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Notes and Comments

Six Rules for Life

A lot of good advice is compressed into the following six rules for life contained in a letter to the London Sunday Express by Norman Lee:

1. Eat and drink in moderation for your health's sake.
2. Read only the best writing for your mind's sake.
3. Study politics (and watch the politicians) for your children's sake.
4. Read the Bible (at least once) for your soul's sake.
6. Pick the right girl for your wife for heaven's sake.

Charcoal Making an Ancient Art

The other day we heard a man asking for a bag of charcoal in a hardware store, and learned that the supply was very low. With dry kindling difficult to purchase, are we becoming more and more dependent on charcoal as a means of starting fires, was the thought that we pondered over. It is a very old fuel and may again become of necessity very popular.

Charcoal burning is an ancient art, the technique of which has been handed down from father to son. Different woods yield different qualities of charcoal, the variety used for the manufacture of gunpowder, for example, being made from willow, alder and dogwood. Charcoal used by artists consists usually of a charred vine twig.

Many Quebec farmers make charcoal in their spare time. They use sound hardwood which they char in circular kilns built of brick and lime reinforced with iron hoops.

The production of charcoal in Canada in 1943 amounted to 83,742,000 pounds, including 59,030,000 made in the wood distillation industry and 24,712,000 in the charcoal burning industry.

Why Exemptions Not Made

The Financial Post has outlined the difficulties in making higher exemptions from \$660 for single and \$1200 for married people on income tax. It entails so much change in the tax table that it couldn't be done in a hurry.

The Post contends that had an attempt now been made to raise exemptions, hardly anything could have been done by way of substantial relief for small taxpayers and there would have been no "percentage" relief for middle and big income groups.

Even to have raised the present tax exemption from \$660 to \$750 for single people, and from \$1,200 to \$1,500 for marrieds, would have gobbled up more than what had been set for all personal income tax relief.

Or to use an extreme example, it would have cost the Government almost half its present total personal income tax revenue, or something close to \$400 millions if it had tried to raise exemptions to what seem like reasonable post-war figures, namely: \$1,000 for single and \$2,000 for married persons.

The reason for this is that you can't wipe out a few thousand small taxpayers at the bottom without upsetting

the entire "curve" of tax incidence right through the great bulk of taxpayers of ordinary means and who now pay a very substantial proportion of all personal income taxes.

For example, in 1944, there were about 385,000 single people in Canada earning less than \$1,000 and paying income taxes.

Total tax revenue from these people was less than \$20 millions in that, after allowances for refundable taxes.

But if you start the tax table at \$1,000 instead of \$660 and lop off these taxpayers, you can't then just leave the rest of your tax structure untouched.

If you did, you would have a man earning \$990 a year paying no taxes, and the one who earns \$1,010 paying about \$90. This, of course, is quite impossible. It means that to cut out all taxpayers under \$1,000, the entire tax structure must be "regraded" so as to ease the tax incidence between those just under the limit and those just above.

The World's Rich in Finance

According to Bernard Harris, writing in Saturday Night, with the fall of Japan, the title of the richest man in the world has found a new owner. It now belongs to the Nizam of Hyderabad, with an income of \$15,000,000 yearly, but who is reputed to spend only \$25 a month on himself. Previously, the "Son of Heaven" had topped the list easily with a little matter of \$125,000,000 a year.

Another Indian is third with \$10,000,000 yearly, while Henry Ford still heads the list of those who made their fortunes with their own brains, with Pierre Du Pont close behind, followed by John D. Rockefeller the Second and the Mellons. Down to Bolivia for the next in line for the title, the 82-year-old tin king, Don Simon Iturbi Patino; then back to India and Egypt for a couple of industrialist multi-millionaires. Britain's turn next with Sir John Ellerman and the Duke of Westminster in the lead.

In their heyday, Hitler and Goering would have been well up in the list and it is fortunate that they will not now enjoy their loot.

Why Advance From Forty?

Ottawa city is moving to place warning signs at dangerous street corners, now that the government is moving to restore the 50 mile limit on automobiles. If this is the reason the capital city is taking more precautionary action, it ought to be a very good reason why the 40 mile limit should remain. It seems that everybody breaks speed limits, consequently 40 miles, in our opinion, should be the starting point on which to break and not 50 miles.

Kissing the Book

In a recent editorial The London Free Press quotes one of that city's coroners as saying that medical men show an extraordinary lack of enthusiasm when asked to kiss the Bible in taking the oath in court. The coroner stated that he knew of only one doctor who performs this ancient and traditional ceremony properly and he was an Englishman who seemed to have no fear of "bugs" on the Bible.

The point is well taken. The Bible in use in the many courts we have attended are invariably dog-eared and worn almost beyond recognition with the cover missing in some instances and in others held on with an elastic band. We seem to recall that one crown attorney took notice of the situation and donated a new Bible for one of the courts in which he officiated.

In this connection the Times-Gazette of Oshawa says they are not versed in the manner in which disease are communicated but it would seem, in view of the hard usage to which courtroom Bibles are subjected, that those being sworn might well be excused from adhering to the strict procedure.

proposal and in the minority vote against it, though it was supported by many Liberals and Cabinet Ministers as well as others, were National Revenue Minister McCann, Parliamentary Assistant to the Finance Minister, R.W. Mayhew, Parliamentary Assistant to the Defence Minister, W. C. Macdonald, and other Liberals. Transport Minister, Chevrier, and Reconstruction Howe, who had constructed the grain elevator at Churchill in 1935 before entering politics as a private engineer, indicated how the Federal Gov't had done its best to promote the greater use of Churchill and the Hudson Bay Railway, with the information being disclosed that early in the last war sailings from this route were discontinued after a torpedo had sunk a ship and insufficient naval protection was available to use it frequently. Then again, it was revealed that in 1944 the railway's deficit was no less than \$623,847. In general, views were expressed that the necessary steps ought to be taken to bring more goods from abroad through

Churchill in order to develop it and supporters of the plan showed that as early as 1881 there were reports that Churchill can be made an all-year port as well as other reports that a bushel of wheat from Churchill could be shipped for a total cost of \$29.25 to Liverpool as compared with \$35.25 cents via Montreal or Vancouver. Churchill was the "back door of Canada" it was claimed in Parliament, with the majority of the members supporting every possible development of its harbour and port facilities.

With the opening of offices in this nation's capital by the world famous town planner from Paris, France, Jacques Greber, in order to consider ways and means of rendering the beautification of Ottawa as a fitting national war memorial, the Minister of Veterans Affairs, Hon. Ian Mackenzie, has stated in Ottawa that veterans will be consulted about this national war memorial plan but he stressed that the final decision as to the war memorial will be a responsibility of the Government. So far it is reported in Ottawa that there is general satisfaction with the formulation of plans in the making for this ambitious project and Jacques Greber is hard at work in many conferences with officials and others.

There is good progress across Canada in the construction of houses for veterans and their dependents. This has been made known in Ottawa by Reconstruction Minister Howe who has explained that Wartime Housing Limited has the definite advantage of getting building supplies on a large mass basis, though no monopoly exists for this organization in any other way that would interfere with other building efforts.

A Government resolution in the House of Commons indicates an intention to pay all members an allowance of \$2,000 each for expenses incidental to the discharge of their duties and this would be in addition to the present \$4,000 sessional indemnity with this new payment becoming effective as of the start of the present session on September 6, 1945. Indeed, members of all political groups have been known to favour such a change and there has been widespread dissatis-

faction in the ranks of the members for a long time at the slow progress in the creation of such an increase since the costs of living in Ottawa for the average member has been rather high lately.

The Pensions Commission is able now to handle claims resulting from wounds or serious disability obtained in World War II within about a week of receipt of the Medical Board report. This has been revealed in Ottawa State Secretary, Hon. Paul Martin informed the House of Commons that Sunday, Nov. 11, will be observed as a day of remembrance for those who lost their lives in both World War I and II, with a two minutes' silence being observed across Canada at 11 a.m. Count Jean de Hautecloque, the French Ambassador to Canada, has gone back to France for the purpose of conferring with the French authorities. No less than 77 people were burned to death through the misuse of inflammable liquids and 307 lives were lost through fire as well as a property loss of about \$40,000,000 in Canada last year. This was disclosed in Ottawa by Canada's Fire Commissioner W.L. Clairmont. It is no longer a secret that members of Parliament are being flooded by requests of constituents to help their sons, brothers, husbands and others to get their release from the armed forces as soon as possible in order that they might get back into civilian life or return home quickly, with this causing headaches to many members, even if the people's representatives in Parliament would not admit it in public. It is still a topic of much conversation along Parliament Hill and this refers to the excellent speech in French made on two occasions lately by Major E. D. Fulton, Progressive-Conservative member for Kamloops, who seems to have aroused much interest among other English-speaking members for his efforts to address the House of Commons in both official languages whenever possible. In fact, it is hinted in some quarters that other English-speaking members may endeavour to follow his example.



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We would remind our patrons that we run two shows each night: 7 o'clock & 9 o'clock. On Saturdays however, our first show starts at 6:30 p.m. Come early, particularly on Saturday, to avoid disappointment.

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W.P.T.B. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Q—I left two felt hats to be cleaned and when I called to pick them up, they were going to charge me 85c each for them. I have not taken the hats yet because the most I ever paid to have a hat cleaned in other stores was 50c. Is this price too high?
- A—As with groceries, so cleaning hats.....each shop has its own ceiling price depending on the price it charged for the same service in 1941. This means that the ceiling price for hat cleaning may vary well differ from shop to shop. If you had paid 50c before and were asked to pay 85c in the same store, there would appear to be an infringement of the price ceiling. However, as you have given us the name of the shop we'll be glad to check to make sure 85c is their ceiling price and let you know by letter direct.
- Q—I understand that for one P coupon I can buy 40 oz. of molasses, but when I asked for five 16 oz. bottles for two coupons, the store manager said he could give me only four 16 oz. bottles for two coupons. I thought that in buying the extra bottle I would not lose part of the coupon's worth. Am I right?
- A—Yes. Pure molasses has a coupon value of 40 oz. so that 5 16 oz. bottles could be bought for two P coupons. However, some molasses is put up as a blended table syrup, with a value of 15 oz. per P coupon. In this case you could buy only two 15 oz. bottles for two coupons. This may have confused the store manager in your particular purchase.
- Q—I rented a 7-room house to a family for \$13 month when they were hard up. Now they are making good wages and I should get three or four dollars a month more. After I pay

- taxes, insurance and put a new roof on, there is no interest on my investment. Is this fair?
- A—What you should do, is call in at the nearest Rental office of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board and discuss your problem with the rentals officer. If anything can be done to rectify what you feel is unfair, the Board is always glad to give the matter consideration.
- Q—The clerk took two meat coupons for one pound of sausage. Isn't this too many?
- A—Yes. According to the meat coupon chart, one M coupon is good for 2 1/2 lbs. sausage. He should have taken only one coupon and given you five tokens in change. Be sure to consult your meat coupon chart in your own kitchen or in the meat shop before you make your purchases. It is up to the snopper to know her coupon values. When she does, it's a big help to the retailer who is still short-staffed.

TOWNSHIP OF MARKHAM Clerk's Notice of First Posting of VOTERS' LIST

Voters' Lists 1945, Municipality of the Township of Markham, County of York.
NOTICE is hereby given that I have complied with section 8 of The Voters' List Act and that I have posted up at my office at UNIONVILLE on the 15th day of October, 1945, the list of all persons entitled to vote in the said Municipality at Municipal elections and that such list remains there for inspection. And I hereby call upon all voters to take immediate proceedings to have any errors or omissions corrected according to law, the last day for appeal being the 5th day of November, 1945.
Dated at Unionville this 15th day of October, 1945.
CHAS. HOOVER, Clerk, Township of Markham.

OUR CAPITAL CORRESPONDENT

Written expressly for The Stouffville Tribune by Dean Wilson

It is not often that an observer can see in this session of Parliament members of the Liberal, Progressive-Conservative, C.C.F., Social Credit parties and other groups vote together in favour of a resolution proposed by a private member. However, this is something which happened in the House of Commons when the proposal was made that the Government should make the fullest possible use of the harbour and port facilities at Churchill at the end of the Hudson Bay Railway or management of the control of the port to a joint board appointed by the governments of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Members of various political parties or groups combined to support this

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY

WE WON! MAM, I USED THAT SWELL TRICK KICK DAD SHOWED ME-- I KICKED THE BALL RIGHT OUT O' THE LOT-- BET DAD WILL BE SURPRISED!

HE WAS SURPRISED-- I THINK!



JUNIOR PUT THE SALVE WHERE IT DID THE MOST GOOD