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**Notes and Comments**

**Increased Taxes Unavoidable**

Stouffville tax bills are now going forward to the local tax payers, and show quite an increase over the last two years, when the rate was dropped because of the Drew government increase in school taxes. The council of that day immediately passed on a good portion of the saving by reason of the better grants to the ratepayers by ways of reduced taxes. Now the school grants are pegged and increased costs fall against the tax payer, which accounts for a good deal of the advance here this year. Then, everything costs more, including the general expenses of the town, and so we have the extra taxes which appear to be unavoidable.

**The Starling Pest**

The Starlings which caused so much annoyance in Stouffville for several years as they gathered here prior to taking off on the long wing-flight for the South in the fall, have given a great deal of trouble down around St. Thomas. Last week the fire brigade was organized and went out with shooting arms of some sort to drive the offending birds from the town. Other towns in the area have found it necessary to organize shooting parties too. It recalls the days when Dr. Freely's grove was so infested that he arranged for someone to do some shooting. For the past year or so, the Starlings have not bothered this town very much.

**Unemployment Insurance Injustice**

While thousands and thousands who pay unemployment insurance have drawn on that fund, hundreds of thousands more have never had a cent from the insurance. They are the workers who have steady employment and very often on a lower wage than those who demand fancy wages and lots of unemployment, brick layers and plasterers, city carpenters, and such like.

Wouldn't it only be fair if, after a worker had paid into the unemployment insurance pot for say a period of five years without drawing anything by reason of unemployment, he or she be given a reduced rate of assessment?

The trouble as it now stands, and the injustice of the present set-up is that workers in the rural sections who enjoy steady employment year in and year out, continue all their lives to subscribe to the fund. Surely after five years of uninterrupted work, it is proven that a man or woman's job is steady, they should not have to pay the standard rate.

Take bank clerks, too. Everybody knows that those employees never get laid off, because of slack times, yet they are forced to pay unemployment insurance. To us, this is a rank injustice.

**Cups and Saucers**

Newspaperdom has entered into its "dog-days" with stories about "flying saucers" which are reported to have been seen by various people in various parts of the country. These pieces of crockery have been described as scooting through the upper air with the greatest of ease and at a "terrific speed" with an undulating motion.

These appearances might be attributed to the effect of the hot weather upon the persons beholding them, who may be accused of "seeing things" under the influence of some liquid stimulant—in other words, that they must have been in their "cups" when they saw the "saucers". But it is a pity to spoil a good story at a time like this with such flippant explanation. Moreover there may be, after all, something in these "saucers." One of them was reported to have been seen flying over Ottawa at the time when the members of parliament were in the throes of trying to wind-up the business of the session and depart. This particular "saucer" was described by one observer as a "dinner plate," which was said to have a "white tail streaming out behind." It was also said to have "suddenly broke completely in two; both sections continuing side by side for a split second, then completely disintegrating," presumably, spilling the contents—which may have been some sort of hash. In which case the phenomenon could be interpreted as symbolic of the results of the political cookery at Ottawa.

**Separation From The County**

From time to time there are outcries from various towns for a move to become separated from the county, due to the fact that the towns appear to pay a disproportionate amount of the county levy with, seemingly, only small returns for their money. Also, although the towns have the largest assessments, their voting power in county council is insignificant compared with that of the townships. Now that county rebates on town roads have been abolished and towns will be entitled to direct grants from the province, this situation will possibly become more aggravated.

According to the Municipal World, at present there are only seven separated towns in Ontario, namely: Brockville, Trenton, Smith's Falls, Ingersoll, Gananoque, St. Marys and Prescott. Last year Cornwall became separated by being erected into a city and the same will occur this year with respect to Waterloo.

Separation of a town from the county (except by erection into a city) may only be effected by special legislation. Before such action is taken a town should carefully consider the benefits derived from belonging to a county, such as the use of the county courts, gaol, and registry office. payment by the county of the costs of administration of justice, sharing the costs of indigents in hospitals, grants towards the upkeep of hospitals, maintenance of the house of refuge (now to be known as the home for the aged), Children's Aid shelters, educational grants, etc.

A good policy in such cases would be, "Look before you leap."

**An Interesting Event**

At midnight last Friday, in the presence of a distinguished gathering of officials and historians, a safe in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., was thrown open and for the first time the personal papers of the late President Abraham Lincoln were made available for public inspection.

Gathered by his son, the late Robert Todd Lincoln, the papers of the late president were a closely guarded secret. They were placed in safe keeping many years ago and under the terms of his son's will were not to be given to the public for 21 years after his death. Such was the interest attendant upon the opening of the safe that the ceremony was recorded by news reel cameras, the newspapers and the radio. Enthusiasm was at fever pitch and many of those present spent the remainder of the night poring over the documents.

The full import of the documents, letters and papers has not been fully assessed as yet. However, it is known that further light will be thrown upon the character of the great emancipator whose strength of character and statesmanship were instrumental in the welding together of the great democracy Canada is privileged to call neighbors and friend. Many volumes have been written about Lincoln.

*Now Playing!* Friday & Saturday, Aug. 8-9  
 "Canyon Passage"—Dana Andrews

Monday & Tuesday, Aug. 11-12  
**"Margie"**  
 JEANNE CRAIN AND ALAN YOUNG

*Thursday!*  
**"Dark Mirror"**  
 OLIVIA DE HAVILLAND AND LEW AYRES  
 Wednesday & Thursday August 13-14  
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Friday & Saturday, August 15-16  
 "COPACABANA"  
 Groucho Marx—Carmen Miranda  
 "DON COYOTE"  
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**STOUFFVILLE STANLEY** Theatre of the Stars!

*Coming!* Monday & Tuesday, August 18-19  
 "SAN ANTONIO"  
 Errol Flynn—Alexis Smith



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

While there is no doubt that the rank and file of labor unions in Canada do not favour in the least the toleration of Communists within their organizations, yet it is hinted in this capital that the removal of such unhealthy influences may be best accomplished by the unions themselves rather than through official action. This is the interpretation backstage in this capital of the rather delayed move by the Government to ban Communism from various organizations or to declare Communism as an illegal entity. During the recent session a private bill to declare Communism illegal in Canada did not come into existence, but it is known that another attempt will likely be made next session. Prior to the German invasion of Soviet Russia, Communism was banned here but this was changed. Apparently, the Government is not anxious to declare Communism illegal now whether in labor unions or elsewhere so that it is up to the union themselves, it is hinted here, to clean house.

The reported action by the United Kingdom to cut imports of newsprint from Canada is not causing any great concern for the present, but there is an undercurrent of fear about the future since the traditional British market, it is learned here, may suffer in the end. As a matter of fact, Canadian newsprint is a much sought article these days in various countries, including Canadian consumers, and restrictions to limit imports on the part of the United Kingdom may decrease such demands when Canadian mills will want such customers in future.

As a direct result of recent robberies of safety deposit bank vaults, it is expected here that holders of Canadian Government bearer bonds, which can be sold for cash at practically all banks without

identification, will endeavour to get them registered because such cannot be disposed of without proving ownership and signature.

Rumors, rumors and more rumors are heard along Parliament Hill these days about supposed secrecy in negotiations between the provinces and the Federal Government in regard to taxation agreements. However, it must be emphasized in no uncertain way that well-informed quarters here discount such rumors as mere idle gossip without foundation. Discussions between any particular province and the Federal Government have never been held in secret, it is stressed here, and all negotiations have been known to each and every province without any concealment of facts.

It is no secret now that there has been much widespread discontent of the price in the British wheat contract at \$1.55 a bushel as a basis price so that negotiations with the British for a new contract price for the 1948 Canadian wheat crop has aroused belief here that, judging from reports reaching this capital, that may bring the threat of a non-delivery strike of grain, though the Government has suggested that the price will give farmers a "fair return". These negotiations are believed to be likely to start agitation for a price more akin to American wheat price reports, especially since the farmers across the international border have been receiving a higher price and the Canadian Wheat Board, it is alleged, may be selling wheat to other countries than Britain at better prices than that involved in the British wheat contract.

Rumors have been flying freely in this country that, notwithstanding the statement by Dept. of Finance officials here, including the Finance Minister himself that no devaluation of the Canadian dollar was contemplated at present, yet "something" was in the air. However, it is learned in usually reliable quarters in Ottawa that these rumors are nothing but idle speculations because officials hold that the exchange position cannot be appreciably bettered through such action.

Such a degree of success was attained last year in the first peacetime Canada Savings Bonds campaign, raising \$500,000,000 without high-pressure efforts and with little spending, that it is understood the

Government plans a similar campaign this year. This campaign for funds is not based on any desire to borrow money from the public, it is learned here, but rather to provide a favourable means of investment so that the masses may be able to put aside more ready cash as a cushion against any possible eventuality.

"Taxation today is three hundred percent higher than it was before the war," declared Hon. John Bracken, leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, in a speech.

"I'm grateful to customs for taking no chances, and, thanks to their alerting us to plant imports, department inspectors have detected and destroyed several foreign pests which Canada can do without," explained W. N. Kennan, Chief of the Plant Protection Division, Ottawa, discussing Canada's efforts to keep free from unwanted insects.

"As I travel across the United States and Canada, I am amazed at the increasing standardization of our educational institutions," commented Rev. Dr. James Clarke, M.C.

"The outlook for the world looks grim, though hope is still there," was the rather pessimistic remark of P. Kodando Rao, well-known Indian traveller, lecturer and writer during a visit to Ottawa accompanied by his American wife.

**Weekly Wind-Up**  
 Though the dollar shortage and the large British crop are said to prevent any shipments of Canadian apples to the United Kingdom, yet it is understood here that such shipments will be made this season to the U.K., though the quantities will be definitely less than last year. The leader of the Official Opposition, Hon. John Bracken, appears to be in fairly good health and very much continuing as leader, though rumors seemed to insinuate otherwise lately.

The Government does not propose to authorize cost-of-living bonuses for superannuated civic servants at present, though the whole subject is being given "sympathetic consideration," it is learned.

The C.B.C. is endeavouring to buy "as soon as possible" CKY radio station in Manitoba.

Canada's supply of oils and fats has improved to such extent lately that it is said in Ottawa to be much better than it had been anticipated only a short time ago.

Hundreds will testify to the results obtained in Tribune classified.

**SALVATION ARMY AIDS ONTARIO IMMIGRANTS**

Toronto, Aug. 5.—Accommodation for male immigrants entering Canada by air under the Ontario Provincial Government's new scheme, will be provided by the Salvation Army, according to Lieut.-Colonel Wm. Dray, O.B.E., the Army's Secretary for Colonization and Immigrants.

Spacious premises, located at Jarvis and Isabella streets, Toronto, have been leased and are being equipped to care for 150 single men. Comfortable sleeping quarters, a spacious lounge room, and a dining room where typical Canadian meals will be served, are among the facilities provided. Personal services will also be rendered. It is expected that accommodation will be provided for up to four days per person, during which time the individual will be placed by the Ontario Government.

For the Salvation Army this is but a continuation of its well-known wartime activity, when numbers of British war brides, enroute to Canadian destinations, were cared for in Hostess Houses operated by the Army just a block away from this new centre of activity.

First flight, arriving on Sunday morning, were met by Salvation Army officials at Malton and directed to the Men's residence, 97 Isabella street. The Salvation Army had plans for the men during the day, where good tasty meals were served by Salvation Army volunteer workers.

**WANT SEWERS AND WATER NO MATTER WHAT COST**

The property owners in the small village of Elora with less than 800 population, last week approved the construction of a \$320,000 waterworks and sewerage system by a vote of 183 to 51. A second vote for waterworks alone carried by a vote of 162 to 60. The estimate for the proposed system of either waterworks and sewerage or waterworks alone was made and presented to the town over two years ago by the engineering firm of Phillips and Roberts of Brantford. Elora voters favored the combined project and have by a splendid majority endorsed the required bylaw. Assuming that there are homes in Elora, the owners by their vote have pledged an average of over \$1000 per home to secure this dual service, water and sewers. Of course in addition to a direct tax there will be considerable revenue derived from rates, which after maintenance

charges are not annually, will apply against the huge debt.

The outcome of the vote in the village of Elora, four miles or thereabout from the town of Fergus, brings up the question, as to how the people of Stouffville would vote on a sewerage system here assuming the cost to be around \$150,000?

**GROOM FORGETS ADDRESS CAN'T FIND HIS BRIDE ON HONEYMOON**

No newspaper would be mean enough, we hope, to publish the names of the bride and groom who became separated from each other on the first night of their honeymoon. Well, believe us, it happened, when the couple motored into Ottawa to spend a few days sight seeing as part of their holiday together.

First thing the newly weds did was to find accommodation and this they did at a registered tourist home. They went down town to have lunch at a restaurant in this city which both were seeing for the first time. The groom found on coming from the restaurant that one of his tires was flat. They decided that the happy young bride would stroll back to the tourist home, and he proceeded to look up

a garage. But then the groom couldn't find the tourist home when he got the car fixed, he had no street number, and all he knew was that the house had a small white veranda. Too bad, there were hundreds with white verandas, it seemed. In desperation, the chap called on a policeman to help, but the police were not successful, and at midnight the dejected groom found himself sitting in the police station. He spent the night there, and it was the following day when the excited young wife was located, after an exciting night wondering whether she had been jilted, or something.

Just in case you are guessing, the unfortunate circumstances related above happened to a honeymoon couple from Quebec city, and not Stouffville.

**1949 PLOWING MATCH SITE CHOSEN IN BRANT**

Looking ahead to the 1949 International Plowing Match, which is to be held in Brant County, a committee of officers of the Ontario Plowmen's Association has selected the site for the match for that year. Following a tour of inspection of a number of suggested areas in the county, the committee chose a farm on Lot 1, Concession 8, comprising about 650 acres of land.

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