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## NOTES and COMMENTS

**Too Late for Daylight Saving Plebiscite**  
 There is no chance of an Ontario plebiscite on daylight saving time being held in conjunction with the June 7 provincial election.  
 The executive of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture last week asked its secretary, V. S. Milburn, to investigate the possibility.  
 "The plebiscite would have to be approved by the Legislature before it could be held in conjunction with the election vote," the official said.

### Attention, Dog Owners

Stouffville has a bylaw which requires dogs to be kept from roaming at large. Yet one too often sees dogs enjoying full freedom in the daytime while many of them are turned out at night to run where they please.  
 Even if there were no law to keep dogs tied for a part of the year, neighborly consideration should suffice to keep dogs from being a nuisance. They run over flower beds and frequently dig holes in gardens, uprooting plants. All of which causes much provocation and proves disheartening to residents who take pride in beautifying their property and having a nice garden.  
 A dog may be man's best friend, but at this season he can be the gardener's worst enemy. A little more consideration by dog owners will be greatly appreciated.

### Federation Protests Rates Increase

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture has gone on record as opposing the recently announced increase of 21% in Canadian rail freight rates, and has so indicated in a letter to the Prime Minister at Ottawa. The Federation presented a substantial brief last summer to the transport board during its hearing of the application of the railway companies for an increase of 30%.  
 Having gone thus far, the federation might justly protest the action of railway employees going on strike. One of the highest paid unions in all Canada, railway men threaten another strike if further wage boosts are not met, and Mr. John Public feels the men are not justified in their demands.

### Council Must Act

Thursday evening's municipal council meeting saw the first united effort by the organization of Stouffville to do what they can to alleviate the desperate need of better hall accommodation which faces this municipality. It was a credit to those organizations which sent representatives Business Men, the Women's Institute, the Athletic Club, the Lions Club and the Horticultural Society, that they should voice this united appeal for action in providing more adequate housing for meetings. Council cannot ignore this request, and except for excuses as to cost, which have grown whisksers by now, there is no reason why the proposed renovation of the municipal building cannot be gone ahead with this year—and most certainly if as the reeve states, a contractor is available who is on the job. Certainly, a town in Stouffville's sound financial position will surely not be balked in a program of improvement by the trifling amount it would require to repair the municipal building.

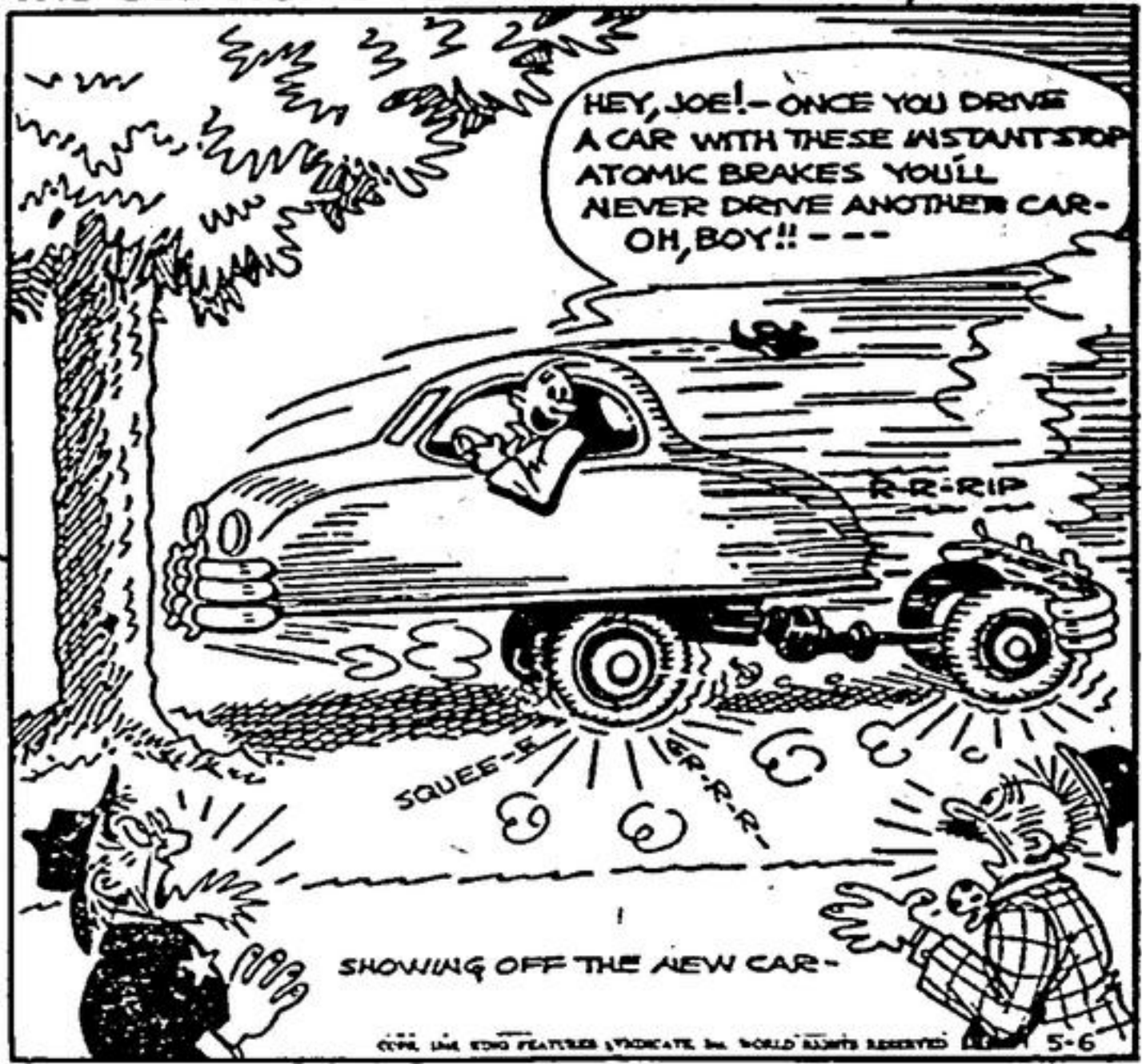
### Nothing is "Free"

When somebody down in the Nova Scotia Legislature demanded "free school books for all school students," Premier Angus Macdonald rose to deliver a few remarks which some may consider old-fashioned but which, we think, were pretty wholesome and worth repeating:  
 "Our fathers and grandfathers didn't expect everything to be done for them by some government. The time has come when somebody must get out and work as they did."  
 "There are cries that everyone should have an opportunity for a university education—I am glad that some of the best minds in the land now are taking the opposite view."  
 "There are many in universities at present who would be better off digging coal in Inverness or growing apples in Annapolis Valley."  
 Angus Macdonald had a right to say such things; one of a large family in a Scotch Cape Breton home, which knew nothing of wealth but a great deal about thrift, he was given a sound education without the aid of "free" school books—as were all others under the Macdonald roof.  
 And, come to think of it, there is a deal of nonsense talked about "free" school books, about "free" education, or about "free" something else. Nothing is "free." A government might come out for "free" movies—if things keep going as they are some government will; but the movies, which cost money, would have to be paid for by taxpayers just as taxpayers pay for "free" school books and "free" education—the sole difference being enlargement of the false idea that the Government can be made into some Great White Father distributing manna to everybody.

### This Move is Sound

Ontario and New York State have decided to go ahead and develop power along the St. Lawrence. This is a wise decision. For over 25 years Washington and Ottawa have been talking a combined seaway and power project but to date nothing has been accomplished. As The Financial Post pointed out some months ago, "we might as well face the fact that there exists a great deal of serious opposition, not to mention honest doubt, as to the practical merits of the combined scheme."  
 Whether or not the seaway-power project would ever prove profitable there is no question about the power. Here is a new source of 2.2 million horsepower (on the international stretch of the St. Lawrence) waiting to be developed. If we had it now a substantial block could be put to immediate and urgent use, and there should be little difficulty in finding new markets for the balance.  
 If the St. Lawrence project ever gets developed, it could be effective in more ways than one to the district of Stouffville, for we would be right on the seaboard with goods coming up to Toronto port direct from overseas, instead of being unloaded at Montreal and shipped down by rail. Naturally, Montreal and Quebec interests do not favor this. They want to handle those shipments of central Ontario as they now do.

## THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



## In Days of Yore

FROM THE FILES OF 1922

Mrs. D. W. Heise received a cable from Mr. Heise, stating that he and his party were sailing from Bombay, India, to Boston, scheduled to arrive June 7th.

Don't forget the Calithumpian Parade 10 a.m., May 24th, at Veterans' Demonstration. Claremont Band in attendance.

The Public School is overcrowded with the present attendance about sixty-three.

Chautaugua is in Stouffville this week.

Mr. Lloyd Turner of Mongolia is to be congratulated on his success in winning three first prizes for his team of Clydes at Uxbridge spring fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Clark of Omemea motored down on Saturday and spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Klinck.

We notice the name of Neil Smith among the successful candidates in the Freshman year at the Royal College of Dental Surgeons.

The relatives of the Christian Barkey family held a reunion at Orchard Lane Farm, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Hoover on the 5th concession of Markham.

Mrs. Robt. Leslie and little daughter Betty are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shaw.

A quiet wedding was celebrated on June 28 when Rev. Herbert Lee united in marriage Mervyn Elsworth Watts and Mabel Alice Boynton.

Stouffville Market: Butter, 27c a lb.; Eggs, 28c a doz.; Potatoes, \$1.00 a bag.

The annual Strawberry Festival of Goodwood Methodist Sunday School was well attended.

Mr. Ira D. Russell reports that he has a S.C. White Leghorn which laid her first egg when she was only 4 months and 2 days old. Can you beat it?

Miss Myrtle Beebe, teacher of piano and theory will re-open her class at her studio next week.

Melville Presbyterian church was struck by lightning on Saturday afternoon. Considerable damage was done.

Canada's Premier, The Right Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King will visit Stouffville. A motor procession will form at Ringwood with the fire brigade in the lead. The 48th Highlanders Band and school children will join the parade at the 9th concession en route to the park.

A nice new cement wall has been built around the boulevard in front of the Mennonite Church.

Peter Nighswander has installed a cider mill at Altona.

Has your preacher's wife a new hat? If not does she need one? Come and see that she gets suitable headgear by the last of October. The Mission Circle of the Methodist Church will present a play solving this problem the last week in October.

## IN OUR TIME

By Howie Hunt



"Now here's a pen we guarantee won't need a refill for 15 years."

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### A FREE PRESS

Hector McNeil, one of the brightest and most attractive of the present British Cabinet Ministers, represented Britain at the Geneva international Conference on Freedom of Information. He made a statement worth recording in letters of gold. "The British people regard restrictive press processes as Fascist, the abominable and vicious process by which a Government constitutes itself at once the author, the censor, the publisher, the prosecutor, the judge and jury..... The free expression of conflicting views is the life-blood of British journalism. When the Daily Mail goes wrong it is corrected by the Daily Herald. When the Daily Herald goes wrong—or right—it is corrected by the Daily Worker. But who corrects Pravda?" This is a splendid statement. It is one of the finest defences of a free press which has ever been offered. There is nothing to fear from a Socialist or any other kind of Government, as long as the rulers of Britain feel this way about freedom of speech.

Unfortunately, the rulers of Britain do not always seem to feel this way. The Government of which Mr. McNeil is a leading member has now a Royal Commission on the press, which was set up for the particular purpose of satisfying the demands of a group of left wing Socialists who felt that the Government ought to do something to control, if not punish, the British newspapers which are opposed to Socialism.

One British newspaper man makes reasonable suggestion that this Royal Commission should now call Mr. McNeil as its final witness and then adjourn, and stop wasting the public money on plans for Government interference with the liberty of the press.

The Messenger of Spring  
 The robins chirp, have you heard?  
 I cannot understand that bird,  
 He leaves his home in the south  
 Where there are worms for his  
 mouth,  
 The air is warm with a breeze,  
 And there are lots of bugs and  
 breeze.

He comes up north to the ice and  
 snow,  
 Where the winter winds still do  
 blow,  
 He flies around to keep from  
 freezing  
 While we humans are still sneezing;  
 Not even a caterpillar for his crop,  
 Or a dry spot on which to hop.

It must be his pioneer spirit,  
 Or something else very near it  
 That brings him north before the  
 crow,  
 Even before the sap does flow;  
 What brings him here at this early  
 date?  
 It surely must be to find a mate!

# City Protests Helping to Pay for Whitchurch Roads

Protesting that a bridge on the fourth concession of Whitchurch Township and a flume at Sutton was of no concern to Toronto, Board of Control agreed last week to seek a revamping of Toronto's obligations in connection with the Toronto and York Roads Commission.  
 At the council meeting last Monday members had protested that the city was forced under legislation to contribute some \$175,000 to the upkeep of roads miles outside of the Toronto area.  
 At the board meeting two items were presented, one calling upon the city to share in the cost of the bridge in Whitchurch and the other to repair a flume at a mill in Sutton.  
 "We certainly should oppose the city being obligated in either of these items. The Toronto and York Roads Commission is antiquated and we are being called upon to spend taxpayers' monies for work that is of no direct benefit to the citizens," Con. McKellar declared.  
 "I would like to move that we notify the powers that be that we are withdrawing from the Toronto and York Roads Commission altogether," Con. McKellar added. "We certainly should not be paying costs of roads up around Lake Simcoe."  
 "I think it is time that the area covered by the Toronto and York Roads Commission was defined under a specified radius from the city limits. What we've got to do with a flume up in Sutton is beyond me," declared Mayor McCallum.  
 The board decided to have its legal representatives attend a hearing of the Board of Transport Commissioners on May 7 to protest against the city being included in any share of the costs for the bridge in Whitchurch Township.  
 Toronto's representatives on the commission will be instructed to oppose any charge being made against the city for settlement of damages in connection with a flume located under the Sutton Road.

## School Cost \$11,000 Nine Years Ago - \$46,000 Today

Pickering, May 6—"It's a caution," members of Pickering township council mumbled as they gave second reading to a by-law to provide issuance of debentures for \$46,000 to cover cost of building a two-room school on the Altona Road. In 1939 they built the Lake School, similar in every respect, for only \$11,000.  
 Tenders have been called for the new building and work is to begin before long. The new school is known as section number 3, west.

## EXPECT SERIOUS WHITE GRUB OUTBREAKS IN ONTARIO DURING 1948

White grubs are expected to be abundant this year throughout the greater part of the agricultural areas of Ontario, with the exception of the Niagara Peninsula, Lambton

and Durham counties and the southern half of Ontario County, says the Division of Entomology, Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. The most severe infestations will probably occur in the area from Perth to Peterborough and in the Guelph and London districts, but any locality where white grubs caused losses in 1945 can expect significant damage during the 1948 season.

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**"Heart of New York"**—Al Jolson

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