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## NOTES and COMMENTS

### Don't Take Chances

If you are walking on the street, keep your mind there too, not somewhere else, says Department of Highways officials.

People who step off the curb without thinking or looking all ways are courting danger and may become mere statistics in the accident toll.

Don't take needless chances. Cross the street carefully and only at places where motorists may expect you, at intersections, away from parked cars. It's just a few steps to the end of the block. Crossing in mid-block is not just lazy—it's dangerous.

### Higher Prices Mean Fewer Gifts

Canadian Christmas shoppers will be taking long, careful looks at the bargain counters this year.

They'll probably spend just as much as they did in the booming war years but they will get less. To-day's higher prices mean fewer gifts for friends and relatives.

Stores are jammed with the biggest and fanciest selection of gifts in history. But most merchants agreed they would be tougher to sell than last year.

Merchants said they expected dollar volume would equal that of any other postwar Christmas spending spree. Although months ago many of them feared a retail slump they could see no signs of it now, they said.

Only in the two biggest cities—Toronto and Montreal—were sales well behind expectations. Retailers said however, a few heavy snowfalls would send droves of people on shopping expeditions.

### Pay for Councillors

It always was the usual situation wherein members of township councils received pay for their services, usually so much a meeting. That was intended to reimburse the councillor for his travelling expenses and often for his meals since township councillors often eat away from home on council days. Then the pay has been increased to take care of time spent at the meetings. While all this has been going on over the years, councillors in villages seldom received any pay for their services.

In fact, a poll of the 26 municipalities in York will show that with the exception of perhaps Stouffville and Markham villages, every municipality pays its councillors some kind of recompense. However, at the nomination meeting the reeve said that if the old council was returned, he would support any move to provide some sort of remuneration for the members. When he made the promise during his speech to the electors, one or two in the audience said, "its about time they were paid."

In fact this paper finds strong support among the citizens for paying the councillors, and if we measure the opinion correctly the members will follow this lead in passing a by-law for this purpose. After all, "the laborer is worthy of his hire," and we believe that if the change takes place in providing some kind of recompense, it will not meet any adverse criticism.

### How Many Farmers Do This?

Modern farming methods depend on the use of machinery both to save manpower and to speed operations. A machine can do this only if it is in good condition and operated intelligently. Machinery in bad shape and poorly operated can lose time and require more labour than it saves, says W. S. Richardson, Dominion Experimental Station, Lennoxville, Que.

Now that the season for work on the land is over, it is time to make sure that the farm implements are stored properly for the winter. An elaborate building is not necessary. A simple structure that will protect them from sun, rain and snow is sufficient.

Although machinery has been and can be stored satisfactorily on barn floors and other odd corners of buildings, it is more handy and safer to have a separate implement shed some distance from the other buildings. It reduces the fire hazard and machinery is more likely to be put under cover as soon as the job is done.

Before storing, there are certain precautions to take and certain things to do if the implements are to come out in the spring ready for work. All metal parts which come in contact with the soil and are polished by this action, require a coating of grease or oil to prevent rust.

Old crankcase oil may be used. Anybody who has started to plow in the spring with a rusty mouldboard can appreciate the value of this.

Fertilizer distributors need special care. All fertilizer should be removed, the machine washed and allowed to dry and then all metal parts covered with grease or oil. Owing to the action of the fertilizer in attracting moisture these machines are short-lived under good conditions but one or two years neglect will ruin them.

It is good practice to set up on blocks all machinery equipped with rubber tires, and to see that the tires are all correctly inflated. This will prolong the life of the tires and is becoming more important as so many machines now travel on rubber.

If the tractor is being put in storage be sure that the cooling system is completely drained and that a little oil is placed in each cylinder.

Before putting the machinery away, look it over for weak or broken parts and order replacements as soon as possible so that there will be no delay in the spring. Repair parts are still difficult to get and too often machines are tied up at busy seasons waiting for delivery of these parts.

### Contributory Pensions

Ottawa reports indicate the federal government is considering a contributory old age pension plan and that legislation may be introduced at the forthcoming session of Parliament. This is a step in the right direction, and one The Tribune has long advocated.

Such a program is an integral part of social security, perhaps the most vital of all, and the sooner a start is made in it, the sooner the benefits will begin.

There can be few situations more tragic than that of a person who comes to the end of his working days penniless or with meagre savings — fearful of old age and dreary years of dependency upon a meagre government dole that smacks of charity.

In the final analysis, it is the average citizen who marries, buys a home, raises a family, pays his bills and his taxes down through the years, that makes the greatest contributions to the state — the greatest of these being

## JOURNEY'S END



### WHAT MERE THREAD CAN MEAN

(By Ronald Williams in The Financial Post)

Danish-born Neil Peter Petersen, president and general manager of Toronto's Canadian Acme Screw & Gear Ltd., saw a 15-year-old dream come true in Washington last week.

The United States, Canada and Britain formally signed an agreement for "Unified Screw Threads." This has been hailed as the greatest single step toward the goal of standardization of mechanical and engineering practices.

Immediately, it means that a nut threaded by a British manufacturer will fit a bolt cut by an American firm. But more than this, it paves the way for unification of all American, Canadian and British engineering practices.

At present, for instance, the British and American draw blueprints a different way.

Eventually it will lower production costs. A major obstacle to a freer exchange of trade has been removed.

It is being lauded as the forerunner of world-wide economic co-operation between Britain, Canada and the U.S., in peace, and particularly in war.

For example: more than \$600 millions in costs and six months in time could have been saved by the Allies if unified standards had been in effect in the second world war. It is claimed that proportionately, it means more to Canada than either U.S. or U.K.

Main advantages to Canadian industry are listed as follows:

- (1) Reduction in cost of manufacturing for American consumption.
- (2) Elimination of big inventory requirements for multiple standard dies, gauges, taps and tools for screw, bolt and nut production.
- (3) Merging of inventories of threaded products for domestic and foreign markets.
- (4) Lower per-unit cost because of longer production runs.
- (5) Elimination of new tooling costs when manufacturers get first foreign order.

Until the war, Petersen conducted the Canadian campaign almost single-handedly. He saw the need back in 1932. The first concrete steps were taken in 1943. Even then he was the only person in Canada who seemed interested enough to take time off to go to New York.

When Canada finally recognized its importance, Petersen was named chairman of the Screw Threads and Screw Products Committee of the Canadian Standards Association.

If any bouquets are handed out for the achievement, most of the people who have had anything to do with it will agree that Neil Petersen should get one of the biggest.

Not because he contributed most in the way of engineering know-how (although he has plenty of that), but mainly because he kept the conference going.

the raising of the family. If, through illness or other misfortune, such a breadwinner should reach the end of his working days with insufficient savings to see him through his declining years, none can blame him. That is the time the state should guarantee him freedom from fear and from want, not on the basis of charity, but on the basis of right.

A compulsory, contributory pensions plan is the sole answer. Contributions might be collected "at the source" as in the case of unemployment insurance. It should start with a boy's or girl's first pay envelope, and continue through until retirement. A pensionable person would receive his payments as a matter of right. The stigma of charity no longer would exist.

Statistics show 65.2 years as the average span of life expectancy. If the government were to adopt the contributory scheme, it might well give consideration to lowering the pensionable age in order that one might reasonably expect to enjoy some of the benefits of the pension scheme to which he had contributed in all his working years.

Major political parties in conventions this summer, went on record as favoring contributory pensions for all Canadians 65 and over. This unanimity augurs well for any legislation the government might introduce along this line. It is a recognition by all parties, that the present pensions system falls far short of what is required to give elderly persons the security they have earned.



Hon. W. A. GOODFELLOW  
 Minister of Public Welfare for Ontario

will speak on

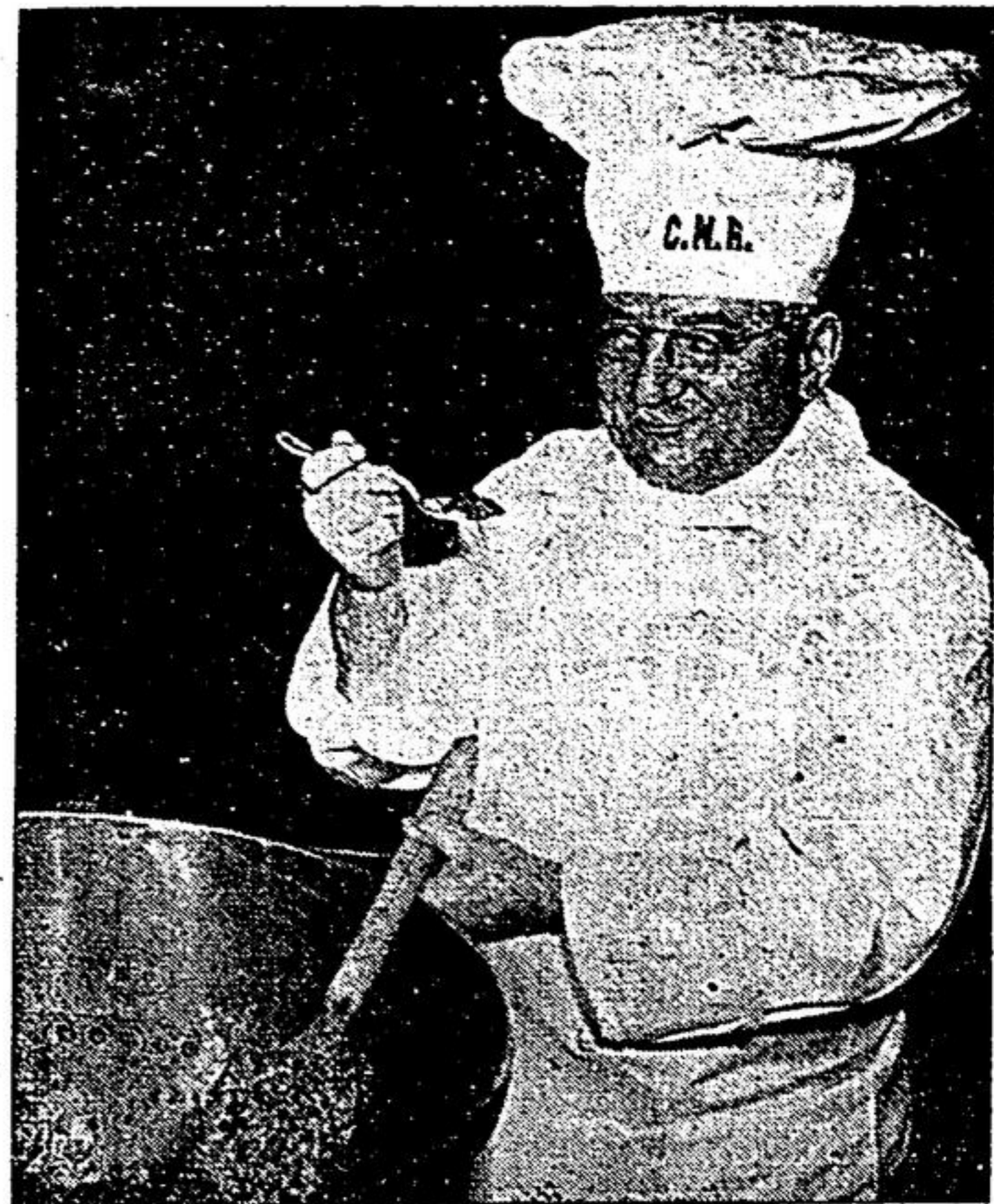
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## PUDDING BY THE TON



Housewives work out their recipes for Christmas pudding in terms of pounds, but Fred Conway, chef instructor for the Canadian National Railways, has the annual task of preparing three tons—or 29,000 servings—of the traditional Yuletide dessert. Working in a railway dining car with two assistants, he produces this 3-ton pudding entirely by hand in the brief space of two weeks. The special and proven CNR recipe calls for 675 pounds of sugar, 600 pounds of suet, 1200 pounds of raisins, 600 pounds of

currants, 600 pounds of mixed peel, 600 pounds of bread crumbs, 300 pounds of flour, 600 pounds of dates, 300 pounds prunes, 300 pounds of carrots, 125 pounds of assorted spices, 78 dozen lemons and 300 dozen eggs. With wooden spoon, Mr. Conway mixes the ingredients in a huge chrome plated bowl and measures out the pudding into 1 1/4 pound containers. Three hours later they are cooled, sealed and made ready for distribution to various points along the 23,500-mile CNR system.

### ENGLISH WOMAN LEAVES NEWFOUNDLAND VETS \$57,12

London, Dec. 3—A dozen former gunners of a Newfoundland anti-aircraft battery have been remembered by an English woman whose cooking they said they would never forget.

In her will, recently probated, she left £14,328 (\$57,312) to be shared by the Newfoundlanders, a schoolboy, a fleet air arm airman and a medical student, all of whom she "adopted" during the war.

The woman was Miss Edith Cawood, retired cookery teacher, who made friends of the Newfoundland gunners stationed near her suburban Sandstead home at the height of the blitz.

When the anti-aircraft battery-men went to Italy they did, not forget. They wrote regularly to their "godmother."

She died last July.

### PASTOR PICKS TIMELY TEXT

Rev. J. Maxwell Allan of Kirkhill, Ontario, chose a most timely topic for his Sunday sermon.

Rev. Allan was preaching on the text "The River of God is Full of Waters" when fire broke out in the church basement.

Inspired by the timely sermon members of the congregation pitched in and removed the safe, the pews and other valuable church property.

Said Rev. Allan—"There was no panic. I was talking about Abraham digging the new wells in the new land to which he led his people. But after the way my people behaved and worked to quench the fire I told them they were as good as Abraham."

The fire did two thousand dollars damage to the church. The pulpit and much of the woodwork was destroyed.

We need to do more than just keep the peace; we've got to pass it around.

## THE OLD HOME TOWN



## An Appreciation

TO ELECTORS  
 OF STOUFFVILLE:

In returning the council by acclamation for another term, the members of the municipal council of the Village of Stouffville herewith acknowledge the confidence placed in them and shall endeavour to conduct the village affairs in a manner that will merit the honor done them.

Henry Ogden, councillor  
 Glen Ratcliff, councillor  
 Clayt Baker, councillor  
 Jno. Scott, councillor  
 A. V. Nolan, reeve