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1946 — A BETTER YEAR

The year 1945, the last of the war years, is on its way out, and few will greatly lament its passing. The weight of the war fell in varying degrees on all of us, and none can claim to have been untouched. World peace has yet to replace world war, but the defeat of Germany and Japan has lifted the anxiety and urgency of war-time living from our daily lives.

There are problems in plenty ahead of us, but the experience that came our way in the years that stretched between 1939 and 1945 should give us confidence in looking forward to 1946. The steps ahead may not always be as easy as we would like them, but we can feel sure they will be no more difficult than the steps which now lie behind us.

The year 1946 should be a good year. It should be a year of more normal relations between nations, between employer and employee, between each man and his neighbour. This year to come should see the easing, if not the abandonment, of the restrictions which harassed the past few years.

If we can take into 1946 some of the whole-hearted effort which was called forth during the war years, it should be a year of progress. If the charitable organizations, service clubs, church organizations, etc., can serve as well in 1946 as they have in the past we shall, by the end of the year, have much to be thankful for.

THE HEALTH UNIT'S REPORT

Elsewhere in this paper is published a report made by the Porcupine Health Unit, covering conditions of sewage disposal, etc., as found by them throughout the Porcupine Camp. To citizens of Timmins, Schumacher and South Porcupine, the report should be required reading.

The situation, as disclosed by the report, is not too pleasing. Perhaps the best thing about it is that competent authorities have seen fit to make the report itself. It was read to council at a recent meeting, and it is felt by The Advance that the report should be given wider publication than was possible at that time.

The report should serve as a blue print for one phase of activity at least, during the coming year. For those interested in public health — and this includes both members of council and citizens at large — the report points out certain evils which now exist and how they may be avoided in the future.

Those interested in building will do well to avoid the errors to which the report draws attention.

OTHER EDITORS SAY

Bad News For Bingo Devotees

Sooner or later the Ontario Government was bound to step in and call a halt to the multitude of bingos and lotteries which have been in every city, town and hamlet in the country. Sponsors of these affairs have known that they were contrary to the laws of the province, but since most of them were carried on by welfare organizations of one kind or another, the authorities conveniently closed their eyes to the infractions, until various individuals and organizations with less worthy aims got into the picture and the Government was forced to act.

Bingo has been a comparatively easy and profitable source of revenue for a number of church organizations, service clubs and kindred bodies, although net profits were probably not as large as many casual observers thought. In Pembroke the largest bingos have been operated by the Rotary Club, with crowds sometimes upwards of 1,000 people and prizes valued up to \$750 for the evening. Attorney-General Blackwell's announcement indicated that such organizations as the Rotary Club may still be allowed to conduct an occasional bingo in a modified form with prizes valued at not more than \$50, so local bingo addicts may not be obliged to forego entirely their favorite amusement.

For many people bingo has a peculiar fascina-

tion. For ourselves, we can take it or leave it alone, but there are people in Pembroke who would not miss a bingo come hail or high water and we doubt if they do themselves or anyone else any harm. They like to win a prize — who doesn't? — but if they don't win, they feel they have had a good evening's entertainment anyway. We sometimes think there is something in the contention that everyone should be allowed one form of dissipation and bingo strikes us as the one of the most innocuous vices in the calendar.

—Pembroke Standard-Observer

ON CRITICISM

As a rule the old slogan "if you can't boost, don't knock", is still a pretty good one. Under the above heading The Orangeville Banner covers the situation very interestingly:

"Too many people are content to sit idly by and criticise the actions of the Town Council, the Board of Trade, of the Board of Education, as the case may be. They decline to attend public meetings themselves and refuse to accept the work and responsibility of becoming members of these bodies or other civic organizations. Yet they are quite ready to criticize and find fault with the actions of the few citizens who are prepared to accept office and do what they can to keep the affairs of the municipality in running order. When we say this we wish it distinctly understood that any citizen has the right to criticize or suggest, but criticism should have as its main purpose the bettering of existing conditions, and the man or woman who is a persistent critic should have the courage to offer to serve the municipality in the stead of any public servant of whose actions he or she may disapprove. With criticism of this kind there should be no quarrel. It is purposeful criticism that is made with an object and is often the means of remedying some fault.

What we refer to is the idle, captious criticism that is content with faultfinding and does not offer any course or action as an alternative to the acts or policy that it is criticising. Such criticism does not tend to help or build up a town. Orangeville is a good town, but it could be made a much better town. This cannot be done merely by criticising the actions of the men and women our citizens have chosen to occupy places of authority. They are probably trying to do the best they can. They may make mistakes — they would not be human beings if they did not err in judgment at times. They may not be as well informed as they should be or as they themselves might wish to be. Idle criticism simply adds to the difficulty of their work by creating suspicion and imputing motives of which they are probably innocent. If we must criticise, and criticism is certainly the right of any citizen, let our criticism be constructive and informative. No public servant has the right to object to criticism that is intended to better any condition that may happen to exist, but he has every right to resent criticism that is designed to belittle him and injure him in the estimation of the public.

There are of course some exceptions, for dishonest and self-seeking men sometimes manage to get themselves elected to public offices. Public men of this class should be opposed vigorously whenever they create an occasion for opposition and their machinations should be exposed as a public duty. This, however, is a widely different matter from attacking and perhaps misrepresenting an honest, well-meaning public servant who is striving to do his duty to the best of his ability. In his case, and the great majority of public servants are more of this type, criticism should be constructive and designed to help him to do a better job for the people he is trying to serve.

AN INTERESTING COURSE

Premier Drew has announced the opening of a special course at the University of Toronto to train ex-servicemen in the operation of resorts, camps, hotels and other establishments providing service for the travelling public.

This course opens on January 7th and it is understood that many of the men who take the course may be employed later by the Ontario Travel and Publicity Bureau as inspectors to see that tourists accommodation in the province is all that it should be.

The Ontario government is looking to an expansion of the tourist industry and this is something which should receive the attention of every community that has attractions for tourists.

This matter is of interest to Timmins and all residents of the Camp, and could well have a place on the agenda of the Board of Trade. There will undoubtedly be repetitions of the course at later dates.

No notification of the opening of the course has reached The Advance, and we are indebted to an editorial in the Pembroke Standard-Observer for our information.



Veterans of two wars now employed at Black Horse, Dow, Frontenac, and Boswell breweries and other units of National Breweries Limited, were company guests at a "welcome home" reception in Montreal on December 15.

In recognition of the "justice, understanding, sincerity, and cordality" which has marked Company relations with them, the more than five hundred former servicemen employed signed their names to a testimonial to the management.

Patrick "Paddy" O'Brien, an amputation casualty of the war of 1914-1918, is shown presenting the scroll and book of signatures to President Norman J. Daves, extreme right. As witnesses are George Stephens, extreme left, veteran of the 13th Canadian Railway Troops; Miss Huguette Schmidt of the Canadian women's Army Corps, and Claude Fredette of the Royal 22nd Regiment, representing the "vets" who form a third of the Company's payroll.

These in the picture were employees before the war, but several hundred newcomers from the armed forces have lately been employed.

Hints On Fashions



The comfortable, easy little frock of wool or wool mixture, that is colorful and smart, yet essentially simple, is a real wardrobe backbone. Here's one such model, fashioned of aqua blue wool jersey and rabbit's hair. The high, round neckline is enlivened with stitching. The deep armhole is squared off with stitched detail. A few gentle gathers fall from the hip yoke to soften the skirt. The dress is nice under a fur coat or for campus or career wear.

World News in Review

The explosion of seven bombs, followed by continued shooting, barrages of burning oil, marked a battle between terrorists and British in Jerusalem yesterday.

Approval of a world board to control the atom bomb has been announced as an accomplishment of the Moscow conference this week. Also announced was a four-power control of Japan.

It is expected that Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander, designated as Canada's new governor-general, will be given a peerage in the King's New Year's honours list.

Cost of living has only increased one per cent during the past year, Donald Gordon, chairman of the prices board, announced this week.

A strike of some 90 electrical workers in Toronto's Transportation Commission threatens to again deaden its entire transportation system by cutting off power.

A walkout of 200,000 C.I.O. workers in three main electrical industries was termed "inevitable" by union leaders in New York, and it may be called next week.

Proposals for the immediate and unconditional cessation of civil war in China have been submitted by the Chinese Communist leaders this week.

A 9,373-mile hitch-hiking tour of the United States, at a total cost of \$50, has just been completed by a Kitchener lad recently discharged from the Navy. Another Ontario ex-serviceman has thumbed 2,600 miles from Vancouver to Mexico at an average speed of 30 m.p.h.

G. B. Shaw has hit the news pages again, this time with a suggestion for revised spelling. "Bomb" would be spelled "bom" if Mr. Shaw had his way. Mr. Shaw does not work for The Advance, the proof-reader is glad to say.

A million dollars of Nazi gold has been flown out of Spain by U.S. aircraft, addressed to the Allied control council in Germany. Local mines are not worrying about this form of competition, however.

Sonja Herie, if anyone cares, and her sportsman husband, Maj. Dan Topping have agreed to a divorce, it is stated this week. Evidently Sonja has been skating on thin ice for some time, and has tired of it.

Air Cadets Win, 7-5 In Saturday Hockey

The opening tangle of the juvenile double-header played at the McIntyre arena Saturday night saw the Air Cadets squad cop the win on a two-goal margin.

At the completion of the first frame, the Cadets held four to the Canadiens pair, with Canadiens ringing up the two goals netted in the second stanza in comparison to a nil goal session for the Cadets.

The final stanza outstepped the previous periods in play with Canadiens ringing up a final single tally to the Cadets three.

Final flashing of the markers reading 7-5 in the Cadets favour.

Canadiens opened the scoring in the initial frame when Truff banged in the disc at 4.25. The Cadets retaliating at 6.25 with an unassisted effort by Ferguson.

Towards the end of the twenty minutes, the Cadets strode out on a scoring spree with Skehan scoring at 16.15; Marston at 18.05 on an assist from Shultz; and Shultz at 18.30.

The Canadiens managed a tally at 19.30 with Costello popping in the disc on an unassisted play. The only penalty of the period going to the Cadets in the person of Ferguson.

The second period presented a partially lifeless looking play with Canadiens ringing up the only goals.

Richard knocked off the first tally at 10.20 unassisted and Keefe the second at 10.50 also unassisted.

Once again a single penalty marked the session with Cote of Canadiens

meriting a visit with the time keepers at 19.55.

A fast beginning was accorded the final frame which proved to be a better looking affair than the previous sessions. Webber opened the scoring efforts on the final Canadiens tally at 3.15 on an assist from Kennedy.

Provided with an open net at 7.10 Skehan flipped in the disc with the assistance of Promane as a result of a scrambly affair before the Canadian basket.

At 11.55 Dominico managed to bat the biscuit into the Canadian net on a helping hand from Donovan in another scramble session.

Shortly after the tally Donovan stepped past the dented portals of the bad boys pen for a short session of bench warming.

At the 15-minute mark Monahan and Richard drew five minutes apiece for their pugilistic activities.

Dominico took unassisted honours on the final Cadet tally at 16.30 with Jemmett stepping into the penalty box at 19.57 on behalf of the Air Cadets.

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NOTES TO YOU

It shouldn't happen to a dog. It's bad enough, round here, trying to keep the linotypers happy. That's what a newsman is for. So long as the linotypers have lots of copy they are nice people to have around. If ever the copy basket shows any signs of emptying they can be mean as anything.

But we can cope with that. What is giving us trouble right now, is Mrs. G. and the mouse. When Mrs. G. is happy, she hums. When things are looking pretty bright for the mouse, he runs about.

Between that humming and that mouse stamping its feet round the office and the yawning emptiness of the copy-basket, life in this corner of the office lacks the atmosphere conducive to the deep thinking necessary to the weekly re-birth of this column.

So if this corner of the page lacks its usual highly inspirational qualities this week, you'll know why. Don't blame us, we're through with taking the rap for Mrs. G. and the mouse.

If we can whisk away a bit of cheese from under the nose of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, and flip it under the nose of the mouse, that mouse is going to get its teeth kicked in. Then we'll deal with Mrs. G.

jfw
Maybe that was Christmas that just whizzed by.

Speaking of Christmas, how are you set for New Year's? This is the time for making new resolutions. Don't let us disturb you, but if you want help in this department, we are free to help — we don't have to make any resolutions this year, as the ones we made last year haven't been used at all.

Among things you should remember without prompting, like breathing, etc. is the policy of being kind to newsmen. Newsmen, once you get to know them, are just like other people. They have homes and stuff. They keep pets. They cultivate their gardens, friends and stomach ulcers, just like other folk.

So be kind to them. Invite them over to the house once in a while. Or, if it happens to be Wednesday evening, send a meal over to 23 Fourth Avenue.

jfw
Another thing you can include in your New Year's resolutions is a paragraph about not worrying about atomic bombs. This matter has already been dealt with by the writer. We swallowed something on Christmas day that couldn't have been anything else but atomic energy. We've had it. And there's no use both of us worrying about its effects.

jfw
Here comes that mouse again. If it is going to use this office as a parade square, we wish it would wear rubber heels.

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THE CAT AND THE FIDDLE

(With apologies and thanks to Gen. Brock Chisholm)
By LEWIS MILLIGAN

My dear children, I am going to read you some fairy stories and nursery rhymes; but I must first inform you that there are no such creatures as fairies, that the incidents related are pure fiction and did not really happen, as stated. Take, for instance, this rhyme:

Hi diddle, diddle,
The cat and the fiddle,
The cow jumped over the moon;
The little dog laughed
To see such sport,
And the dish ran away with the spoon.

Now, in the first place, no cat, however well educated, could possibly play a fiddle. For one thing, that domestic animal could not hold a fiddle or bow with its paws, much less manipulate the strings by that means. These are facts which must be borne in mind. Neither, so far as scientists have discovered, are cats intellectually capable of composing or appreciating music—although it is true that they do make almost human vocal sounds in side alleys at night.

Those sounds have been referred to as a form of feline "serenade," and there may be some truth in that. They may be compared to similar vocalizations of modern "torch singers" and crooners—but we must consider that when we come to deal with the facts

when you say that fiddle-strings are made from cat-gut, but the music produced therefrom has nothing to do with the cat—although, now that you mention it, some of the sound effects produced by violin pupils have a distinctly feline quality. And this opens up the question of music, about which you should know the plain facts.

Music has been defined as "a succession of sounds so modulated as to please the ear." But the fact is that music is nothing more than a series of atmosphere vibrations impinging on the tympanum, and you should be fully aware of this fact when you are listening to music, and not allow it to stir up within you motions which psychiatrists warn us are sure signs of neurosis.

So, my dear children, when you sit in church listening to the organ and choir or the preacher intoning the prayers, I want you to preserve your intellectual equilibrium, and not be as described in the simple words of Major General Brock Chisholm, the famous psychiatrist—"drugged by ecstatic experience, confused by conflicting uncertainty, bewildered by incanted mystery, and loaded down by the weight of guilt and fear engendered by its own criminal premises, the unfortunate human race, deprived by these incubi of its only defences and its only reason for striving, its reasoning power and its natural capacity to enjoy the satisfaction of its natural urges, struggles

for breath).

But we must pass on to the examine the rest of this rhyme. It is stated here, without the slightest qualification, that "The cow jumped over the moon." You should all know what a cow is, but in case some of you may not have seen a cow, I may inform you of the fact that a cow is the female of the bovine genus or ox, the most valuable to man of all the ruminating animals, on account of her milk, flesh, hide, etc. The moon, on the other hand, is the nearest celestial body to the earth. Now, if this rhyme had stated that the moon jumped over the cow, that statement would be closer to fact, although greatly exaggerated. A cow has been known, in emergency, to leap over a low fence, but I want you to rid your minds of any idea or belief that a cow is capable of jumping over the moon.

Now we come to "The little dog laughed to see such sport"—Silence! If I hear any more tittering or shuffling I shall have to make an example of one of you. But I see that our time for this lesson is up and we shall have to deal with the facts about the dog, the dish and spoon in our next psychiatric period.

SOUTH PORCUPINE CHRISTMAS CONCERTS ENJOYED

Christmas Concerts and Christmas trees were enjoyed at the South Porcupine United Church, by the Sunday School on Friday evening, also at the Local Order of Moose Hall, 2nd Pres-