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Notes and Comments

Approval of Hall, Does Not Mean Immediate Building Program

If the citizens of Stouffville vote favorably on the question of an expenditure of \$25,000 for a Community Hall on December 9, it does not mean that the council of that day will rush into a building program. The Ontario Municipal Board will have a hand in the matter of saying when the time is opportune to build. It would be unthinkable to attempt any building program so long as costs are where they stand today. Further, it is doubtful if a contractor could be obtained under present conditions to take any large scale contract.

The citizens by voting yes, merely give their approval to a hall project when such an undertaking can be proceeded with under something like normal building conditions. Then there is always the possibility that some building might be purchased that would make a good hall. In such an event, it might be possible that a much smaller sum would suffice, and thus the whole sum approved would not be required.

There is probably no town in Ontario quite so badly off for hall accommodation, as Stouffville, and the immediate district. A Community Hall that will serve the needs of the town and district, is eligible for a substantial grant from the Department of Agriculture.

Reforestation Absolutely Essential

"From the cradle to the grave we are never out of touch with trees," said John F. Clark, Field man for the Ontario Department of Agriculture as he pictured for Whitby Kinsmen at their meeting last week the importance of trees in the economic well-being of all mankind.

Mr. Clark touched briefly on the products and by-products of the forests and our dependence on a continued harvest of this year, the most adaptable of all raw material. "The shortage of wood" he said, "is the chief bottleneck retarding our building program."

"Erosion of the soil, and the loss of valuable revenue," continued the speaker, "may be traced to the removal of forests and the absence of a re-forestation program." Mr. Clark could not understand the lack of foresight in a farmer who would log off his woodlot, allow cattle to pasture there and neglect to replace the trees removed.

Pictured beauty of landscape with trees, and the naked, unattractive barrens where trees had been removed gave point to the speaker's plea for continued care of our forests and woodlots. Gulleys gouged by freshets were picture evidence of the destruction of some of our most valuable farmland, all due to the careless removal of trees.

Aurora to Vote on Big Issue
 The town of Aurora will vote on a money bylaw for raising \$285,000 for a new public school, at the forth-coming municipal election in that town.

Evidently there is a desperate need for school accommodation in the Yonge street centre, when they have to embark on a building program of this magnitude at so inopportune a time. However; when children simply cannot be accommodated with class rooms something desperate has to be done.

For schools building costs are \$25,000 per room, an authority at Queen's Park informed us.

Subsidies are Out for Good

If folks would see all the toil behind the production of a quart of milk, there would not be so much grumbling across the country because of the price. We do not know of any other beverage or drink that contains anything like the same food value that sells for less than a glass of milk. Probably the method of distribution could be improved, and of so it could not decrease the cost more than perhaps a cent a quart.

Householders have become so convinced that milk is dear that they insist the government continue to pay the wartime subsidy on milk. If a subsidy on milk, why not on meat, bread, and perhaps some other food stuffs we cannot get along without.

If there ever was a time when the average householder is able to pay for his own food, it is now. Subsidies, it seems, are one work that belong to national emergency in war days, and ought not to be continued. How are governments going to decrease taxation, if they maintain subsidies running into many millions?

It is high time the agitation for a handout on the glass of milk was ended, and the people face the fact that milk is going to cost real money, because it takes real work to produce, and the government should have no hand in the business of buying it.

Do Snakes Suck Cows?

We recall printing a report about a snake sucking a cow over near Port Perry, and many people rightfully scoffed at the idea, although there is a popular belief that certain snakes sometimes suck the teats of cows. Black snakes, and milk or house snakes are most commonly accused of the practice. Thousands of country people are willing to swear on oath that cases of snakes sucking cows have come under their personal observation. Herpetologists, however, frown on the notion. Scientific proof or disproof is difficult to obtain, but no reputed naturalist believes they do. We asked one of these authorities while on a tour of the Humber River watershed a few weeks ago.

Said this authority; "Anyone who has ever milked a cow knows that the suction required to obtain a flow of milk is much stronger than could be exerted by a snake. Furthermore, a snake has two rows of sharp curved teeth in the upper jaws. If the mouth of a snake were closed to permit suction, the teeth would sink into the teat and the snake would find itself fully occupied in efforts to avoid injury to the cow. It should be remembered that a snake has no cheeks or lips. The only way a snake could succeed would be to get the teat at least part way down the throat. Now, what kind of a snake would know how to go about this business?"

Milk snakes got their name because they frequent milk houses and dairy barns. Actually the snake is there to get mice and insects. So much for the fable about snakes and cows.

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 22-23
 "The Falcon in San Francisco"
 "People are Funny"—Jack Haley

Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 25-26
Stork Club
 BETTY HUTTON and
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Thursday!
"Three Strangers"
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 "HOLD THAT BLONDE"
 E. Bracken—Veronica Lake

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Coming!

OUR CAPITAL CORRESPONDENT

Written exclusively for The Stouffville Tribune by M. L. Schwartz.

It is reported in Ottawa that it is quite possible that all Canadian servicemen overseas may be home by Christmas, though at the beginning of November only 2,812 were still overseas whereas about a year ago no less than 171,000 Canadian servicemen and women were located abroad, emphasizing the gigantic movement across the Atlantic.

In order to facilitate the movement of some of the large numbers of refugees or displaced persons who are now in Europe and who are

admissible to Canada under the present immigration regulations, the Canadian Government has approved measures in Ottawa for the despatch of immigration officers to occupied territory to help bring them to this country as part of Canada's contribution to the solution of this problem, though it is made clear here that this is a method of inspection of immigrants which may not be a procedure normally adopted by the Immigration Branch. This is now intended merely to aid in this effort to solve the refugee problem as quickly as possible in view of the difficult conditions prevailing in those areas of Europe.

Since many veterans have complained that their allowance cheques are slow in arriving, it is pointed out in Ottawa that this is

due frequently to the destruction or delay in forwarding a little form WD-6 enclosed with all Veterans' Rehabilitation Act cheques sent out by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, with this form being an acknowledgement of receipt of cheque. Unless this is returned, delay results since the Department has no way of knowing otherwise if cheque has reached intended recipient.

The missing Polish art treasures kept in Canada during the war have been described in Ottawa as "possessions over which the Canadian Government has no control" and it has also been disclosed that Canada had kept \$17 million of gold bullion for Poland, though this had gone back to Poland.

"Between now and 1950 I may have to consider very carefully if I should reconsider my intention not to contest another general election," said in Ottawa Premier King..... "We can't, however, escape that fact that the removal of subsidies must mean some price rises," declared here the chairman of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, Donald Gordon..... "We are not living up to opportunities afforded us," remarked Norman Dowd, executive secretary, Canadian Congress of Labor, in a speech in Ottawa on "What's the Matter with Canada?"..... "There are too many people abroad pessimistically bemoaning the future of the church, charged in the capital the Moderator of the General Council of the United Church in Canada, Rt. Rev. T. W. Jones..... "These veterans who are being accommodated in barracks now won't live there forever," warned the chairman of the Citizens Housing League in Ottawa, C. E. Pickering, adding that this is only a very temporary solution..... "The Government is flooded on one hand with the demands of organized labor, on the other with the demands of organized business," commented here Romuald Bourque. As yet, nobody has thought it worthwhile to present to the Government demands of the individual citizen, the people who are the lodgers in any labor problems..... "We have learned great methods of killing each other but we haven't yet learned to live together," declared Rev. Cannon Northcote Burke in Ottawa.

It looks like subsidies paid by the Federal Government to producers and importers will reach \$900 million by the end of March in order to keep prices down..... Canada has at the present time no less than 7,000 blind pensioners..... Incidentally, it is reported in Ottawa that at the coming session of Parliament a bill will be introduced by the Government providing for superannuation service and other high officials of the Government..... Maj. Gen. E. L. M. "Tommy" Burns, 48, has been appointed Assistant Deputy Minister of the Department of Veterans'



THE MIXING BOWL

By ANNE ALLAN
 Hydro Home Economist

Hello, Homemakers! Come December if fruit cakes and puddings are not already on your shelves, they should be on your conscience. You should not put off this baking much longer, especially if you want the most luscious flavour which requires some time for seasoning.

We have made small amounts because our butter and sugar quota is low. However, smaller servings will make our special treats go farther during the festive season—we hope.

DARK FRUIT CAKE
 ½ cup butter, ¾ cup brown sugar, ¾ cup seeded raisins (cut), ¼ cup currants, ½ cup citron (sliced thin), ½ cup molasses, ½ tsp. lemon extract, 2 cups flour, 2 eggs, ½ cup milk, ½ tsp. soda, 1 tsp. cinnamon, ½ tsp. allspice, ½ tsp. mace, ½ tsp. cloves.
 Cream butter, blend in sugar and beat in eggs. Sprinkle fruit with 2 tbsps. of the measured flour. Add sifted flour and spices alternately

Affairs..... The annual meeting of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy will be held in Ottawa: January 21, 22 and 23..... Premier Mackenzie King was host at a luncheon in this capital in honor of R. M. Barrington-Ward, editor of The Times, London, England, who was in Canada on a purely personal visit..... Sir Patrick Ashley Cooper, Governor of the Hudson Bay Company and Lady Ashley Cooper were visitors in Ottawa..... For the present time at least housewives in many parts of Canada may not have to be concerned about the likelihood of the price of laundry rising, though there have been rumors or stories of applications being made for increasing the cost of such laundry services in Canada..... It is indicated here that the Canadian Red Ensign flies atop not only of the Peace Tower here on Parliament Buildings but also on top of many Federal Government buildings in other sections of this country, with the Red Ensign or the Union Jack being used on these buildings as these are available and no significance being attached to the use of either flag, that is no political significance, since worn-out flags are not easily replaceable now-a-days and what is in stock or available is used. (Reproduction Prohibited, 1946. Federal Features Syndicate)

with milk and molasses to the butter mixture. Fold in the fruit. Bake in greased deep pans for 1 ½ hrs. in electric oven at 325 degs.

WHITE FRUIT CAKE
 1 cup butter, 2 cups sugar, 5 egg whites, 4 cups sifted cake flour, 4 tps. baking powder, two-thirds cup orange juice, grated rind of 1 orange, 1 cup seedless raisins, ½ cup mixed candied peel (shedded), ½ cup candied cherries (halved), ½ cup blanched almonds (shredded), ½ cup of candied pineapple (shredded).
 Cream shortening thoroughly very light. Beat egg whites until stiff, then add to the butter mixture. Work in the flour, sifted with orange juice and rind. Fold in fruit and almonds. Turn into greased and lined loaf pan 8 x 8 x 3 inches. Decorate top of cake before baking if desired, with candied cherries and whole almonds. Bake in an electric oven of 350 degs. for 1 ½ to 1 ¾ hours.

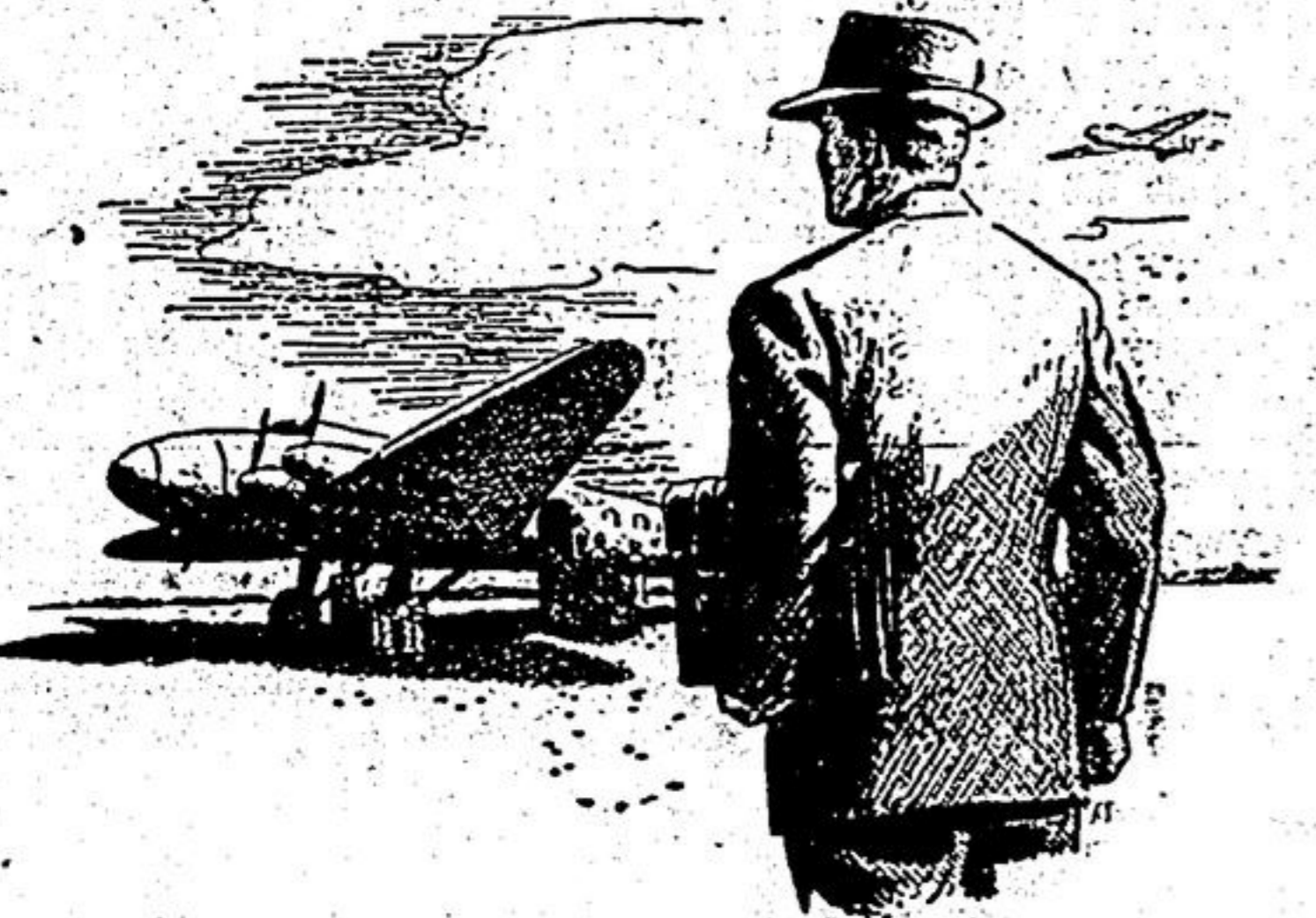
BANANA WALNUT CAKE
 ½ cup shortening, 1 ½ cups granulated sugar, 2 eggs (well beaten), 1 ½ cups sifted cake or pastry flour, ½ tsp. salt, ½ tsp. soda, ¼ cup sour milk or buttermilk, 1 cup banana pulp (2 to 3 bananas), 1 tsp. vanilla, 1 cup chopped walnuts.
 Cream shortening thoroughly. Add sugar gradually and cream the mixture until light and fluffy. Add

beaten eggs and beat well. Sift together the flour, salt and soda. Add to the sugar mixture alternately with the combined sour milk, banana pulp and vanilla. Beat after each addition until smooth. Lastly add the walnuts. Pour into a greased and lightly floured 8 x 8 x 2 inch loaf cake tin. Bake in an electric oven of 350 degs. for 50 to 60 mins or until done.

CARROT PUDDING
 1 ½ cups crumbs, 1 tbs. shortening or ½ cup fine chopped suet, ¼ tsp. salt, ½ cup grated carrots, 1 tsp. baking powder, 1 cup molasses, ½ cup chopped prunes, ½ cup raisins, ½ cup chopped figs or evaporated apples, ½ cup ground nuts, ½ lemon.
 Brown the crumbs and mix them with the fat. Salt the carrots which have been grated or put through the meat-grinder, and add them to the crumbs. Next add the molasses, fruit, nuts, lemon juice and grated rind. Mix all together well and stir in the baking powder. Turn into a well-greased mould and steam for four hours. Serve with a raisin sauce.

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