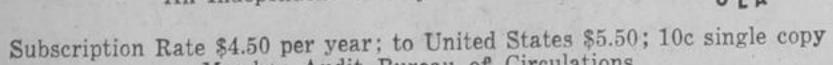
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Sir Winston Churchill

The free world mourns the passing of the greatest living statesman of our time. Sir Winston Churchill is dead and thousands have paused to recall the thunder and lightning that had marked the career of one of history's giants. Death or retirement had already taken from the scene most of the figures who played out with Sir Winston the great dramas of his time. In many ways, the vigil at Hyde Park Gate seemed like the death-watch on an era.

For Winston Churchill it was an era of trial and turbulence in which all his life seemed preparation for one supreme test. In the early years of the century he was in the thick of every parliamentary battle, although not always on the same side as he switched allegiance between Tories and Liberals. "All through my life", he said, "I have found myself in disagreement alternately with both the historic English parties".

He was in disagreement with both, and with much of the western world, when in the Thirties he cried out from his political wilderness against the rise and menace of Hitler. Finally in 1940 when most of Europe was prostrate before Hitler's legions, his voice was remembered and he was summoned. The British historian, Herbert L. Stewart compared his taking over with that of Lloyd George in 1916-"When others were baffled by the mist and almost stupefied by the perils of the way, he saw with the eye of an eagle and spoke with the voice of seven trumpets."

"I know that I can save my country and that nobody else can," said the elder Pitt during the shattering English defeats of 1756. Churchill, who resembled Pitt in many ways, expressed the same feeling at the solemn moment when he took over the conduct of the war

in 1940. "As I went to bed about 3 a.m.," he wrote, "I was conscious of a profound sense of relief. At last I had authority to give directions over the whole scene. I felt as if I were walking with destiny, and that all my life had been but a preparation for this hour and for this

Churchill has left the world something that guides and inspires it as he did all of us who heard him during the war. It is hard to remember anybody in the long history of England - Burke, Pitt, Charles James Fox, Disraeli or Gladstone-who added humor and the amiable qualities of the human spirit to courage and prophecy, as Churchill did.

He understood the difference between what things are and what they ought to be and used humor to demonstrate the gap between fact and perfection. He was a big man in an age of littleness, and he had the talent, foresight and judgment to put it down on paper. His voice will be quoted as long as the records of western civilization are preserved. Time and again the great rolling cadences-the dazzingly apt phrase or soaring image-rallied his countrymen and their allies toward a victory he never doubted. He called it merely supplying "the roar" for the British lion. It was, in fact, a cry for the greatness of the human spirit. For Winston Churchill played the rare dual role of doer of great deeds and author of the words that made them immortal.

The epitaph for Churchill is that he transcended his own time and country. He remains a symbol of the triumphant human spirit, optimistic, youthful and joyful even when God was shaking creation.

Trustees' Pay Should Carry Penalty Clause

"To pay or not to pay school trustees" is the question of the day in this area.

Last year a provincial amendment to the School Administration Act, known as Bill 52, was passed permitting payment of a monthly honorarium to school trustees. This amount is based on the average daily attendance in the classrooms controlled by the board concerned. In Vaughan Township the maximum monthly amount is \$50, in Richmond Hill it is \$60 for public school trustees and \$60 for York Central District High School trustees.

There is a division of opinion on the part of trustees as to whether such an honorarium should be paid, and as to what amount this honorarium should be. Some feel a penalty clause should be included so that trustees missing meetings will not receive the full amount.

A recommendation by the 1964 finance committee of Richmond Hill Public School Board was that trustees be paid \$20 per month and \$20 per meeting to a maximum of \$60 per month with no payment for committee meetings. Trustee Jack Knott last week stated he felt strongly that the payment should be a flat \$60 per month. This amendment was carried with only two trustees casting votes in the negative. However, when the chairman called for a vote on the original motion as amended there was a tie and the chairman declared the motion lost. The matter was then referred back to the finance committee for further study.

Vaughan Township School Area Board, after discussing the matter thoroughly in open meeting, referred it to committee for further study. Trustee Ross Jolliffe emphatically objected to the payment of trustees, fearing it might attract people for monetary reasons only. Other trustees felt that serving on the board was its own reward.

Trustees in the Village of Markham, where the maximum monthly payment would be \$40, have decided against any payment.

Most ratepayers will have no quarrel with the payment of an honorarium to school trustees, both elementary and secondary. Other elected representatives have been paid such honorariums for some vears. But they will object to a flat rate payment which does not provide a penalty for missed meetings or committee meetings.

A "good" trustee will always give full value for the money, will attend all meetings possible, and contribute his or her fair share to the work of the board. A "poor" trustee, however, may be discouraged from missing meetings if he knows that his monthly cheque will be reduced if he does.

Dear Mr. Editor

YONGE ST. AND MARKHAM cords, last year alone there needs to be re-routed. Seem- tends to remain hungry."-Especially if one isn't RD. SCHOOL CROSSINGS were 32 good reasons for mov- ingly because the members of ing this crossing away from council do not have children this dangerous intersection - attending McConaghy School

Dear Mr. Editor: and using this crossing, they Seemingly the school cross- 32 accidents. ing is still going to remain at School crossing signs are still are not showing the concern locating in the Hill prints magazines, telephone Yonge Street and Markham standing at Markham Rd. and that should be shown for the books and three million paper-back novels a year .. Road and the school children Church St., and the white lin-children of this area. If they That, as the song goes, should M-a-k-e someone have still to walk this hazard- es are painted across the road were concerned, they would at ous stretch of Yonge St. be- each year and yet the children least have questioned the poltween Lorne Ave. and Mark- have not to cross here. Why ice committee's decision on ham Rd. Reasons for not mov- waste the signs and the money this question, especially since ing the crossing were not giv- for painting these white lines the committee gave no reasons en by Councillor Scudds or the each year if they have not to to substantiate their decision.

chief of police. Reasons were be used. not even asked for by the oth- Not only the crossing at er members of town council. Yonge St. needs moving, but

Yet according to the police re- the hazardous walk on Yonge

TOM MUPRHY, 46 Palmer Ave. (Continued On Page 12)



High School Quiz

A federal government questionnaire recently asked 6.000 Canadian high school students what they knew about civil servants. Here are some of the answ-

A civil servant draws between \$500 and \$175,000 a

He's most commonly found stuck behind a desk. Asked what were the main advantages of a government job, the students' replies included these: You don't have to serve

on a jury. You can't be fired. Your license plates don't have a letter on them.

You don't have to pay income tax.

You don't have to work, but merely give orders. Asked about the disadvantages, they came up with these:

Civil servants get no holidays except Armistice

They are held lowly in public opinion. In a civil service job you can be voted out. And this gem:

How can any poor secretary in the civil service ever expect to marry when the ration of women to men is four to one in Ottawa?

Thoughts Second

BY GEORGE MAYES

Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead

Opposition leader John Diefenbaker says the Liberal Party is schizophrenic, which means a split personality . . . Ho-ho! Look who's talking! But on second thought, why won't our French members leave us like his did?

Toronto's Medical Health Officer is opposed to city-run birth control information centres because, it isn't. The first attack of a disease usually produces immunity.

Our feeling of cheer over the prime minister's of course, complicated but in facilities and skilled personnel announcement that the free-trade agreement will increase Canadian car exports is tempered slightly by the second thought that President Johnson is probably telling U.S. car workers it will increase The Canadian Government has years, we have had free trade THEIR exports.

The red and white maple leaf flag is to be officially flown for the first time on February 15 when, after "appropriate ceremonies", it will be hoisted over the Peace Tower . . . Appropriate we were prepared to remit the there are risks but inevitably ceremonies? They wouldn't dare!

OTTAWA (UP)-Four Royal Canadian Navy warships are being pulled out of service to be sold by Crown Assets Disposal Corp.

Defense Minister Paul Hellyer said yesterday also means, by the end of 1968 in a spirit of co-operation and it would be uneconomical to retain them in service. ... So how much does a new flag cost?

CHATHAM, ENGLAND, (Reuters)-Sailors at es which will entail their plowthe Royal Naval base have turned down their rum ration for pints of milk . . . Sort of trading their tots of rum for the rum of tots.

Britain's Labor Party is now operating on a slim majority of three seats . . . And Prime Minister Harold Wilson's big problem is seeing that they've never three seats in the men's room.

President Johnson was taken to a Washington hospital last weekend for treatment of what was described as a "common cold". This could be serious, because the reports didn't specify where it was common. A Texan's version of a common cold would be at least double pneumonia in Washington.

A specialist from the Toronto General Hospital informed last week's meeting of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons that complete starvation is easier than a diet. "With a diet," he said, "one the one on a diet.

"The Liberal" reports that a printing plant

Canada's Own TV Bowl Game-Pumping station operators of Metro's water works department have radios going on hockey nights so they can anticipate the sudden demand for toilet-flushing water when the periods end . . . They say that otherwise they would lose their pressure in a sort of a holding penalty.

Flashback

In Years Gone By

Items gleaned from files of "The Liberal", the home paper of this district since 1878.

On January 22, 1920, the editor of "The Liberal" commented that a great many people who did not lay in an extra supply of fuel were looking for the scalp of that weather-wise man who gave so many reasons to show we were to have an "open" winter.

"He told us that because there The exceptionally cold were so few beech nuts in the weather had turned Niagara fall, because fur on animals was it was reported. Everything was so thin, because certain insects coated in ice. had built their nests near the At Sarnia the breaking of an ground, etc. etc., a mild season ice bridge on the St. Clair River might be looked forward to with caught the ferry Hiawatha close confidence. Those signs may sound reasonable, but the coal little steamer bounced about bin and the wood pile tell a dif- like a cork and panic struck the ferent story. However, we are passengers. A dozen or more told that the fore part of the climbed over the sides on to the winter will embrace most of the floating ice cakes. Jumping from cold weather, as it has been ob- cake to cake they all got to served that the fore part of pigs shore, much to the amazement is much fatter than the hind of hundreds of Sarnia citizens who had rushed to the waterfront on hearing the explosive-

Two weeks later he reported like report of the ice breaking. that many people had looked in vain for a January thaw that year. Reliable thermometers in Richmond Hill showed 22 and 24 below zero on January 31, the coldest day of the season. He added that the thaw was only a couple of days late, however it arrived on February 2.

That the cold was felt over a poly wide area was evident with a report that 15 people were killed and 25 injured in a collision between the second and first sections of the CPR express to Van
The first section was couver. The first section was stalled through failure of the engine to make steam. The thermometer registered 22 be-

by JOHN ADDISON M.P.

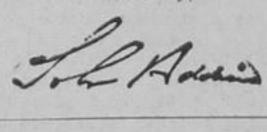
60,000 new jobs, \$250 million expansion. increase in production in Can- Canada has been in the unada's auto industry over the fortunate position of producing next three years sounds breath- less of the total new vehicles taking - but by the signing of bought in this country than we the auto agreement by Prime manufactured. It is the desire Minister Pearson and President of the Canadian Government to Johnson, a distinct possibility. ensure that Canada will be Reasons for such an agree- guaranteed its rightful share of ment are obvious. First, that the North American production

Economic Council of Canada commensurate with our share of has warned us that 1,500,000 the overall North American new jobs would have to be crea- consumption. It is interesting to ted by 1970 and second, to cor- note, that on a per capita basis, rect our historical imbalance of Canadians are buying more cars payments position with the than Americans and this trend United States. To do this, Can-should continue. There will of adians are asked to take a course, be some dislocation. great risk but in doing so, the This is inevitable when any farreal possibility of even greater reaching agreement of this kind rewards The Drury Plan as or- is instituted. ginally adopted provided a dol- A number of years ago, the

lar in tariff rebate for every elimination of tariffs between dollar increase in automobile the United States and Canada parts exported to the United would have been rebuked. Not States. Our Canadian exports so today, for the very simple increased from around \$8 mil- reason that Canadians realize, lion annually to approximately if we are to employ our steadhe says, pregnancy is not a disease . . . Of course \$75 million last year, compared ily increasing population, we to imports from the United must have free access to larger States in parts worth more than markets. With our lower wage scale, our devaluated dollar, our Terms of the agreement are more modern manufacturing

> essence, it provides for a free some of which have been disexchange of new vehicles and placed by automation, Canada is new parts by the manufactur- in an excellent position to comers between the two countries, pete. For a great number of abolished the import duty on in the farm machinery indusnew cars and new parts with the try and as a result, Massey Ferresultant loss of \$50 million a guson for example, a Canadian year in duty. It should be re- based firm, is the leader in this membered, however, that un-field. nadian car companies have trade possible. agreed to increase production by 1/3 above normal growth rating back a large portion of the immediate savings by the elimination of the duty into plant

duty to manufacturers who in- without risks there is no procreased their sales to the Uni- gress. There is every chance, ted States. In reality then, we Canadian production will were prepared to forfeit this sky-rocket as a result of this \$50 million in any event for in- automobile pact. The governcreased export production. It ment with the manufacturers in Canada that all major Ca- mutual interest, has made free Sincerely,





Rambling Around

by Elizabeth Kelson

The Story Of Welfare

Understanding the workings of our government is a vital need today among all our people. In spite of the turmoil of headlines and exposes that occur daily, the quiet work of government welfare goes on reaching those who face extraordinary and emergency situations over which they have little or no control. Assistance provided at the right time along with friendly counselling can and does lead to a more rapid recovery and often full rehabilitation of individual men and women. It is the purpose of this column to channel the Story of Welfare once a month

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