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YOUR HOME TOWN WEEKLY

Much more than an ordinary business is a home town newspaper. That is, if it is a true mirror of the life of the community and reports faithfully whatever happens. It is also a public trust. An ordinary business can accept or reject the privilege of carrying and swelling varying lines of goods. Such a privilege however, is not granted a newspaper. It must accept and report truthfully, faithfully and without prejudice the news as it happens from day to day. The citizens of the community look to it to keep them informed as to what is said and done at all meetings of municipal bodies, police courts and in general whatever is happening in the everyday life of the town as a whole.

The responsibility of what members of council or other speakers say does not lie with the newspaper, but it must report fairly and honestly, whether it agrees with what has been said or not. The press represents the people who have an indisputable right to know what is said and done by their elected representatives.

If the newspaper is fair, especially its reporters, all citizens must be treated alike. Those who get in trouble with the law must expect publicity, but what most people do not understand, this is one of the disagreeable tasks the newspaper has to perform as part of its public service. The press in its freedom is one of the chief guarantors of freedom of speech and human liberty generally. Once editors on a newspaper accede to a request to omit certain public speeches or certain news they are false to that trust.

At times people mistakenly think that the publication of a man's or woman's view means that a newspaper sympathizes with their viewpoint. But it is herewith brought to the readers attention that news and views are two completely different things. An honest newspaper's views are found only in its editorial columns. All else is fair reporting of what is said and done not by the newspaper but by others.

WAR ON CANCER

The Canadian Cancer Society is now more than a name to the people of Canada especially since it has declared open and unrestricted war on this menace to the human race. From all parts of the Dominion it is hoped men, women and children will come forward to aid the work of the Society.

Main aims of this worthwhile organization are to promote a comprehensive cancer control program. The essentials are: (1) adequate number of clinics for diagnosis, (2) an adequate number of centres to provide treatment and it should be at prices everyone can afford, (3) an adequate supply of cancer specialists and equipment for treatment, (4) training of general practitioners in the detection of cancer symptoms, (5) continuous widespread education of the public on the subject.

An annual medical examination for women who have become mothers is urged by cancer specialists as a means of preventing the development of the disease among women of child-bearing and middle age. An annual medical checkup has been urged also on industrial workers whose occupations make them susceptible to cancer.

In this modern age medical scientists have developed techniques and methods for the discovery and treatment of cancer to the point that from one-third to one-half of deaths from cancer could be prevented.

Yet every year over 14,000 people in Canada die of cancer. World War 2 killed 40,800 Canadians, and in the same period 33,200 Canadians died from cancer. Unless efforts are increased to combat cancer, 1 in 8 of the population in Canada will die from this disease. Many of these deaths are due to the fact that the victims did not recognize the symptoms of the disease, did not seek qualified medical aid until it was too late. In many cases the failure to seek medical advice was due to ignorance or fear of a combination of both.

For this very reason the educational program planned by the Canadian Cancer Society should receive widespread support. Until the end of this month, the Society will seek to enrol 500,000 members at \$1 or more per year. Each member, it is hoped, will help spread truth about cancer and thus help save lives.

Above all, it is necessary to make it easy for the low-income groups to come for medical examinations and care as often as required. This calls for a national social insurance program.

A CAMPAIGN FOR BRITISH FLOOD VICTIMS

For the last eight years the people of Great Britain have made tremendous personal sacrifices to ensure the victory of democracy. During six years of that period they faced and suffered the ravages of war. For two years Britain stood alone and held the enemy at bay. Her economic resources were all thrown into the fight of democracy for survival. She won that struggle, but came out of it impoverished by the magnitude of her effort.

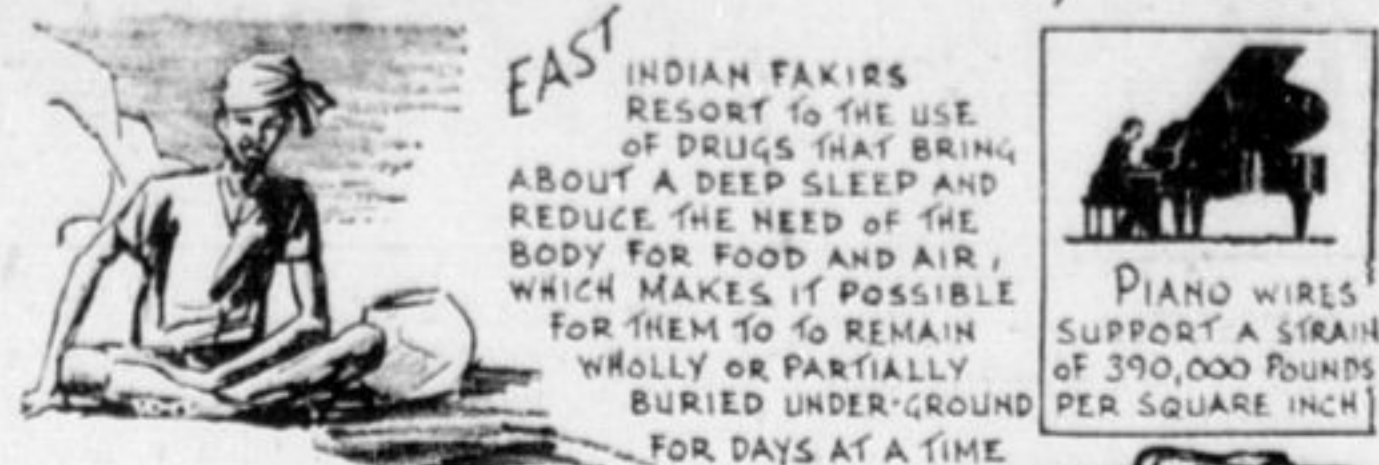
The end of the war did not see the end of suffering and privation for the British people. They faced courageously the struggle to rehabilitate their economic condition. Having courageously tightened their belts and endured reduced rations to fight this new battle, they suffered one of the worst disasters in their history from the forces of nature. An unprecedented winter, with record snowfalls, coupled with drastic shortages of fuel and power, was followed by the most devastating flood conditions the British people have ever known. The results were that great stocks of food of livestock and crops, have been destroyed.

Crops on which the people depended to replenish their meagre food supplies were washed out. Eighty thousand tons of potatoes were ruined. Two million sheep and 30,000 cattle were drowned in the floods. These gallant people face starvation unless drastic steps are taken to augment the diminished food supplies.

Realizing the perilous nature of the situation confronting the people of Britain, thousands of whom lost all their possessions when their homes were inundated, the Ontario Government, with the hearty support of all parties in the legislature, inaugurated a campaign to provide food and clothing for the British flood victims.

Prime Minister George A. Drew in a radio broadcast on April 3, made public announcement of the campaign, and asked for the support of the Ontario people. In response, all municipalities in Ontario are busily engaged in organizing local committees to take charge of the collection of food and

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK



NEWS & VIEWS OF T.H. & V.S.

(By Edgar Roy)

With the initiation of this column we hope to acquaint the many parents and friends of the students of Timmins High and Vocational School with the activities in which the students participate both during and after school hours. In the past, we have found that our parents were not paying much attention to student activities.

Now this may not be the fault of the students nor of the parents, but one thing certain is that there is not enough publicity given to the activities of the inhabitants of T. H. & V. S. Our purpose then is twofold. First, to interest our parents in our school and second, to act as a medium between the student and the parent. There may be a school party on some-time, which you, as a parent, would forbid the son or daughter to attend. When we have explained how these dances are managed we are certain that all students in the future will be allowed to come out and have some fun with their fellow classmates.

Did you know that the students of T.H. & V.S. managed their own extra-curricular activities? Very few of you did, we believe, and that is then the subject with which we will deal this week.

In June, 1946, a student plebiscite ousted the Students' Council in favor of a Students' Parliament which was believed would give better representation and management to the student body. This parliament is not to be slighted by anyone. It is run on exactly the same basis as the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada. The principal acts as the Governor-General and a member of the teaching staff acts as the treasurer. This year Miss Gowan of the Commercial Department is the treasurer. Apart from these two positions, students fill the remainder of the government posts.

To insure a fair and just government anywhere there is always a need of two or more factions. The party in power this year is the Popular Party with Ken Langdon as its Leader and Prime Minister. The Students' Progressive Party is the Opposition with Edgar Roy as its Leader. The Prime Minister selects his Cabinet Ministers from the elected representatives of his party. The various ministries and their ministers are: Finance, Albino Marcella; Entertainment, Mario Moscarello; Athletics, Sherman Everard; Welfare and Recreation, Lois Phillips; and the Ministry of Arts and Letters which at present has no Minister due to the resignation of Elizabeth Rinn. The Parliamentary Secretary records each session, and these records are permanently written in the Student Government Minute Book.

The sessions of Parliament are held on the first Wednesday of every month in the school auditorium and they are conducted with the same parliamentary procedure as is observed in any government body. The forty six reps. attend to the business at hand in an excellent manner and they assure the student body of just action. The Governor-General (principal) has the power of veto but this power is not used unless the students override their boundaries. It has not yet been practised, which is a very commendable point for the Student Parliament.

Undoubtedly, the Minister of Entertainment is the person who gets the most attention from the students. He is the chap who handles the dances. Although the students would like to have more dances we must acknowledge the fine work which has been done to date by this minister.

Dances are managed according to a plan which was adopted by Parliament earlier this year. There is a set time for the opening and closing of the "Party" and there are certain rules by which the attenders must

abide. Smoking is strictly taboo in the school at all times. During the dance patrollers make a regular excursion about the halls to insure the maintenance of the rules. Several students work during the evening and are paid a nominal fee for their toil. These are the ticket sellers, ticket takers, and music makers, or the chaps who attend to the records and the public address system.

Perhaps the above may not sound conventional to a number of parents but the system has worked well up to the present. There are always two members of the staff present at the dance but we try to make them feel more like guests rather than supervisory teachers. Everybody works along together and everyone enjoys the dance immensely.

We certainly hope that the above has enlightened you on the manner in which the students handle their activities. Next week we will give you a brief on the other ministers and their work.

Coming activities at T.H. & V. include a dance on Friday, April 25th, which is for students only, a meeting of the Publicity Committee which handles the Timmins Branch of the Northern Hi-Lights of which you will hear more about next week, and a Session of Parliament on May 7th. The choir and orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Bartlett, is planning a spring concert the date of which is tentatively set at May 5th.

Until next week then it's CHEERS from the Students of T.H. & V.

Light On Life's Way

Happiness
Happiness consists in the multiplicity of agreeable consciousness. A peasant has not a capacity for having equal happiness with a philosopher, they may be equally satisfied, but not equally happy. A small drinking glass and a large one may be equally full, but the larger one holds more than the smaller. — Dr. Johnson.

Duty
Duty and love, one broad way, were the best — Who doubts? But one or other was to choose. I choose the darkling half and wait the rest. In that new world where light and darkness fuse.

Help
In offering help, you make a step towards gaining a friend; in asking it, you please by this mark of your confidence. The result of this will be a constant habit of mutual forbearance, and a fear to be disobliging in matters of greater importance.

Deeds
Monuments! what are they? the very pyramids have forgotten their builders, or to whom they were dedicated. Deeds, not stones, are the true monuments of the great. — Motley.

Gifts
The greatest gift, outweighing every other; the perfect love surpassing father, brother; deeper than that of sister or of lover — the one great gift: the sacred love of Mother.

Prefer labor to idleness unless you prefer rust to brightness.

The mind is the arbiter of life.

Whatever you dislike in another take care to correct in yourself.

Power comes from unchecked and unstunted individuality.

The child is ruled by love.

clothing to be assembled at strategic points and shipped to Britain as rapidly as possible. Actual collection is to be made from May 1 to 15, and in the meantime an appeal is made to all citizens of Timmins to respond to the call of need of the people of Britain by making the maximum contribution of food and clothing when the time comes.

The worst sorrows in life are not in its losses and misfortunes, but its fears.

Snobbery is the pride of those who are not sure of their position.

Every man is a volume, if you know how to read him.

Basic English For New Canadians

(By Lewis Milligan)
Winston Churchill in an address at one of the universities in the United States some time ago, made a special plea for the teaching of Basic English. He paid particular stress upon the value of this simplified form of English as an introduction to the language among people of non-English speaking countries. There is no doubt that diversity of language is a great barrier between the nations and is often the cause of misunderstandings which lead to international disputes, and even to wars. The present Peace Conference in Paris is a regular babel of tongues, and most of the speeches of the delegates have to be interpreted during the debates. The Temple of World Peace, like the Tower of Babel, can never be completed while there is such a "confusion of tongues."

There may never be a universal language, but English is the most widely spoken tongue in the civilized world today, due to the extension of the British Empire and the influence of the United States. There are, however, large numbers of people here in Canada who have little or no real knowledge of the English language. Among themselves they speak in their native tongue, and they think in that tongue. They have brought their native country with them, and this too often prevents them from entering into full Canadian citizenship by an understanding of the basic principles and institutions of Canada.

This problem of initiating foreign immigrants into the Canadian way of life has never been really tackled on a Dominion-wide scale. Some of the churches have done good work in this connection, and in recent years the Community Welfare Council of Ontario has carried on an educational campaign under the direction of its New Canadian Committee. The Committee has just issued a little book, written in Basic English, which gives a brief outline of Canadian history, the origin and development of its national institutions, and the qualifications required for Canadian citizenship. The following is a quotation from the preface of this Handbook for New Canadians, written in Basic English:

The New Canadian has come to Canada to better his position in life. He did this for the sake of his family rather than for himself. In this book you will read about the slow change of this country from a wilderness, to a colony, to a dominion and thence to a nation, which we now are. We are a young nation, but a great nation. Let us be proud of this expansion, and look to tomorrow, when we shall, without fear and hate, become one of the greatest nations able to help people less happy than ourselves.

It will be seen from the above example that Basic English can convey ideas and information in the briefest form and in very simple terms. There are said to be some 500,000 words in the English language and in Basic English only 850 of these are used. The Community Welfare Council of Ontario is to be commended for its pioneer work in bringing this simplified form of English to the New Canadians as an introduction to loyal citizenship. Many of these people can speak several European languages fluently, but not much English, and their minds are thus closed to Canadian ideas. In too many cases their loyalties are with their homelands.

This problem will have to be faced in a thorough manner when the new immigration movement proposed by the Senate gets under way. With this movement in view, the Ontario Government intends to launch a widespread educational program in citizenship. The program will be divided into two phases (a) a course in Basic English for foreign immigrants, and (b) a course in citizenship, geography, history, constitution and systems of government. The course will be free to all citizens in every community throughout the province and will run six to eight periods.

Meanwhile the Community Welfare Council of Ontario is doing valuable work along those lines in sponsoring classes for New Canadians who desire to learn the English language. The Council has tried to bring about a closer friendship between native Canadians and the new people in Canada from the Old World. Basic English may well prove to be the basis of a true and loyal citizenship for the thousands of immigrants who will come to Canada in the next few years.

God's promises are the comfort of life.

One of the sublimest things in the world is plain truth. — Bulwer.

What do we live for if it is not to make life less difficult for each other? — George Eliot.

Jealousy is the worst of all evils, yet the one that is least pitied by those who cause it.

Trouble is a thing that will come without our call; but true joy will not spring up without ourselves. — Bishop Patrick.

Work hard; but before you begin to work, think out your plans carefully. Think, then work — Van Anburgh.

A strong mind in a strong body is a short but full description of a happy state in this world. — Locke.

Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops yourself. — Frances Gibson.

The heart is the highest, greatest, strongest, and noblest power of our nature.

Courage helps fortune.

Bow Waves

(By Claire Archer, P.O.)
Here I am again with more news of R. C. S. C. TIGER. As I told you in a previous column, the bathhouse was to be moved. It is to be remodelled and equipped for a summer base for the Corps.

Last Friday eight Cadets were examined in communications by Lieut. Menzies from Winnipeg. All eight passed the tests with honours. Following is a list of the Cadets passing exams: C. P. O. Kieth MacDonald, Petty Officers J. Vintar, R. Barnes, James Fraser, P. J. Conway, Leading Cadets J. Sporer, D. Chalmers, and Ordinary Cadet J. A. Humphreys.

Friday 25th, the parade will consist of demonstrations by certain classes to be followed by a party for the Cadets. To star, the evening the Band will play a few numbers. Then the First Aid class will give a demonstration followed by a display by the Gunnery Division. There will also be a display of Seamanship by the junior divisions. All cadets are urged to be present and to bring their Parents along too.

As I promised I have a few words concerning Summer Camp. It is to be held from July 28th to August 9th at Camp Ewing near Montreal. Any Cadets wishing to attend, must have perfect attendance from now until the time of departure.

Noticed during parade Tuesday night. Lt. Hitch learning to play a bugle with the Corps Band.

S-Lt. Irvin Fraser polishing the ships bell. Were you bad Irv?

Cadet Jack Humphreys carrying a Lee Enfield rifle all night.

Supply Rating Awan McCullough looking for uniforms to fit the newest arrivals to the Corps. We must get some bigger fellows for you Al.

Hoping to see you all present and accounted-for Friday night! I must sign off now but will be back again next week. Till then, Cheerio.

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