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Notes and Comments

Fuel Oil Crisis

This year's unprecedented boom in domestic oil furnace installations is bringing sharply higher prices for fuel oil in its wake. So great has the demand for fuel oil become, the whole Canadian refinery business has been thrown out of balance at least temporarily, and officials predict price increases in Canada up to 15 cents a gallon for fuel oil. Last week's price in Stouffville jumped from 11% to 12% cents highest price ever charged thus far.

Once the ugly duckling of the refinery, fuel-oil is now vieing with gasoline for an ever increasing share of the crude oil gallon. Where once oil companies were glad to get rid of the fuel oil after taking out all the volatile elements, they now find they have to produce furnace oil as a product instead of a by-product.

Lash as Deterrent

It has been the experience of this, as of other lands, that armed robbery is stopped most quickly and effectively by more frequent use of the lash to prevent such crime, in addition to prison terms. The average holdup man is a coward, and nothing acts to deter him so fast in this form of fly-by-night pursuit than the thought that if he is caught in the act he will suffer for it.

The Victoria Colonist reminds that it was after the First World War, in the period of 1919 to 1925, that this lesson was demonstrated in Canada. A minor, then a greater, wave of armed robberies swept the country. Some police magistrates, supported by the senior courts, commenced handing out prison terms with whippings. The result was that the crime wave was broken, and that armed robbery became a rarity in Canada.

It would seem that conditions similar to 1919-25 are with us again. The same remedy should be applied and, as every law enforcement officer knows, it will bring the desired results.

Homes for the Aged

The name "House of Refuge," as applied to homes where hundreds of aged men and women are now spending their last years, is to disappear under the terms of a bill introduced in the Ontario Legislature by Hon. Wm. Goodfellow, Minister of Public Welfare. "Home for the Aged" is the substitute name and it is indeed a more appropriate one. Most of the men and women in these homes are there through no fault of their own; they have in one way or another made a substantial contribution to the church and community life of Canada. They have, perhaps, raised families and endured hardships unknown to their sons and daughters today. Then again, under the Old Age Pension Act, a majority of them are partially paying their way. Hon. Wm. Goodfellow does well to have the stigma which the name "House of Refuge" suggests removed.

Hush, Hush, Weekly Press

The Public Schools Supporters League has published a double column display in scores of Ontario weeklies the past week or two, holding up to light the record of the Ontario government in its allegedly selling out to the R.C. church on their demands for financial support for separate schools. Premier Drew, the adv. says, is the worst offender, since he bid more for the R.C. support than any other premier by offering more support than his predecessors to the schools which have caused and still cause so much controversial talk in this province.

It is a striking fact, too, that we have not read one editorial or seen any comment on the part of the weekly press on the matter in support, or in opposition to the notice of the Public School's Supporters League. It would appear that it is an issue the editors of weekly papers are afraid to take a stand on, and so they evade the whole matter by remaining silent.

The Tribune has always maintained that separate schools are not necessary, they are trouble breeders, and constitute an issue that could split the Canadian people some day. While we do not aver that Protestants are any better living people than Roman Catholics, we do hold that on the whole they live just as good lives, and their stand on Christianity is quite as high. It is all attained without the aid of separate schools, and leads to the fair question, "what better is the R.C. child for having attended a separate school?"

Sacrifice of Calvary

The eyes of the Christian world were turned towards Calvary. The heart of the world throbbed anew, in the mystery of atonement as consummated in the death of Jesus Christ.

It is impossible for us to understand fully the deep significance of the sacrifice made centuries ago by the Perfect Man. It is hard for us to comprehend just why the Son of God should have been offered for the sins of the world. But we do know that the Crucifixion of Christ laid the foundation of the mightiest organization that the world has ever seen. Christianity began with the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem, but it became a vital force with the Crucifixion and Resurrection of our Lord.

A successful life and a natural death of Christ would have left its impression upon the world. But the years of preparation and the true meaning of His life of service were emphasized by the tragedy on Calvary. This momentous event, followed so soon by the glory of the Resurrection, focused the attention of believer and skeptic alike.

The death of Christ was fore-ordained. It was part of the great plan designed for the salvation of mankind. And even when we fail to grasp its mysteries, we are conscious of the great benefits and the lasting miracle of atonement. Man feels that he is at one with God — that through the medium of the Cross he has attained his rightful heritage of fellowship, light and life.

And so "Good Friday" was "good" indeed, despite the sorrow, the overwhelming sense of failure and the disappointment that marked the day on which the Saviour of the world died that we might live.

OUR CAPITAL CORRESPONDENT

Written exclusively for The Stouffville Tribune by M. L. Schwartz
 Behind the Government's latest major step of orderly decontrol there is strong evidence that a general speeding up of such decontrols is in the making, even if it is stated again, again and again that there is no intention of any sweeping removal of all controls at once and no panic-stricken retreat from controls. Nevertheless, as one member of Parliament put it, "while we deal with the Bill it is being chiselled away so that by the time we finish with it we have no assurance as to whether there will be any controls," this remark being made in reference to the "omnibus bill" before Parliament whereby the controls would be continued for a limited time only.

There have been widespread reports that the customs patrol at the Canada-United border have been withdrawn by the United States Government and this question has been raised in the House of Commons where the Government has been asked "what complications are apt to arise" and "what steps are being taken to counteract them."

The Minister of National Revenue, Hon. J. J. McCann, has indicated that from our standpoint it is not expected that any complications will ensue.

"Our patrols will continue to operate as usual," Mr. McCann emphasized. "We have never depended upon the United States for enforcement of our laws. I think it is perhaps a matter that is none of our business."

Following an interview between representatives of Canadian property owners and Finance Minister Abbott in his office in the House of Commons, a report to ease the present plight of many landlords, though it is hinted in usually well-informed quarters that the full re-quests of landlords may not be granted on rental or eviction controls, such as a 15 to 25 percent increase. However, not so long ago a 5 percent boost was allowed on commercial property and it is suggested that a gradual easing plan may be in the making, probably of a moderate kind in tune with the circumstances.

The rejection by the Senate of a move to legalize Canadian manufacture of and sale of oleomargarine by a vote of 38 to 22 is causing many members of Parliament to breathe easier since it is known that many of them would have found it most difficult to vote on the issue which is regarded on Parliament Hill as a thorny political affair of a highly controversial nature. On a similar issue last year the Senate had rejected it by 43 to 30, with the present session's defeat of this measure being added by strong Liberal opposition in a

Senate composed now of 68 Liberals and 23 Progressive-Conservatives, though the division which killed this year's bill cut across party lines in Liberal and Progressive-Conservative ranks.

"I think we are here to legislate for Canada," said Hon. G. G. Power in discussing the so-called "Onibus Bill" on continuing controls and rejecting the idea of following procedures of the British Parliament blindly.

"We should consider," emphasized Agriculture Minister Gardiner "the fact that at some time, I do not know whether it will be in 1947 or will run in 1948, ceilings will probably come off all meats and other products, and the adjustments which are made with regard to grain prices then will be made accordingly."

Non-housing building may be a "restraining influence" on residential building this year, stated the head of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, though he indicated that the Canadian construction industry may be in a position to produce more homes this year than last and more homes may be completed than in any other year.

Between 460,000 and 500,000 employed persons in Canada are under "superannuation or annuity schemes," it is reported by the Department of Labor in Ottawa.

A three-day meeting was held in the capital by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation under Chairman Dave Dunton and there is speculation that the handling of political manuscripts was under consideration.

It is understood that officials of the Canadian Government have been considering the lifting of ceilings on motor vehicles, new and used, though no decision has been made known at the time of this report.

It was unanimously resolved at a meeting here of the Empire Parliamentary Association that Canada should donate a new table for the clerk of the British House of Commons, with this meeting being presided over by the Speaker of the Canadian Senate Hon. J. H. King.

Paying back compulsory savings before their due date was receiving consideration Finance Minister Abbott disclosed in Ottawa. (Reproduction Prohibited, 1947, Federal Features Syndicate)

STATEMENT FOR HOG PRODUCERS

Now that every farmer in Ontario is receiving a detailed grading statement of every hog marketed through inspected plants, every farmer can check on the grades reported to him by his shipper or trucker where the grading slips have not been returned, the organization meeting for York County Hog Producers were told. These grading reports are being returned to the county organizations after they are

New Playing! Friday & Saturday, April 11-12
 "Abilene Town"—Randolph Scott
 "Little Iodine"—Jo Ann Marlowe

Monday & Tuesday, April 14-15
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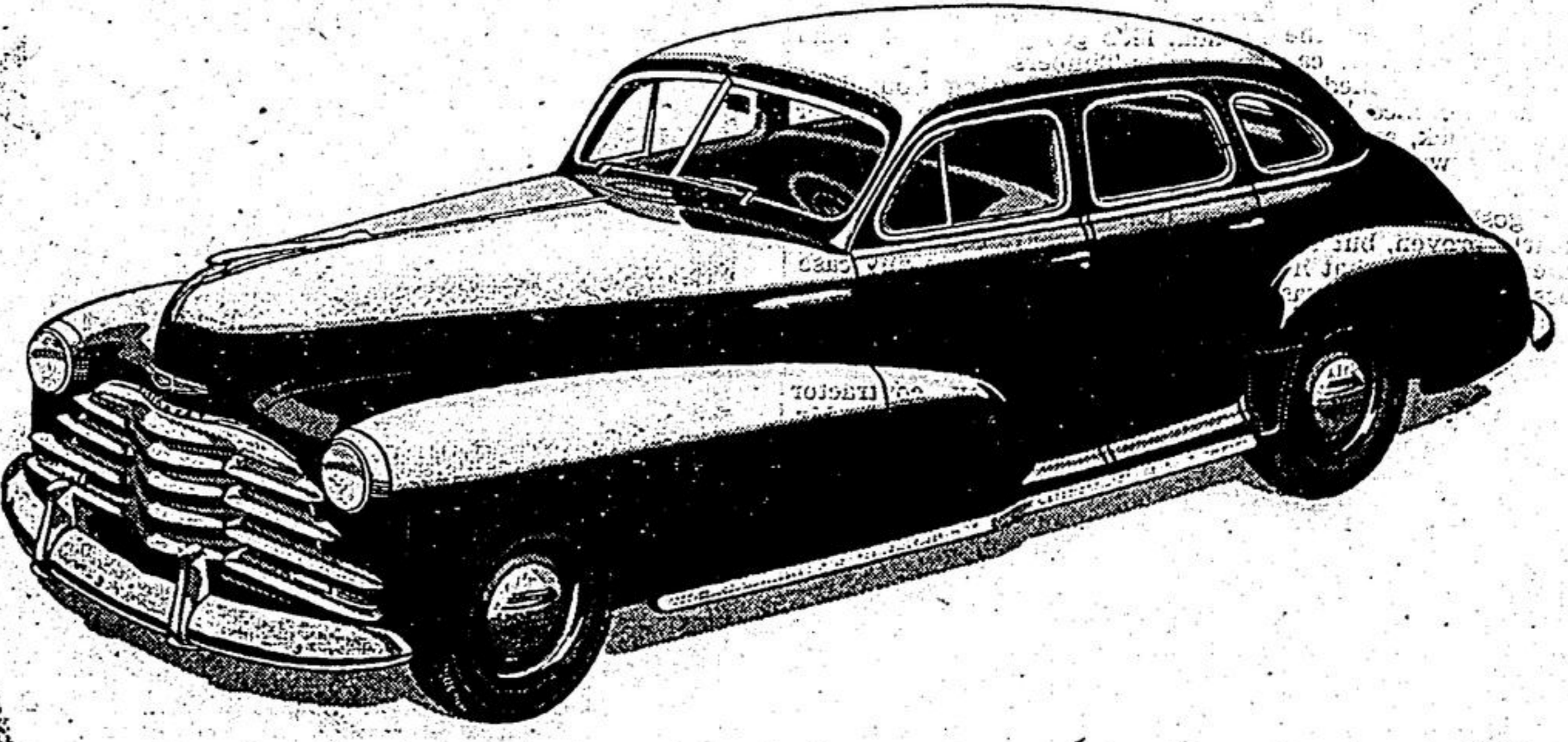
Friday & Saturday, April 18-19
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