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NOTES and COMMENTS

TRAGEDY STALKS ABOUT

Mrs. Evelyn Soloman of Detroit was arrested charged with the death of her daughter over whose head the mother was said to have smashed a milk bottle to stop the child from crying. The child's tears were undoubtedly dried up, but ever since the mother's must be flowing.

NEVER HAVE TIME

"I'd like to, but somehow I don't seem to get the time." Ever hear that phrase? If not, you haven't listened, for it is in constant use. With all the hustle and bustle, this seems to be getting more and more an age of "I haven't time." At every social or public function nowadays, the chairman almost invariably announces that Mr. So-and-So phoned me that he regretted exceedingly that another engagement made it impossible to attend.

Men do not seem to have time to spend an evening at home with their families; women do not seem to have time for the same motherly care for their children that mothers had a generation ago.

Many of the finer and nobler sides of human nature are being blurred and spoiled simply because "we haven't time" to do those things which bring out and develop the finest traits of character.

It will be noticed, however, that people find time for things they want to do most, and if they are losing sight of the finer things in life it is largely because material interests are paramount.

These people that "never have time," are losing the best in life. They will never have to take time to die some day.

SURE THERE'S A MONOPOLY

Quite a fuss has been raised in the last few weeks over the discovery that bakers in many cities have been charging the same price for a loaf of bread. There have been wild charges of monopoly and price fixing.

But that is not news.

For years we have had a monopoly and price fixing behind this bread business. But it is in the raw material, not the finished product. Ever since the Dominion Government took over the wheat industry, every pound of wheat millers have purchased to make the flour to make the bread has come from the government wheat board, and it has been sold to the millers at an identical price.

What is so surprising about a uniform price for bread, when the Government insists on a uniform price for the chief ingredient in that bread?

There is price fixing in many more commodities than bread. What about newsprint? How about hair cuts? Yes, let's see, it just doesn't stop at commodities. School teachers even have a union, called a federation. Are they not price fixing, too? In fact unions are price fixers all along the line. Nothing new about it, so what is the Dominion Government investigating?

TEACHERS' SALARIES AND TAXES

Over the country salary increases for teachers are sending tax rates soaring, in some places as high as three and four mills. Here is a typical heading from the Carleton Place Central Canadian, "Soaring Education Costs Boost Tax Rate." The term 'higher education' is being interpreted in many municipalities as meaning higher costs of school maintenance, with the teachers' salaries figuring largely in school budgets. And the end is not yet, judging from newspaper reports of increases being sought even after educational budgets have been approved by municipal councils.

It is generally admitted that the salaries of teachers in all schools have for many years been away too low, and certainly not in keeping with those paid in other professions. In fact, common laborers are in many instances getting more than is paid some teachers, to say nothing about the wages paid in skilled trades. On the other hand, while most school boards are inclined to recognize this fact, and to deal generously with requests for increases, the fact cannot be overlooked that school trustees as custodians of the tax-payers' money are in many places definitely worried, knowing as they do, the financial resources of their respective municipalities, and the extent to which they can be stretched, without overlapping the boundary of safety. It is safe to assume that teachers' organizations will continue to press for higher minimums and maximums, and municipalities in order to meet them will either have to dispense with essential municipal services or lend their weight in many quarters, that the province take over all educational costs. One should remember that if the state assumed this obligation, it would have to find the extra money required from some other source—most likely the municipalities, in a new form, which might have a little better taste, but which would still have to be swallowed.

Ottawa Letter

(By J. E. Smith, M.P.)
 Red Flayed by all Parties: The troubled international situation continues to dominate the scene here at Ottawa. In one caucus we were privileged to hear a review of world affairs by the Prime Minister and in another to hear L. B. Pearson, Under-secretary of State for External Affairs. These men along with Hon. L. S. St. Laurent are the best informed in Canada on foreign affairs and their words were listened to with great interest. None can be called alarmists, yet all confessed real concern over the present state of affairs in many parts of the world.

Following the Truman speech all parties here joined in a forceful denunciation of communism. Prime Minister King said Canada would go all out in support of collective security pacts set up by United Nations.

Events of the past week at least have cleared the air. International affairs are from now on likely to be on a more frank and outspoken basis. Recent events have removed the cloak and revealed communism in its true light. Avowed communists are going to find the going a lot harder here, and should have less support from those idealists who live in the clouds and defend their right to carry on their insidious propaganda. Communism is a real threat to the world and we must guard against any inroads here in Canada.

Readers will recall the criticism levelled at the government by the opposition for its disclosure of Soviet activity in Canada. During and after the spy trials Government action was criticized severely and great claims were made for personal liberty and freedom. Time has vindicated the Government's early action against communist activity and it was re-assuring to hear all political parties in the House unite in denouncing red activity.

A Commoner in the Senate: History was made last week when Transport Minister Chevrier was the first non-Senator to enter the Upper House and discuss Government legislation. There was some opposition to the innovation but in the main opinion seemed to favour the change in Senate rules which made such procedure possible. Some in the Senate may still question the move on constitutional grounds and further discussion may be expected.

Estimates reduced: The main estimates for the year have been tabulated by the Minister of Finance, and it is a source of satisfaction to all that there is a substantial reduction. The total of these estimates is \$1,985,146,000, which represents a decrease of more than \$131, million from the total estimates submitted for the fiscal year 1947-48. Further Supplementary Estimates for the fiscal year now closing are still to

be submitted to the House of Commons, and it may be expected that, in accordance with the usual experience, Supplementary Estimates for the year 1948-49 will later be found necessary to cover requirements that cannot now be foreseen.

The principal decreases in the estimates for next year as compared with the year now closing are to be found in the items for the Departments of Veterans Affairs, Reconstruction, Finance, External Affairs and Agriculture. They arise largely from the lower amounts required for food and cost of living subsidies, relief to Europe, and for the closing out and contraction of various demobilization and reconstruction activities as well as reduction in the number of veterans still drawing benefits, gratuities and re-establishment credits. The principal increases are to be found in the Departments of Mines and Resources, Health and Welfare, Revenue, Public Works and Transport, as well as in votes for government-owned enterprises. Major increases are associated with higher old age pensions, more families receiving Family Allowances, more health services to Indians, an expanded Income Tax administration, expanded survey and mapping work, improved roads and facilities for tourists in National parks, extension of Indian education, increased costs for operation maintenance, repair and improvements of public works, construction and improvement of airports and air services, and essential reconstruction of maritime ports.

Expenditures Curtailed: In his statement on these estimates, Mr. Abbott emphasized that the Government was curtailing its expenditures severely at this time, notwithstanding increases in the cost of goods and services it pays for, because of the need to hold in check the inflationary pressure of total expenditures, both private and public. Particular efforts were made in preparing and revising the Estimates keep to minimum expenditures on construction and on capital equipment, in view of the excessive demands upon Canadian capacity in these fields and the need to conserve expenditure of U.S. dollars on imported equipment and materials. As a consequence, many public works and other important construction projects are being deferred until a later period when labour and materials will be more readily available for them. The only new capital projects included in the Estimates are those which are regarded as so urgent that they must be carried out at this time notwithstanding the scarcity of labour and materials and the desirability of deferring all works that can possibly be deferred.

Easter Recess: The House adjourned Wednesday for the Easter Recess. Next week I will be home in the riding and I will be happy to see any who have matters they wish to discuss with me.

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Friday and Saturday, April 2-3
 "Bambi"—Disney Feature Cartoon
 "Twilight on the Rio Grande"

Monday and Tuesday, April 5-6
 'Gone with the Wind'
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 Adults 60c — Children 30c

Thursday!
 "Killer McCoy"
 MICKEY ROONEY
 BRIAN DONLEVY
 Wednesday & Thurs.
 April 7-8
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Friday and Saturday, April 9-10
 "GENIUS AT WORK"
 Alan Carney — Anne Jeffreys
 "ROLL ON, TEXAS MOON"
 Roy Rogers — Dale Evans

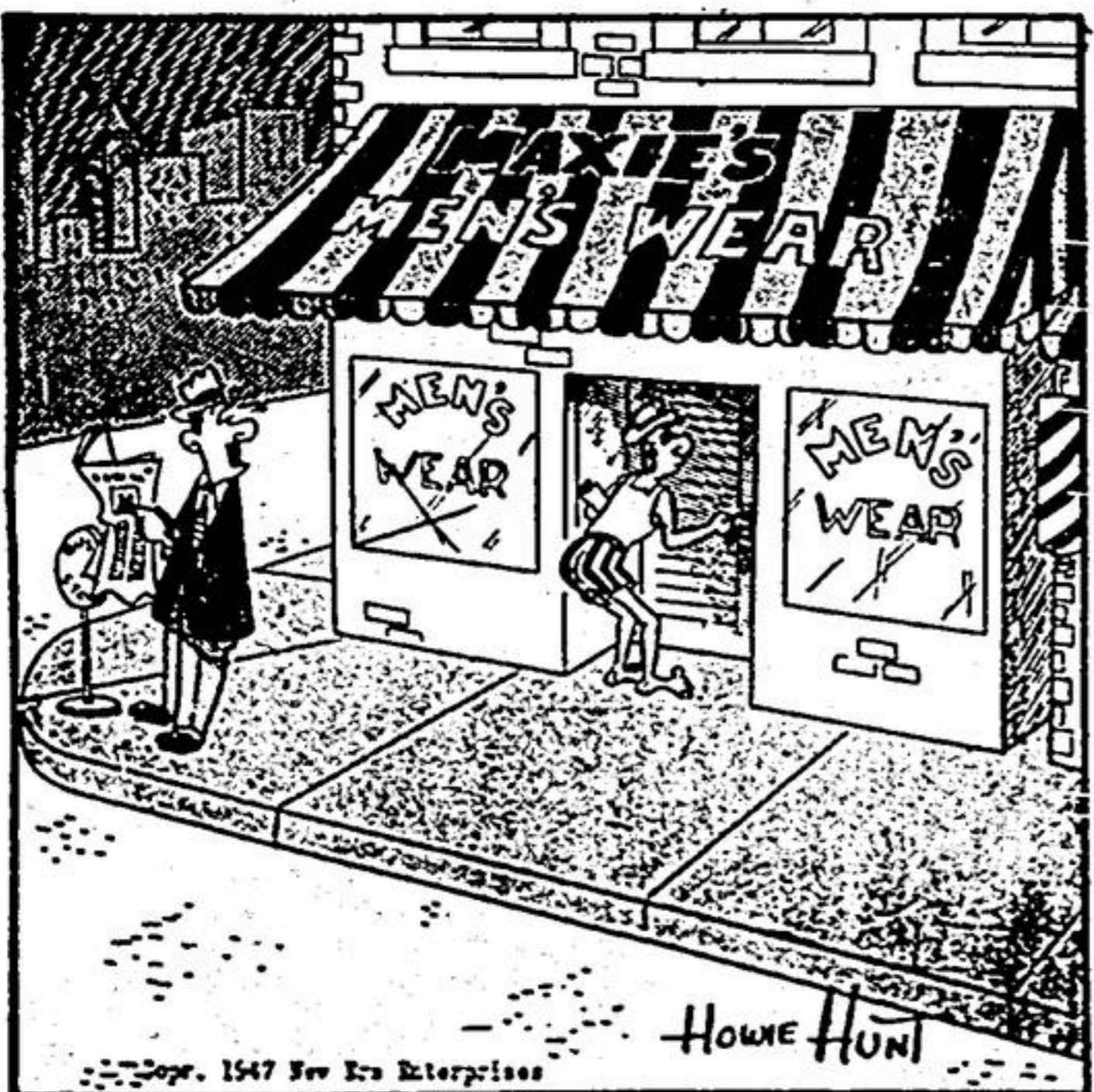
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Monday and Tuesday, April 12-13
 "THE YEARLING"
 Gregory Peck — Jane Wyman

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IN OUR TIME

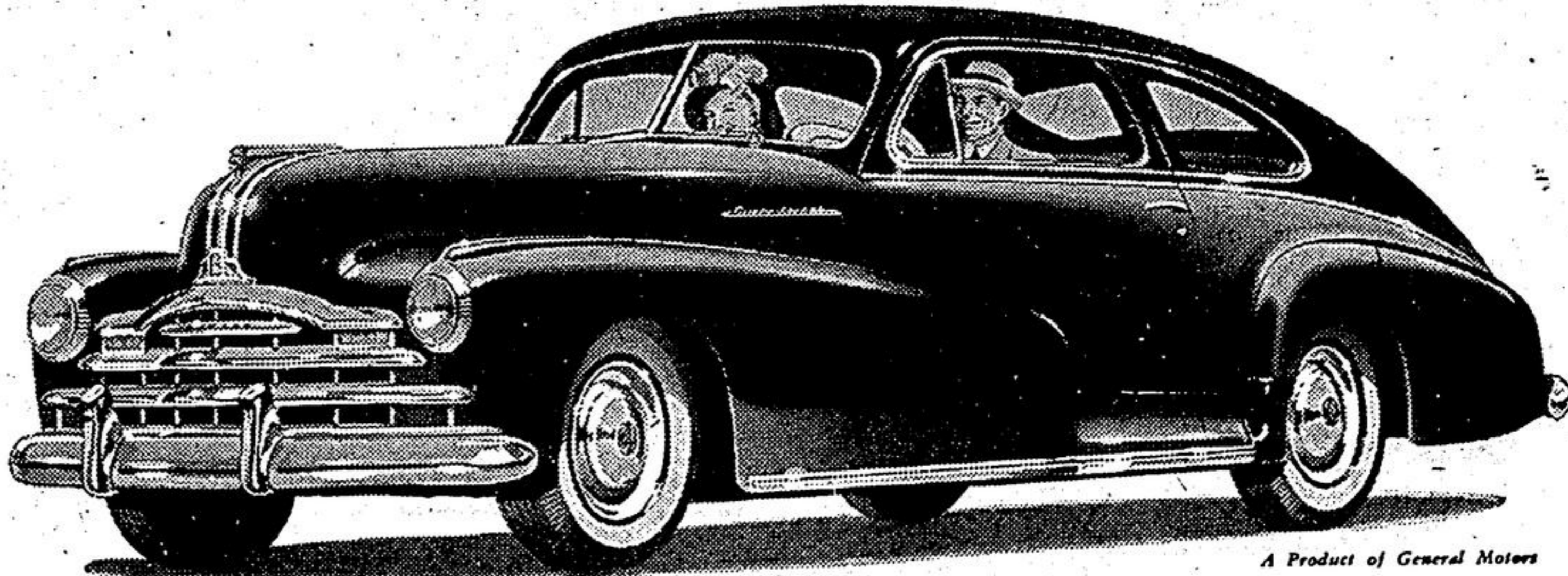
By Howie Hunt



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