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Editorial Comment

Perjury in Courts

Steve Brandenburg and Florence Dzeobak of Toronto had much to do with passing forged cheques in Whitby and Oshawa. They were placed on trial and sentenced to jail.

But the case did not end there. They were tried the second time for what they had said during the first trial. That is, they had committed perjury. The magistrate contended it was not just one misstatement, but plain deliberate perjury. And on that score both accused were given sentences. The wonder is charge of perjury is not more frequently laid in our courts because there is far too much of it taking place.

Paid With Thankfulness

Last week ratepayers of Stouffville received their water bills for the next ensuing six months. Household with bath rooms and lawn taps, using all the water they want on their premises, (excepting July and August when there is a restriction of two hours for use of lawn taps,) pay only \$2 for the entire six months' service. If you have no lawn tap and no bath room the charge is only \$1 for six months. These rates will appear ridiculously low to any other municipality in Ontario where a domestic water service is available, for the average rate is \$8 and \$12.

No wonder we are able to truthfully say that ratepayers pay this bill with a spirit of thankfulness. There is nothing to compare with it excepting the free air we breathe. Despite these low rates Stouffville last year turned a surplus of \$1,000 from the water works over to the general account of the town to help out the tax rate, and gave water to the commercial users at a rate lower than obtains anywhere else.

There is a town over in Michigan that has not collected taxes since 1935, being able to earn enough revenue from their water and light publicly owned systems to meet all demands. Had Stouffville maintained average charges for water, we too could have met half the tax demand of the village from the profits of water. Perhaps its better as we have it. Only a modest charge for water, and a moderate tax rate too.

Protector of the Peace

The Ladies' Home Journal of Philadelphia which circulates in three million homes, is very strong for keeping the U. S. out of war and has engaged Dorothy Thompson, famous writer, to contribute a series of peace articles. And Miss Thompson is letting loose some wholesome truths. In her first article she says:—"Many speakers and writers have urged the United States to avoid war, reminding us that for a hundred years—from 1812 to 1914—this country had never engaged in a major international war. What they have neglected to say, and what is extremely important, is that in these hundred years there were no major wars likely to involve us. And the reason there were no wars during that period was—the British Empire maintained the peace by use of her power." And further along Miss Thompson expresses this conviction:—"Yet after the last war the British Commonwealth and the United States together could have guaranteed and maintained another century of peace had the United States been willing to use its financial, economic and naval power for that purpose." We can see that Dorothy Thompson's articles should be illuminating to her millions of U. S. readers.

Mr. Dunning's Return

Acceptance by Hon. Charles A. Dunning of the chairmanship of the National Subscription Committee of the forthcoming war loan does not mean his return to the "counting house." But it does mean that Mr. Dunning has sufficiently recovered his health to take on a bit of public service. And while he scouts the suggestion that this chairmanship involves serious work, it is a beginning.

There is no ground whatsoever for believing that Mr. Dunning ever again will be in a government. But it may be forecast that he will take a more active part in voluntary public service as his convalescence proceeds.

Since his return from London two months ago, Mr. Dunning has accepted four directorships:—The Bank of Montreal, Ogilvie's Flour, Consolidated Paper, and the Canadian Investment Fund. Mr. Dunning was connected with the last two companies prior to his return to public life in 1935. He has been offered a large number of directorships and executive positions but has only accepted those noted.

These acceptances would seem to indicate fairly clearly the course which Mr. Dunning has marked out for himself. He, apparently, is not yet prepared to accept any position involving executive responsibility. He is accepting posts which require only consultation and advice.

For the present it is most unlikely that Mr. Dunning will undertake any more arduous work.

The former Minister of Finance, who once appeared in Stouffville and addressed a public meeting in the arena, undoubtedly, is well on the way to recovery, but convalescence will be a long business, extending perhaps over a year.

HITLER AND STALIN, THE PACT SIGNERS

Hitler
Say, how about a pact with me. It won't hurt much, because you see
A pact to me, if old or new, Means no more than it does to you.

Stalin
This is so sudden, Adolph, that I take my breath and knocks me flat,
Your books and all those things you said
Convinced me you were anti-Red.

Hitler
I like to do things by surprise And sock the world between the eyes
A pact would make an awful fuss
And still not mean a thing to us.

Stalin
But what of John Bull? He and I are waiting now to ratify;
While I sit here and hesitate
His envoys wait and wait and wait.

Hitler
Well, let 'em wait; that is their way;
They never mind a long delay
John wants his pledge plain and clear
He's not like you and me, old dear.

Stalin
You've said some bitter things to me
And said 'em pretty candidly;
To team with you I must confess
Would make me feel a mild distress.

Hitler
Say, listen, I'm no more for you
Than you're for me—and this is true—
But pacts, we sign 'em by the score
So what the deuce is just one more!

Stalin
I guess it's all in good clean fun,
This pact is but another one.
Your name's here, if mine goes above it
I trust you'll not remind me of it

Hitler
I understand just how you feel,
But sign and bring the proper seal
The newsreel cameras are grinding
You have my word this WON'T be binding!

Stalin
Heigh ho! Here goes with fountain pen;
But never bring this up again.
I'm now for you and you're for me—
Until we think we shouldn't be.

Hitler
'Tis done! The Russians and the Dutch
Are now in one embracing clutch,
We're buddies under one bright star!
We're bosom pals—like fun we are!

—Exchange

KITCHEN RANGE EXPLODES BUT NO ONE HURT

Mr. and Mrs. James Long of Feversham had a rather unexpected experience in their home on Sunday morning which might act as a warning to all people. They had been out to Dundalk, Saturday night, and had allowed the fire in the kitchen range to go out. It so happened that Saturday night was one of the coldest nights of the year (certain thermometers are said to have registered 21 below zero) and the waterfront in the stove apparently froze up solid.

About three hours after the stove had been lit, Sunday morning, it exploded with a terrifying roar, breaking into several pieces and even dislodging one of the legs on which the stove stood. The plaster on the wall was broken by pieces of the shattered stove striking it.

Fortunately for Mr. and Mrs. Long neither one was in the kitchen at the time, Mr. Long just having gone to another room of the house. At the moment it would not have been difficult to convince Mrs. Long that a German air raid was in progress at Feversham.

George Hilson was fined \$10 and costs in Oakville court last week for hunting cottontail rabbits with a ferret. It's all right to set the ferrets on rats, but Miss Cottontail is entitled to a better change of life.

MAN WHO BUILT BALLANTRAE SCHOOL DIES AT NEWMARKET

Well Known Cabinet Maker Was 84

One of Newmarket's oldest residents, Ernest Henry Brooks, died last week. He was 84 years of age. He suffered a stroke early in the morning and failed to recover.

Born in Yorkshire, England, Mr. Brooks came to Canada when a lad of three with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brooks, who first settled in Uxbridge. The Brooks, pioneer families in the Uxbridge area, cleared land and built themselves one of the first homes in the district.

A cabinet maker by trade, he came to Newmarket 35 years ago, operated a completely equipped woodworking shop behind his Millard avenue home. Sixty four years ago he built the old school at Ballantrae demolished only in recent years. Records left in a glass jar when the old school was built showed that the late Mr. Brooks and his brothers now deceased were the carpenters at that time. As the old school which served until just recently was frame there was no such thing as a corner stone, hence a glass jar or bottle was placed in the partition and was found intact with the interesting information about the contracting carpenters. Each brother of the Brooks family had signed the record.

Of late years Mr. Brooks' hobby was that of making grandfather clocks. He was a member of Trinity United Church and was the last of a family of seven brothers and one sister. Surviving are two sons, David, of Port Carling, and Wesley, of Newmarket, also one daughter, Alice Brooks, of Newmarket.

MARKHAM JUNIORS DEFEAT NEWMARKET

The Markham Junior C steam roller powered by the 17-year-old, 240-pound defenseman Bruce (Ike) Harper who incidentally is a Stouffville boy, swept to victory in Markham Friday night against the powerful Newmarket Red Shirts by a score of 8 to 3.

With a total of 18 goals scored, with one scored against them, Markham entered the fray against the formidable Red Shirts and sticky ice, which made good hockey very difficult. The first period ended with the score 3 to 0 in favor of the home team, two goals as a result of the smashing rushes of Harper, the heavyweight man-o'-all-work. The third goal was scored by Austin Baker, left winger.

At the start of the second period Goalkeeper Gardner of Newmarket was injured and retired, being replaced by Dilman. The period ended with a score of 6 to 1 in favor of Markham.

The last period began with the ice becoming stickier. However, with their sub goalie injured early in the final stanza Newmarket faded under the battering power of the Hemstead Aces and the final score was 8 to 3 in favor of Markham, making a record of 3 games won and 26 goals scored with 4 scored against them. Particularly brilliant was the work of Dick Schad in the Markham goal.

WOLF SHOT NEAR FLESHERTON

Wolves have at last been found in the district, reports the Flesherton Advance, the first instance remembered of by some of their oldest-residents. Last Wednesday morning Art Chard and his brother, Leslie, were out hunting foxes when the dogs came to this strange track just fresh and followed it. The wolf kept just ahead of the dogs but did not appear to be afraid of them, when Art sighted it and brought it down with a well-aimed shot. He was very much surprised to find he had bagged a full-grown brush wolf. He made the capture in the swamp at the rear of Harry Akins' farm, one and a quarter miles south of Flesherton. Art will receive the bounty given by the Ontario government, besides the price of the hide.

No doubt this animal has

ROAD TIME FOR THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENTS

North Gwillimbury Township Council at its inaugural meeting fired the Road Superintendent and appointed Angus King to the position. There was a lively battle among the councillors before Mr. King got the winning vote.

Over in Uxbridge Township an effort was made to change the Superintendent there, but the vote stood three to two against a change. Members of the council voting for a change said they had so many rate-payers asking for it, that the matter had to be brought to a head.

In both cases, we are not aware that the Department of Highways had been consulted, and no changes can be made without their permission which must be obtained before hand. This mistake was made a couple of years ago by a township council in Bruce county, and there was lots of headaches before the matter was straightened out. The Department pay half the salary and will accept nothing less than half the salary. If Gwillimbury failed to get the O.K. from Queen's Park, the dismissal of one man and the appointment of another is not complete.

MILK SHIPPERS TOLD OF \$300 BENEFIT

Farmers were urged to continue their work instead of worrying how the war would affect their prices by speakers at the first annual banquet of District 7 of the Whole Milk Producers' Association.

Meeting at Mechanics' Hall, Aurora, the banquet drew an attendance of over 125 persons. Some 250 shippers are members of the District Association.

Lorne Hartman, president, recalled that he was born on the property where the hall in which the banquet was held stands. Although now a resident of Bradford, he formerly lived in Aurora, where his parents were among the first residents. Prof. W. M. Drummond, head of the Agriculture Economics Department at O.A.C., warned the farmers not to spend their money unnecessarily.

"Don't buy more land and more equipment, or build barns because you think prices will go up owing to the war. Make better use of what equipment and barns you have so as to keep your expenses to the lowest possible level," he advised.

Dr. E. C. Reynolds, president of the Toronto Milk Producers' Marketing Board, said the association had brought profits to its members. Shippers had benefitted to the extent of about

been instrumental in killing off many sheep throughout the district, deeds of which had been laid to dogs. People south of town had heard the animal howling at night, but had no idea that a wolf was so close to hand, says The Advance.

There's No Time Like The Present

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\$300 each. He urged all farmers to carry on as they were before the war broke out.

W.H. Wilmott, new secretary-manager of the Toronto Milk Producers' Association, told of the sanitary regulations existing in Toronto.

"You can't be too sanitary about handling milk for Toronto," he added.

President Hartman proposed the toast to the ladies. Lorne Evans of Gormley proposed the toast to the guests.

Entertainment was provided by Miss Helen Evans and the Aurora Haybalers, with William McGee as vocalist.

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