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EDITORS MIGHT

"Getting out a good newspaper is a fascinating task, but it is also a difficult one," stated the Redwood Minn. Gazette. "No other job that comes to mind is quite so taxing, so hurried or demands greater pains. From the moment a newspaper is started, be it either daily or weekly, the work is carried on under pressure, a race against time. Put yourself in an editor's position—could you do it? "Could you, for example, spell correctly off hand, the names of a large percentage of the residents of this town? If you could do that could you write their initials correctly without resorting to the telephone directory or other authority?"

"Could you write seven columns of the names of your civic officials, your local school board, your township officials, getting all the names initials and officers correct?"

"Could you gather the thread of a story from half a dozen persons and weave them into an intelligent readable account at the first writing?"

"Could you write seven columns of material of 1200 or 1400 words each in two or three days, week after week, year after year and when you had finished those seven, write two or three columns more before press time?"

"In writing a headline, could you call to mind in a moment, enough synonyms so that you would not repeat the main thought in the same words?"

"Could you judge in a minimum of time what size headlines, and what position in the paper could be given to each of the stories that might go into your paper?"

"Could you decide in a moment or exercise 'snap' judgment, on the dozens of questions a newspaper man must face daily and get a majority of them correct?"

"We won't tire you—but if you could do these few simple things and a thousand and one more difficult ones you should be a newspaper editor."

"The point we wish to make is that one can produce a good newspaper only after continual diligent study and practical experience. You have heard dozens of persons remark that they could turn out a newspaper and a good one, too, a bit better in fact, than the one they are getting. That is not true, unless they have gone through the years and study a good newspaper demands of its makers."

"Were it not for the peculiar fascination associated with newspaper work, there would be no newspaper; for there is no greater taskmaster, and money alone would be far too scant a compensation."

ANOTHER WAR IN 1932

(From Sligo, Ireland, Independent.)
 The next great war will break out on the first of May, 1932, and five weeks later Germany and most of the rest of Central Europe will be turned into a wilderness. This is a prediction in the latest book of General Ludendorff, who was Hindenburg's chief of staff, who led the war.

Germany will be "the battlefield in the next war and the chief rivals France and Italy, General Ludendorff says. The Franco-Italian conflict will rapidly involve most of the other European countries, with Britain, whose empire will collapse shortly after the outbreak of the war, taking sides with Italy. On the side of France will fight Poland, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Jugoslavia and Rumania, with total forces of about 12,000,000 men. Italy will have an army of about five million and on her side will be the disarmed nations, such as Germany, Hungary, Austria and Britain. "whose small army barely exceeds 180,000."

Here are some more of the general's prediction: In six or six weeks the military victory of her allies will be an accomplished fact. French, Polish and Czech bombing aeroplanes will take destruction to most of the important cities, which will be strewn with gas bombs. The French and their allies will occupy and devastate Hungary and penetrate into Austria. British troops will land to assume command over Northern Germany; eastern Prussia will be submerged under invading Polish armies; Poles and Czechs will wage war or extermination against the whole population of Eastern and central Germany, burning towns. Berlin will be transferred into a cemetery. The decisive battle, the general says, will be fought five weeks after the outbreak of hostilities between the French and Italian armies south of the Danube. The French will be the victors, while a revolt will seal the fate of Fascism and Italy.

Then "this new period will settle Europe's fate finally. The peoples, weary of destruction and suffering, will rebel against their leaders. The United States, terribly damaged by Europe's self-destruction, will be brought face to face with chaos, and barbarism will invade the world."

His prediction, General Ludendorff asserts, are based on a strictly scientific study of the existing armaments of Europe.

CALENDAR REFORM NOT URGENT MATTER

Ottawa, Feb. 9:
 (Special to the Tribune.)
 His remarks to delegates of the Trades and Labor Congress are prophetic, there is little likelihood of calendar "reform" while Premier Bennett is in office.

For many years an agitation has been carried on in favor of the thirteen month year. "Our successors in the next century may want a thirteen month year," said Mr. Bennett in setting the matter aside as of no urgency.

ASK FOR SUSPENSION OF STATUTORY RAISES TO CIVIL SERVANTS

(Special to Stouffville Tribune)
 Statutory increases in pay for members of the Civil Service may be suspended for next year as part of the program of economy which the Government will carry out.

While the matter has not been formally discussed by the cabinet it has been taken up with a number of ministers of private members. The contention is advanced that civil servants have already received the equivalent of an increase in pay through a drop of twenty per cent or more in the cost of living. It is also pointed out that few private employers are advancing wages and that in the face of falling revenues temporary suspension of statutory increases is quite justifiable. Further, there has been no curtailment of staffs in the civil service as a result of depressed mances.

Several years ago the service was granted a special increase in wages on account of the advance in the cost of living and the suggestion now made is that either this be withdrawn, or that the statutory increase be suspended.

The mere suggestion, of course, will be heartily opposed by the service. At the present moment a general application is before the Government for upward revision and the Beatty Commission is investigating it. Whatever the report may be, there will be no upward revision this year nor will consideration be given to any retroactive policy on increases.

BLOOMINGTON

Mr. Phillip Lemon has been on the sick list for several weeks. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Eldon Smith has returned home again after spending a few weeks with his brother in Hartman.

The snow banks are rather deep up north, aren't they, Murray? Walking is safer anyway.

Miss Isabel Pansley has been spending a few holidays at her home here.

A group of young people from the Toronto Christian Endeavour Union gave a very interesting program at our C. E. last Tuesday evening (Feb. 3) The event celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of this society.

RINGWOOD

Roy Grove was in Toronto on Tuesday.

Miss Nellie Grove of Toronto was home over the weekend.

Miss Doris Sinclair has returned to Toronto after being home for a week.

Owing to the storm on Saturday, the last bus from Toronto did not arrive in our burg till 3 o'clock on Sunday morning.

Mrs. Geo. Fockler attended the funeral of her uncle Mr. Long in Michigan. Mrs. Fockler was accompanied by Mrs. David L. Hoover of Stouffville.

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MINISTRY STUDIES WORK INSURANCE

A Government inquiry into unemployment insurance with a view to working out a system free of the objections inherent in the dole system in Britain is being undertaken by the Bennett Government.

The investigation is to be made jointly through several departments of the administration and will include a survey of all such schemes now in operation as well as consultation with insurance experts and with labor and employers.

While not laying down any circumscribed lines of procedure, Mr. Bennett has stated his belief in a plan which includes contributions by the state, the employer and by the employed. Information gathered during an inquiry instituted by Sir Robert Borden in 1919 is available as a starting point in the investigation.

IS IT ANYBODY'S BUSINESS?

Is it anybody's business if a gentleman should choose To call upon a lady— If the lady doesn't refuse? Or, to speak a little plainer, That the meaning all may know— Is it anybody's business If a lady has a beau?

Is it anybody's business When that gentleman does call? Or when he leaves the lady? Or if he comes at all? Or is it necessary That the curtain should be drawn, To save from further trouble From outside lookers—on?

Is it anybody's business— But the lady's—if her beau Rides out with other ladies And doesn't let her know? Is it anybody's business— But the gentleman's—if she Should accept another's escort Where he doesn't chance to be?

If a person's on the sidewalk Whether great or whether small, Is it anybody's business Where that person means to call? And if you see a person, As he's calling anywhere, Is it anybody's business What his business may be there?

The substance of our query Simply stated, would be this: Is it anybody's business What another's business is? Or if it is, or if it isn't, There are some who make it so.

If it is, we'll join the raffle And act the noble part Of the tattlers and defamers Who throng the public mart; If it isn't we'll act the teacher, Until each meddler learns 'Twould be better in the future If they'd mind their own concerns.

—Unknown

BETHESDA

Jos. Sider is on the job again. Glad to welcome the merry miller at his old stand.

A number from here attended the cattle sale on Friday at Stouffville, but none of the critters came to local stables.

Our people were delighted to have a visit from Oliver and Wesley Sherrick who spent a few days in the neighborhood.

We understand that Fred Yates has secured a year's work at Mr. Ab. Shaffer's.

Poor old Dobbin is not so despondent after all. The debate held at the home of Mr. Shaffer's during the social there, gives him a place among us. The subject resolved that the horse is indispensable, was a hard fought matter, with old Dobbin showing up more good points than some people believe he had. The debaters are to be congratulated on their ability.

DO YOU REMEMBER WAY BACK WHEN?

Stouffer street from the tenth concession was built to connect with the Main street at the corner of the Christian Church just opposite the school building. Guess few, if any, remember, still it is within the recollection of at least one of our aged citizens, Mr. Arthur Yake.

Mr. Yake fixes the date of the construction of the road at 74 years ago through an unusual thing which happened to him as a mere baby at the time, and hundreds of times retold to him by his mother and father in later years.

His father Christian Yake kept the hotel at the corner of Tenth and Main streets, (the brick building is still in the family name) when Arthur was born, and he will be 76 if he lives until next July. The gang which were cutting the roadway out of the then cedar swamp to form Stouffer street, boarded at the Yake House. They had to work in long rubber boots for the swamp was full of water, and the men easily mired in the muck.

As they were washing up for supper one evening a crying noise attracted their attention, and lo young Arthur was discovered on the floor behind one of the doors leading off the hall. On being picked up it was found that the child was in great pain, and from his mouth slobbered a blackness as if he had been chewing licorice. Closer examination revealed it to be the remains of a small snake or large worm, which had evidently been brought up from the swamp on the boots of one of the workmen. The baby stared so at it with almost fatal results. Dr. Freel was hastily summoned, and as he was at home just two doors west of the hotel, he was on hand promptly. Administering medicine he succeeded in relieving the stomach of the deadly poison, but for long years after the child broke out in sores, attributed to the poison not being all out of his blood.

Dr. Freel's residence is now occupied by A. J. Baxter. The doctor was the father of our Dr. Ira and the late Sil. Freel. The practitioner said later that had he not happened to be home the child would surely have died.

Hence, you will see that at least one citizen has good reason to remember the building or the date when Stouffer street was built. Evidently it was undertaken by the council of Whitnurch Township, which showed greater wisdom than village councils did after the place became incorporated, in their failure in the more early days to go on and complete a second street through the corporation.

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