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Notes and Comments

Weight Safe

Just who invented the fallacy that potatoes are unduly fattening is a question. About two years ago the Bureau of Home Economics at Washington, D.C., was asked for a scientific opinion.

Good Cheap Cars

People of ordinary means who had hopes of buying a new automobile after the war are disappointed. While the new models are a pride and joy to own, they sell at a figure that the average citizen cannot afford to pay.

"We wonder if some of the stylists of the automotive industry have not grown a trifle away from the common people. Instead of fixing the new cars with a lot of shining metal and fancy gadgets, would it not be better to offer the people with a high quality car at cheap price?

"There was a lot of 'keeping up with the Joneses' in the automobile business and there still is some of that. But, so many persons have been priced right out of the market as car costs grew higher and higher.

"Fancy styles are all very well and they do attract the eye, but the motoring eye is getting jaundiced as price tags stay in the stratosphere.

"If a company produced a good car that could sell for around \$1,000 and would give economy in gasoline and oil, and would always get there, many people would be right back in the market for a new car."

Facts on Old Farms

According to the Oshawa Times the Ontario Historical Society has undertaken the task of compiling lists of all farms in Ontario that have been occupied for 100 years by the person who procured the Crown deed and his descendants.

Such an endeavor is most commendable. Unfortunately much of the early history of the rural sections of the province has been lost. Some information about past years and residents has been preserved in books but they are few in number.

It would be well, as suggested by G.D. Copant, K.C., several years ago, for each township to compile a history of its own and delegate someone to do this work before it is

OUR CAPITAL CORRESPONDENT

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

While the legislators are involved in deep, heavy tasks in this session, strange stories are being whispered in the ears of observers along Parliament Hill about this or that minister of the King Government retiring and of a general "snap" election being in the making, with the latter story being the most talked about and being based on the belief that the King Government's position is insecure on account of the extremely small majority in the House of Commons.

In regard to the "snap" election rumor, it should be reported that, though the majority is not large, yet recorded divisions this session have jumped from the lowest mark of 13 to the highest of 198, emphasizing that the Government's position is not insecure or unstable and there is gross exaggeration even in this story which has been repeated so often lately that it has caused some confusion.

An official spokesman for the Canadian Government has revealed that the declaration that it intends to increase old age pensions by Order-in-Council "so it could decide behind Parliament's back what increase, if any, was to be made" was absolutely untrue. He emphasized that the Government planned to bring about amendments to the Old Age Pensions Act by a Bill in open Parliament where it will be introduced this session.

Notwithstanding all claims to the contrary Minister of Finance Douglas Abbott has made it clear that a loaf of bread in Canada is

heavily subsidized. "I say that if there is any article of commerce in Canada which is not taxed, it is bread," said Mr. Abbott. "On the contrary, the main content of bread, wheat flour is probably the most heavily subsidized of any commodity at the present time."

There is no question that public opinion across Canada is divided today whether decontrol should be speeded up or slowed down. "It may possibly be that we are decontrolling too rapidly," admitted Rt. Hon. J. L. Ilesley, now Minister of Justice but who as Minister of Finance during the war had much to do with the whole price control machine, with the Minister explaining that some charged the Government now with decontrolling too slowly and others decontrolling too rapidly.

"We are in a difficult position," he said. "Of course we cannot suit opposition parties." Then he added significantly: "We are taking a middle course."

Housing is still a serious problem in this country and this is evident in Ottawa from statements heard both sides and outside of the House of Commons, with several popular but wrong impressions having been corrected by official declarations.

"There is a general impression that congestion is largely in the metropolitan areas," said an official spokesman for the Canadian Government. "That is not correct." He added that in many instances the multiple occupancy is much heavier in municipalities of 5,000 to 15,000 than it is in Toronto or Montreal. Likewise, it is pointed out in Ottawa that the municipalities themselves are bearing the main burden of looking after families without accommodation, though the Dominion has been assisting the municipalities by making buildings available and by financial grants.

too late. There are many photos in existence of notable events and personages of the past but with the passage of time they are lost or their connection obscured.

One of the paramount needs is for the forming of a central organization to each community and the setting up of a centre where these memorabilia could be placed on display. We understand that locally a movement is under way to secure the Henry house at Lakeview Park for this purpose. It is to be hoped that public support will be accorded this idea, or perhaps an acceptable alternative would be a historical room in the new Public Library Building.

Daylight Time is "Bunk"

As a people Canadians like to "kid" themselves with their eyes wide open. This daylight saving time that is about to muddle things up again for another summer is just a fair example. We are about to say that it is nine o'clock in the morning when eastern standard time says it is eight o'clock. Everybody knows it is not nine o'clock, of course, but that doesn't matter. We have a motive.

The sole purpose of interfering with the clocks, of course, is to give the factory worker an extra hour of daylight in the evening. Everybody has to be muddled up just to achieve this end, although it is a good thing to allow people housed inside all day to get out.

However, isn't there a simpler way to deal with the matter. Why cannot factory workers and others who wish that extra hour in the evening, get going an hour earlier in the morning without the aid of the clock hands? If the stores opened at eight instead of nine and the factory whistle blew at six instead of seven, if business was at an end in the towns and villages at five instead of six o'clock, the hour for the worker would be saved to them, and Father Time could keep his face honest and unruffled.

Comic Strips Denounced

Mrs. Beatrice Trew, C.C.F. member of the Saskatchewan Legislature for the ranch-country constituency of Maple Creek, says that comic strips "tend to encourage a vulgar vocabulary in most children."

Mrs. Trew, a 49-year-old grandmother and only woman member of the Legislature, told the Regina Council of Women that a steady diet of comics leads to "literary malnutrition."

Comics were good only if they were "really humorous." When they deviated from humour they should not be labelled comics.

"Even the slapstick type of humor is better than this sly innuendo so often seen in the comic strips of today," she said.

The native of Coates Mills, N.B., and farmer's wife, said she was inclined to favor cowboy comic strips.

"There is always a strong moral in these and anyway you can't stop little boys playing and reading about cowboys and Indians."

Mrs. Trew advocated a strict censorship of this type of literature. Another counter-measure would be more "good" magazines at prices low enough for the child buyer.

The Rumored Income Tax Changes (The Daily Star)

The Canadian Press claims to have learned that the immediate income tax change to be announced in the budget will take the form of a 10 per cent. cut applicable to all brackets (as the 16 per cent. was in 1946), and that the basic exemptions may be boosted from \$750 to \$1,000 for single persons, and from \$1,500 to \$1,750 for married persons, with the possibility that the changes in exemptions may not be effective until after January 1.

A flat percentage cut in income tax gives high incomes very substantial relief and small incomes very little. That method was wrong when adopted before and will be equally wrong if adopted now. Furthermore, the postponement to January 1 of the exemption changes which would eliminate taxation on many small incomes altogether, in the face of an immediate substantial benefit to people of large income through an immediate 10 per cent. reduction right across the boards, would add bad timing to a bad principle.

It is suggested that the excess profits tax is to be dropped. That course is only excusable if a new tax on excessive profits is to be substituted. With economists in the United States, Britain and Canada all warning against the results which high profits and high prices tend to produce, this is no time for opening the throttle to give excessive profits full steam ahead.

rights of owners should be restored as quickly as possible. "There is, however, a most extraordinary situation in the housing field, and at this time the most economical use of our short supply of housing must be weighed against the rights of the individual owner," this spokesman emphasized.

It is understood in Ottawa that Canada has practically suspended purchase of United States cotton textiles which call for a subsidy. Importers who wish to get a subsidy to bring such items into this country in line with Canadian prices must get prior approval of purchases and these prior approvals are temporarily discontinued because it is believed the import subsidy policy is under review. Well-informed sources report purchases already placed are adequate to meet demands and fabric prices in the United States have risen over past several months so that the subsidy bill as well as the whole subsidy situation is being re-studied.

"Soviet Russia, through dictatorship, plans to dominate the world," declared Dr. Louis Budenz, former member of the Communist Party in the United States and former editor of "The Daily Worker," addressing a large audience here.

"Canada is under the influence of a tornado of propaganda, mainly originating from the United States and directed against a country with which we are at peace, and we are consequently in danger of being dragged into what may actually be an aggressive, not a defensive, war," Dr. J. Davidson Ketchum, Professor of Psychology at the University of Toronto, told the Canadian Psychological Association conference in Ottawa.

When Donald Gordon packed up his belongings and moved from the headquarters of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board to his peacetime post with the Bank of Canada, he was presented with two oil paintings by the staff here. Incidentally, the new head of the WPTB, K. W. Taylor, is a 47-year-old former professor of political

economy at McMaster University and he has served in various posts here during the war.

According to Dr. W. Skelly of the Deep River Hospital which serves the Atomic Energy plant there, rumors that gamma ray radiation affects adversely human fertility are unfounded and the birth rate there has been "amazingly high", though it should be mentioned that the average age of the staff is about 28.

Within about one mile of the House of Commons here on the Rideau River there has been a good example of flood damage and the need for a review of the whole requirement of conservation.

No less than eight Cardinals will be in Ottawa for the Martin Congress from June 18-22, including Cardinals McGuigan, Toronto; Spellman, New York; Stritch, Chicago, and others.

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A "SWEET" YARN FROM DUNDALK

The Dundalk Herald reports on the slumbers of a helper employed at a maple-making camp. The Herald says: "The helper on the night shift took a snooze on a couch in the camp. He slept too long, and a 'boiling' of about 40 gallons was scorched and spoiled."

The paper estimates the loss around \$200, which is a bit fantastic. The 40 gallons of liquid was sap, not syrup. That amount of syrup would be worth \$200 all right, but 40 gallons of sap would make approximately a gallon of syrup. \$5. value. Notwithstanding, Editor of the Herald had a good yarn, and that's the kind of news that makes his paper popular around Dundalk.

THIS KNOWLEDGE

Q.—How can I iron curtains satisfactorily? A.—When ironing curtains, fold the curtain lengthwise with the selvege to the right, with about an inch of the center, being careful to keep the selvege straight. Unfold the curtain without stretching the two inches in the center which were omitted when the curtain was folded. This will make the curtain

Advertisement for Stanley Theatre featuring plays like 'Three Little Girls in Blue', 'FOTO-NITE', 'SUSIE STEPS OUT', and 'The Strange Love of Martha Ivers'.

look like new, there will be no fold in the center, and it will hang perfectly. Q.—How can I whiten clothes? A.—One method is to soak them overnight in a solution of one quart water to one teaspoonful of cream of tartar.

Q.—How can I make a good solution for whitening the skin? A.—Mix 2 tablespoonfuls of oatmeal, 1/2 tablespoonful of powdered borax, and 1/2 pint rose water. Let it stand for 2 or 3 days, then strain well and add 1/2 ounce of alcohol.

Q.—How can I easily remove the white of an orange? A.—The white lining of an orange or grapefruit will come off with the skin if soaked in boiling water for a few minutes before peeling.

Q.—How can I make the new tooth brush last longer? A.—Soak it over night in salt water, to make it last longer and also to cleanse it.

Q.—How can I relieve a sore throat? A.—One suggested remedy is to take a tablespoonful of linseed and boil it for an hour in a pint of water. Strain and add to it the juice of one lemon and a tablespoonful of sugar. Take a teaspoonful occasionally.

Q.—How can I remove an odor? A.—Put a little dry mustard in cold water and rub it on the hands; then rinse in cold water.

Roller Skating advertisement for Friday, May 2nd at Willow Beach Pavilion, Wilcox Lake.

MASSEY HARRIS IMPLEMENTS advertisement featuring a large stock of parts, universal lightning rods, asphalt shingles, roll roofings, and contact information for Henry OGDEN & SON.



Arriving in North America from Europe aboard the S.S. Marine Marlin, little Joseph Kopnicka, 3, has a greeting for his new home as he reaches New York under the sponsorship of the U.S. Committee for Care of European Children.