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NOTES and COMMENTS

Up to the Workers

Unless Canadian Government policies are careful, tariffs on goods imported from Japan are going to be too low to protect the interests of Canadian workers.

Believers in free trade as an economic theory will not go to the extent of arguing that the plan should be carried in practice to the point of admitting to Canada the products of workers paid a few cents per hour — as in the case in Japan.

Remember, these Japanese workers have available the same machines and tools with which to produce as are at the disposal of the Canadian workers. They have, or can develop, the same skill. The difference between them is that the Japanese worker is paid a pittance, while his Canadian competitors have a decent standard of living.

There are plenty of interests in Canada eager to exploit the cheap labor of Japan. There are importers who would like to handle Japanese goods. There are consumers who do not care what happens to Canadian workers, if they can buy goods a little more cheaply.

Unless Canadian workers take a stand about all this they need scarcely be surprised to experience the unemployment, unless they are willing to take such cuts in wages as will permit them to compete with Japan.

Municipal Bodies and the Press

Partly because there are a number of new members on municipal bodies this year, and party because we feel the matter should be re-stated for all, we publish below some extracts from a booklet, "The Municipal Council in Ontario," which outlines in clear manner the question of the relationship between municipal government and the press.

"While it holds no official position in municipal government the press plays an important and useful part in its operation. It is largely through the columns of the newspaper that the citizens obtain their information with respect to what matters are being dealt with by their council and their disposition. In this way the press serves as a connecting link between the council and its people and serves to protect the electors and taxpayers by keeping councils under close scrutiny.

"While the representatives of the press have no special rights they have the same right of attendance at council meetings and access to public records as other inhabitants of the municipality. Although the representatives of the press may be excluded from committee meetings experience shows in the long run, in most matters, it is better to have the representatives of the newspapers get the correct story first hand than to ge a garbled version of the proceedings by indirect means.

"Most newspapers can be relied upon not to publish information which it is clearly not in the public interest to have published. In fairness to the representatives of the press, however, it should be remembered that their business is to get news and not necessarily to print only what the council or a member of council wants to be published.

"There is probably no other agency in a community that can do more to promote or obstruct good municipal government than the local press."

EDITOR'S MAIL

459-463 King Street West,
Toronto 2B, Jan. 31, 1952.

A. V. Nolan and Son,
The Stouffville Tribune,
Stouffville, Ont.

Dear Sirs:

Another year has passed and again we wish to thank you and the staff of The Tribune for your splendid co-operation in presenting Salada advertising to the public.

This year marks our 60th anniversary which is almost like saying the 60th year we have used the newspapers of Canada for we went into the papers very soon after we started marketing our tea.

From the outset we had two basic ideas, the first was to give the finest quality of tea we could, and the second to advertise it as widely as our purse would permit, and the years have vindicated the policy.

The latest proof of this is the new building we are erecting in the Town of Mount Royal, Quebec, with a floor space of 125,000 square feet. It will be one of the most modern tea buildings in the world with the whole process of blending, packing and shipping carried out on one floor.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge once again the fine and courteous co-operation we have had from the newspapers.

Yours very truly,
Salada Tea Company of
Canada, Limited,
R. K. Bythell.

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EDITOR'S MAIL

Dear Editor:

I have been recently criticised because people have felt my actions in council were disturbing. However, I would like to point out to them these facts.

Recently, I was appointed as a member to the committee re plumbing and sanitation, and at the first meeting with our plumbing inspector, I find these surprising facts.

Markham Township is supplying the residents of Harding Park Sub-Division with water, and are not sending them bills, nor making any effort to collect remuneration therefrom. We have supplied Harding Park Sub-Division with 478,323 gallons of water since June 9, 1951, which would ordinarily be charged at 60c per thousand gallons, plus $8.00 per year service charge for each household.

I understand there are approximately 40 households. The reason for this is, and I quote from a report from Mr. T. L. Galbraith, plumbing inspector:

"In answer to your inquiries regarding Harding Sub-Division, the situation is as follows: Due to improper installation of present water system by the subdivider, the township engineers planned a complete system tying in with area No. 1, and assessing the cost against the landowners in the area covered. This plan was disputed by some, resulting in the township engineers making changes which are under way at the present. Due to the unsettled conditions, I was advised by council and their engineer to make no charge for water consumed until the matter was cleaned up. We took over from Richmond Hill on June 9, 1951."

I shall endeavour to do my utmost to clear up this situation because I do not think it is fair to the farmer for other taxpayers to have to supply water to any subdivision out of the general fund of the township, without making some effort to collect same.

The above is a good example of what a few may call peace disturbing; but in my opinion, this is one of many cases where the taxpayers money has not been properly handled.

Alf. Le Masurier

GREAT DEEDS

He felt within himself a mighty urge
To do great deeds that all men would acclaim;
To visit vice dens, haunts of crime, and purge
The land he loved from sordidness and shame.

He turned each night at end of futile day
His disappointed, weary footsteps home,
And pondered restless, sleepless hours away—
O, would his chance for glory never come!

Time passed. The impulse slowly waned, was dead!
That night he felt uplifted, restfull, sweet,
And down within a deep content: he'd led
A timid child across a busy street.

—W.F.R.

- FOR PARENTS ONLY -

(By Nancy Cleaver)

FEEDING THE BIRDS or MENU FOR FEATHERED FRIENDS

"The first pet I can remember was a blue jay."

Jack Miner writes in his fascinating autobiography "Jack Miner and the Birds." He was eager to keep his pet alive but unfortunately he didn't follow the right diet. Although he stuffed him with fish worms. Jack Miner admitted that "The next morning the blue was there, but the jay was silent."

Countless boys and girls have tried to make a pet of a wild bird but most of them have had more success with feeding the grown birds and leaving the care of the fledglings to their parents.

Throughout the spring and summer when they sing in the early mornings with such abandon, in the autumn when many of them gather in flocks to migrate to the South, birds are a never ceasing source of interest.

"I'm glad to feed the birds in the winter time," one bird watcher said enthusiastically, "They give me so much happiness that I am just repaying a little of the debt I owe to them."

It is true that birds have existed for centuries without much help from man. Some species such as the whooping crane have become almost extinct because of the ruthless killing by hunters. But during the long winter months in a climate like ours, especially after a heavy snow fall or an ice storm which forms a glazed covering on the trees and the ground, birds are often kept alive by providing food for them. It is hunger and not cold which kills many of our songsters.

On snowy days birds search for weed seeds and bushes with berries. A sunflower head, a few rows of wheat or stalks of corn with cobs are real treasure to the hungry feathered folk.

There are quite a number of people who throw a few crumbs on the ground after a snow or ice storm. But if this is only a spasmodic gesture, the birds cannot depend on the food supply. Feeding the birds faithfully is a rewarding leisure-time family project.

A wooden plank fastened firmly to form an extended window-ledge shelf is often used. Additional boards can be placed to form a shelter at one end from the prevailing winds and slanting roof erected to keep the snow off the food. A branch or two of pine or spruce in front of the shelf also provides some shelter. The birds like to light on a limb before eating. A thin glass curtain prevents the birds flying away in alarm when someone comes to the window to watch.

Sometimes a square feeding box with glass on three sides (so that the birds have shelter from the wind and can also be observed) is swung by stout wires from a sturdy branch of a tree. This can also be placed on a wooden post. A deep metal band on the trunk of the tree or around the post will discourage cats. This can be shaped in the form of a funnel with the edge slanting downwards.

Avoid metal trays or dishes if you want to feed birds in zero weather. Sometimes the poor bird's wet feet freeze to the wire mesh of a soap container as he struggles to remove the suet.

Keep the feeding place as rustic as possible. Shy birds are wary of brightly painted wood. Nuthatches, woodpeckers and chickadees are all glad to work hard to obtain the suet rubbed on the rough bark of a tree. Holes can be bored in a stump with the bark on it and these filled with melted grease.

An empty dried half of a grapefruit skin makes a handy container for melted grease. A food hopper can be constructed by punching holes along the upper edge of an open can, filling it with corn or rye or oats, and then inverting over a large wooden dish. This can be arranged so that the food will gradually drop down and flow out of the holes. All kinds of scraps of food from the kitchen—crumbs, bits of cereal or fruit such as apple cores, bits of dried meat, nuts and scrapings of peanut butter are quickly consumed.

Birds like drinking water in the winter. It quickly freezes and so it is well to put warm water out in a wooden bowl. In the summer time the birds can forage for food. But a little food and water supplied regularly at the feeding station attracts the feathered folk. The parent birds will sometimes be observed showing their young ones their feeding place in the mid summer.

In the warmer months, the bucket or pail with a small hole in the bottom, filled with water and suspended over a large shallow dish such as the cover for a big garbage can attracts the birds. Place gravel in the dish and watch how this running water acts as a magnet!

The Canadian National Parks Branch, Department of the Interior, Ottawa, has a useful pamphlet available on request on "Attracting Birds with Food and Water." On the New Book Shelf in the Public Library look for Leon A. Hausman's "Beginner's Guide to Attracting Birds." Purchase an inexpensive book such as the "Golden Nature Guide" by Zim and Gabrielson (Simon and Schuster). Buy or borrow P. A. Taverner's "Birds of Canada" or R. T. Peterson's "Field Guide to the Birds" so that you will know the names of the feathered friends who enjoy your food and water.

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DAYS of YORE

From the Files of The Tribune

18 Years Ago

A tragic death occurred at Lake Musselman on Sunday afternoon when John Dults dropped dead while skating on the lake. He was in the midst of entertaining a party of eight or ten Toronto friends on Sunday at his cottage and all were enjoying the ice skating when the unfortunate fellow collapsed in the midst of the merriment.

The community was shocked on Friday evening to learn of the drowning accident which befell Mr. Roy Brillinger of Orillia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brillinger of Stouffville. Mr. Brillinger was walking across the ice of Lake Couchiching when the frozen surface gave way and he fell into the water. Before rescuers were able to reach him the body was whirled away by the swift current.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce at Markham was robbed by two youthful bandits of around $2300 on Monday afternoon and although Mr. Orval Hisey took up the chase the bandits made a successful escape.

Stouffville Mohawks scored a 1-0 shut out over Sutton this week with "Dinty" Hodgins netting the lone tally for the locals. The largest crowd of the season witnessed the most exciting game to be played here this winter.

Markham Township Council met on Monday evening when the highest relief bill to date was passed amounting to nearly $1300.

Donald McKinnon, formerly of Cashel was smothered to death when a trench which he was digging caved in. Other workers scrambled to safety but McKinnon became trapped. The excavation was cleared in a short time and in spite of artificial respiration the victim never recovered.

There are still a number of vacant houses in Stouffville, ten to be exact. This is unusual for this town considering the low tax rate.

Since the last issue of the paper we have experienced the most severe weather of the winter season with the thermometer registering 18 degrees below zero.

Owing to the extremely cold weather the farm stock sale of Russell Storry, north of town, had to be postponed.

High prices were registered at the farm auction sale of B. D. Davidson of Victoria Square when one registered cow brought $140. Work horses sold at $100 while oats went at 37c per bushel.

14 Years Ago

Those who feared the January thaw would miss us this season are now at rest again on this score. The warm sun on Sunday melted the snow banks down, and on Monday it rained off and on filling the low cisterns and swelling the creeks while gladening the hearts of farmers whose water supply might have been getting low.

The old blacksmith shop on Mill Street, just north of Schell's butcher shop has been sold to Rev. E. Morton, pastor of the Christian Churches at Ringwood, Bloomington and Altona. Mr. Morton intends to make use of the excellent frame in the building in the construction of a house for himself.

Nine pupils attending Markham High School last term from Stouffville, cost the taxpayers of this village $563.92. It is not so many years ago since parents were compelled to pay at least a part of this cost themselves, but the law to-day compels the state to provide the whole cost, and thus the bill which comes from Markham because Stouffville does not provide the education these pupils seek.

Returning from Toronto after midnight on Tuesday Mr. Thomas Birkett, insurance broker of the town, struck a C.N.R. train at the Markham crossing. Fortunately the freight was at a standstill but due to the heavy fog the driver did not notice the barricade across the road.

The Stouffville Creamery disclosed the fact that the price of cream as paid by them has hit a record high. The company right now is paying for cream delivered 38c for special grade, and 36c for first grade.

R. H. Spofford, 10th concession farmer at Mongolia, sold a fancy pair of gray geldings last week to George Rodanz for use on his Burnbrae Farms at Ringwood. So few of the farmers take any pride in raising good horses these days that it is almost like old times to read of the sale of something that would make good show stock.

THE OLD HOME TOWN! By STANLEY

FAIR PRESIDENT

Dalton Rummey well-known Victoria Square farmer has been elected president of Richmond Hill Agicultural Society. The fair will hold its 103rd annual fair May 24th.

BREITHAUPT TO BE SWORN IN FEB. 18TH

Premier Frost stated last week that Louis O. Breithaupt of Kitchener likely will be sworn in as Ontario lieutenant-governor on Feb. 18th, the day his appointment becomes effective.

The new lieutenant-governor's first official duty will probably be the opening Feb. 21 of the first session of Ontario's 24th Legislature.

Skinny men, women gain 5, 10, 15 lbs.

Get New Pep, Vim, Vigor

What a thrill. Bony limbs fill out, ugly hollows fill up, neck no longer scrawny body loses half-starved, sickly "bean-pole" look. Thousands of girls, women, men, who never could gain before, are now proud of shapely, healthy-looking bodies. They thank the special vigor-building, flesh-building tonic, Ostrex. Its tonics, stimulants, invigorators, iron, vitamin B_1, calcium, enrich blood, improve appetite and digestion so food gives you more strength and nourishment, put flesh on bare bones. Don't fear getting too fat. Stop when you've gained the 5, 10, 15 or 20 lbs. you need for normal weight. Costs little. New "set organized" size *only* 60c. Try famous Ostrex Tonic Tablets for new vigor and added pounds, this very day. At all druggists.

Barbara Brent's BUYS AND WHYS
A WEEKLY INFORMATION SERVICE

MONTREAL—$5,000.00 PRIZE MONEY! Here's your Big Chance to win the $1,000.00 First Prize or any other of the 143 Cash Awards to a total of $5,000.00. Second prize is $200.00, third prize is $100.00 and there are 140 prizes of $5.00 each. All of these prizes will be DOUBLED if the Prize Winning Contestant has attached only one box-top, label or facsimile from any one of the following products: Velveeta box-top; Crown Brand Corn Syrup label or top from cone topped tin; any "Junket" box-top; Tintex Dye or Color Remover box-top; Tender Leaf Tea box-top from a container of tea or tea bags; Bovril box-top or label; ReaLemon lemon juice label; Vi-Tone can top; Miracle Whip Salad Dressing label; Bromo Seltzer box-top or label; Silver Gloss Starch box-top; Robin Hood Cake Mix box-top—White, Chocolate or Gingerbread; Johnson's Pride Furniture Wax label; Davis Gelatine box-top; Lavoris box-top or label; Zubes Cough Lozenges paper disc; Mil-Ko box-top; Chase & Sanborn Coffee front panel from bag or metal strip from tin; Kraft De Luxe Slices label. You need just one box-top, label or facsimile to DOUBLE your prize money. And you can win a SPECIAL $1,000.00 BONUS, too. Read about it under heading "$1,000.00 BONUS".

$1,000.00 BONUS
At the time of the judging, a Special $1,000.00 Bonus will be awarded to the first contestant, with correct solution, who has enclosed one box-top, label or facsimile from any six of the products mentioned above. The judging will continue, if necessary, beyond the awarding of the other 143 prizes until a correct solution is found which qualifies for this Special $1,000.00 Bonus!

CONFIDENTIALLY YOURS, the popular new week-end newspaper column, presents this Great and Easy Contest. This is all you have to do: ***Find and circle 19 letters of the alphabet in this column, which if placed in order, would spell*** CONFIDENTIALLY YOURS. Here's a winning tip, just read back a few lines and you will find the word "Contest". Circle each of the first three letters and you are on your way to the Big Prize Money! You will find the remainder of the letters scattered throughout the column. The order in which they are circled does not matter. You may circle the letters in this column or on a separate slip of paper write the complete words from which you took the key letters which spell out your solution. These key letters must then be circled. In this way you can send in as many entries as you wish! ***Contest closes March 31st, 1952.*** Be sure to include your name and address. Only first class mail with sufficient postage accepted. Remember $2,000.00 is the First Prize if correct solution contains a box-top, label or facsimile from any of the above products. THERE ARE 143 OTHER PRIZES FOR A GRAND TOTAL OF $5,000.00! Major prize winners' names will appear in this column within a few weeks. A complete list of winners will be furnished on request. ***Mail your entries and enclosures to*** **CONFIDENTIALLY YOURS, *P.O. Box 350, Station H, Montreal.*** Increase your chances of winning by rushing as many entries as possible.

Hang Some Gay Decorations—put on a pretty dress—and have *fun at* your youngsters' parties. It's easy to do when you're not all worn out from fussing over "fussy" food. Simply make something easy—yet oh-so-delicious . . . with wonderful JELL-O PUDDINGS. Here's a recipe that's always a party-success—yet economical and simple to prepare . . . *Marble Pie.*
Prepare 1 package each Jell-O Chocolate Pudding and Jell-O Vanilla Pudding, using 1¾ cups milk for each. Cool mixtures. Put, a tablespoon at a time, into baked 9-inch pie shell, alternating flavours. Cut through filling with knife in zigzag course to "marble", repeat in opposite direction.

I've Never Seen A Husband as proud as Mary's was the other night! He beamed with delight when we all asked for second helpings of Mary's wonderful cake. She told us her cake success "secret" . . . SWANS DOWN CAKE FLOUR. Surprised? No, I'll bet you're not if you use Swans Down. For you *know* that it makes cakes as light as a dream . . . beautiful, tender cakes that melt in your mouth. But do you know *why* Swans Down makes such wonderful cakes? Firstly—it's made by cake-flour experts. And—it's sifted and resifted 'til it's 27 times as fine as ordinary flour. Don't take chances when you're cake-baking . . . to all your precious ingredients — add the "wizardry" of Swans Down Cake Flour.

I Never Did Believe that old saying about being able to do something "with your hands tied behind your back". Just try it sometime! Your hands are just about the most *precious* possession you have . . . so why not give them the good care they deserve? After a particularly "grubby" job—treat them to a thorough cleansing with wonder-working SNAP HAND CLEANER. Snap removes grease stains and all hard-to-get-off dirt in a flash . . . yet it's *kind* to your hands. It's kind *three* ways. For Snap Hand Cleaner contains three magic ingredients — fine Italian pumice and pure soap for cleansing—*plus* kind-to-hands glycerin for conditioning. That's why I urge you to take good care of your hard-working hands — with Snap Hand Cleaner.

Yes, It's True, as I've proved to myself again and again. For *five* "upsets" that can make you feel sluggish and blue—there's *one* remedy to set you right . . . speedy, sparkling SAL HEPATICA. Anytime you suffer from irregularity—headaches—liver upset—constipation or over-indulgence . . . take gentle Sal Hepatica for *fast* relief. It usually leaves you feeling like a million in no time at all! Yes, Sal Hepatica has saved the day—and the evening—many a time for me. That's why I *always* like to have this "one-for-five" laxative handy in my medicine-cabinet!

Only The Very Rich could afford to drink tea in the days of Queen Elizabeth. Tea taxes in England were so high that tea smuggling was a common occurrence. The King's men whipped and hanged the daring smugglers, but they were regarded more as heroes than as criminals by the people. For tea, even then, was a much-sought-after beverage. In those days, it wasn't blended and would be almost unrecognizable as tea to us today. So I can't help thinking how *lucky* we are to have, within "pocket-book reach" of all of us—a tea blend as superb as RED ROSE TEA. Ever tasted it? Well, do! And, by the way, you'll like Red Rose Coffee as much as Red Rose Tea!