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Notes and Comments

County Councils Useless

Mayor A.H. Waite of Mimico is peeved because York County Council did not see his way when he desired to bring about certain amalgamations of a dozen municipalities around Toronto. The mayor now charges that the county council is a useless body, and serves no useful purpose. Reeve Hugh Griggs also of Mimico, says that weighed by anybody but one with an unbiased mind, County Councils have a proper place and a very useful business to perform. "County Councillors are closer to the people than any other large legislative body."

Notwithstanding anything that Mayor Waite may say or think, we imagine county councils will function for the good of the people for a long time to come.

The Double Dole

Windsor has a considerable number of people who are jobless. As a result a situation is revealed there which probably exists to a lesser degree in other urban centres.

The unemployment problem was discussed at a meeting of the Windsor Retail Merchants Association and it was disclosed by the local employment adviser of the National Employment Service that 1,600 women in the border city are registered as unemployed. Ninety per cent of the women registered are married and most of them draw benefits. It is not revealed how many have husbands also on the dole, but presumably there are some.

The double dole sort of establishes the principle that work can and must be found for both husband and wife. That is practically impossible. Yet there is some justice in both drawing support from the emergency fund since, if both work, they contributed to the fund.

Unfortunately the double dole leaves less inducement to look for a job and encourages the present-day tendency of leaning on the public for support.

Another weakness is that thousands who have jobs guaranteed the year through, and who are never out of work, are forced to contribute to the fund. Thousands whose incomes are small, but whose employment is guaranteed, contribute to those who draw from the fund but who demand enormous wages for a seasonal kind of work.

School Boards Chosen by Tax Payers

The Ontario Municipal Association asked that educational grants from the provinces be paid directly to municipal treasurers instead of to school boards.

In a brief to the Ontario cabinet the association charged "total disregard by boards of education of the needs of other municipal requirements" and said that the grants to the school boards "have failed to achieve the purpose of

relieving the taxation of real property."

The association also requested the cabinet to pay a substantial portion of the municipal subsidy early in the year rather than in December, stating the municipalities are now faced with heavy interest charges to finance expenditures while awaiting receipt of the subsidy.

So far as paying educational grants to municipal treasurers instead of to the treasurers of school boards or boards of education, we do not see how that will help matters much. If members of boards of education were all elected by the ratepayers instead of appointees of this and that body, then the boards who do the spending could be accountable by the ratepayers direct. School boards are becoming more and more removed from reach of the tax payers, so that they are not under proper control.

Waterworks Chat

The Tweed News has been informing its readers about municipal waterworks and sewerage plants, emphasizing the enormous costs of such ventures today, if being installed. Tweed had both waterworks and sewers installed back in 1929, but Stouffville can only boast of a fine waterworks system, with no sewers. Our waterworks system if installed today would cost over a hundred thousand dollars, but read what the Tweed editor has to say:

"Several municipalities with populations comparable to Tweed, are giving serious consideration to the installation of waterworks and sewerage systems, and it is interesting to read the comments from the papers published in those various centres. Tweed is in an enviable position in this regard, having boasted waterworks and sewerage since 1929. In the neighboring village of Madoc, the necessary by-law was passed at the last election but the municipal council, it is understood, have temporarily shelved any plans owing to the exorbitant costs involved. We have been told that the cost is likely to run over \$300,000. Lanark, Wellington and Elora are other communities where necessary figures on installation are being compiled. In Wellington, a village much smaller than Tweed, the cost will run to \$200,000. Officials at Elora have temporarily abandoned plans owing to the excessive costs. A heated municipal discussion has developed in Picton where the sewerage system will cost over \$400,000.

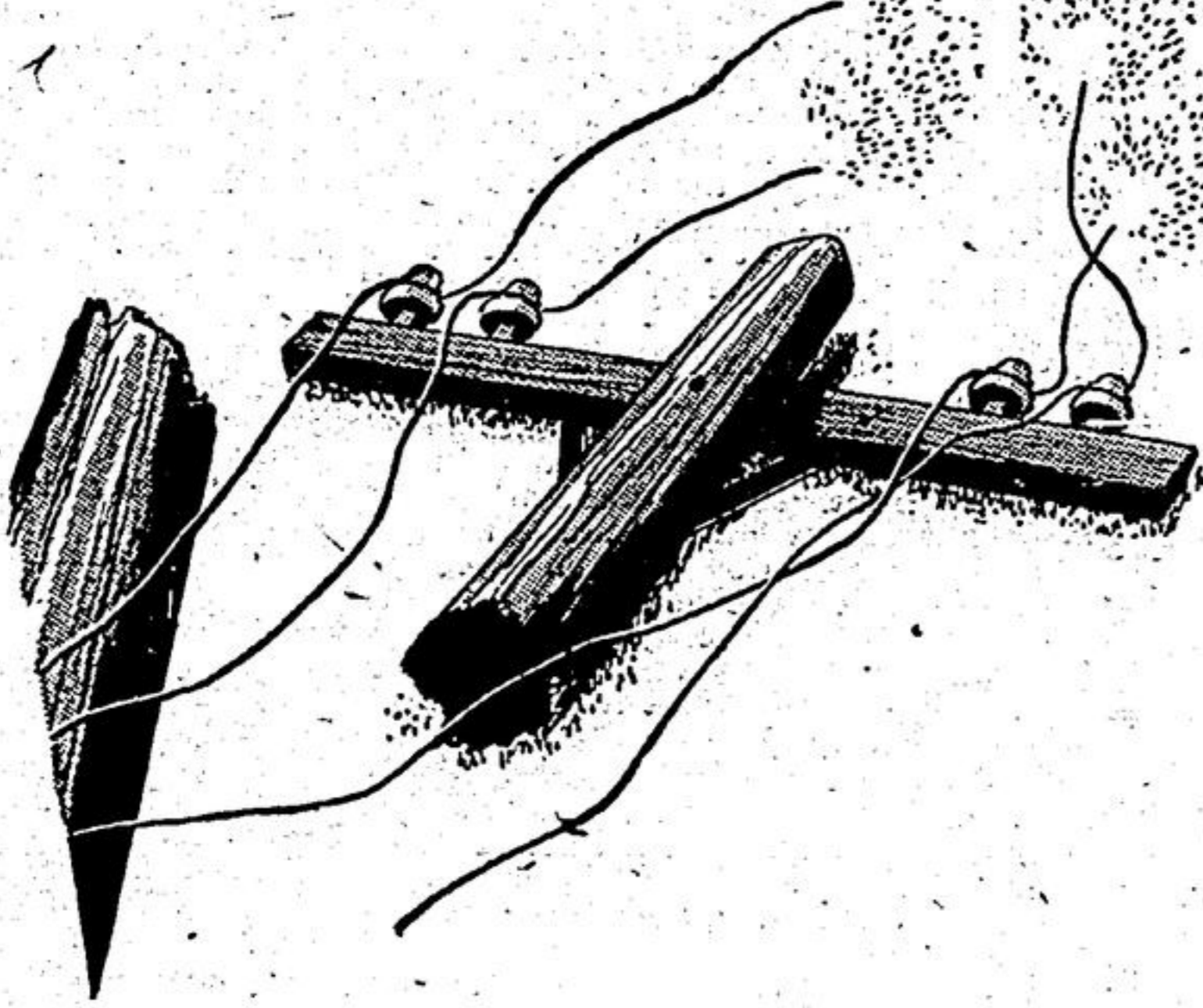
Dr. A. E. Berry, speaking at Wellington, said health protection, is paramount in any village and one of the first considerations is the water supply, which in some instances, has been the cause of serious outbreaks of epidemics. Quoting figures, Dr. Berry said that only 11 per cent of the people on Canadian farms had these conveniences, while only 39 per cent of those in small rural communities enjoyed them.

He emphasized that with industrial development in the smaller centres, it was only natural, that manufacturers should pick those towns equipped with waterworks. In creased fire protection was another point stressed by Dr. Berry. A survey some years ago, in the village of Wellington indicated that 112 wells showed pollution.

Hugh Templin, Editor of The Fergus News-Record, points out that it was after installation of waterworks early in the present century, that Fergus started to grow. It is now a town of over three thousand people."

The Tribune editor might add to the observation of Fergus that waterworks is not the thing that made Fergus grow. Stouffville has enjoyed a system for 40 years much cheaper service than in Fergus, but it did not make the town grow. The point is, however, the town could not grow without the waterworks system.

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THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO

OUR CAPITAL CORRESPONDENT

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

Secretary of State for External Affairs St. Laurent has made it clear in Ottawa that the Canadian Government has not received any request from the Government of the United Kingdom for "special assistance" to alleviate the heavy winter suffering of the people of Britain. "Meanwhile," he stated, "the Government is exerting every effort under arrangements previously made to move food and other essential supplies to Great Britain."

It is revealed in this capital that 71,719 people came into Canada in the year 1946 as immigrants, including 20,483 males and 51,236 females, though there is no information how many of these were refugees since the latter are not classified as such in the immigration statistical compilations.

If the reader believes that "where there's smoke, there's fire," something may be in the making in regard to rental control since all sorts of reports can be heard on Parliament Hill about contemplated or allegedly contemplated actions though it appears now that the so-called "omnibus" measure aimed to continue some 55 Orders-In-Council on controls may not "freeze" rental controls. Evidently, rental ceilings will still be subject to change, by order, it is interpreted here, so that this may be a hint of what may be forthcoming.

The importation of butter from

New Zealand into Canada, which has already been authorized, is expected to bring about 5,000,000 pounds will be governed by Canada's future domestic position. This has been explained in Ottawa by Agriculture Minister Gardiner who declared that the Dairy Products Board of the Department of Agriculture is importing this butter, though the average price per pound has not been established as yet.

"As a matter of fact I think the only criticism of this House is that we do not ask the Government enough questions," said in Parliament in part Gordon Graydon, Progressive-Conservative, in asking for the adoption of a different attitude than in the past in this respect. "The government get off far too easily in matters of this kind. I should not like the Prime Minister's words to be regarded as indicative of the policy which will be pursued from now on, because it is in the interests of the country that these questions be asked freely and that plenty of latitude be given. After all, that is how the people find out about the business of the country. In quick reply, Prime Minister King made it clear that the Government is not objecting in any way to any number of questions but the point is as to the time at which the questions should be asked and answered. "Again may I say that there is no desire to limit the number of questions but simply to have the questions asked and answered in a manner which will ensure accuracy and which will help expedite the business of the House," declared in part Prime Minister King.

The Senate in Ottawa has adjourned from Feb. 14 to March 5 because of a lack of work, this causing some talk along Parliament Hill on account of the large amount

of legislation facing the House of Commons and at the same time the lengthy holiday of the Senate. However, when it was brought up in the House of Commons, a spokesman for the Government asserted that an effort will be made to assign considerably more work to the Senate.

The Labor Council in Ottawa has drafted a resolution protesting against the Government's action in removing price controls on many commodities and this has been sent to members of Parliament. A large audience, including members of Parliament, political party leaders, members of the diplomatic row, leaders of labor, business, etc., crowded the largest theatre in this capital for the presentation of "The Forgotten Factor" by members of a cast giving their time for the work of the Moral Re-Armament as a national service. Slowly and surely France is coming back to her pre-war status as a world power, declared in Ottawa General Guillaud de Benouville, French hero of World War II, in speaking to L'Alliance Francaise meeting here. A charge has been made that military vehicles with 1943 Ontario licenses are driving about right in this capital. The appointment of 37-year-old Peter Aylen, who has been with the CBC since 1931 and who was director of international broadcasts for the CBC since 1944, as director of radio for the United Nations Organization is considered in Ottawa as a high compliment to Canada. A report in Ottawa shows that, despite about 4,000 persons in Canada being drug addicts last year, yet the taking of drugs was not increasing here owing to the activities of the special narcotic squads of the police forces all over the nation.

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New Playings! Friday & Saturday, Feb. 28, Mar. 1 "Sun Valley Serenade" Sonja Henie "Big Town"—Phillip Reed

Monday and Tuesday, March 3-4
"The Searching Wind"

ROBERT YOUNG AND ANN RICHARDS

"FOTO-NITE"

'Miss Annie Rooney'

Guy Kiber
 Shirley Temple
 Wednesday and Thurs.,
 March 5-6

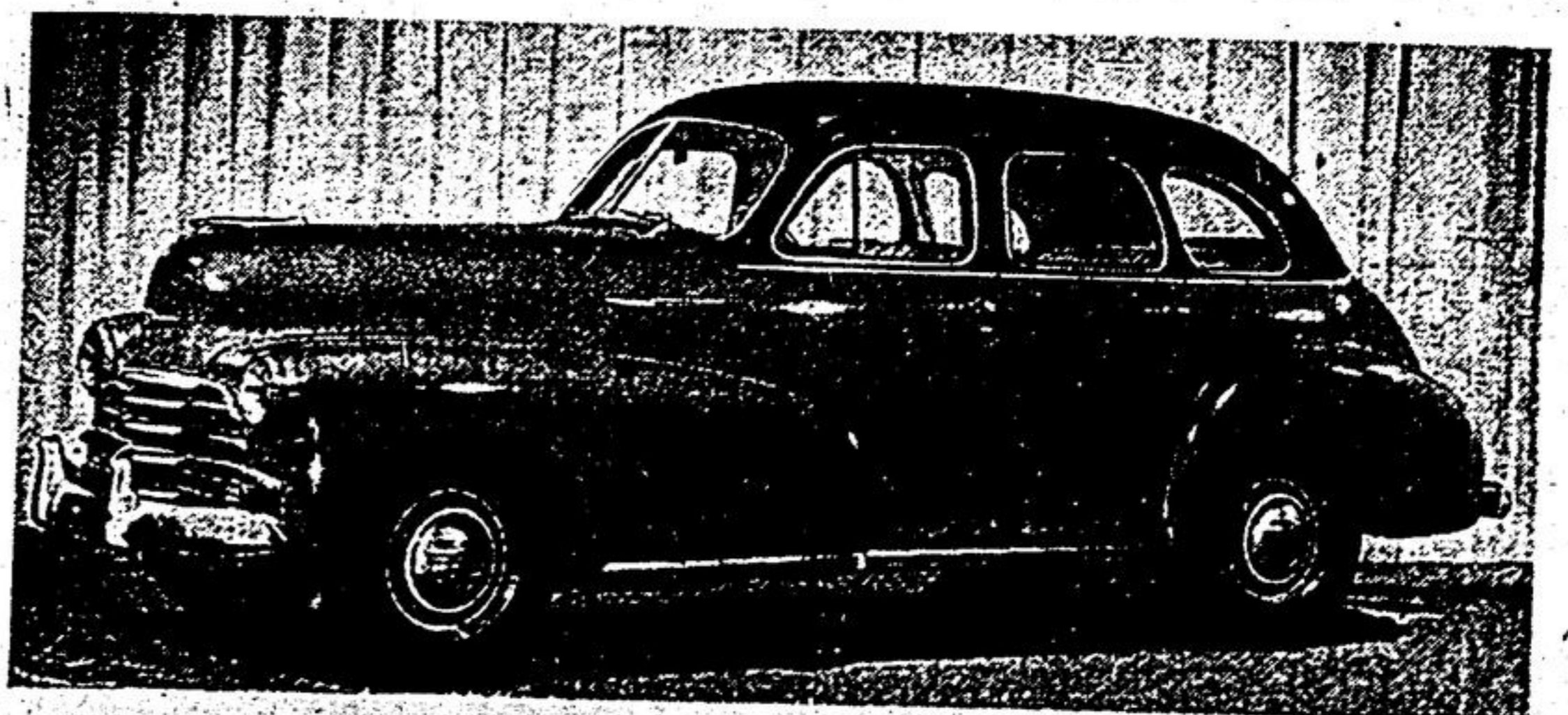
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OFFER!

Friday and Saturday, March 7-8
"THEY MADE ME A KILLER"
 Robert Lowery—Barbara Britton
 Adult Entertainment
"FOOLS GOLD"
 William Boyd—Andy Clyde

STOUFFVILLE
STANLEY
 Theatre of the Stars!

Coming! Monday and Tuesday, March 10-11
"CEASAR AND CLEOPATRA"
 Claude Rains—Vivien Leigh



CHEVROLET ANNOUNCES ITS 1947 MODELS

Restyled for 1947 with the emphasis on a more massive front end and a smoother sweep to body contours, the new Chevrolet is announced. New front-end grille and complementing bright

work, as well as elimination of the body belt moulding, have done much to give the new model an air of greater luxuriousness. This year, the usual

shut-down for retooling was avoided and there was virtually no decrease in the rate of output when the new models went into production.