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NOTES and COMMENTS

What Do We Spend On Movies?

The popularity of movies cost every man, woman and child in Canada, a matter of \$5.77 a year. Of course everybody does not go to the movies, hence movie fans probably pay an average of \$9 or \$10, not an unwarranted sum if all the pictures they saw were of the proper type. Unfortunately they are too many gun-toting affairs still shown on the screen, murders, and underworld life get too much prominence.

All in all Canadians spend \$66 millions a year on movies, and that's a lot of money, but what a lot of good can come out of it if pictures with a moral and common decency are shown, and what a lot of harm can be done by showing gun-toting affairs and drinking parties as the main theme.

Must Plant More Trees

Since it established its first forestry station at St. Williams, forty years ago, the Ontario Government has distributed 265 million trees to farmers and other land-owners for planting. That is a lot of trees, but compared to the amount of ground that could and should be covered, the distribution to date has been a mere drop in the bucket. Most of these trees have been used for rebuilding and extending farm woodlots, though in recent years an increasing percentage have gone into new county and provincial forests.

Tree planting deserves and needs the greatest public support. It deserves support because without a tremendous increase in planting in the next few decades, a very large acreage of our land is going to revert to worthless and dangerous desert.

It needs support because successful tree-planting absorbs a tremendous amount of enthusiasm. Not only are there risks and losses to be faced from mice, rabbits, grass fires and Christmas tree vandals, but there is the long, long wait for the final harvest, a matter of 75 years or more.

Only an optimist makes a really good tree planter and unfortunately there are far too few of them in rural Canada today.

They Think The Same

A perusal of the daily newspapers published in the province, since Premier George Drew's announcement that a provincial election would be held on June 7 with the hydro conversion project as the major issue, indicates that opinion among the majority of editorial writers is identical with that voiced in The Times-Gazette last Saturday.

Many feel as we do that the reason given for the holding of an election was flimsy, and that others of greater importance might well have been cited. At the same time all admit that Premier Drew is calling an election at a time when his chances of re-election are probably brightest.

Of particular interest is the editorial stand taken by The Evening Telegram. Long a backer of Progressive Conservative principles, the newspaper does not hesitate in voicing the opinion that Col. Drew is making a mistake in making Ontario hydro an election issue. The Telegram's comment is as follows:

"Notwithstanding Premier Drew's elaborate argument that his government must have a public mandate to put through the hydro expansion program, including the conversion of the Niagara distributing system from 25 to 60-cycle current, it is difficult to discover any real reason for the general election which he has called. The Hydro Electric Commission has made other large expenditures in the past without asking a vote of the people and it could do so again. The necessity of developing new sources of electric energy is so apparent that no sensible person would attempt to block it. Although there are differences of opinion on the wisdom of converting the Niagara system from 25 to 60-cycle current it is a technical question and scarcely one for the electors. It can hardly be made a campaign issue since the Liberal and C.C.F. opposition groups in the Assembly voted for the bill to permit the change-over.

"Whatever other reasons Premier Drew may have for calling an election at this time it is unwise to attempt to make hydro the issue when it isn't one. The danger is that hydro will be thrown into the political arena where it should not be."

Down On The Farm

So many of the men in big cities emanate from the farm, that there is a good sense of country air and atmosphere felt down among the men in tall buildings and busy city streets, amidst the smoke and grime. Reading the editorial column of the Denver Post our attention was arrested on an item "Silence on the Farm," and after reading it we said, the editorial writer on the Post came from a humble farm home. Here is what he wrote as he worried about city problems, and even possible advancement among farmers:

"Spring plowing time is here again. The fresh-rhubarb aroma of new-turned earth basking in the warm sun arouses nostalgic memories. But with them comes a disturbing suspicion that farming's getting too comfortable.

Who says it is? We're looking at a late report on jeeps, now owned by 50,910 farmers. Lads in uniform called 'em the world's roughest riding vehicles, but farm owners say their outstanding characteristic for agricultural work is comfort.

Even the G.I.'s admitted riding beat walking, but that's not all. Replying to questionnaires, some jeep farmers say they have installed radios and now even bring mamma and the kids along while doing what used to be lonely chores in the fields."

Tut, tut and alack! What's to become of our strong, silent men of the soil if that sort of thing gets common? We can't imagine Bobby Burns composing his ode to a field mouse with a jeep chugging and its radio blaring. "She's Too Fat For Me."

Mamma and the kids, indeed! One of farming's greater virtues is the opportunity it offers for escape from conversation. Broad fields. Warm sun. Silence save for the swish of mule tail, creak of harness, song of bird and hum of bee. Time and space for a man to commune with nature and savor his own thoughts. One reason for a low farm divorce rate, we opine, is that when pop comes in for meals, mamma is ready to talk and he's in a mood to listen. With such farm comfort 'tis national folly to tamper."

Quarter Century Ago

(From the Tribune Files of 1922)

Clayton Stouffer and Wesley Schell have purchased the Planing Mill.

Rumor says that a jitney service is likely to start between Stouffville and Toronto. Quite an accommodation.

W. H. Shaw was made honorary president of the baseball club, and Dr. S. S. Ball, president.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Winn were tendered a farewell party by 60 neighbors along the 6th of Whitchurch before leaving for their new home.

Elwood Elson and Isola Nighswander were united in marriage by Rev. Mr. Prosser at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Nighswander.

Eggs on Stouffville market 25c dozen, and butter good dairy prints 32c pound. A sale of sugar at Ratcliff's in bag lots \$7.10. No credit orders accepted, says the firm's notice.

Buy a new Ford from R. E. Brown, agent. Price reduced from \$1200 in 1921 to only \$830, a drop of \$370.

Skating at Maple Leaf Rink on March 26. Good band music.

Bert Crosby died in Toronto while riding his bicycle down the street. Native of Uxbridge, he was former postmaster at Goodwood, and a grandson of the late Edward Wheeler, Stouffville.

William Harding died suddenly. He has been attending an auction sale at Frank Timbers where he acted as assistant clerk. That evening while Mrs. Harding was preparing medicine for a sudden pain in his head, he died before a doctor could be called.

C.C.F. HAS CANDIDATE IN ONTARIO CONTEST

"The farmer and industrial worker must co-operate for their own common good," declared Arthur Williams, chosen as C.C.F. candidate in the federal by-election for Ontario riding at his Oshawa meeting. Mr. Williams, a United Mine Workers of America official, was a member of the provincial legislature from 1943 to 1945.

Protesting "a deliberate campaign is under way to drive a wedge deeper and deeper between the farmer and the industrial workers" Mr. Williams said the C.C.F. represents the solution to this problem. He said the C.C.F. represented a people's party that "practised democracy as well as talking it."

"There is no reason why the farmer and worker can't get together. This has been proven in Saskatchewan," he said. "There is no fundamental clash of interest between the two."

The by-election is being held to fill the seat vacated by the death of W. E. N. Sinclair, Liberal.

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KINMOUNT DOCTOR WINS RACE WITH MR. STORK ON RAILWAY JIGGER

Many and varied are the tales of country doctors and their dramatic races with Mister Stork. But Doctor J. Rennie of Kinmount, Ontario, has a gem for the records.

One night about three weeks ago, Doctor Rennie won a round over unpredictable stork racing along on a railway jigger through the wilds of Haliburton.

It was the first child of nineteen-year-old Mrs. Kenneth Star of Gelert, and today, as the saying goes, "mother and daughter are doing fine."

The child, a baby girl, weighed only two pounds at birth.

Doctor Rennie gives much credit for the child's well being to the infant's grandmother, who, he says "was a great help."

WOULD THIS SALE DRAW A BIG CROWD TODAY

For Sale Having sold my farm, I am leaving for Oregon Territory by ox team, and will offer, March 1, 1949, all of my personal property, to-wit:

All ox teams except two teams, Buck and Ben and Tom and Jerry; two milk cows; 1 gray mare and colt; 1 pair of oxen and yoke; 1 baby yoke; 2 ox-carts; 1 iron foot of poplar weatherboards; a plow with wooden moldboard; 900 to 1,000 three-foot clap-boards; 1,500 ten-foot fence rails; 1 60-gallon soap kettle; \$5 sugar troughs made of white ash timber; 19 gallons of maple syrup; 2 spinning wheels; 30 pounds of mutton tallow; 1 large loom made by Jerry Wilson; 300 poles; 100 spit hoops; 1 32-gallon barrel of Johnson Miller whisky, 7 years old; 20 gallons of apple brandy; 1 40-gallon copper still; oak-tanned leather; 1 dozen reel books; 2 hand books; 3 scythes and cradles; 1 32 calibre rifle, butt-mould and powder horn, rifle made by Ben Miller; 50 gallons of soft soap; hams, bacon and lard; 40 gallons of sorghum molasses; 6 head of fox hounds, all smooth-mouthed except one.

At the same time I will sell my six negro slaves—2 men, 35 and 50 years old; 2 boys, 12 and 18 years old, and 2 mulatto wenches, 30 and 40 years old. Will sell all together to some party as will not separate them.

Terms of sale, cash at hand or note to draw 4 percent interest with Bob McConnell as surety.

My home is 2 miles south of Versailles, Kentucky, on the McCouns ferry pike. Sale at 8 o'clock. Plenty to drink and eat.

The above interesting sale announcement was handed to The Tribune by Mr. Edgerton Clubine whose father had it carefully preserved over the years.

The Editor's Mail

Dear Mr. Nolan,
 A clipping from the editorial page of your esteemed publication of March 18th, bearing the heading "Golf Stands High on Program O.E.A.," has just come to my notice.

This clipping states, in part: "Just why time should be wasted tooting up the delegates on the fine art of playing golf, is something we cannot fathom. The purpose of the Ontario Education Association is to advance and improve our system of education, and where golf comes into that picture we do not know, yet it is being advanced as a main item in program announcements. If golf has a place, then why not hockey, baseball, and for the junior class, marbles?"

Consequently, I cannot help but take exception to the paragraph quoted above from your paper as well as to the insinuation that the delegates to the O.E.A. convention were wasting their time on matters of unimportance.

The golf demonstration, to which you have apparently taken exception, was only a part of the program of the Women's Physical Education Section. While this demonstration was underway Dr. Trevor Lloyd, Chief of Geographical Bureau, Ottawa, was addressing the Urban Principals' Section on "Geography for Tomorrow's World"; a general business session was being held by the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations; Dr. W. W. Charters of Stephens College, Columbia Missouri, was speaking to the Primary Section on "Reading Skills"; Professor Harold Fawcett, specialist in methods at Ohio State University was outlining "Unifying Concepts in Mathematics;" and so on.

Actually, approximately only 400 delegates of the 6,000-odd at the O.E.A. convention saw the golf demonstration—these being interested in golf or any other sport that might have to do with Physical Education. That same day, incidentally, the Men's Physical Education Section saw a hockey demonstration and, the previous day, were addressed by Dr. Lou Little, the football coach from Columbia University.

Yours very truly,
 Harry M. Savage.
 (Mr. Savage wrote the editor at too great length consequently his letter is abbreviated to the main facts he sets out.—Editor)

THIS KNOWLEDGE

Q.—How can I polish tin?
 A.—Tin articles can be made to look as bright as silver by rubbing with soda and old paper.

Q.—How can I mend a hole in lace?
 A.—Place a piece of paper under the hole and stitch on the machine until the hole is filled. Then pick out the paper. Fine thread should be used for the stitching.

Q.—How can I avoid the spattering of hot grease?
 A.—Try placing a little salt in the frying pan.

Q.—How can I prevent the shells of eggs from cracking when boiling them?
 A.—This will not happen if the eggs are dipped into cold water immediately before putting them into the boiling water.

Q.—How can I sharpen the sewing machine needle?
 A.—Try stitching for several inches through a piece of very fine sandpaper.

Q.—How can I treat house plants that have become infested with insects?
 A.—Try sticking a few sulphur matches, heads down, into the soil around the plants. Spraying with a solution of naphtha soap is also effective.

Q.—How can I remove printing from cloth?
 A.—To remove the printing from flour and sugar sacks, cover the sacks with kerosene and let them stand for 24 hours; then cover with cold water and naphtha soap cut up fine, and allow to boil for 20 minutes. Then wash as usual. If necessary, repeat the operation.

Q.—How can I impart a creamy flavor to soup?
 A.—Place a piece of cheese, about the size of a walnut, in each quart of soup, before serving, and it will impart a rich, creamy flavor.

Q.—How can I remove warts?
 A.—Castor oil, lemon juice, or kerosene, applied several times daily for a few days, will cause them to disappear. Applications of

oil of cinnamon three times daily will remove them without soreness.

Q.—How can I obtain best results when washing mirrors?
 A.—Do not clean mirrors with soap and water. Rub them with a paste of whiting and water. When dry, polish with a dry chamol.

Q.—How can I dye white washable kid gloves?
 A.—Dye them a tan color by dipping them in a saffron water until the desired shade is obtained.

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