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**Notes and Comments**

**Unfairness to Many Employed People**

When the unemployed insurance scheme came into existence, we advised the Department that the staff at The Tribune office is guaranteed continuous employment all year round, and that we would be responsible for their weekly pay without interruption. Of course we knew that we could not be placed in any exempted class, but we wanted to impress someone with what seemed to us unfair to ask our employees to contribute to a fund which they would never realize any benefits from.

One of the mysteries of political life in this country is that the so-called unemployment insurance law was precipitated through the House of Commons with little or no criticism, and even with cheers, from Opposition benches. Possibly organized labor, which is mainly employed on an hourly basis, is pleased at the moment because such trades will, under present arrangements, benefit from the weekly contributions of bank clerks and retail clerks and others in the lower paid group who seldom are out of employment.

An immense new bookkeeping job has been foisted on business and employers generally, for if the revenue were demanded from workers in order to help with the war effort or to brake inflationary tendencies, the machinery for the collection of the national defence tax would have sufficed both for business and government. But every large business must add to payroll staff and every small business must submit to an additional nuisance. And Ottawa payrolls are swelled by some thousands of persons—perhaps 6,000 at a time when help is scarce.

Canada adopts a scheme that was a failure in Britain, a depression proved the unemployment fund inadequate and even those who had not paid into it were given weekly grants of equivalent amounts. This would be the condition in Canada in the event of further unemployment, for the principle has been established that the workless shall not be allowed to starve.

People who are struggling to make ends meet today are paying into a fund from which there is only the remotest chance of their benefiting. It has been ruled, for instance, that college students with summer jobs must pay, although these boys when they finish college will be mainly either in exempted employment or engaged in a professional activity on their own account or soon, because of their superior education, beyond the \$2,000 class. Yet out of money earned for paying next year's tuition, they must help the fund which pleases only those who are engaged in seasonal employment.

The scheme cannot be classed even as a compulsory savings scheme for the reason that the money once paid into the fund can be recovered by the payer only if he or she is ousted from a job because there is no work. A stenographer who works ten years and then gets married can get nothing back. A youth who slowly makes his way upward beyond the \$2,000 class cannot benefit. The beneficiaries are mainly Canada's largest and ever-growing permanent force, the civil service.

**A Step in Right Direction**

It is easy to grumble about new taxes so when the powers at Ottawa embark on something that relieves even a small section of the community from a burden, they are entitled to praise. Canadian bakers have been relieved of certain useless expenditure by Ottawa's new bread regulation and the big bakery in Stouffville is appreciative of what has been done.

By an order of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, sliced bread & double or fancy wrappers will be taboo after August 11, and the board in a statement expressed the opinion that these economies, coupled with removal of the wheat processing tax, "should render unnecessary any increase in the price of bread."

The new measures in force last Sunday are being taken to conserve materials, power and labor which can be used more effectively in the national defense program.

The saving ordered by Ottawa will not take care of the general advance in commodities entering a loaf of bread, but it all helps, and will eliminate further competition with more added expense in the future.

Probably something will be done next to prevent bakeries from the cities and other bakery trucks from running all over the province to peddle a load of bread that should be consumed in the neighborhood where it is made, or could be shipped by rail.

**Religion Taught in the Schools**

It was with interest that we read in a church paper about the teaching of religion in the schools of London, this past term. Every Wednesday 9.00 to 9.30, a representative of the General Ministerial Association was present in every one of the thirty-two grades by invitation of the local school board and the teachers.

According to Matthew Conron in the United Church Observer it is all within the framework of the present regulations of our Education Department. It has the cordial and complete approval of the Provincial authorities, the city

**Chief of Staff's Son a "Buck Private"**



"Are you any relation to the chief of general staff?" asked the recruiting officer. "Just a son," replied Peter Crerar. The 19-year-old son of Major-General H. D.G. Crerar, shown here with his father, walked into a recruiting depot at Ottawa recently and signed as a "buck private." It was not until he was asked for next to kin that his identity was learned. He is anxious to find a place with an armored unit.

**WE'RE GOING TO ATTEND OUR TRADE ASSOCIATION CONVENTION IN QUEBEC**

The Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association, a trade organization of over 500 of Canada's weekly newspapers, is holding its annual convention in Quebec this week.

The assistant editor, Charles H. Nolan and his wife are attending. In addition to the pleasure of going to these meetings, we have found that meeting other publishers of the Dominion and talking shop has been of tremendous value in operating our newspaper.

We are endeavoring at all times to give Stouffville the best news paper we can put out, and we are going to take advantage of this opportunity to hear some of the finest speakers on newspaper problems that have appeared on our programme for many years.

We note that our local business and professional men attend the conventions representing their respective lines of business, and we believe that the investment in time and money pays big returns, so the assistant editor will be away from home for a few days enjoying a holiday with other progressive weekly publishers and at the same time studying how this paper can better serve its readers.

**MENNONITE YOUTH LIKE HIGHWAY CAMPS**

Waterloo county Mennonite youths working in road camps in the Sault Ste. Marie district in lieu of military training, are well pleased with camp conditions, Noah M. Bearinger of Elmira, today told The Kitchener Record. He is secretary of the war problems committee of the historic peace churches of Ontario.

The Mennonite boys, all 21-year-olds, reported about three weeks ago in all there are about 150 from Waterloo county.

Mr. Bearinger says the boys are working on the trans-Canada highway. In letters written home they say they are well pleased with the working conditions, the camp and especially, the food. "They are getting along just fine."

Unlike the army recruits, the Mennonites receive only 50 cents a day for their work and must supply their own clothes. Soldiers are paid at the rate of \$1.30 per day and are supplied with uniforms.

Mr. Bearinger did not know for how long a period, the boys would be required to work. He said he expects it will be four months, although the matter rests entirely with the war services department. He said in view of the type of work they are doing, it may not be possible to continue during the winter.

Board of Education, the local Superintendent and Inspector of the schools.

It all recalls the fact that similar work is carried on in parts of Markham township, and Stouffville Board of Education is still dallying with the issue. We know that some members of the Board would favor introducing the half hour religious instruction next term, and ratepayers in favor of this step should make it their business to express their approval to any member of the Board, and that will strengthen the hand of those who have to decide this matter.

**Time Question up Again**

It is reported that a bill for nation-wide daylight saving will shortly be introduced by the government at Ottawa as a necessary measure. One of the purposes of the bill is to conserve electric power for war production, but how that can do it we have not learned. If all industry worked on the same hours, there would still be the peak loads, whereas with one large town or city on daylight saving and another on standard time, the peak is spread.

Anyway, we cannot see the sense of this daylight muddle at all. Why can we not all remain on standard time, and simply start work at 7 instead of 8 or 8 instead of 9. That would meet the same purpose and there would be no muddle. When you really think of it, daylight time is merely a "kidding" time by adjusting the hands of your watch or clock to give you an hour that is not correct with the proper reckoning of time in this country. If the hours of labor could be adjusted without interference with the clock, then the farmer might be able to pursue his way working with the sun.

**Congratulations to Prime Minister King**

Congratulations were pouring in on Prime Minister Mackenzie King last Friday, it being the 22nd anniversary of his leadership of the Liberal party, a record unparalleled by any other leader in world politics.

**"In Days Of Yore"**

52 Years Ago

(From Tribune Files, August 1889)

For some time the flouring mills at the west end have been shut down, and the workmen have been busy putting in the machinery to transform the old fashioned mill into a full-fledged roller mill. The firm of Sanders, Williamson & Co. are to be congratulated on their enterprise and though they have already large orders to fill, they are prepared to fill orders for gristing and shopping promptly.

Misses Ida and Bella Smith of this town, are visiting relatives and friends in Toronto.

Mr. R. F. Willis of this town was visiting relatives in Toronto last week.

W. Stark and the Jones' boys have left for their work, which causes a slight spell of lonesomeness this week.

Our school opened on Monday with an attendance of 46, while the registered number for the summer is 80.

Harry Clark cut for Wm. Reesor, on the 10th concession of Markham 15 acres of heavy tangled wheat, in 8 1/2 hours with a new binder bought from H. L. Vanzant.

Mr. Jess Davis has bought out Charles Morden's draying business. Some pickets were mysteriously

removed from a Church St. fence the other night.

Mr. Jas. Hand, wife and family returned from camp on Tuesday morning and Mrs. E. G. Trimmer and Mrs. Wm. Leaney on Wednesday morning.

Mr. Roland Rae of Oshawa, is visiting Frank Rae of this town.

Mr. Sim Flint and family of Toronto are spending their holidays here this week.

Mr. Bert Sangster, dentist, returned from six-week's trip in Quebec.

22 YEARS AGO

From Tribune File, 1919

Walter Mertens, who returned from overseas in March three years at the front, with his wife and family are in town for a week visiting with relatives.

Raymond R. Saunders has returned home safely after serving with the Siberian expedition.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nendick of O'Brien Ave., celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding on Tuesday, June 24th. The occasion was made a memorable one by the expressions of good-will from many friends.

Fred Hoover was home for a few days. He was married at Lindsay on Tuesday.

**"THUMBING IS BANNED BY ARMY RULING"**

The days of "thumbing" a ride by soldiers is over, according to Routine Order, 1,140 of the Canadian active army, but that does not mean soldiers won't accept rides if motorists offer same.

The Order says: "The soliciting of rides by personnel of the Canadian army is undignified and inconsistent with the wearing of the King's uniform. There is, however, no objection to the acceptance by soldiers of transportation when

such is offered voluntarily by the public."

Now that hitch-hiking has been banned in the army, it's up to the motorists to lend a helping hand in seeing that soldier-boys do not break Routine Order 1,140. If the soldiers are walking along the highways, obviously they would appreciate a lift. But the order prevents them from "thumbing it" to their destination.

It is expected that motorists will understand the situation and will not be lax in offering the khaki-clad boys "lifts."

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