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## Notes and Comments

### Liberal Paper Complains About Canada's Overhead

The Toronto Star and the Ottawa Government are always very much of one mind, hence we hope the administration will take heed to what The Star has to say about the thousands of employees that are being carried by the government today, that ought to find employment in other pursuits, and not remain unnecessary charges on the overburdened tax payers. Here is The Star's observation of last Friday:

"Senators Crerar and Ballantyne, both former ministers of the crown, have been urging a reduction in the civil service staffs across Canada as one means of reducing the cost of government and the nation's budget. The fact is that expansion of staff is easier than contraction. Heads of government boards and departments are reluctant to see government employees laid off. They dislike dismissals not only for the employees' sake, but for their own. They hesitate to recommend the reductions that should really be made. It is easy for them to convince themselves that something may turn up soon which will make dismissals unnecessary. The idea that once a person gets into the government's employ, he is there for life as long as he behaves himself, is widely accepted.

And it is a wrong idea. The requirements of peace are not the requirements of war. Staff reductions should be possible all along the line. Senator Ballantyne suggests that there are tens of thousands of government employees across Canada who are no longer needed, and that in Ottawa itself "one could close his eyes and dispense with the services of 50 per cent. of those working for the government, and I am sure they would never be missed." That is probably an exaggeration, but certainly the dispersal of wartime staffs should continue until a reasonable peacetime basis is reached.

### In the Broadcasting Room

The reason why practically all the men working around a radio station seldom have gray hair is not because the work is so congenial that gray hair is not necessary. It really isn't that at all. Fact is, they get into radio control rooms and into the job of building programs and all the rest of it at very youthful ages but most of them are simply "burned out" before they reach forty.

The writer's third brief introduction at very close range to a radio broadcasting room came last week, when we spoke over CHUM station last Sunday morning, and the nearest thing we can liken it to, is a newspaper office when it is closing in on press time with composition just a bit behind. Everything is wild, and men are racing in and out at high speed between the various rooms.

For an amateur such as the writer, the strain is one we wouldn't want to pass through every day.

Hold the pitch of your voice at an even tenor, keep your mouth just "that" far from the mike, remove your copy sheets thus, don't start racing through it, and don't be too slow. Watch your prompter, (and your copy too) and above all don't get nervous—Oh no. Such are a few of the directions.

When we were nicely into the text, the prompter kept

pinching us on the knee, not being fore-warned of the meaning of the signal, it was to say the least disconcerting. We learned afterwards that it was a bit of encouragement, and signified we were doing fine—but gosh not being of an understanding mind, it made us do even worse than the final outcome showed.

Please understand this knee action stuff is not part of the antics in the average broadcasting room, because some speakers may be women. But seriously it was a signal, we understand, purely spontaneous on this occasion, and completely off the records.

### Crackdown on Lotteries

Naturally there is consternation in many quarters over the crackdown by Attorney General Blackwell on all lotteries, raffles, and draws carried on in Ontario. Not even charity may run a draw for anything exceeding \$50. in value. It remains to be seen what disposition will be made of those draws now in progress, and for which thousands of tickets have been sold. Will organizations in the midst of such sale be forced to forgo making the draw planned perhaps for some months hence, or will they be permitted to finish something they started before the new law gets enacted. No information has been forthcoming from the Attorney General's Dept. on this particular point. After all, it seems they should at least be given time to finish off the obligation to the ticket holders even if the time is shortened.

Mr. Blackwell states that lotteries, raffles and bingos have grown to such proportions that the danger of real fraud and public scandal is possible. So severe is the official warning and injunction that newspapers cannot legally print an advertisement for any such hazard as contravenes the Criminal Code. The Tribune editor will watch this since there is a fine up to \$2,000, and a term in jail, if for no other reason.

The action from the Attorney General comes as a shock. Tickets are now circulated all over Ontario on such things as a free house in Hamilton, while another undertaking offers a free trip to Europe. The authorities feel that if the present rage goes on increasingly by leaps and bounds, it will become a racket in the hands of unscrupulous promoters whose pockets would be lined, and with relatively small benefit to the organization.

There is a soundness in this view despite the fact that a lot of fun is being spoiled. Funny, isn't it, how something won for comparatively nothing, gives some people a big kick, but it does.

### Eclipse of the Moon

City folk seldom direct their attention to the moon, because having street lights they do not depend upon it for illumination. Only those who think the earth's satellite has something to do with regulating the weather study its phases on the calendar.

However, rural residents still arrange their activities to some extent by the moon. For good healthful sport what is there to compare with a game of hockey played on a sheet of ice by moonlight in the country with a frozen lump of earth as a make-shift puck? No need to worry about its getting lost, for the supply is inexhaustible if the sheet of ice happens to be on a plowed field.

Then there's the farmer who sticks to the belief that slaughtering animals for his winter supply of meat should not be done while the moon is waning, because the meat will be sure to shrink.

These remarks are prompted by the fact that the moon received more than the usual attention both by urban and rural folk, because a total eclipse so plainly visible last week evening. The eclipse started at 7:37 and ended at 11:03. The moon was totally eclipsed from 8:40 until 10 p.m.

A lunar eclipse takes place when at its full phase the moon passes into such a position that the earth's shadow lies upon it, shutting off the light of the sun.

On the moon during an eclipse, according to Dr. Stewart R. Meldrum, Dominion astronomer, the temperature, which is that of boiling water when the sun is shining on it, falls fairly rapidly to near freezing.

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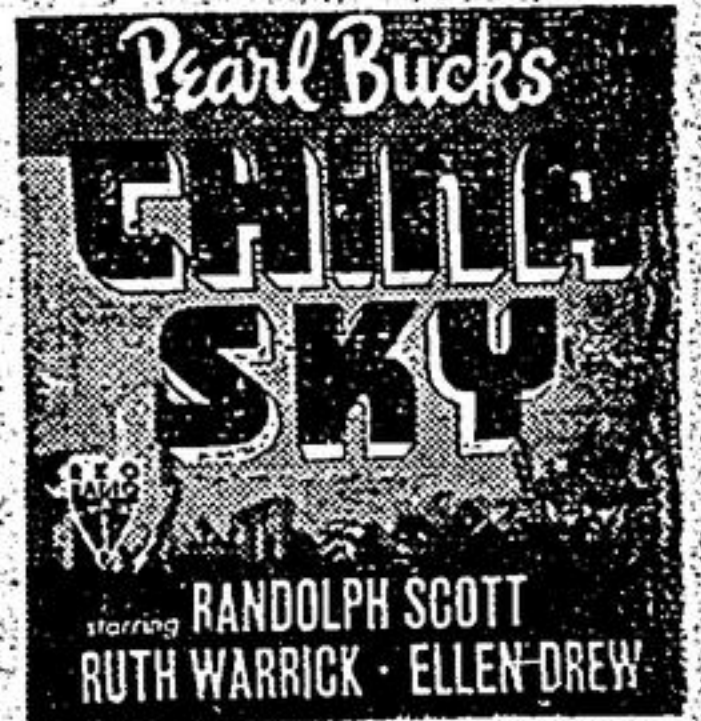
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## "None But The Lonely Heart"

The dregs in the town of Bowmanville won a decisive victory last week when they voted down a proposal to open a beverage room in that place. 1,097 voted against and only 813 for the beer room, and we are bound to say that people used good judgment in knocking out the measure. No town is improved by such a service but many of them are debauched.

Over 7,000 people reads this paper every week.

Happy New Year, boy and girl! Happy New Year, newlyweds! Happy New Year all you family folk! And Happy New Year old timers. There isn't a person in town whom we want to forget in sending forth our greetings for a 1946 that's wonderful in every way. So whoever you are, where ever you are, join with us in New Year's excitement with happy days ahead.

GOLDENS Clothing Store



## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Golden Text.—For the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him.—Rom. 10: 12

The Lesson as a Whole  
There is a vast difference between the world-wide fellowship of Christians, and a world-wide association of religious denominations. Christians are people who are born again and indwelt by the Holy Spirit of God. As such, they are members of Christ and of one another. He is their glorified Head in Heaven (Col. 1: 18). They are called "the church, which is His body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all" (Eph. 1: 23). Concerning these, our Lord prayed that "they may be one" (John 17: 11, 21). They are one so far as life and family relationship is concerned. It is the will of God that such should be one also in fellowship and testimony (Phil. 1: 27).

This unity will be displayed fully in the glory at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together unto Him (2 Thess. 2: 1). How ashamed many of us will be, in that day, of the trivial things which we have permitted to separate us from saints while here on earth.

Shall we be there, so near, so dear, And be estranged and cold while

here?  
It is the will of God "that there should be no schism in the body" (1 Cor. 12: 25). Yet we often allow the most trifling differences of opinion to hinder our fellowship with those who love our Lord Jesus Christ perhaps even more than we do ourselves.

On the other hand, we are not to use the plea for unity to blind our eyes to apostate conditions, with which we are warned to have no fellowship. God's Word holds us responsible to walk in separation from all who bring not the doctrine of Christ (2 John 9: 10). We can pray for many with whom we may not consistently have communion.

Verse by Verse  
Acts 10: 34.—"Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons." It was but a few hours since this had been impressed upon Peter's heart and mind. Race prejudice is hard to overcome. When coupled with religious prejudice, it is a combination hard to beat.

Though expressly commanded by the Lord to carry His Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth, none of the apostles had up to this time, been able to pass over these barriers in order to go to the Gentiles with the message of life. Peter's vision and the subsequent events had, at last, convinced him that God no longer recognized just one favored nation, but that the Gospel was for

all mankind.

Verse 35.—"In every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." God, who knows the inmost thoughts of the heart, receives all who come to Him in reverence and contrition of heart, and who by their righteous behavior evince the reality of their faith. Such a one was Cornelius, and Peter could therefore speak to him with confidence (vs. 1, 2), knowing that he was an honest seeker after God.

Verse 36.—"Preaching peace by Jesus Christ." This was in accord with the angel's announcement at the nativity of our Lord (Luke 2: 14). Jesus is the Prince of Peace. Though earth had rejected Him, God was still offering peace to all who put their trust in Him—that peace which He had made by the blood of His cross (Col. 1: 20).

Verse 37.—"That word which was published after the baptism which John preached." Note the order. It is evident that Cornelius and his household were familiar with the facts concerning the relative nature of the ministries of John the Baptist and of Jesus. John preached the need of repentance, that is, of self-judgment and the acknowledgment of one's sinfulness. Jesus came not to condemn, but to save. He preached the Gospel of peace (Luke 4: 18), offering eternal life to all who received His message in faith (John 5: 24).

Verse 38.—"God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power." In His humiliation, as Man on earth, Jesus did not act alone in His divine power, but was in all things subject to the Father. Anointed after his baptism by the Spirit, He did all His works in the energy of the Spirit, as He "went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil." Thus He demonstrated His Messiahship to Israel.

Verse 39.—"Whom they slew and hanged on a tree." Instead of receiving Him, His own people spurned His claims and refused allegiance to His royal authority. They delivered Him to the Gentiles to be crucified, not knowing that in doing this they were fulfilling their own Scriptures, which plainly declared that they would do this very thing. See particularly Isaiah 53. On the cross He became the great sin offering.

Verse 40.—"God raised (him) up the third day, and shewed him openly." His resurrection was the proof of God's acceptance of His propitiatory work, and told of the perfection of His sacrifice. "This thing was not done in a corner" (Acts 26: 26). God saw to it that

there were many credible eye-witnesses to the fact that He who had died lived again.

Verse 41.—"Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God." The rabble could not have been sure whether the risen Jesus was the same as He who had been crucified. God chose as witnesses those who knew Him well, who could not be deceived by some impostor claiming to be the resurrected Christ. Such were permitted to meet and converse with Him intimately, even to "eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead." Thus His disciples knew for certain that He was the very same Jesus they had known and loved before.

Verse 42.—"He commanded us to preach that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead." We know from many other Scriptures that it is God who is thus to judge (Eccl. 12: 14; Rom. 2: 16). Here we learn that Jesus is God and it is He who will sit upon the judgment throne as He himself declared (John 5: 22, 23). This is the message to be proclaimed to all men everywhere (Acts 17: 30, 31).

Verse 43.—"Whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins." By this declaration Peter shows how he understood the words spoken by Jesus to the disciples on the occasion of their gathering in the meeting place at Jerusalem (John 20: 23). Through this risen Saviour, of whom the prophets of old had spoken, Peter boldly proclaimed remission of sins for all who believe on His name. It was no question of priestly absolution, but the assurance that all who trust in Christ have received remission of sins.

The Heart of the Lesson  
Our Lord has commanded His disciples to go "into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16: 15). All who believe that Gospel and trust the Saviour of whom it speaks are born of God. Their sins are remitted, and they are made members of the new creation of which the risen Christ is the Head. This company of redeemed ones constitutes the one true Church, to which every believer is joined by the Holy Spirit. This is that unity of the Spirit which we are told to endeavor to keep (Eph. 4: 3). It is not a man-made confederacy of sects and denominations. It is a fellowship of life and the Spirit.

You'll make no mistake by seeing now about an advertising contract thing was not done in a corner" with The Tribune for 1946—over 7,000 readers each week.

## THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



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