Directors, Mrs. G. Irwin, Mrs. N. Glass; Reception Committee, Mrs. Phipps, Mrs. Sayers, Mrs. R. Cooper, Mrs. W. Mylks. Standing committees: Citizenship and Education, Mrs. G. Verex; Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. J. Dewsbury; Community Activities, Mrs. R. Jackson; Historical Research and Current Events, Mrs. L. W. Zuefelt; Home Economics & Health, Mrs. H. MacKay; Resolutions, Mrs. R. Edean; Pianist, Mrs. C. Harding; Auditors, Mrs. Dolan, Mrs. Elson; Refreshments, Mrs. Sayer; Sewing, Mrs. R. A. Bowes. Mrs. A. L. Phipps installed the officers for 1953-54. Mrs. G. Toppe, Mrs. J. Stevenson, Mrs. G. Lynett, Mrs. W. Mylks and Mrs. E. Robinson were hostesses for the social half-hour following.

To save time and money use the "Coming Events" column of the Liberal. It tells people "what, when and where" cheaply and quickly. Telephone Richmond Hill Turner 4-1261.

York County Farm Forums Hold Annual Meeting

Recently the York County Farm Forum Rally and annual meeting was held in the Sharon Hall at Sharon, Ont., with an attendance well above that of previous meetings.

Roll Call
 After a few words of welcome, Mr. C. Grubbe asked for the minutes of the last meeting. Upon the reading and adoption of the minutes, there was the roll call of the forums. Of the eight forums in York County, there were six represented. Each reported that they had had a very active year. Some of the forums' activities were as follows: Emery Forum had pictures taken to replace those now in France. These are pictures of the anniversary celebrations of the Edgeley and Emery Farm Forum held jointly in Edgeley Community Hall on January 29, 1951, and which we understand, have been sent to France through UNESCO, to be used for educational purposes.

Ninety dollars was raised by the Mount Albert Forum. Supporting their Township Federation is the project of the Victoria Square Forum. Newmarket East entertained a gentleman from France who was interested in Farm Forums. Two one-act plays were the project of the Edgeley Forum. They also enjoyed a tour of inspection through the Maclean-Hunter Publishing plant at Lansing.

A special feature of the evening was a play with the unusual title "Henry's Mail Order Wife". This

one-act comedy was the presentation of an energetic and talented group from the Edgeley Forum. It was difficult to determine who enjoyed themselves more, the players or the audience.

In the cast were R. J. Darlington, Bert Witt, Jack Chapman, Mrs. Paul Snider, Mrs. Wilfred Keffer and Wilfred Keffer.

Election of Officers
 After this fine production, the election of officers was conducted by Mr. Buchanan. The chairman and vice-chairman are S. Walker and D. McIntosh, respectively. For the third consecutive year Mrs. T. Masters was named secretary-treasurer. C. Grubbe was named delegate to the annual meeting of Ontario Farm Radio Forum in Toronto. S. Walker is the alternate delegate.

DEPT. OF HEALTH TWP. OF NORTH YORK The Promise of Geriatrics
 The emphasis in medicine is becoming increasingly on chronic illness and degenerative diseases, according to an informative article by Senator Desmond, Chairman of the New York State Joint Legislative Committee on Problems of the Aging. Among the more important factors, he points out, "One of our top scientists has estimated that 30 percent of persons who have reached 65 owe their survival to advances in public health and medicine since they were born."

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Whitchurch Council

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 discussion. Deputy-Reeve Fred Timbers wanted to know "if anything can be done to stop these grass fires?" Councillor McCarron added "it is the worst thing that can happen to the land". Councillor Legge thought that "people who start grass fires should be held responsible."

"Reeve McLaughlin stated "we need a by-law similar to Markham township's. People are just deliberately starting grass fires which soon get out of control."

In Markham anyone wishing to burn grass must first notify police who see that proper precautions are taken. Council suggested that the clerk draw up such a by-law. A bill was received for \$10 incurred when a fire truck, mired in the mud at the recent large fire at Mount Albert, had to be pulled out. Is council responsible for this bill was a question asked or does the fee of \$50.00 paid for fire calls not cover all expenses? At the same time the police used a tractor belonging to Stewart McQuay to plow a fire guard, without first putting water in it. A fire received considerable damage as a result.

Road Superintendent E. Davis stated that driving north of Mount Albert last Sunday afternoon he came upon a fire burning in a small clearing on the side of the road. Stopping to put it out he discovered two other similar fires burning, each about 150 feet apart. If no one had come along a large bush fire might have got underway. Mr. Davis stated he had passed a car containing three youths in a hilarious mood just before he came upon the fire just mentioned.

Mention was made of the accident to Constable Mulholland who fell in his barn ten days ago and suffered a bad break in his leg. He has been in York County Hospital, Newmarket, but was removed to his home on Sunday.

The Richmond Theatre
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Monday & Tuesday — April 20 & 21

Building To Be Sold By Auction
 The three storey building on Yonge St., immediately south of the Richmond Theatre, will be sold by public auction next Wednesday, April 22 at 3:30 p.m.

W. SOMERSET MAUGHAM'S

FOR SALE
 We have the following used Machines for sale
 All reconditioned in our own shop, and ready to go to work

- 1 Massey-Harris No. 44 Tractor, like new new tractor warranty
- 1 Massey-Harris No. 44 Tractor
- 1 Massey-Harris No. 81 Tractor
- 1 Massey-Harris Pacemaker Tractor
- 1 Ford Tractor, 3 point hitch
- 1 W30 International Tractor
- 1 John Deere AR Standard Tractor
- 2 Massey-Harris clipper Combines, with power take-off, 6 ft.
- 1 Massey-Harris Clipper Combine, motor drive, 6 ft.
- 1 Mt. Forest New Favorite Thresher, feeder, blower, high elevator
- 3 Massey-Harris Grain Binders, 7 ft.
- 1 Cockshutt 13-Hoe Fertilizer Drill
- 1 IHC 13 Disc Grain Drill
- 1 Massey-Harris Fertilizer Drill, 15 disc, power lift, tractor hitch

Wednesday & Thursday — April 22 & 23
 By Special Request — A Return Engagement

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