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JUST AN IDEA

Apparently the most dangerous man on the road is the man who gets behind the steering wheel of a car while playing host to a bottle and a stomachful of liquor. And the most difficult thing is to devise some fool-proof way to take such a man from behind the steering wheel of the car and put him where he rightfully belongs and that is behind bars.

So far the smartest idea along this line comes from a commission recently appointed in the city of New York to study the matter. This commission suggests that all that is needed is to change traffic codes so that instead of penalizing the man who drives while intoxicated they penalize the man who drives while under the influence of liquor. That bit of a change may seem rather unimportant to the average person or persons, actually, it might be the solution of the whole problem because it gets entirely around that vexing and unanswerable question "When is a man drunk?"

As the law stands now, before a drunken driver can be punished, the police have to prove that he was, in fact, drunk and if you have ever been inside a court of law, you will understand that this can be a remarkably difficult thing to do.

The driver who causes an accident may have been well under the influence at the time but unless the police can prove that he was intoxicated, yes really intoxicated, he is finally charged with reckless driving, or some other similar infraction, and his drunkenness ever appears on the records at all.

Hence the suggested change. It doesn't require the police to prove that the culprit was drunk; let them prove, simply, that he was under the influence of liquor. Then the hair-brained citizens who insist on taking the wheel after imbibing half a dozen and in some cases one dozen highballs could be made to pay the penalty.

Let the law once recognize the indisputable fact that a driver under the influence of liquor is in some instances as dangerous as a maniac running loose with a razor or butcher knife, and we might have some chance of whittling this menace to the public to its proper size.

THE DRUNKEN DRIVER IS THE MOST SERIOUS MENACE ON THE ROAD TODAY.

BEAUTIFICATION CAMPAIGN BENEFIT ALL.

For many years, a few large centres and also a considerable number of smaller communities have had local clean-up, paint-up, fix-up campaigns each Spring. And this campaign is usually held during the month of May.

Obviously, such campaigns are important to business men and householder alike especially from the point of view of increased civic pride. Quite aside from that altruistic approach, however, the plain fact remains that clean-up, paint-up campaigns are important to the people mostly the business men in dollars and cents—mostly dollars.

First of all, the experience in the past has definitely proven conclusively that a well-run beautification campaign is a definite stimulus to business. It starts repair work, the modernization of property and building activity. It creates a lively demand on local dealers for new furnishings and equipment and everything needed in making homes, streets, and buildings cleaner and much more attractive. Other benefits are equally obvious. Such a campaign advertises the community undertaking it, with beneficial results to all who do business or reside in that community. Cleaning up and painting buildings, homes and such cuts at some of the roots of disease and sickness by destroying breeding places for germs, and a healthier community in which to live and operate a business.

A successful beautification campaign brings amelioration of slum conditions in its wake, and this in turn has been shown to have a decided effect on incidence of crime—once again to the definite advantage of business in the community affected. Much by the same token, the increase in civic pride which goes hand-in-hand with cleaner, brighter surrounding is a stimulus to business and industry generally.

SUPPORT BRITISH RELIEF CAMPAIGN

There is no doubt that every citizen in Timmins and the surrounding district will welcome the opportunity to support the British Food Relief Campaign being organized under the leadership of His Worship Mayor J. Emile Brunette, assisted by Frank Bailey as chairman, Wilf Brochu, vice chairman and Austin Neame secretary treasurer. It was agreed all organizations would form their own committees.

During the past winter we have had some severe snowstorms but suffered no individual loss. Some of the residents suffered inconvenience from blocked roads but in this part of the country we expect snow therefore we were not altogether unprepared by a particularly heavy fall. Now with the coming of Spring we are looking forward to lovely fine weather.

But in Britain the heavy snowstorms of the past winter were the worst on record and the people of that country were not at all prepared for the rigors of such conditions. First, they did not have the snow removal equipment to battle such storms. Second, transportation was so impeded that industry was drastically curtailed. Third, interruptions in the supply of coal placed a further burden on the cold shivering populace. And finally, the storms created such losses of farm production that the strict rationing of food supplies had to be further reduced to spread hunger equally. The coming of spring in Britain brought more troubles doubly compounded. Storms and floods have poured over the land creating a flood of misery, hunger and untold havoc. Large industrial plants have been all but stopped. Transportation is battling against the damage of the elements. Farmers are faced with a season of attempting to produce extra supplies from the soggy flood swept fields and valleys.

We here in Timmins have an abundance of food and clothing and it has been said "Where there is true love, there is no sacrifice." Surely we have learned to love the people of Great Britain. To send them clothing and food should be no sacrifice but will repay only in part the debt of the people of the community. Therefore all should welcome the opportunity that is being presented here to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters overseas. All citizens are urged to set aside food and clothing and be prepared for the canvass now being made and which will continue until May 15.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT



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

(By Edgar Roy)

Last week we explained how the Timmins High and Vocational Schools' Student Government functioned and we also gave you a general picture of the manner in which the Minister of Entertainment manages the School "Parties". We will now summarize briefly the duties of the remaining Ministries.

It is up to the Minister of Athletics to see that the Schools' Athletic Teams are well and fully equipped and that they have all the necessities of travel and of overnight stops when they compete with teams out of town. Between the Minister and the Student Team Manager, this task is accomplished. The Coach, naturally, is the vital man in Athletics but he does his best to let the boys handle the Teams' affairs by themselves.

The Minister of Arts and Letters is responsible for the Music, Dramatic and Literary sections of the School. The Music section includes the Choirs and Orchestra, of which you will hear more about later on in this same column. The Executive of each section are responsible to the Minister, and the Minister in turn is responsible to the Student Parliament.

The Tech Club, the French Students' Club, and the Army Cadets come under the Minister of Welfare and Recreation. Lately, a Deputy Minister was named who is a member of the Army Cadet Corps and who represents the Cadets in Parliament. The Deputy Minister is Cadet Lieut. Jack Tyrrell, a Grade Twelve Student. The Minister of Welfare and Recreation also handles the showing of Entertaining Films after four in the School Auditorium. These films are shown regularly at a very low admission fee, and they range from educational films, which are at the same time very interesting, to shorts on Sports.

We neglected to mention last week that the Prime Minister, Ken Langdon, is also the Minister of Publicity. He supervises the School Paper, the Year Book, and Signs. The School Paper, "Campus Capers", has been replaced this term by "Northern Hi-Lights", a magazine which serves all of the Secondary Schools of Northern Ontario and which is published in Kirkland Lake.

The Minister of Finance handles the financial end of the various activities and it is his task to see that all of the money earned during extra-curricular activities is deposited in the Student Government coffers. He also handles the distribution of the Students' earnings and in this way acts as the Students' representative with the Treasurer, who is a Member of the Teaching Staff.

There you have all of the Ministers and the jobs for which they are responsible. The Minister does not carry out all of these tasks by himself.

There are a great number of Students who act on the various Committees thus alleviating the work for one person.

Friday evening of last week the Student Progressive Party sponsored a Dance in the School Auditorium and all of the Students present enjoyed themselves, we think? Several contests were held during the evening and prizes were presented to Lois Eckford and Bob Chase, winners of the Spot Dance, and to June Archer and Barry Ormston, the couple wouldn't sell a 1919 quarter for twelve cents.

Choirs & Orchestra Present Concert
 The Choirs and Orchestra of T.H. & V. are presenting a concert of Classical and Modern Works on Monday evening in the McIntyre Gymnasium. The evening's programme will include Classical, Semi-classical and Modern Compositions with a Concerto for Piano and Orchestra as one of the featured works. Apart from the Senior Choir and the Orchestra, which are already well known in the Porcupine, there will also be a Barber Shop Octette, a Double Trio, Boys' Chorus, a Girls' Chorus, and the Junior Choir. The Students have been preparing for the Concert all through the term under the leadership of the Music Instructor Mr. Edouard Bartlett. Remember the place McIntyre Gym and the time—8:30 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased from any Member of the Choir or Orchestra. Keep your eyes on T. H. & V. and until next week it's CHEERS from all of us to all of you.

Bow Waves

(By Claire Archer, P.O.)

The Auxiliary of the local Sea Cadet Corps held a social Friday evening following the regular parade. The first part of the parade was carried out in puffer routine. The parents were conducted about the ship while the Cadets were in practice.

Evening quarters was called at 8:30 and the following half hour was devoted to exhibitions and displays by the several divisions. A display of fundamental Seamanship was given under S-Lt. Nilsen. This was followed by a First Aid display which was followed by the Band playing several numbers. The Precision rifle squad under Lt. Doucet was well received. A light lunch was served by members of the auxiliary. Tuesdays parade was carried out to puffer routine.

The annual inspection of the Corps will be held on May 30. Further news will be published later. Till next time this is your Sea Cadet correspondent saying—Cheerio.

PRELUDE TO COMMUNISM

The Adult Education Committee are to be complimented on their foresight in bringing Professor Kirkconnell to the Porcupine Camp. If their intentions were to send out a minnow to catch a whale they succeeded beyond their wildest dreams and expectations. Instead of catching one whale they caught the whole shoal.

For some time it has been a debatable question how strong the Communist Party was in the Porcupine Camp. Sunday night's demonstration left little doubt. Not only did they rise to the minnow, but they took the bait, hook, line and sinker. Sunday night's display of ignorance on the part of communist followers, instead of destroying the effect of Professor Kirkconnell's speech, served to emphasize his warnings concerning the growing danger of communism in Canada.

Although the objective of exposing the communist party was attained, it is regrettable that a group under the guise of "Freedom of Speech" should prevent an audience acquainted with the evils of communism from further obtaining facts from the brilliant mind of Professor Kirkconnell. The actions of the communist group in refusing to allow Professor Kirkconnell to speak shows more than anything else the damning nature of his evidence against the communist organization.

Fortuned with documents to prove every statement which he made, his lectures revealed too much of the underlying strategy of the communist party for them to permit its delivery to an unbiased audience.

In their lack of respect for "Freedom of Speech", as demonstrated on Sunday night can be taken as a criterion of the party with a small minority we can easily form a judgement of what the conduct of this party would be if they ever attained a majority.

Fiction and Fact

(By R. J. Deachman)

Speaking on a national broadcast on April 2nd, Mr. M. J. Coldwell made this statement:

"Exploitation, under capitalism, takes many forms — all of them ugly. For example, a recent article in the Toronto Star Weekly described a successful invention of new machine for the production of ramie fibre cheaply. The author stated that Egyptian mummies were wrapped in white cloth woven of ramie which has lasted four thousand years, and then quoted a textile manufacturer who remarked with a smile:

"The trouble with ramie is that it's too good. We'll have to mix it with cotton so that, at least every other thread will wear out."

"That, of course, illustrates completely private enterprise" said Mr. Coldwell, "production for profit instead of socially controlled and planned enterprise for use."

Consider for a moment the facts in regard to ramie on which Mr. Coldwell speaks so fluently. It reminds me of the razor blade the technocrats were going to make, it would last a lifetime, the Pogue Carurettor that was to give us a hundred miles to the gallon of gas, the brick yard which was to be built, some place or other, probably at Estevan, to make bricks for the whole Dominion — do it with only a handful of men. These things come and go like ships in the night.

The Miracle Plant

The new mirage of Socialism is ramie. It's a fibre plant known for the last four or five thousand years. It grows in semi-tropical countries, in Indo-China, the Philippines, and to some extent in South America. It has been tried in the United States with, I understand, indifferent results. It grows from three to eight feet high and produces about four tons of moist stems per acre. The problem is to remove the gum, which is an inherent part of the product. Today this work of stripping, removing the gum and drying is done largely by hand, the net product represents about 2 1/2% of the green plant. So far no machine has been invented which does the work effectively. There are other difficulties, the fibres are of varying lengths, this adds to the costs of spinning.

We should never despair. Some man, some day, may do it. Mr. Coldwell may have his finger on him now. When it comes industry will grab it if it provides a product of equal value at less cost. Industry is highly competitive. If one manufacturer didn't take it, another would. The only thing that might hold it up would be the protests of the wool growers in Canada or the cotton growers in the United States, just as we shut out "oleo" because the farmers don't want it and farmers have votes.

Kings Used Ramie

Mr. Coldwell points out that it was used as winding sheets for Egyptian Kings. There's a reason. Kings, who could afford to build pyramids in which their bodies might find a resting place, could afford to spend, not money, nor gold, nor goods but the lives of their slaves in making a durable cloth in which they could be put to rest. Slaves cost little, production of ramie involved a great deal of work. We have no slaves except the machines and there times when tasks arise too difficult for the machines to perform. Ramie fabrics will come if this is economically possible but we must remember that the task of modern industry is not in providing luxuries for kings, important as that may be, but to furnish products for shop girls at prices within their capacity to buy.

"Exploitation, under capitalism," says Mr. Coldwell takes many forms — all of them ugly." I wonder what Mr. Coldwell means by that statement? Are all these modern conveniences by which we are surrounded exhibits of ugliness? Would Mr. Coldwell consider modern medical organization and even the Red Cross, both outgrowths of capitalism, as only more ugliness. What strange things are uttered when men speak politically.

There are moments when Mr. Coldwell annoys me. He makes excellent speeches. He has an attractive personality, a good radio voice. Why does he drop from Olympus to tell us a story about ramie? I wish he would leave trifles to lesser men, stick to the larger topics, strike out and reach for the stars.

FOR LOWER PRICES



Former O.P.A. Administrator Chester Bowles is shown leaving the White House, after he had urged President Truman to name a business men's committee to work with the government in a U.S. industry-wide lowering of prices. As a result of a recent statement by Canada's minister of finance, Douglas Abbott, that a reduction in the cost of living is necessary to the Canadian economy, business establishments in Toronto and Sarnia, Ont., have started the policy of selling merchandise at 10 per cent less than the regular price as their contribution to price stabilization at proper levels.

TO THE EDITOR

April 30, 1947

To the Editor:

There were many residents of Timmins who left the Palace Theatre on Sunday night thoroughly ashamed of the treatment meted out to Professor Kirkconnell by the members of the local Communist Party. It was one of the most disgusting spectacles ever witnessed in this community and one that should be a real object lesson to us as individuals. Too many of us have been guilty of underestimating the strength of the Communist Party in Timmins and all too many of us have failed to realize the very real threat to our security that is facing us in the North country.

From the outset, it was apparent that the Communists were determined that Professor Kirkconnell was not to be given a hearing! In this they certainly achieved their aim!

Timmins residents had it clearly demonstrated to them that "freedom of speech" to Communists means the right to say what they wish but that that right is theirs exclusively.

The loudest voices heard were those of those who demanded "freedom of speech"!!!

Was the vituperation and abuse that was heaped upon the speaker during the entire course of his remarks a sample of the "Utopia" that is being promised us by the Communist Party?

As citizens of Canada the Communists enjoy certain privileges. To any decent-thinking individual, privileges bring duties, responsibilities and obligations. Certain laws are laid down for the protection of the whole and each of us have a responsibility to observe those laws. If we break those laws we deserve to lose those privileges. Sunday night's episode should teach us as individuals that there are those among us who loudly demand the privileges of Canadian citizenship yet are unwilling to accept any measure of responsibility for the welfare of the whole.

The record shows that Hitler's Storm-troopers used the exact tactics employed by the Communist element Sunday evening!

Our way of living is the Canadian way of living. Perhaps with weaknesses, but it is a way of life that has been fashioned by a strong, courageous people that wrested a great country from a wilderness.

True, we have found that all the lessons learned from the War are not positive. We know that avarice and greed was displayed in the manipulation of the black market. That many people were caught attempting to smuggle currency out of the country for holiday purposes. That we had citizens (?) who, like Judas Iscariot of old, sold us to a foreign nation for a few dirty pieces of silver. We learned that human nature is many sided, that there were some who unhesitatingly capitalized on the distress of the community.

But on the whole, Canada came through the war with a proud record despite the despoiling tactics of a few.

Never in the history of Canada has there been a period when it was so hard to read the future. This gives our pessimists and our Communist friends the opportunity to throw their dampening influence over our efforts to advance.

Yet we believe that the overwhelming mass of Canadians are confident of their own ability to come through with flying colours. How can this be done. Any fool can tear down! It is easier to knock down than build. It is much more easy to theorize on why Canada cannot succeed than to do dig in and help to build. A wrecker does not require the mechanical ingenuity of a construction engineer. We repeat — any fool can tear down a system of society but it takes brains to fashion a truly great nation.

As in the past, Canada will go forward on the courage and resourcefulness of her people. The English, Scottish, Irish, Welsh, French, Finns, Bulgarians, Russians and all the many other peoples of the world now domiciled in Canada will face the future with an unshakable faith in the Canadian way of life.

To those who left the Old World and have taken up our way of living, we, as Canadians, salute you. We welcome you as additions to our great family.

To those of you who left the Old World and arrived here with tattered clothing and a determination to foist your "isms" on the Canadian public, we suggest to you that the transportation problem is now easing and that you withdraw the "dirty capitalistic money" you have in the bank, that you sell the home bought with funds earned in this "backward and decadent" country and that you return to that "freedom" whose cause you so actively espouse.

We agree with Prof. Kirkconnell that it would be unwise to ban the Communist Party. The "leftists" have a place in our society! They make us more appreciative of the privileges we do enjoy. They are an object lesson to us!

It is true that many Communists are frustrated individuals who, not having the necessary ability to rise above their fellow-workers in industry, eagerly grasped the opportunity to become a "big load in a little puddle". In this way they were mistaken for there is STILL room for constructive leadership in Canada. There are still many opportunities for service here in Timmins that would present a challenge to their natural talents. It is unfortunate that in their desire to "make-over" our country, those commonplace opportunities for service in Timmins are passed up.

We firmly believe that if our Communist friends were to devote the same zeal in helping to BUILD a better community, as they devote to attempting to TEAR DOWN our way of life, that this community would be a better place in which to live.

There were many Timmins residents who left that meeting with a burning hatred of Communism yet with the firm conviction that the blundering un-Canadian tactics employed had hurt rather than helped the "cause."

Professor Kirkconnell being aware of the tactics of communists in other parts of Canada will understand it, when we say no apology is necessary for Sunday's unspornsmenlike behaviour.

Nota Bene

ACROSS	5. Beg	25. Labyrinth
1. Rascal	6. Rude dwelling	26. A break-water
6. Strident	7. Sayings	29. Loose-hanging point
11. Hourly	8. Vein of a leaf	31. Goes to bed
12. John	9. Long, fur neckpiece	33. Sign of the zodiac
13. Harangue	10. Biblical king	35. Wandering peoples
14. Small drum	17. Skill	36. Borders
15. Public notices	21. Help	37. Ethical
16. Rough lava	22. Charges for services	38. Turf perennial
18. Behold!	23. Woody	42. Stun
19. Chinese coin		
20. Selected for military service		
24. Coarse hominy (U.S.)		
27. One of many layers		
28. Placed		
30. Antlered animal		
32. Fervor		
34. Observed		
36. Comes into view		
39. Sign of the infinitive		
40. Perform		
41. Cry of pain		
42. Obscure		
43. A juicy berry		
47. Beetle		
49. Anxious		
50. Leveled to the ground		
51. Incline		
52. Garment		
DOWN		
1. Shallows		
2. Warm		
3. Macaws		
4. Cushion		

Answers
On