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### NOTES and COMMENTS

#### The English Tunnel

The Boston Post says the long-dreamed-of tunnel under the English Channel connecting France and England is now nearing the blueprint stage and only a few minor matters need to be ironed out before the actual work begins, reports from Europe indicate. Predictions go so far as to say that by 1955 automobiles and trains will be trafficking back and forth between the island and the continent. The connection will be more than a mere physical link. It should bring the two nations even closer than they are.

#### Pass Along the Margarine?

According to press reports and word from the head of the dairy council, Canada will face one of the worst butter shortages on record in this country next fall. Very well, how about lifting the ban on oleomargarine for six months or a year, in order to help the farmers meet the need for butter, and in order give those folks butter that may have to go without.

If the forecast that there is a butter shortage eminent hadn't come from the top ranking officer of the dairy association, we would have passed it up as propaganda for the introduction of margarine.

#### Cleaning up at Musselman's Lake

The recent lawlessness that has outraged the cottagers and all other decent people in and about the Musselman's Lake area is being speedily put down by the police of the province, county and the local force.

Young hoodlums from Toronto landed at the lake in force on various occasions, broke into cottages, and assaulted and insulted decent girls in the neighborhood. They roamed about all night and made life a hideous thing for people who lived nearby.

Magistrate Martin promises to deal sternly with all who are brought before him and his announcement to this effect was read with great satisfaction. However, the hoodlums do not read very much and will learn only the hard way. Several who were implicated in recent trouble at the lake spent time in the Don jail, and this information will spread rapidly among their gang, with good effect.

It is a strange thing that lads 15 to 17 can be absent from their homes all night in order to roam around lake resorts, and not be checked up by their parents.

#### Income Tax Figures

During the session of Parliament recently prorogued, members from predominantly rural constituencies berated the government for sending income tax "snoopers" into the farming areas across Canada. The National Revenue Department now has 22,000 assessors checking farm returns. This large number of investigators is partly the result of casual inquiries by urban members about the percentage of farmers paying income tax.

Revenue Minister McCann disclosed that in 1943, the latest year for which final figures are available, 40,387 farmers in Canada paid a total of \$9,843,000 in income tax.

The Canada Year Book provides the other figures for comparison: In the same year Canadians as a whole paid income taxes totalling \$695,000,000. Farm families make up 29 per cent of the total population.

The 40,000 farmers who contributed were a small fraction of the 732,000 farm operators listed in the last census.

Surely farming is a more profitable venture than the figures indicate.

#### A Purely German Setting

Between 15 and 20 Ontario high school teachers of German will meet in Waterloo this week and speak nothing but German, eat German dishes and enjoy recreation with a German flavor.

Ironically, only one in the entire group is of German origin—A Hawkesbury teacher—and all are English speaking.

The get-together will be in the form of a week's refresher course at Waterloo College. The course is being sponsored by the teachers of German and is entirely independent of the Department of Education.

The teachers will order their meals at the table in German, carry on no other language — unless they get stuck.

#### Useful Sunflower

The sunflower is not only very decorative but very useful, and it is surprising that so few farmers or gardeners do not make more effort to make a crop of it, says the St. Thomas Times-Journal. It notes that the government of Queensland will devote 500,000 acres to the growing of sunflowers, chiefly for the purpose of feeding pigs.

The sunflower has three different values besides being good to look upon. The leaves make excellent feed for livestock and poultry, the seeds produce valuable oils, and the floral part yields a yellow dye.

The Times-Journal goes on to give these interesting facts:

"Russia grows millions of tons of sunflowers every year, and they can be grown with very little trouble in almost any country in the world. The British government is examining the virtues of the sunflowers, and it is even probable that the 3,000,000 acres which are now being planted to peanuts in Central Africa for the purpose of obtaining vegetable oils, will be planted in rotation with sunflowers. Current price of sunflowers is about \$30 a ton. Denmark is famed for its dairy products, and cake made from sunflowers was, before the war, largely used to feed bacon hogs and also poultry in winter.

"The average amount of oil in sunflower seed is 30 per cent, and that in peanuts 36 per cent. Sunflower oil is edible, semi-drying, pale yellow in color, and with a pleasing odor and flavor. The oil is said to be better than olive oil, because, being equal to the finest, it remains liquid at a lower temperature. For use in paints it transcends the drying properties of linseed by a margin of eight hours."

### Court Tries to find Home for Vigorous Old Uxbridge Man

With his white hair uncombed and his generous moustache giving him a somewhat distinguished air for all his 79 years of age, an Uxbridge resident appeared in Magistrate's court last week after a complaint had been laid that his neighbours found him eccentric. Crown Attorney Alex Hall described his former living quarters as a "chicken house" and "pig pen," and said that he had been living in conditions of squalor.

"I'm in good health and a good worker," said the aged man in a strong voice. Magistrate Ebbs asked that no charge be read against him. "I'm one of the best workers in Uxbridge," he told the court.

"Is that a compliment to you or a reflection on the others," quipped the Crown.

"You are too old a man to be living alone. Would you be willing to go to the county home?" asked the magistrate.

"I like to work, I'm in good health and like to live alone. If I die, I die," the aged man said.

Provincial police who investigated said that the M.O.H. had ordered his living quarters torn down. His household effects are in storage. The man said that he had known an inmate of the Ontario county home 17 years ago. He was taken back to jail pending finding of some accommodation.

#### MR. KING DENIES SALARY STATEMENT

Prime Minister King said last week in Ottawa he never has suggested that future prime ministers should receive a \$50,000-a-year salary to meet the financial and social burdens of the office.

"I never have mentioned any figure," he said.

A weekend Canadian Press story reported he had told friends he believed the prime ministerial salary should be \$50,000.

Mr. King, in salary, sessional indemnity and expense allowances, now receives \$23,000.

In a farewell speech to the House of Commons on prorogation night, the retiring prime minister spoke of the heavy costs of maintaining Laurier House, his personal residence, and suggested Parliament provide an official residence for future prime ministers.

#### NATIVE OF IRELAND W. J. GRAHAM BURIED AT UTICA

William J. Forsyth died at his home in Uxbridge on June 30th after only nine days illness, death being due to pneumonia. He was laid to rest in the Kendall cemetery, Utica, with Rev. L. E. Atkinson of Uxbridge performing the burial ceremony.

The late William John Graham was born in Ireland in 1868, a son of the late Mr. Orr Graham and Annie Nicholson, and came to Canada when a lad of seventeen years. For some years he farmed in Reach and later he took up land in North

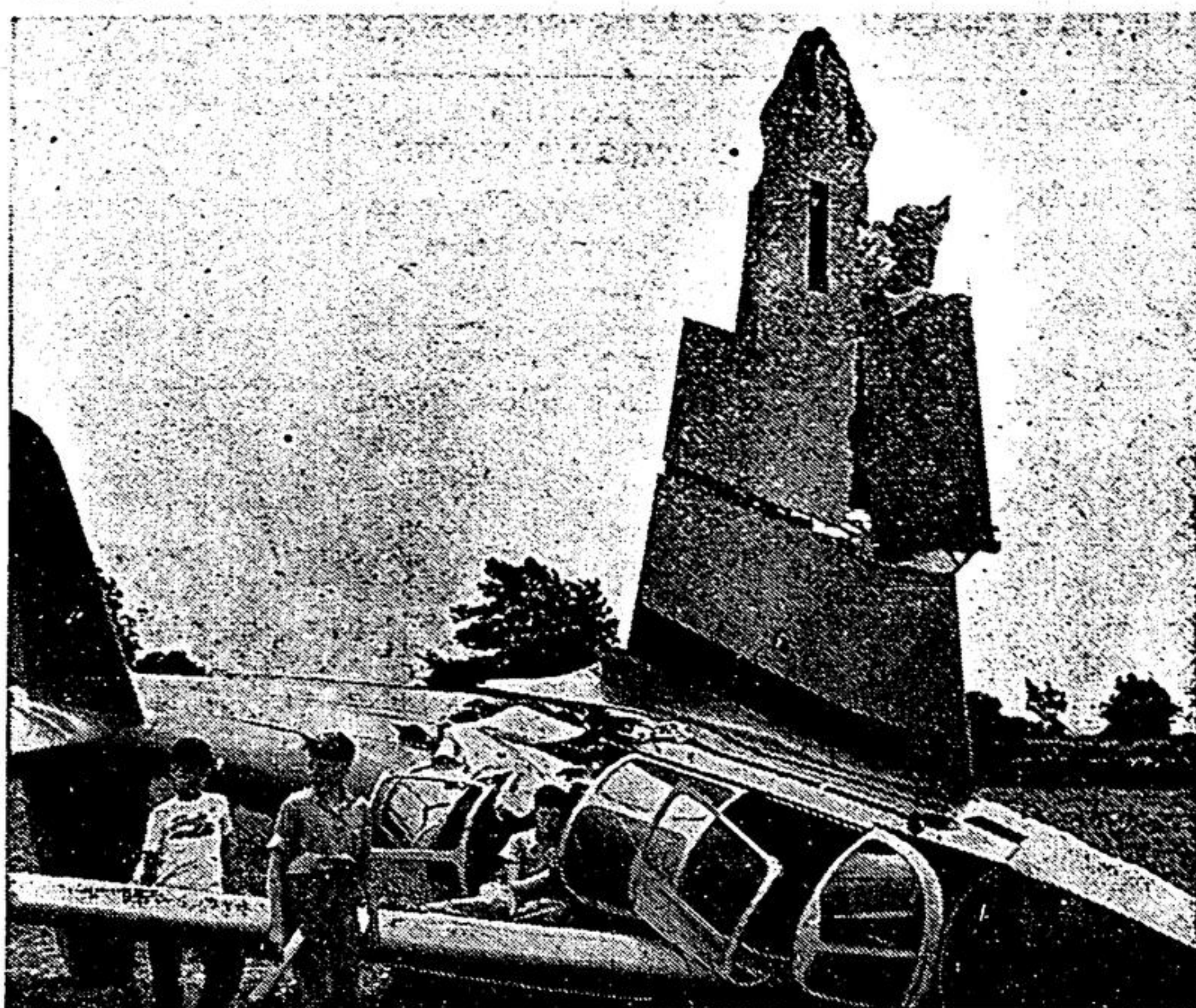
#### RETURNED TO OFFICE



Canada's first C.C.F. Socialist government received a vote of confidence in Saskatchewan's provincial election. The government, headed by Premier T. C. Douglas (above), was returned to office although its overwhelming majority was reduced. Liberal and Fusion candidates, headed by Liberal leader Walter A. Tucker (below), have 19 seats in the new legislature.



#### ENGINE FAILS, PLANE CRASHES, FARMERS AID INJURED FLIERS



Two injured men were removed from this wreckage of a single-engined plane which crashed nine miles east of

Windsor, Ont. Tecumseh district farmers rushed to aid Dr. John Lawson, 47, Windsor, the pilot, who was attempting an

emergency landing after engine failed, and his brother-in-law Robert Findlay, 42, Windsor. Neither carried a parachute.

Dakota, where he resided for sixteen years, after which he returned to Canada and farmed near Epsom, until he retired to Uxbridge.

In 1889 he married Miss Rosanna Wright, who with one son, Joseph Orr Graham, of Balsam, Ontario, and three daughters, Mrs. Merle Lambe (Jean) Oshawa; Mrs. Percy Moore (Bertha) Buffalo, N.Y., and Mrs. Harry Harper (Gladys), of Utica, survive.

CANADA'S FIRST LOCOMOTIVE An exact model of Canada's first locomotive, the "Dorchester," which ran on strap rails between St. John and La Prairie, Quebec, over one hundred years ago is one of the main exhibits of the newly opened Lachine museum. The museum, which was opened by Lachine's Mayor Anatole Carignan,

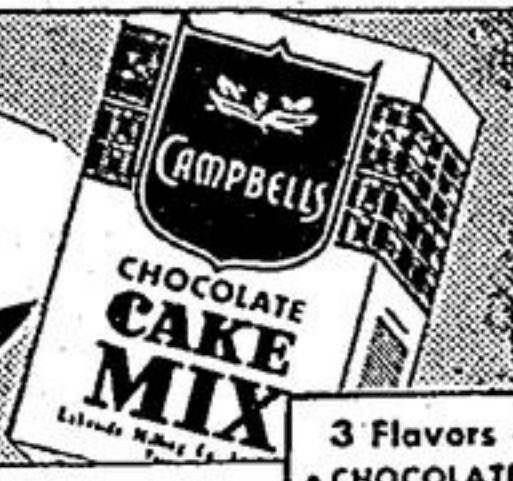
is situated in one of the oldest houses in Canada, on the La Salle Road. E. R. Battley, chief of motive power and car equipment, C.P.A.,

inspected the locomotive, a gift from Canadian National Railways, with Mayor Carignan, to check its "running order."

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