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NOTES and COMMENTS

M.P. Repeaters Draw Big Pay

This is going to be a pretty remunerative year for some members of Parliament. Those who were in the last House and who were re-elected on June 27th such as Bob McGregor in East York stand to draw \$8,000 in sessional indemnities. On top of this they will receive the \$2,000 expense allowance thus getting paid off at the rate of \$10,000 which to use the current expression "ain't hay."

Wrong Emphasis

Students often seem to forget that their main purpose in going to school is to receive an education. Sports activity is healthful and beneficial, of course, but it should not be allowed to obscure the real class room objective. Football, in particular, has become such a spectacle that it is not hard to understand why some people think it is the main project of the day. High school students in Hazelton, Penn., who went out on strike because of the abolition of football, are a little bit mixed up when they parade reading, "No sports—no school."

Sports are still the sideline. Giving up football is admittedly drastic, but it is no reason to stop studying. The best way would be to try to work out some sort of a compromise, perhaps staging the sport on a curtailed basis.

—Boston Post

Newmarket Wins Honors

We extend congratulations to The Newmarket Express on winning second prize in the C.W.N.A. newspapers competition for best editorial page, being surpassed only by the Midland Express-Harold, published in a larger town. The Newmarket paper was given the David Williams Memorial Cup which they will hold for one year as a mark of their fine work. For best all-round paper in this class the highest number of points went to the Chilliwack, B.C. Progress, while Newmarket scored 72, staying well up in the list of 50 or 60 competitors.

The Tribune which holds the cup for best all-round paper in Ontario and Quebec in towns of 1500 or less, in the competition conducted by the Ontario-Quebec division, did not enter the larger field. The publishers feel that because of their large circulation they are confined to a competition with only very large towns, where it is possible to produce a paper which a village the size of Stouffville could hardly measure up to. However, some day the publishers may reverse this decision as we did back in 1938 when we stood third for best front page. However, our paper was in competition in the class circulation 1,000 to 2,000. Now with nearly 3,000 we are not eligible for that class and would be in competition, as we say, with the larger towns only throughout Canada.

Forbid City Boys Playing with Time

It is surely high time that parliament should take some action to prevent interference with standard time. We have a spectacle of the need for this right now. After putting up with so-called "fast time" all summer, the government for the city of Toronto proceeds to extend fast time for no good reason. Fast time is credited with saving hydro, but nobody has been able to prove that, and hydro officials have made statements in the past, (just last year when Toronto offered to change to fast time), that they could see no saving.

Here in the country children must rise at 5 in the morning (standard time) in order to get ready for school. They are on the road before daylight and if you ever had any experience in getting children up at such an hour, and starting them off in the cold gray dawn, you will know what you are forcing on the rural districts by interfering with standard time.

Toronto may say the country folk need not follow their way of living, but the country cannot ignore the city time. The city is big, milk must be delivered on time and to their liking, and with the two times (standard and fast) there is always a perfect muddle, hence the country very well has to submit to the dictates of the city.

If the Dominion government would enact a law that would stop the boys down at the City Hall from playing around with Old Father Time, everybody would be very happy. Perhaps the law might permit a summer change.

Story for Grandchildren

A young pilot went up from Barksdale Field, La., the other day in a jet fighter plane and at 10,000 feet flew into a storm. He prepared to bail out, unhooked his belt and was sucked swiftly out of the cockpit. The plane, going from under him at 350 miles an hour, crashed far below; the pilot floated down by chute and landed in the branches of a tree.

This incident in the life of an aviator will soon be forgotten by the world, but quite properly may endure as a family anecdote. A century ago the forty-niners travelled west by wagon, cart and pack mule and about half a century ago those same pioneers told stories to their grandchildren: "So we were awakened in the dead of night by the yell of Indians among our horses, and I climbed out of the wagon with my rifle, crept a hundred yards through the camp, walked into a redskin, we fought and I killed him." "Then what did you do, grandpa?" "Oh, I just went back to sleep."

And that's what young Major Charles Cole of Barksdale Field did when he got free of his parachute and climbed to earth—slept there on the ground until awakened at dawn by a farmers rooster. His grandchildren should hear of that flight.—New York Sun.

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HOLLYWOOD AND BRICKLAYING

(By Lewis Milligan)

A friend who had just returned from a motor tour in the United States told me of a "funny" incident he had witnessed during his visit to Hollywood. It seems that part of a motion picture was being staged on one side of a street, and the cameras and lights had to be set up on the opposite sidewalk. Electric cables were laid loosely across the surface of the street pavement, along which motor traffic was passing to and fro. The director of the picture, fearing that the current might be affected by the constant jar of the traffic, suggested that the carpenters, who were standing by, should lay planks on either side of the cable.

After some consultation, the carpenters decided that, according to union rules, it was not their job to lay the planks; that was the property-men's job. So the shooting of the picture had to be held up until the property men were brought and the planks duly laid in position. But, with the jarring of the traffic, the planks were jostled out of position, and the director suggested that they might be secured by a few spikes. The property men, however, said that spike-driving was a carpenter's job. As the carpenters had disappeared in the meantime, they had to be brought back, and after considerable delay the shooting of the

picture proceeded. It is a pity that this little incident was not included in the picture, as it might have provided a comic interlude. But my friend says that such incidents are quite common at Hollywood, and that the above example of strict union rules for studio employees is not as ridiculous as some others that occur in the process of making a picture. The idea, of course, is to spread out the work and provide employment for as many people as possible, even though it means that for the most part the "specialists" are standing around idle.

But such examples of inflexible union rules are not confined to the motion picture industry. In his chatty weekly columns appearing in the Orillia Packet, Mr. J. R. Hale, referring to a retired local bricklayer, writes:

"Things have changed since Mr. Leonard Wainman was active in his trade. He is now over eighty. In his day he, or any other good bricklayer, would lay 1200 bricks a day. He would think there was something wrong if he laid any less. Today in Toronto a bricklayer, I am told, lays 250 bricks. Five times 250 is 1250. In other words, a bricklayer today takes 5 days to do a day's work. For the five days in Toronto he gets \$75, which is quite a good sum. It is no wonder that building costs a lot these days. Other trades are

more or less similar."

I showed a clipping of the above to a Toronto architect and asked him what he thought about it. He said the figures were not quite correct, but he added: "It's a wonder to me that there is any brick-building in these days. A union man will lay around 400 bricks a day. This means that, with his helper, cost of materials—brick, mortar, etc.—you can't build a brick house for less than 10 cents a brick. It is not that they cannot lay more bricks, for I know of cases where bricklayers have taken jobs by private contract after hours, when they will lay bricks far above the prescribed union limit."

Bricklaying, of course, is seasonal work, and it is only right and fair that the men should be paid high wages in order to make up for the slack or no work periods. But, at least, they might render a good day's work for a good day's pay, and thus get on with the job of providing reasonably-priced homes for themselves and all other workers. If there was no shortage of housing there might be some excuse for going slowly, but the principle of the thing is wrong as applied to any job or occupation, and its effect upon any able bodied worker cannot be otherwise than degrading. There is no finer feeling at the end of a day's work than that one has done a good, honest job.

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With a two-unit goat milker and a herd of 30 British White and Nubian goats, Mrs. Stansby of Adderbury, near Banbury, England, is on her way to Victoria, B.C. Since her husband's death in 1916 Mrs. Stansby has been breeding high-class goats. Now she has left her 300-year-old home, taking with her two daughters, her housekeeper, the goats, four dogs and her furniture. The trip to Canada will cost over \$6,000—which figure, incidentally, is also the valuation of the herd of 30 goats. Her daughter Anne will accompany the goats