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Notes and Comments

Pay For Village Councillors

J. O. Little, one time warden of York county, addressing Newmarket town council a few evenings ago, advocated pay for town and village councillors. At present only the reeve gets paid for his services, and that comes through his attendance at county council. Mr. Little pointed out that members of township councils are paid for their attendance at meetings, but he didn't point out that township meetings are held in the day time and entail a loss of the whole day. Town and Village councillors can meet in the evening, mostly in spare time, and they have no travelling expences either. However, there is much to be said in favor of pay for service rendered.

What Would You Say ?

If the complaints of the ratepayers of Stouffville who want the council to build new and better sidewalks were adhered to at this time, we estimate that something like \$3,000 at least should be expended in this service. Now it might be a simple matter for the council to order this work done, but what will Mr. and Mrs. Taxpayer say when the bill comes in, and you find three mills on the present tax rate to pay for the job. Some people would say nothing, and acknowledge that they asked for it, but others would cry to the high heavens. Let us all be reasonable in such matters and if you are not really willing to have your taxes increased to build new walks, say less about the old ones.

Every ratepayer however, has a right to expect something more done to walks this season, and by that we mean that a dozen or two bad blocks ought to be replaced in stretches of otherwise good walks.

The Hills and the Ladies
 (Fergus News-Record)

We know that mere man treads on dangerous ground when discussing women's clothes. That has been true for centuries. Yet we are tempted to quote the observations of a bachelor friend, an educated and intelligent man, not because we agree entirely, but because his views are put in such an interesting way. Many readers will agree.

We were driving along the Grand, through a lovely valley. Across the river were several wooded hills.

"Hugh," he began. "Do you see those hills over there. What makes them beautiful. If they were bare, would we look at them twice ? We would not. It is because they are clothed with trees.

"It's the same way with a woman. When they take off too much, they look like animals. You see then that they are knock-kneed, bow-legged, flat-chested or they have something else the matter with them. But put clothes on them and they look like the loveliest thing God ever made.

"The Bible speaks a great deal about clothing—'being clothed with righteousness' and the like. You'd be surprised how many references to clothing there are in the Scriptures. The present tendency to go around undressed is a reversion to paganism: it's the very antithesis of

Military Authority Not Above Civil

Involved in an accident on the 8th concession one soldier in the convoy from Camp Borden was quite badly injured when he pulled out of line with his motor cycle and crashed a civilian car going in the opposite direction. Markham police arriving to investigate and were refused the name of the soldier injured by the officer in charge of the convoy. Such action on the part of the military is not warranted in our opinion, and should be reported to the Attorney General's Department. We still have civil law in this country, and magistrates are constantly reminding soldiers of the fact.

Facts on the Bread Situation

The last issue of The Financial Post provides some interesting comment and facts on the bread situation. It will be recalled that a few weeks ago the Dominion Government issued an order to the Canadian bakery industry to stop slicing bread and to use only single wrappers on bread, which added to the effect of the recent rescinding of the wheat processing tax, appears to have staved off an increase in bread prices.

"How long this will be the case can hardly be forecast," says the Post which continues: "It depends on a number of factors such as wage rates, cost of other materials particularly shortening and sugar. But the baking industry seems agreed that prices in Canada can stay where they are for some time to come.

Estimates of the saving in eliminating sliced bread and reducing wrappers are somewhat difficult to get, but it appears, that they do not amount to more than about one fifth of a cent a loaf.

To this may be added the saving from the end of the wheat processing tax. This tax was equivalent to 70 cents a barrel on flour, and the bakers had to pay all of it without the alternative of passing the cost along to the consumer. As an average of about 190 loaves of bread is obtained from a barrel of flour, this tax cost the bakers about one third of a cent a loaf, based on a loaf of 24 ounces.

Thus the combined saving works out to .56 of a cent a loaf. This saving is estimated sufficient to offset increasing costs for the present at least.

It is not all a clear saving, however. Costs keep going up. For example, higher prices for shortening, effective about the time the processing tax came off, offset about half of the third of a cent a loaf that was saved from the ending of the processing tax. Thus the bakers appear to be left with a saving even in this short period of only a little more than a third of a cent a loaf with which to handle other costs.

"Eliminating sliced bread means savings in more than one way," continues The Post, "Sliced bread ordinarily has an inner plain wrapper which will no longer be needed. While the operation of slicing machines is automatic and most bakeries have them already installed, they require more careful supervision than when bread is not sliced. Then these machines wear out and have to be replaced or repaired. There is less handling to the bread when it is not sliced.

There is little concrete guidance as to the margin of profit the baker enjoys per loaf of bread sold.

The best that is available comes from the recently published statement of Canada Bread Co. This firm realized a net profit of one seventh of a cent a loaf on all its production last year. In the preceding year its margin was one-quarter cent and two years ago it was a half cent a loaf. Thus the apparent net reduction in costs resulting in costs resulting from the latest Government orders means that the margin per loaf is back again to about a cent, or the equivalent of the 1939 figure."

Overseas Mail

A letter received last week from their son and a former business man on Main street until the time of his enlistment, appears below from Pte. Price Pugh to Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Pugh, from "Somewhere in England."

Dear Mother and Dad:

Received your most welcome letter today, July 25th, and was sure delighted. We were forbidden to post any mail from the train on our way to the coast leaving Canada, but nearly everybody tried to. However, it was mostly picked up by the police. I guess it was a wise trick at that, because Canada is full of spies, and we were the largest Canadian company ever to cross the ocean. Jerry sure would have liked to have got at us. Lord Ha Ha said before we left Canada that we wouldn't reach England, but I guess he forgot about the British Navy.

They sure can look after their own boats, and it was really an inspiring sight to see so many at one time. Battle ships, cruisers, air craft, destroyers and corvettes all about us. They were ready for action any minute and how they can move when they find an enemy craft lurking around. It really gives you a lot of confidence, and makes you feel much safer.

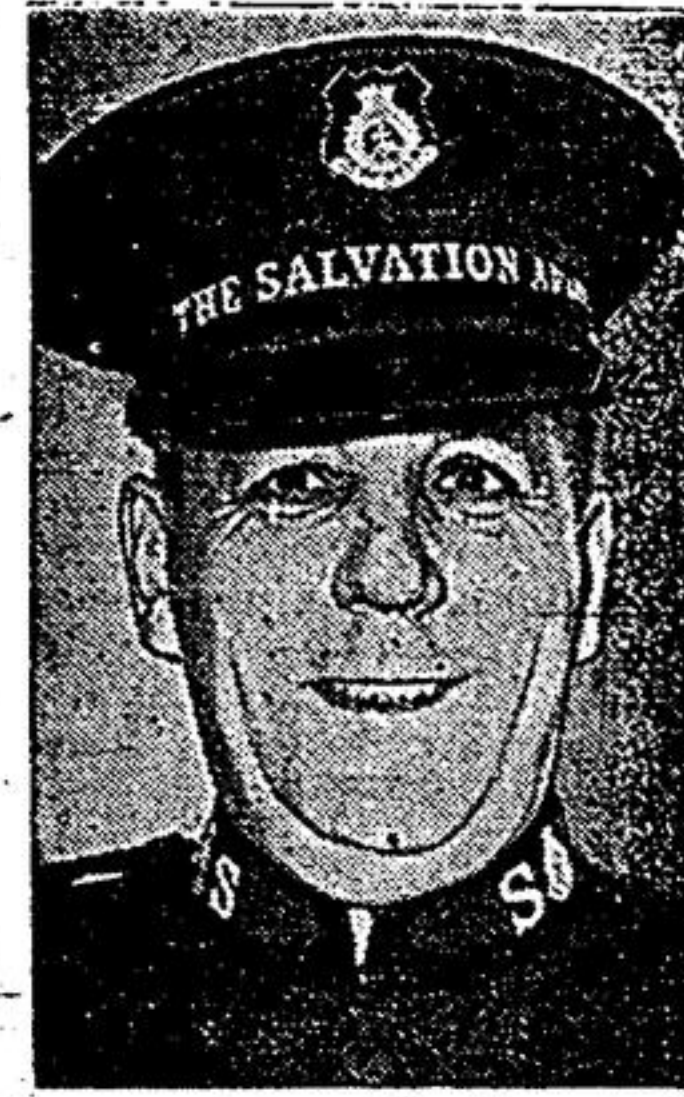
We had a lovely trip across and I didn't even get sea sick. I saw a shark and a school of porpoises, but no whale. I had a letter from Morley last week and expect him down to our camp one of these days. He is now wearing his sergeant's stripes. I would like to get transferred to his unit if possible, but we will see.

Tell dad not to work too hard, and not to worry about us. We are far safer than a lot of civilian people, and I would rather come over here to fight than have the Germans come to Canadian soil and make you endure what I have seen civilians here have to do, and how they have to live. One really has to see for them-

selves how serious it is for these people. It is nothing short of hell on earth. But they laugh and damn Hitler. My, my you should have heard the gateman at Buckingham Palace cursing Hitler.

Glad to hear that Stouffville went over the top in the Victory Loan campaign, but I wish more of her young men would wake up. If they could see what we have there would be a rush to get over here, and then the sooner it will all be over.

As Ever,
 Price Pugh.



HAD A YEAR OF BLITZ

After a year in bomb-torn London, Brigadier James Barclay, with Mrs. Barclay, is back in Toronto. He went to the empire's capital to open the Salvation Army Red Shield Club on Russell Square, through which 40,000 Canadian soldiers have since passed. St. Paul's cathedral still stands, he says a symbol of victory in the midst of ruins.

Jane: Whenever I get down in the dumps I get myself a new hat.
 Sally: So that's where you get them!

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GRAY COACH LINES

Sixty Mennonite Lads Leave for a Northern Camp

Between fifty and sixty young Mennonite lads left Elmira for the northern road camps on August 5th, to serve their time on road work. This is in addition to those who have already left for the road work on the trans-Canada road north-west of Sault Ste. Marie.

There are few exemptions allowed under the plan adopted whereby Mennonite young men of military age give their service for road work in exchange for military training being exempted under the heading of conscientious objectors, in line with their religious beliefs.

To date exemptions have been very few. While a great many requests have been sent in, few have been given consideration. Only in extreme cases such as illness or accident or the sole support of a widow. While such applications have been forwarded to Ottawa and other boards most of the appeals are handled directly by the Mennonite Board in charge. This board has been extremely strict and desire to carry out their part of the arrangement whereby the men go to camp rather than military training. Elora Express.

An Irishman had been thrown over a fence by an enraged bull. He had just recovered when he noticed the bull pawing the ground and furiously tossing his head. "If it wasn't for your bowing and scraping," said Mike, "I'd think yer threw me over on purpose."

In the Editor's Mail

Claremont, Ontario.
 August 18, 1941

Dear Sir:
 The Right Honourable Winston Churchill, that master of phraseology, has within this last couple of years, quoted and coined phrases, that have been echoed and re-echoed around the world, but one, that appealed to me as one of his best, is one that is seldom repeated.

The Russian people are praying for the downfall of Nazism, yea, "all people pray something." Have the spiritual leaders of Christianity, inadvertently by their action of inaction, allowed the idea to become prevalent, that Stalin, is greater than our faith in the saving power of God, a day of prayer for the salvation of the people of Russia, has never been advocated, that I have heard about. Have they coordinated any plans, so that when God provides the opportunity, lamps will be filled, wicks trimmed. There were ninety and nine in the fold safely lay, but one was out, etc.

Lindberg and Wheeler prate about Atheistic Russia, do they advocate non intervention, so that all people may worship God, each in his own peculiar way, I guess not.

Call it a coincidence, if you will, still the fact remains that, Right Hon. Winston Churchill, President Roosevelt, Lord Halifax, and our own Prime Minister, Right Hon. Mackenzie King, are men who believe in God and his fundamental truths unequivocally.

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GO PLACES LABOR DAY!

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