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## Editorial Comment

### The Coming Victory Loan

Every citizen of Stouffville and district should be looking forward and giving serious thought to the coming Victory Loan, for every home it is hoped, will make an effort to buy a bond of some denomination, no matter how small, and they range down to \$50. Its a fine way to save money and everybody should have something these days.

### Living Costs up 7 Per Cent

Cost of living has advanced but seven per cent since the beginning of the war, according to the Financial Post, which also points out that the cost of living at September 1939 was 17 per cent below the 1929 level. War taxes are not part of cost of living, although the many demands in this line lead wage earners to believe his pay once adequate is not enough, and of course in some respects he is quite right.

### Andy Clark and the News

Last week we had the privilege of attending a convention of Newspaper men in the city of Hamilton, and there enjoyed a banquet at which were Miss Ages MacPhail and our radio newscaster Mr. Andy Clark. What Mr. Clark told the editor of this paper about the merits of The Tribune as a live weekly paper would never do to be seen in print, for Mr. Clark has a duty to perform to all papers, and he sure does it. However, our readers who listen in every Sunday morning to Andy Clark will understand that he finds real news in The Tribune.

### Thought for a Farmer

Over the CBC has been a series of programmes discussing farm problems. Recently, the farm implement companies were accused of having raised cash prices for implements because they had been forced by political investigation to reduce interest charges on the same implements sold on the instalment-payment plan.

Actually, the person who buys for cash gets a benefit from the person who buys on credit. This is even the case with the delinquent tax payer, whom the prompt tax payer sometimes imagines he has to carry. In the case of Stouffville, Whitchurch, Markham, and other municipalities with a few thousand dollars in tax arrears, we point out that the delinquent pays the municipality more in tax penalties than it costs to carry his tax arrears in bank borrowings. Likewise, in the mercantile world the instalment payer actually pays his own "overdraft" and helps the cash payer as well.

For instance automobiles are cheap because of mass production. Mass production became possible when someone developed the so-called easy payments for automobiles. Thus the buyer who pays cash benefits greatly from the mass buying of the people who buy on time. Would it not be fair to add something to the cash price of the automobile—that something to be credited to the financing of time-sales rather than to the manufacturing and selling profit on the cash sale? Lowering the financing charges on time sales might stimulate such sales to the point where, in normal times, even more automobiles might be sold.

### Farm Cash Income Likely to be Higher

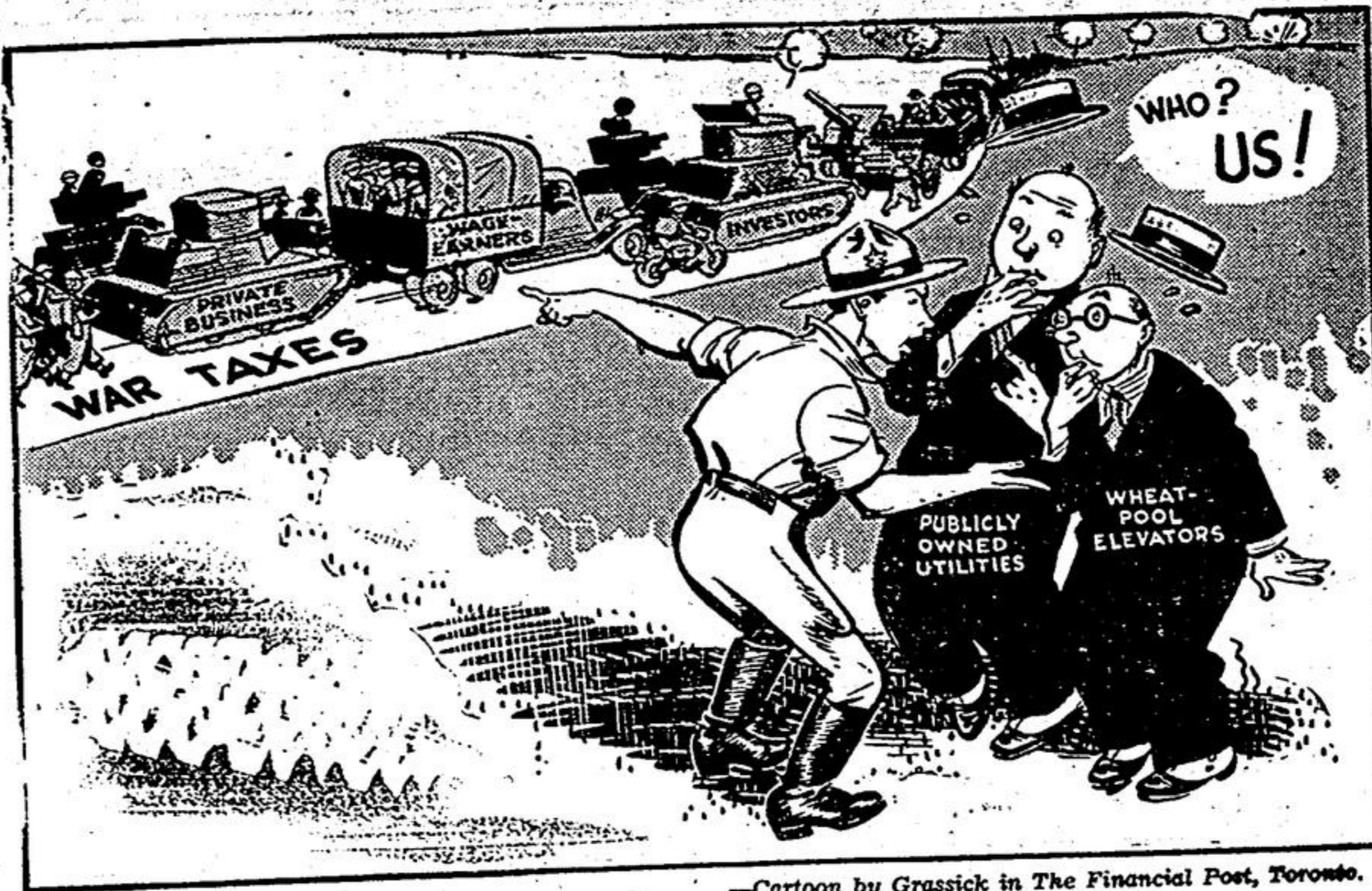
Cash income from the sale of farm products during the first half of 1941 will be considerably higher than in the corresponding period in 1940, states the latest issue of the Current Review of Agricultural Conditions in Canada. Marketings of most of the important farm products are running well above marketings a year ago. In the Prairie Provinces, the deferring of wheat marketings in the fall of 1940 has resulted in greater deliveries in the spring of 1941 and cash income is higher than in 1940. Increases in the market of hogs have more than offset lower prices, while both the volume of cattle marketings and the prices received are above those of a year ago. Dairy products are likewise bringing higher prices with a greater volume of production.

With further increases in consumer purchasing power during the next few months, it is expected that the cash income of farmers will continue to increase over 1940.

### Marvelous Accomplishment

Within a period of five years, Ontario's \$13,000,000 Queen Elizabeth Way between Toronto and Niagara Falls will be completely paid for—out of the gasoline tax which motor traffic on this highway alone is producing, Hon. T. B. McQueen, Minister of Highways now predicts.

The first section of the Queen Elizabeth Way, between Burlington and Brown's Line, was opened near the end of August, 1937. Since that time, as closely as can be estimated, gas tax collections within this specified area have amounted to \$4,300,000. Last year, a further section of the Way, from Burlington to Niagara Falls, and also the entrance to the city of Toronto, were completed. A conservative estimate, based on the traffic over both these sections would indicate, Mr. McQueen says, an additional revenue because of the added mileage, of at least \$1,000,000. Which means that in all the Province to date has collected \$5,300,000 in gas tax from this great highway.



—Cartoon by Grassick in The Financial Post, Toronto.  
 Canada: "How about doing your bit?"

## In the Editor's Mail

Uplands, California  
 May 14, 1941

Dear Editor,

No words of mine can fully express my appreciation for your valuable paper which reaches me very regularly each Monday. Although many miles and mountains separate me, yet through this medium it is possible to maintain a vital contact with my home community and my friends. Especially have I observed the contributions made by the reporters from Victoria Square, Gormley, Dickson's Hill and the 8th Line. And how I enjoyed their varied activities.

Thanking you, I am,  
 Yours truly  
 Stella L. Heise

### SUSIE and the SOLDIER

Arrow Lake, B.C.

Dear sir,

The success of the Germans on land is due to their superior strategy, mechanized equipment and the physical fitness of their troops. The shock troops, that smashed up Jugoslavia in 5 days, shun tobacco and alcohol. This is something to be contemplated by those dear souls who think that the main thing in war is to keep the soldiers well supplied with smokes. Battles are won by bombs, bullets and tough soldiers who have lived a life of self-denial, not by socks, cigarettes and the pampered and physically unfit who glut the clearing stations and lines of retreat. The waste of materials and effort is appalling. Susie knit socks for soldiers, and it would be more to the point if Susie

planted potatoes instead.

The League of Nations has lapsed into a state of innocuous desuetude, and it were better had it never existed. The Little Entente and the Big Entente, which rode high and handsome through Europe, have been smashed to smithereens. Hitler rules from the Atlantic to the Black Sea, through some countries without firing a shot. Such a state of demoralization could not have happened 50 years ago. Those were days when a threat of injustice would have aroused the entire Christian world. Now they are so preoccupied with social security and the high standard of living that they care not a hoot what happens so long as they save their own skins.

The Empire is in need of a moth-proof, hole-proof, and fool-proof plan of campaign which will stand up against the exigencies of economic and military warfare. It fell to the lot of Winston Churchill to chase John Bull out of a funk-hole where he had been for 25 years. And, considering they started rearmament from scratch, they are putting up a fight that astonishes the world.

The British Commonwealth is menaced by fascist devils, nazi devils red devils, yellow devils and Devilera. The latter is an avowed enemy and makes no bones about it. It is high time that any part of the Empire, which enjoys the advantages while refusing to share the responsibility, should be shown where it gets off.

F. E. Burnham

### To Rural Mail Box Holders.

On Thursday, May 15th, 1941, before Judge O'Connell, in a Police Court, Toronto, Guido Gargarelli, baggage porter, Union Station, was found guilty and remanded for sentence, on a charge of stealing first

## "In Days Of Yore"

32 Years Ago  
 The Tribune, October 1880

Mr. H. Somerville of Uxbridge was in town on Wednesday.

Mr. S. C. Fleury started on Saturday on a trip to Bracebridge and other points in Muskoka.

The season on the diamond is supposed to be over but the youthful enthusiasts will have a game tomorrow to settle the question of supremacy between the Villagers and the West Enders.

The many friends of Mr. Henry Highfield will be glad to know that the operation performed on his eye while in the hospital was successful.

On Thursday of last week, Blake, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders, fell from a horse chestnut tree in which he had climbed and broke his collar-bone and received other injuries to his shoulder.

The baseball concert in Daley's Hall on Tuesday evening was a complete success although the darkness and rain kept some away. Of course Mr. Ramsay's singing was the feature of the evening. He also recited "The Old Maid" and "Death Doomed" by special request. Miss Pearce's recitation were also very clever. Mrs. A. Fleury sang twice and Mr. McCarty also filled a gap on the program. A cornet solo by Mr. Noah Stouffer was executed with his usual skill. By the kindness of Mr. Yake, the Karn organ was used.

Mrs. R. P. Coulson is at present visiting her mother Mrs. Knill.

A watermelon mysteriously disappeared from the front of Hamilton's Store one Saturday. Mr. Hamilton does not expect it brought back, but if the takers thereof live in the vicinity they might call in to testify as to the quality of its "watermillion".

George McKuen, little son of Jno. McKuen of the 8th con., broke his

leg at the Bloomington school on Thursday.

Messrs. R. Rowan and J. Urquhart went up to Sutton on Thursday night. These sports didn't go for the Fair either, but to fish. They caught six bass and returned by special train on Wednesday.

22 Years Ago  
 From The Tribune, May 1919

Mr. W. H. Todd's auction sale drew a large crowd and very good prices. Most of the outbuildings of the Queen's Hotel were sold.

Sergt. F. H. Forsyth, formerly of Stouffville and who served with the Canadian Forces for over three years has arrived in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Lee, and Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Pugh spent Sunday in Clarendon.

Mrs. D. G. Scott who was injured by falling into the cellar of her home on Wednesday night of last week has been removed to hospital.

Thos. Williamson brought home the red ticket from Uxbridge for the best horse, buggy and gents turnout and second prize for the best lady driver.

Rev. A. P. Wilson has accepted a call to become pastor of the Baptist Church here. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have moved into Mrs. C. Johnson's house.

We are glad to report that Dr. F. A. Dales is rapidly improving from injuries sustained in an automobile accident two weeks ago.

Sgt. Roy Dickson arrived home on the Celtic on Monday.

The Fire Brigade had a quick run to the east end this week when a fire was discovered in the roof of Henry McMullen's house.

Mr. Amos Lehman has purchased the brick block formerly used by the bank of Nova Scotia.

The young ladies of Stouffville have organized a bowling club this summer.

class mail, (letters and postcards) also parcels. When detectives visited Gargarelli's home they found over \$2,000 worth of articles which had been stolen over a number of years. Post office officials stated that many persons had been suspected. "Enuff said," Clarendon Mail Courier

### TOWN OF 2,700 INHABITANTS AURORA HAS 48 OCTOGENARIANS

A town of 2,700 inhabitants; Aurora can boast of at least 48 octogenarians for a longevity record that speaks wells for its healthful climate and artesian wells.

Walter Machell has passed the 90 mark and holds the distinction of being the oldest resident who was born there. He has been a lifelong inhabitant.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gould, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Banbury, Mr. and Mrs.

## CEDAR VALLEY MAIL SERVICE VERY POOR

Tribune subscribers on the Cedar Valley mail route are constantly registering complaints against the mail service they are getting. It is not only the delivery of the papers, but letters are frequently delayed, one box holder told The Tribune.

Of course that is a matter they should take up with the Post Office Inspector at Toronto, but we are deeply interested and concerned when The Tribune fails to arrive.

These papers are placed in a bag labelled in the newspaper office direct to Cedar Valley. Their constant arrival on Friday with an occasional delivery on Thursday is not understandable to us as the papers leave Stouffville regularly on the same train each Wednesday evening. It has been felt for a long time that the southern end of the Cedar Valley route running around Musselman's Lake should be served from Stouffville from which station a much better service could be rendered. If the box holders concerned would unite their protests and petition their member of parliament who is none other than Postmaster General Col. W. P. Mulock, we predict there would shortly be a change in the starting point for this mail. It would be a simple matter to draft a petition and have it circulated among the box holders concerned.

J. Daniels and Mr. and Mrs. J. Race are four couples all of whom have passed their 80th birthdays.

Mrs. N. Pearson, at 96, is the town's oldest resident, and also one of the district's oldest. Other nonagenarians are Alfred Love, 94; Mrs. Howard, 93; Mrs. Charles Thom, 93, and Thomas Cairns, 92.

Among the elderly residents of this town the history of Aurora can be reviewed almost in its entirety. Many remember it when it was a crossroad hamlet known as Machell's Corners.

At present Aurora is experiencing a mild boom since the opening of a new industry, the Grover Shoe Company, and is recovering from the slump when the Fleury-Bissel plant moved away.

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