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NOTES and COMMENTS

Careless Driving

Innumerable charges of careless driving are heard nowadays in police courts across the province. In view of the increased menace which a reckless or careless driver constitutes to other people there is a growing feeling that conviction on such a charge should carry a heavier penalty . . . a penalty which would be severe enough to make a lasting impression on the offending driver's mind. Careless driving is just a step away from dangerous driving and there might be fewer dangerous drivers if the lesser offence was more severely dealt with.

This Isn't What We Were Told

"As Canada's population climbs, as her production advances, and her general economy expands, CBC network grows in effectiveness as a major selling force. This fact is recognized by the country's largest advertisers." So begins a full-page advertisement in "Canadian Advertising," the reference manual for those seeking the proper outlet for their advertising dollars. Hasn't the public been given to believe that CBC is to be less and less commercial, now that public subsidization of its upkeep has been doubled? Wasn't the increase in subsidy, in fact, conditional upon a decrease in commercialism? Doesn't CBC itself swear up and down that it only takes advertising as a last resort, and then only where needed to supplement its subsidy? Why, then, this open solicitation of more and more advertising? Apparently CBC's policy will continue to be one of talking grand opera, but presenting soap opera.

Vanishing Porridge

As the horse and buggy has largely vanished from the streets of most Canadian communities so too has old fashioned oatmeal porridge vanished from the breakfast tables of countless Canadian homes. A large dish of oatmeal porridge, cooked by mother well ahead of time, and topped with brown sugar and thick cream was a breakfast institution when we were children. The head of the family, particularly if he was of Scottish descent, would think twice in those days before starting off on his day's work without a substantial helping of "parritch" under his belt. Now porridge is pretty well a dish of the old diehards, and finds small favor with the younger generation. Today's children seem to prefer the lighter packaged breakfast cereals that crackle and pop and explode and contain prizes and which in fact do about everything under the sun except stick to a man's ribs. May we shed a tear over the passing of that grand old dish, oatmeal porridge. —Brockville Recorder & Times.

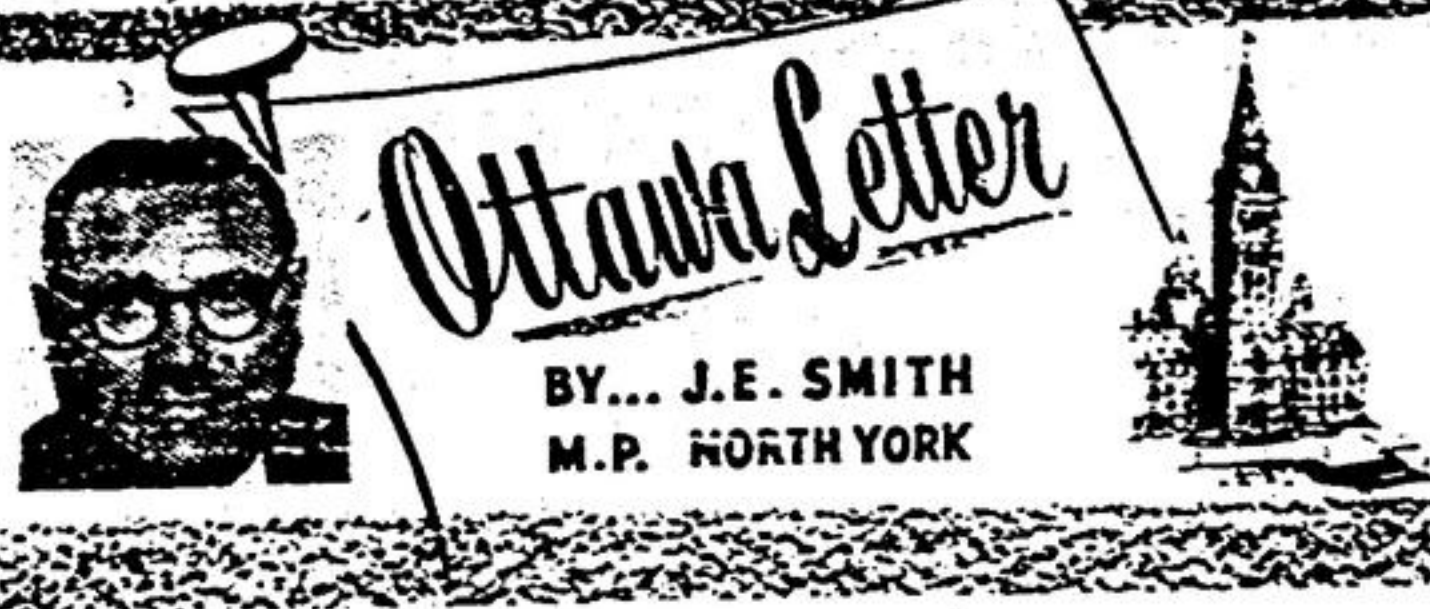
Building Trades Pricing Themselves Out Of The Housing Market

Thanks to a high degree of organization, and of a leadership almost totally unconcerned with the public interest, the building trades have virtually priced themselves out of the housing market. As a consequence of high wages and a very low order of productivity housing costs have sky-rocketed, with the result that only about half as many houses will be started this year as were started in 1951. Moreover, few of such houses as are built this year will be built for rent, since their high cost would necessitate an economic rental far in excess of what the average worker would, should, or in many cases could pay. Because the wages and work policies of the construction mechanics have put housing beyond the reach of the average citizen there arises periodically a demand that "low-cost rental housing units" be provided by the State. One wonders what the term "low-cost" means in this connection. At current prices of labour and of housing materials the construction of any housing units cannot possibly be described as "low-cost." Presumably, then, the term "low-cost" is designed to describe the level of rents. In other words, the State is expected to put up housing units which must be costly under to-day's conditions and then to rent them to "the People." But what people? How, in the current climate of opinion, can a means test be developed? How, without a means test, can the high-cost low-rent housing be honestly distributed? Or will political pull, or bribery, or other favouritism become the basis for selection? What the advocates of "low-cost rental housing units" are really demanding is that the State subsidize the highly organized and monopolistic construction worker, leaving him to enjoy his current inordinate wages whatever the state of the housing market. In other words, when the consumer decides he can not or will not pay the price of housing demanded by organized labour, the State will help not the consumer but the high-priced union workman. Further, the State will do this by penalizing the low-paid worker through taxes, since only by means of taxes can the State raise the money necessary to support the monopolistic union worker in the style to which he has become accustomed. Ours is supposed to be an economy ruled by the law of supply and demand operating through the price mechanism. If the State does not permit the price mechanism to work when it would be to the benefit of the bulk of consumers, the State is helping to maintain a form of monopoly. It is also playing favourites in what is supposed to be a classless society. Housing may be as short as the advocates of State-supplied "low-cost rental housing" declare. But the overall situation will not be helped by throwing a greater tax burden upon the people of Canada as a whole, particularly at this juncture, in order that the building mechanics can ride in their automobiles while their prospective customers ride street cars or use shank's pony. —The Bowmanville Statesman.

C.N. PLANS SUMMER CRUISES TO ALASKA

Vancouver, May 12 — Eight cruises from Vancouver to Skagway, Alaska, by way of the sheltered Inside Passage route are scheduled this year for the liner Prince George, flagship of the Canadian National Steamships Pacific Coast fleet. The Prince George will inaugurate the summer series when she sails from Vancouver on June 13.

Northbound, the liner calls at Prince Rupert, Ketchikan and Juneau, en route to Skagway. Southbound calls are made at Wrangell, Ketchikan, Prince Rupert and Ocean Falls. In addition to the special summer cruises of the Prince George, the C.N. Steamships operate year-round five-day cruises to Ketchikan, sailing from Vancouver every Monday and calling at Powell River, Ocean Falls and Prince Ru-



Parliament this week made history by introducing legislation to establish a National Library. Prime Minister St. Laurent introduced the measure which had the unanimous support of all members in all parties. It marked the initial step toward the fulfilment of a dream which has long engaged the imagination and hopes of the Canadian people. A National Library was first suggested for Canada by Sir Wilfred Laurier back in the nineties. Since that time many organizations have actively urged that such action be taken by the government. In September, 1948, the Dominion Archivist was asked to do preliminary organization work and a National Library Advisory Committee was appointed under his chairmanship. In 1949 the Massey Commission on National development in the Arts, Letters and Sciences was asked to consider the question of a National Library. The purpose of the legislation introduced this week is to carry into effect the recommendations of that Royal Commission that a National Library be established without delay. It may be that under existing conditions some time will of necessity pass before the Library becomes a reality, but at least a start has been made. In the first place defence requirements make the immediate erection of the necessary building impossible at the present time. In addition there is the fact that a great deal of preliminary work is required before a National Library can really commence public service. It is planned to make Canada's National Library just a little different from National Libraries in many other countries. In making plans for the National Library it is assumed that there will be the closest possible cooperation between the new library, the existing Parliamentary Library and all other libraries throughout the country. It is hoped to reduce to a minimum all duplication. One basic objective of any National Library the P.M. said in introducing the Bill is to become the most comprehensive library in the world on its own country. It is proposed that Canada's National Library should try to reach that objective, but that in working to-

ward that end it should co-operate with other government libraries and other institutions throughout Canada now having libraries. The Massey report recommends that the National Library should secure as complete a collection as possible of books published in Canada, books published by Canadians and books of Canadian themes so that it might be the most comprehensive collection of books in the world relating to Canada. The introduction of the Bill to establish a National Library was one of those happy and harmonious occasions here in Parliament when all parties were in agreement. Canada was one of the few important countries of the world without a National Library, and leaders of all parties united in commending the idea and urging that the work go forward with the speed merited by the importance of the project.

Fishing Industry
 The importance of the fishing industry is not always appreciated to the full by Canadians living in inland areas. A return made to the House this week revealed the value of the fishing industry production in 1951 at more than \$200 million. It showed more than 104,000 persons employed in the industry.

Radio Licenses
 Receipts from radio licenses throughout Canada in 1951 amounted to \$5,304,964.00, of this amount \$1,613,752 was from the Province of Ontario.

Piper Here
 Folks around Parliament Hill with Scottish blood had a great day here recently. It was the occasion of the visit of Pipe Major William Ross head of the School of Pipers of Edinburgh and 18-year old John Burgess one of his pupils who he says is the best young piper in Scotland. The talented piper in the Railway Committee Room here, which was greatly enjoyed.

Maritime Trip
 This weekend we are accompanying a group of some 100 members and their wives on a trip to the East Coast. We will be guests of the Halifax Chamber of Commerce and will visit many interesting points in the Maritimes.

FOR PARENTS ONLY

(By Nancy Cleaver)

FAMILY HOSPITALITY

"The fellows may drop in after the Scout meeting. How about some eats, Mum?"
 "Susan wants to hear my new records Friday night. She's coming over right after supper."
 "The gang are going to the Saturday matinee. Could we throw a supper party without too much fuss?"
 Home hospitality is valuable to a boy or girl at any age, but it is exceedingly important during the teen years. An adolescent is apt to know moments of insecurity about his place in his own age group. It is a great help to be able to ask "the gang" in at short notice or feel free to invite a special friend to enjoy music or a game or some other pleasure. Informal entertaining is much less strain on a teen ager—and on the family, than a formal party. Any parent who is puzzled by the behaviour of a tall son or daughter when "company" is present should read or re-read the incomparable story "Seventeen" by Booth Tarkington. Turn to the chapter beginning "At Home to His Friends" for an amusing but painful picture of William's brain storm over dressing for the party for his best girl, "Miss Pratt!" Recent surveys in different communities have brought to light the "beef" of many adolescents about the lack of parental friendliness to their companions. A boy may be critical of his father's ways, of his mother's hair-do, but all the same he wants to know he can bring his chums in the front door with him. Almost-grown-up

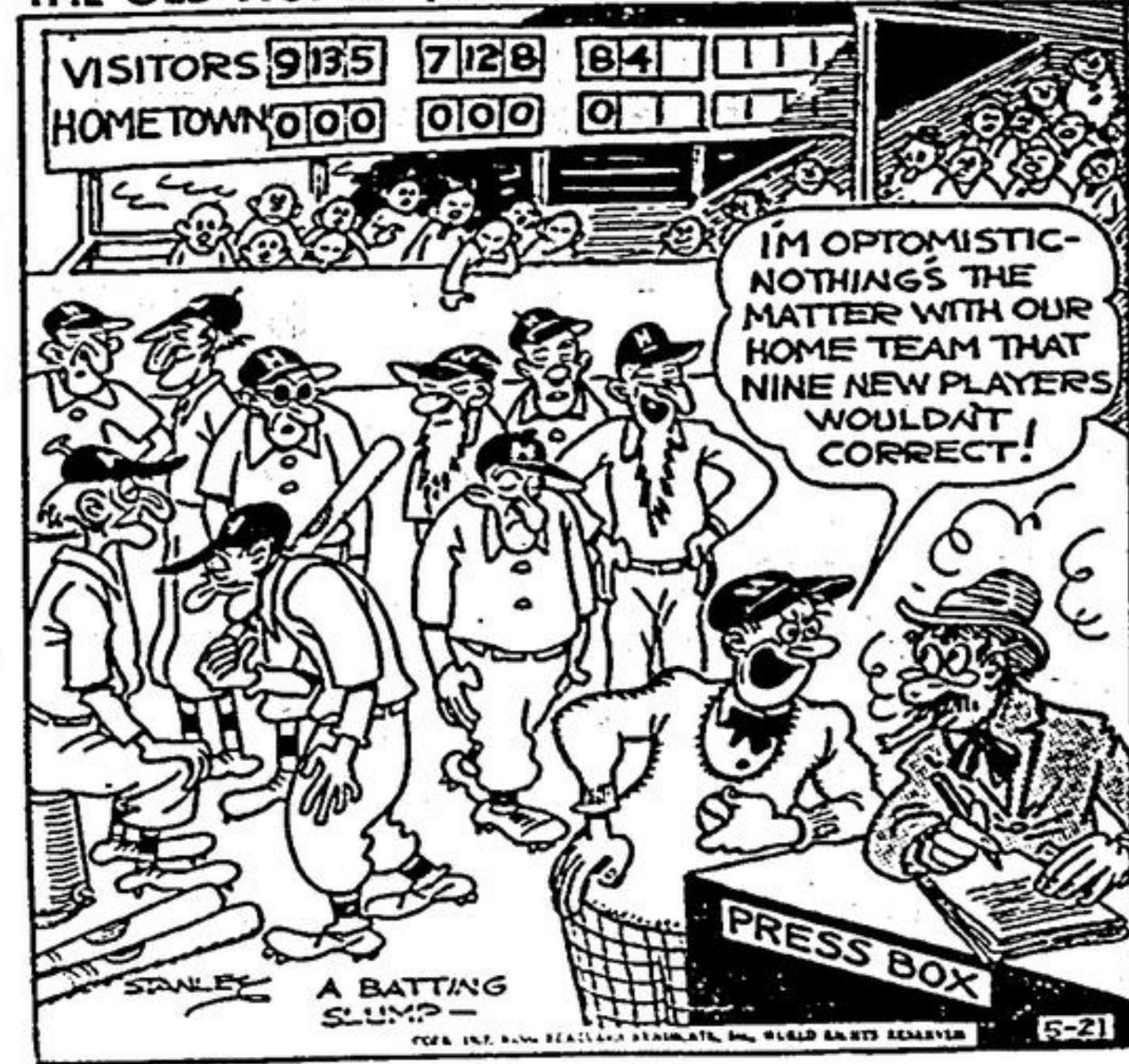
daughter may think a small brother or sister a perfect pest. She may judge her mother as sadly lacking in sophistication, but nevertheless she does want, from time to time, to invite her friend or friends into her home. Fathers and mothers are seldom asked why they are so reluctant about endorsing an "Open House" plan for younger members of the family. They may be very busy, or worried by financial or health problems. They don't do much entertaining of their friends, so why should they bother about their children's chums? Sometimes parents consider hospitality a luxury which costs too much. Boys and girls who are earning money in their spare time with paper routes, running errands, baby sitting, etc., should share at least half the bill of "eats" for the crowd. Dad may think, with good reason, that mother's job of running the house is already too heavy. Added to her regular duties, cleaning up in the morning after a teen age "do" the night before is no fun for her. Son or daughter should be smart enough to see to it that mother does not find her kitchen looking as if a cyclone had hit it after "the gang" have dropped in! An older boy or girl does not want mother hovering around after a late show giving directions about the kitchen "clean up." With a little home encouragement, son or daughter can organize some cooperation for a "wash-up" gang or tackle the job themselves after the company has gone home. (Copyright)

York Juniors Judging Competition

The annual Livestock Judging Competition, sponsored by the York County Junior Farmers' Association, as usual will be held on the last Saturday of May when the young folks will visit a number of farms in the central part of the County, to judge the various types of stock. This year, only eight classes will be judged instead of ten as in former years, there being only one class each in draft horses and sheep. The boys are asked to register at the Agri-

cultural Representative's office at Newmarket at 8.30 a.m. d.s.t. and they will return there to give reasons on their judging in the afternoon. On the same day, the 4-H Club girls who have been carrying on their food, clothing and health projects, will have a display of their work in the Newmarket Town Hall. In the afternoon, the team members from the various clubs will be putting on demonstrations to which the public is invited. In the evening, both the boys and girls will gather for their annual banquet and presentation of prizes.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



Soybean High Yield Contest

Soybean growers in Ontario will again have the opportunity of testing their skill at achieving high yields of this crop in the Soybean High Yield Contest which has just been announced by the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association. Substantial cash prizes, in addition to the improved returns obtained from high yields will be the rewards of the winners of the competition. For purposes of the competition, the soybean growing areas of the Province have been divided into four regions. Prizes totalling \$100. will be awarded to eight winners in each region with the judging based on crop appearance and yield. The three top winners in each of the four regions then will qualify to compete in the Provincial Contest. Here, the final decision will be based on oil and fat content of the soybeans as well as yield. Some idea of achievements in the past is given by the fact

that the 1951 winner had a yield of 53 bushels per acre of beans containing 21% fat and 41% protein. This compares with a Provincial average yield of 22 bushels per acre of soybeans. An official of the Association suggests that all soybean growers should make their entry immediately. To qualify, five acres or more of this crop must be grown. However, to get into the prize winning group this official feels that it will be necessary to start with good seed, innoculant, a good seed bed and a minimum of weeds. Entry forms can be obtained from the County Agricultural Representative or from the Crops Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture, Parliament Buildings, Toronto. Closing date for entry in this contest which is sponsored by the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association, in cooperation with Toronto Elevators Ltd., and Victory Mills Ltd., is July 1st. It won't be long now until home gardens will be far enough along to be neglected.



"... saved me days, perhaps weeks, of work"

After returning from his first trip to the West, a business man wrote his bank: "I arrived having no idea where to start in to make the connections I required. The thought occurred to me that perhaps the bank, which has been very helpful to me on numerous occasions, would give me some guidance. Mr. W. proved to be of tremendous help. He introduced me to the people I should have met and saved me days, perhaps weeks, of work." Every chartered bank works this way. Whether you walk into your neighborhood branch or one a thousand miles away, you will find the same full range of banking service—and the same readiness to help.

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