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Editorial Comment

Selling Goods to Council May Unseat You.

A decision of interest to municipalities and citizens was rendered by Judge Cochrane at Brampton when he ruled that the seat of the Bolton school board, held by Harold Egan, must be vacated. It was brought out in evidence that Egan, as a hardware merchant, sold paint and other goods to the Board of which he was a member but that there was no attempt by Mr. Egan to stifle competition or to obtain an unfair share of the business of the board. As a matter of fact, it was pointed out that the other hardware store in Bolton sold more goods to the Board than did Mr. Egan, and that he made little profit in his transactions with the Board.

Despite all this, Judge Cochrane held that the personal interests of a man who is selling goods to a board of which he is a member might clash with those of the Board. Even if the amount is small, the principle involved is one of great importance, and the Judge thought that "No trustee should place himself in a position where he might be thought to be both seller and buyer"

There are inconsistencies in the present law, and Judge Cochrane referred to them, but they make the act seem ridiculous in some cases.

For instance a councillor or trustee may be a partner in a firm selling goods to a board of which he is a member, and that is all right in the eyes of the law, but to make a direct sale is all wrong. It's hard to see the sense of such a set up.

It has been held in test case that an editor of a weekly paper may do certain business with a board of which he is a member, and still not be unseated. This lenient view is largely because there is usually only one paper in a town, and the editor is usually a fairly competent man to serve his municipality in public office.

The Pheasant in Winter

The pheasant shoot is over for another year, and until the season rolls around again the ringneck will be just another game bird seeking to find its proper environment and reproduce its kind in a world which, for several months at least, is cold and inhospitable. The pheasant is not a migratory bird; it does not go south to the green pastures which are there available whenever the threat of approaching winter makes life in these parts less desirable. It is not adapted for extensive flights, and being an exotic or non-native species it must take things as it finds them. Unfortunately it is not always easy during a severe winter for it to find food, far less take it. At this season of the year it subsists largely on weed seeds, wild berries, etc., but when the snow becomes deep and frequently frozen over its larder is temporarily closed, and it becomes necessary for it to seek the hospitable surroundings of the farmyard or the neighbouring cornfield. In its native environment it would not have such severe conditions to contend with, and the question of food would not be a serious factor in its survival.

It should be noted that it is starvation rather than the exposure to severe winter weather which is likely to take toll of the pheasant population.

Prayer Meetings vs. The Dance Meeting

Liberal printed advertisements called for people to "dance the old year out," but how about the old-time prayer meeting that used to be held on New Year's Eve? Like a lot of good things, they seem to have gone out of fashion. Notwithstanding their apparent unpopularity to day, there would be a lot more people at the New Year Prayer Service, if folks really knew it was their last New Year Eve on earth. Strange, isn't it how we depend on our own strength when all is well with us.

One Dog Tax for Every Dog

A court ruling of widespread interest in townships especially where summer cottagers assemble in large numbers from outside municipalities was handed down in Magistrate Woodliff last week in Newmarket regarding dog tax. One dog is enough to buy in one year, the magistrate remarked when he dismissed a charge against a Toronto resident for not having tax purchased in King Township. The defendant proved that he had purchased a tax earlier in the year in the city, and had lived in King only five months.

It has often been contended that city residents could not bring their pups to the country and run them about the summer resorts without purchasing tax in that municipality. The ruling against the township will settle the matter for other municipalities, especially Whitchurch where many dogs are brought every summer from the city by the cottagers at Lake Wilcox and Lake Musselman.

Cut Local Taxation to the Bone

Premier Hepburn's announcement that he expects to report a surplus in his next budget speech and that there will be no new provincial taxes in 1941 is welcome news at a time when companies and individuals are preparing to pay the heaviest federal war taxes ever laid upon this country. Provincial financing has been made more difficult by the war although the province has no direct responsibility for its conduct. An adverse exchange situation has increased the amount of money which must be provided to meet Ontario's fixed payments on funded debt contract in the U.S., and there will be a reduction in revenue from income



War Quest

By EDNA JAKUES

Step out bravely little son,
You are much too small to know,
Why they sent you over here
(Did they weep to see you go?)
Sending you away alone,
Out into the dark unknown.

Step out bravely little one,
Hands are waiting, hearts are warm,
Reaching out to bring you in,
From the fury of the storm.
You're much too young to realize,
Death can come from sunny skies.

Step out bravely, let me see,
Little lad with curls ashine,
Are you half-past two or three,
(Just about the age of mine),
Full of childish mirth and joy,
Such a happy little boy.

Take my hand and we will go,
Where the fields are warm and sweet,
Quiet beds to dream upon,
Country paths for little feet.
Welcome to our daily fare,
All we have is yours to share.

CLEVER ARMY DOCTORS

Have Improved A Cheap Cure for Rheumatism

Faced with rheumatism, the scourge of armies, British Army doctors have found how to give to sufferers first-class treatment with the most primitive of apparatus.

Rheumatic conditions call for three forms of treatment: rest, warmth and purgation.

Under normal circumstances rest is given in the beds of hospitals; warmth from elaborate medical bathing establishments. Now in the field treatment quite as efficacious is provided by placing the patient in an ordinary canvas chair, wrapped in an army blanket with a copious stream of steam from a pipe led

under his wrappings from a Primus stove.

Since radiant heat lamps are not practical politics on active service, Army doctors have improvised in their stead cast iron heated over a Primus stove and then set before a sheet of metal to act as reflector.

Next, mud is mixed with Olive oil and glycerine to form packs and sand is baked in pails and applied to the affected parts.

These primitive methods of field medicine have yielded results that compare favourably with those obtained under the best conditions of peace-time civilian medical treatment.

DOG LIVES IN CULVERT TO BE NEAR CATTLE

Making an appearance six months ago, a black and white collie, skeptical of human beings, has made a culvert his home, and his friendship with cattle on the farm of Gordon Paterson, Agincourt, just can't be broken.

Since he first appeared the dog could be seen morning, noon and night, frisking about the cattle. He didn't molest them, but in a spirit of fun they would chase him around the field occasionally. After the run the dog would lie down with the cattle and have a nap.

When winter arrived the cattle were taken to warmer quarters. To be near them the dog made a dwelling in a culvert underneath the Lansing highway nearby.

Since then he has lived in his "dugout" except for a month when he disappeared. It is presumed that the dog catchers picked him up but he managed to find his way back, and there he is still, apparently content.

PLANS COMPLETED FOR SHORT COURSES

The 30th annual short courses in agriculture and home economics opened in the township hall at Unionville, on January 7. It will con-

WAS NAZIS' CAPTIVE



Cornelius Arundell, British sea captain, who spent 69 days as a prisoner aboard a German sea raider, is in the U.S. to buy a ship for Britain. He was transferred from the raider to a Norwegian ship with a German prize crew, and rescued by a British submarine which caused the Nazis to scuttle their prize. The submarine landed him at Gibraltar.

MUSIC IN THE SCHOOLS

By J. M. Curtis
Part 1.

Old things give place to new sometimes so quietly that the change is hardly noticed. Such is the case with music in the schools. Quietly and gradually the little rural schools and the larger town schools have become conscious of the importance of music. Thousands of boys and girls are learning lively songs of a high standard, correcting their faults of tone and diction, discovering how to read music from the staff, singing part songs and excitedly chasing off to compete in festivals in the spring.

Their parents, and indeed their older brothers and sisters, had no such chance when they attended school. Why, then, has this great change taken place? The reasons are several.

First, there is a new course of studies in the public schools. In all public schools the Department of Education requires approximately one half hour per day at music. The day has passed when music took time away from other subjects. It is now a compulsory subject, and time must be regularly provided for it.

Second, the Department of Education gives a grant to schools which employ a properly qualified music supervisor, which cuts the cost to the school board to about half of what they would ordinarily pay for such a service. This has given music a great boost.

Third, inspectors have given support to music by recommending it strongly, and music supervisors have gone to school boards and explained the advantages of supervised music.

Lastly, the pupils, parents and school trustees have tried it out and have been pleased. One section tells the next one, and so each year new schools in Whitchurch, Markham, Uxbridge, Scott, Pickering, Vaughan and other townships have decided to employ supervisors. Mr. I. Harris, (Aurora), Mr. K. Warren, (Markham), Miss N. Croxall (Uxbridge), Mrs. M. Lyons, (Mt. Albert), Mr. J. Gordon Campbell, (Vaughan), and Mr. M. Curtis, (Whitchurch and surrounding townships), are all full-time music supervisors.

Lectures will be given on livestock, feeds and feeding, veterinary science, dairying, poultry, crop soils and fertilizers, agricultural botany, insects and crop diseases, co-operation and marketing, and farm arithmetic and farm account. The courses will be under the direction of the York County Branch of the Department of Agriculture, with Hon. P. M. Dewan, Agriculture Minister; W. M. Cockburn, B.S.A. county representative and T. R. Hilliard, B.S.A., his assistant in charge.

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