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Notes and Comments

There are No New Sins

There is perhaps no sounder or wiser counsel to young people than that which is given by Dorothy Dix, whose column appears in hundreds of daily newspapers on this continent. Take this for example:

A distraught mother wrote to Dorothy Dix on the following strain:

"I have a very attractive daughter who has had a good environment all her life and devoted parents, yet she does things and has ideas that distress her father and me very much.

"She resents our every attempt to control her and calls us 'old-fashioned' when we try to keep her from doing things of which we disapprove, such as frequenting the apartment of two young men.

"I tell her that can lead to no good and her answer is: 'Oh Mother, can't you come up to date?'"

"What can I do about it?"

We were very interested in the answer. We quote: "You might tell your daughter it isn't virtue and decency that are 'old-fashioned'—it is wrong-doing.

"There hasn't been a new sin invented since the fruit-eating experience in the garden of Eden, and it would be amusing, if it were not so tragic, that the young people of today think that they are the first people in all history of the world, who ever strayed off the straight and narrow path.

Everybody has always been doing it. There isn't a 'frank' sex novel hot from the press whose plot isn't foreshadowed in the Ten Commandments, nor a vice that wasn't old when its warnings thundered from Sinai.

"So why the youngsters think themselves so much more progressive and adventurous and sophisticated than their elders because they break the laws of God and man, and defy conventions and covet their neighbor's mates and have liaisons, is hard to say. It is all old stuff."

We continue quoting:

"Girls think they show how ultra modern they are when they boast about how many cocktails they can drink and about getting lit up like a Christmas tree at a party, but there is nothing new in a drunken woman. Generation after generation has seen the poor, bleary-eyed, straggle-haired, frousy creatures, stumbling along the streets muttering to themselves, or lying in the gutter."

In concluding, Dorothy Dix says:

"Girls think they show how adventurous and high-spirited they are when they throw their caps over the windmill and have affairs with married men and other men who can't or won't marry them. But there is nothing new in immorality."

O for a Good Turnip

How many times do you expect to enjoy turnip as a vegetable only to find that it is strong, and disappointing to the taste. Something should be done to produce a finer quality table turnip. The present crop is too uncertain, and our own experience is that we have placed before us more poor quality than good quality turnip as a vegetable.

In a recent issue The Tara Leader tells the interesting story of the production of the comparatively new turnip, named the Laurentian, which was experimented with last year by James Alexander of Arran township, and which bids fair to become exceedingly popular among the many farmers in Bruce county who grow turnips. Mr. Alexander secured his pound of seed last spring from G. R. Greer, agricultural representative for Bruce.

Bring Over Those Young Farmers

Premier George Drew is in Britain now occupied chiefly with the business of establishing an Ontario Government office in London, and with securing British outlets for Ontario products. In each of these endeavors the people of this province will wish him success. There is opportunity there and it is fitting that the banner province of the Dominion should undertake, so far as it may within federal trade and customs policies, its own export business. Before the last war the Ontario office in Old London was a busy centre and had much to do with the movement of our products into Britain and with the export of young Britons to Ontario. Its revival should stimulate interest in this part of Canada.

To Our Correspondents

This is the season of the year when we wish each other the season's compliments. The Tribune is anxious to wish such compliments to all its correspondents—those faithful writers who send in the news each week from the various centres. What a great deal they contribute to the interest in the paper. Everybody enjoys reading about what is going on in their home neighborhood, and if it were not for the help of "Our Country Correspondents," The Tribune would be badly handicapped.

As it is, the circulation now stands as one of the highest in the whole province for a paper published in towns up to 1600 population, and we pass on much of this growth to the help given us by the army of people we have mentioned. Consequently, when we are passing around our greetings this week, here is a hearty wish and one that is very sincere, that our writers, all of them, may enjoy the best Christmas they could wish to have, and may the new year see each correspondent prepared to "clean up" on all the news in his or her district, from week to week or as often as possible.

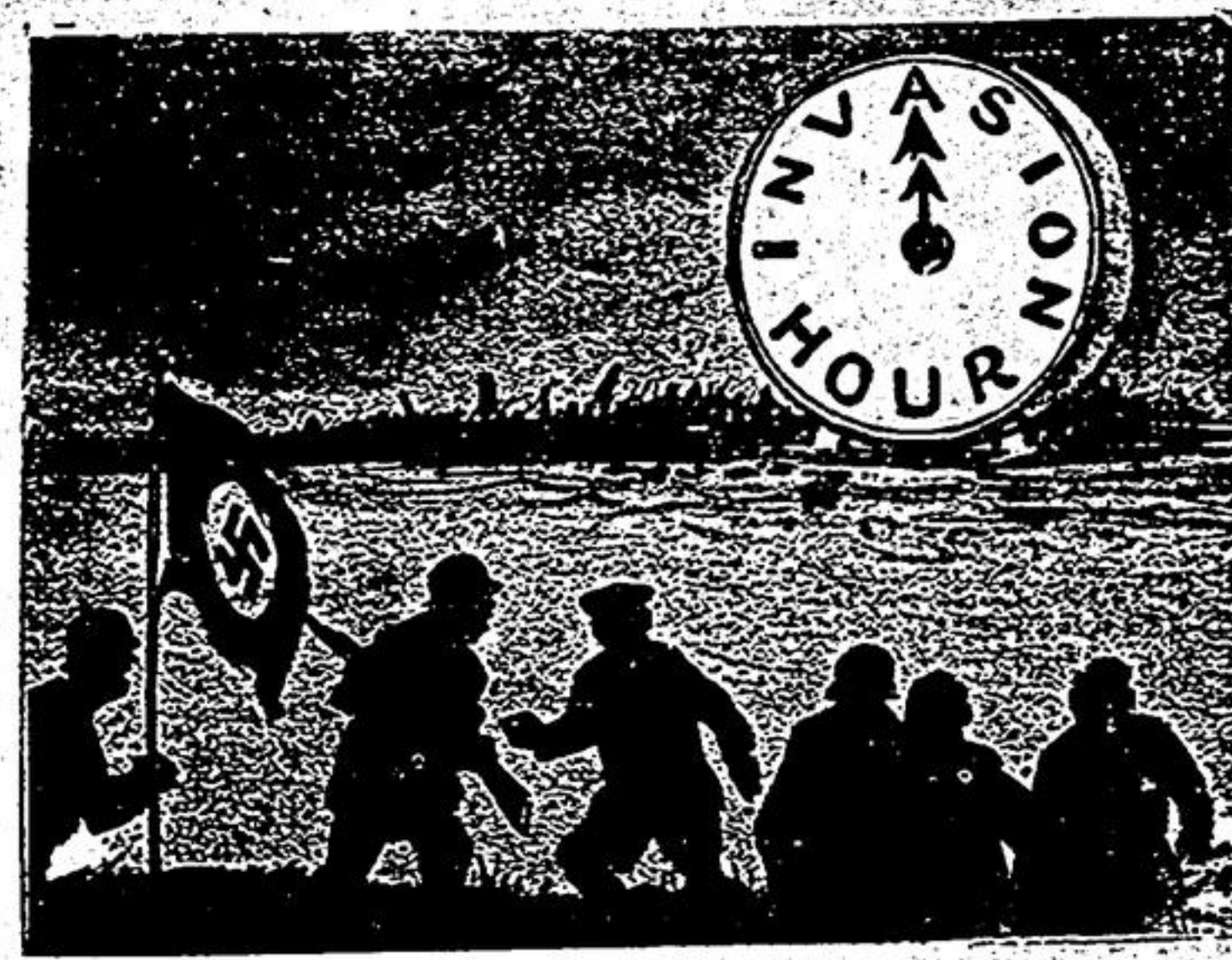
Interest Lacking over Municipal Elections

It is the conviction of the writer that the nomination meetings for townships of Whitchurch and Markham, Uxbridge and Pickering, will be slimly attended on Dec. 27th. There is a definite lack of interest in municipal affairs all over the country. Several things may be pointed to as contributing to this lack of interest.

First, we can lay it at the door of the old bogey, "lack of time." Everybody is so rushed there is no time to think about municipal affairs, and those in office are permitted to carry on without even much criticism.

Secondly, we suggest there is little interest in forthcoming municipal elections because every council is finding it easy to finance on a tax rate that points downward, if any at all, and this at a time when taxes are easy to pay. Everybody has more money, and is able to meet the tax bill, almost with a smile.

As a result of this situation, no notice is taken of what the municipal council is doing. If you want to test this theory we suggest that you try boosting the tax rate sharply, and you'll find the ratepayers will perk up their ears, and if you can't make out a good case, you will be voted out.



are not rationed... There is no ceiling on grower sales to the trade on clover and alfalfa seed the grower being free to get best price according to quality of product... Amendment to meatless Tuesday now goes farther than applying only to "quota users," it is expected to "anyone who supplies meals or refreshments for other than his personal or household consumption" ... Imitation spices, replacing pure varieties in short supply owing to the war, have been brought under price ceiling... Plans between the Board and manufacturers will probably increase production of shoes for children by at least a million pairs for 1944.

Of interest is a summary of the agricultural production objectives for 1944, as drafted by the Dominion-provincial conference held at Ottawa recently. They contemplate no change in wheat over the 17 1/2 million acres of 1943. Coarse grains will be up 6% in oats, 1 per cent in barley. Rye remains the same, but husking corn figures show an increase of 53 per cent. No change in hay and clover, nearly 10 million acres. Rye, down half a million, or 13 per cent. In the oil seed crops: flaxseed down 36 per cent; sunflower seed, 50,000 acres up by 72 per cent. All tobaccos have an increased objective, highest being burley, 53 per cent. In the dairy products they figure no change in total milk; creamery butter down 3 per cent, also cheese 7 per cent. Eggs and poultry meats will have an upward trend. Fruits are all up, apples showing 24 per cent with 15 million bushels and leafy green vegetables increased 39 per cent. Maple syrup, over 3 million gallons, is upped 31 per cent; and honey will be asked to give more volume. With 14 million pounds, sheep wool is asked to increase by 3 per cent.

Any woman who has looked with despair on her dowdy, old-fashioned wardrobe and wished she knew what to do with it, needs the inspiration of the "Re-make" "Wrinkle" handbook. Anyone can get the book by writing to the Consumer Branch, Wartime Prices and Trade Board, Ottawa. Printed on yellow paper, this pamphlet contains all kinds of suggestions for re-making different types of garments. Principally concerned with cutting grown-ups clothes down for children, the book also features ideas for the adult wardrobe.

The R.C.A.F. after training fifteen complete crews for the work, is about ready to start its new airmail service covering 9,000 miles, bringing mail in quick order to your soldiers, sailors and airmen as far away as Cairo. The new service will be based at Ottawa, span the Atlantic and relay it from Britain. Mail to men in Italy and the middle East had been running as much as two months behind.

Of interest to farmers: E. S. Archibald, director of the Experimental Farm Service, says that producers of Canada's foodstuffs are paying income taxes in small numbers, not of their own choice but for the simple reason that the earning power in labour income on the average farm, even with the free labour of wife and children thrown in, is little more than that which industry and Governments pay to a Grade 1 stenographer... The supply of potash available for fertilizer purposes in Canada in 1944 will not exceed 35,000 tons, which is about 80 per cent of that used in 1943, and demand will be up; so rationing is in effect

YOUR RATIONING TIME-TABLE

(Clip this out and keep available)

- Coffee or Tea (green) Coupons 1 to 23 inclusive now valid. Coupons 24 to 25 valid Dec. 16. Coupons 1 to 13 expire Dec. 31. Each good for 8 oz. coffee or 2 oz. tea. Sugar (Red) Coupons 1 to 22 inclusive now valid. Coupons 1 to 13 expire Dec. 31. Each good for one pound of sugar. Butter (purple) Coupons 38 to 41 now valid. Expire December 31. Coupons 42 and 43 valid Dec. 31. Expire January 31. Each good for 1/2 lb. butter. Meat (Buff) Coupons pairs 26 to 29 now valid. Coupon pair 30 valid Dec. 16. Coupon pair 31 valid Dec. 23. Coupon pair 32 valid Dec. 30. Expire January 31. Each pair good for 1 to 2 1/2 lbs. meat. Preserves (orange) Coupons D1 to D9 now valid. Valid until declared void. Good for preserves, sweet spreads or sugar (see chart).

SOME DIFFERENCE!

When Pa is Sick

When Pa is sick, he's scared to death, An' Ma an' us just hold our breath; He crawls in bed an' puffs an' grunts, An' does all kinds of funny stunts. He wants Doc Brown in mighty quick, For when Pa's sick, he's awful sick. He gasps an' moans an' sorta sighs, He talks so queer an' rolls his eyes. Ma jumps an' runs, an' all of us, Must make no sound, or raise no fuss. An' peace an' joy is mighty scarce, When Pa is sick—it's something fierce.

When Ma is Sick

When Ma is sick, she pegs away, She's quiet though, not much to say; She goes right on a-doin' things, An' sometimes laughs or even sings; She says she don't seem extra well, But then, it's just a kinda spell; She'll be all right to-morrow sure, An' good Ole Sleep will be the cure. An' Pa, he sniffs and makes no kick, For women folk is always sick; An' Ma, she smiles, let's on she's glad When Ma is sick—it ain't so bad!

so that more farmers will get their fair share; this will not affect the total tonnage of fertilizers available.

A WISH

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

TO ALL OUR PATRONS AND OTHER FRIENDS

BRUCE WINTERSTEIN Milk Transport

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for Dec. 26th GOD'S GREAT LOVE AND HIS GIFT

Golden Text—For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. —John 3:16

The Lesson as a Whole Approach to the Lesson

The incarnation of the eternal Son was the prelude to, not the accommodation of, redemption. He became Man that He might die. As Man, He was fitted to be our Kinsman-Redeemer. Mankind was sold under sin and utterly unable to work out any plan of redemption. But He who was God the Son from Eternity, stooped in grace to take our humanity, apart from sin, into union with His deity in order that He might act on our behalf, and, by giving His life a ransom set free from sin and its penalty all who put their trust in Him.

His virgin-birth was foretold seven hundred years before it took place. The very city in which this was to occur was named by another prophet, at about the same time. Yet up to almost the very time of His predicted advent it seemed as though this prophecy could not be fulfilled. Mary His expectant mother, was dwelling in Nazareth far to the north of David's city. But God moved the heart of the Roman emperor, who was the ruler of Palestine and all other civilized lands, to issue a decree that all the habitable lands should be taxed, and that each person must be registered for this taxation in his or her own city. This necessitated the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, and there the holy child was born. Thus God's spoken word so long ago, was fulfilled to the letter. The birth of the Lord Jesus Christ changed the whole course of human history. Henceforth time was divided into two great cycles—before and after Christ.

Verse by Verse Matt. 2:1—"There came wise men from the east." We call these the Magi which means the Wise. They are often spoken of as kings, but no Scripture warrants such a conclusion. They were probably men given to the study of the stars, who had learned

ed from the prophecies of Balaam and of Daniel of the One who was to rise out of Judah and have Dominion over all the earth. The idea of their being kings may have been gathered from Psalm 72:10, but the passage has reference to the manifestation of the Kingdom at the second advent.

Verse 2—"Where is he that is born King of the Jews?" They took it for granted His own people would know, as they had waited for centuries, for Him to appear. Explaining what had brought them to Jerusalem they said, "We have seen his star... and are come to worship him." This seems to be a direct allusion to Balaam's words.

Verse 3—"Herod... was troubled and all Jerusalem with him." No wonder that the suggestion that God's promised King was born already distressed ungodly Herod, who dreaded being deposed from the throne and punished for his countless crimes. The leaders in Jerusalem also feared to lose their power and wealth; often ill-gotten, if the Messiah were already among them.

Verse 4—"He demanded of them where Christ should be born." Christ is the Greek word for Messiah—both meaning the Anointed. To Herod, the King of the Jews could be no other than the Messiah, for whose coming he was unprepared.

Verse 5—"In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet." Without a moment's hesitation, the scribes gave the name of the city which was to be the birthplace of God's king. It is pathetic to note how familiar these men were with the scriptures, yet no sense of the authority of the Word of God over their own lives.

Verse 6—"Thou Bethlehem... out of these shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people." They turned to these words of Mich and Morasthite which were clear and plain—not capable of two or more meanings like the heathen oracles, and so answered the question of the wise men, though they did not know that the King had been born already.

Verse 7—"Herod... enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared." He presumed that this had been coincident with the birth of the Child, and so he craftily sought to find out the probable present age of the Babe; not that he might acknowledge Him, but that he might

destroy Him and so thwart the divine purpose.

Verse 8—"When ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also." The crafty hypocrite had no thought of worship in his mind, but was scheming already how he might destroy this mysterious child. It was to be Satan's direct effort to prevent the fulfillment of the prophecies concerning Christ. He found in Herod a willing servant to endeavor to carry out his plans.

Verse 9—"The star... came and stood over where the young child was." There is no reason to believe that this was the stable in which the Lord Jesus Christ had been borne as some time had elapsed since the shepherds found Him there.

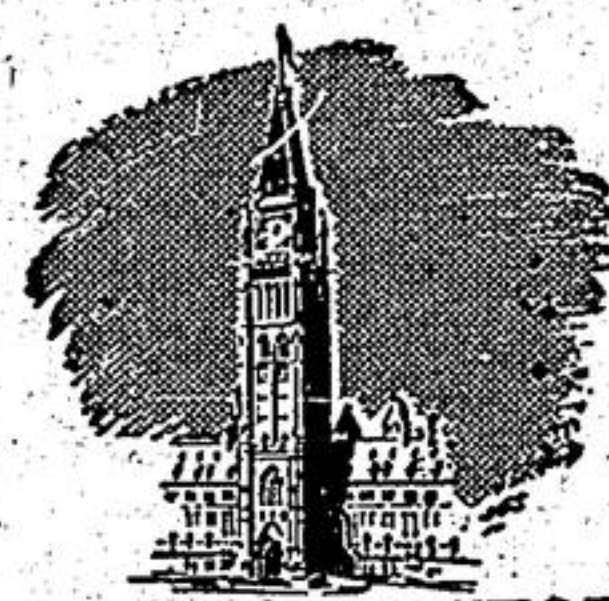
Verse 10—"When they saw the star, they rejoiced." In some supernatural way they were guided by a heavenly orb, of which they had lost sight when they turned aside to go to Jerusalem, the place where they naturally expected to find the King.

Verse 11—"When they were come into the house, they saw the young child." Evidently by the time of this event, Joseph had found a suitable home for Mary and her Babe. To this house came the Wise Men, bringing gifts of gold, symbolizing the divine glory; frankincense, which in the Old Testament typified the perfection of Christ's humanity; and myrrh, which spoke of His death—for myrrh was used in the embalming of the dead. Unconscious, doubtless, of the real significance of their gifts, they brought them as a token of their adoration and regard.

Verse 12—"Being warned of God... they departed into their own country another way." Thus for the time being, Herod was thwarted. He was not given the information he had sought. God spoke to these men as He had often done to others in the past. In a dream, warning them not to comply with Herod's request. The Heart of the Lesson

It is a very solemn thing to be familiar with the letter of God's holy Word and yet not be subject to its teaching. This was the condition of the scribes, who could give Herod such clear information as to where the King of the Jews should be born, and yet were not already to own His claims over their own lives. Today there are millions of people who keep Christmas as a day of feasting and rejoicing, presumably

in honor of the Saviour's birth, and yet have never yielded to Him, nor repented of the sins for which He came to die. Let us be sure that we do not have a mere intellectual knowledge of the facts of the Nativity, but that we have made room in our hearts for the Saviour whose miraculous birth we recall with gladness.



A WEEKLY EDITOR LOOKS AT Ottawa

Written specially for the weekly newspapers of Canada

(By Jim Greenblat)

Capital squibs: A loud-speaking system installed at the Ottawa Union Station will announce train times, tracks, etc.; badly needed where huge throngs always gather for trains. T. G. Lewis, a carbon and ribbon co. president here found a book of raffle tickets in his desk sent by a friend in Woodstock, decided to send along \$5, and won himself a model home valued at \$4,000... Famous negro band leader "Cab" Calloway played Ottawa but wanted to see it from a taxi-cab... gave the cabbie \$15.35 for a \$10.35 fare made the headlines... Thieves who stole Public Works Minister Fournier's automobile used it to carry stolen goods in two break-ins, got caught... Army here reports Victory Loan subscriptions at Kiska in the Aleutians went over the \$250,000 mark.

Prices Board rulings you should know. Repairs for farm machinery



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