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NOTES and COMMENTS

Cause of Much Expense on Shoulders of Province

Premier Frost in a recent address has incurred the wrath of many municipalities in this province by asking them to "get tough" about expenditures when it is expenses brought on by provincial regulation which are giving the municipalities the greatest concern.

Municipalities such as Stouffville and Markham could build high schools for \$300,000, but because of government specifications and because the provincial government is "subsidizing" the architects of the province, these schools will cost over \$400,000. The municipalities have no alternative since they must build to these expensive specifications or lose their grants. Instead of the government supplying a standard set of blue prints which they might easily do, the municipality is forced for each new job, into the hands of expensive architects.

Even in the field of police protection, if a municipality wishes to enjoy any provincial assistance, it must spend more money to get it by instituting a pension plan for officers. While these things are all very fine, it is rather foolish for the government to insist on expensive regulations on one hand, and ask that expenses be cut on the other.

With reference to additional aid, Premier Frost declares that "everyone will agree that this is no time to increase taxation (provincial), and I have no intention of so doing." Everyone will also agree that the province shirks its responsibility in the face of the fact that municipalities have been compelled to increase their taxation because the government, instead of re-defining municipal functions and sources of revenue, has imposed obligations upon them without seeing to it that they have the means to meet the costs except by levying higher taxes upon the same, narrow tax structure, real estate.

The \$25,000,000 which the province expects to derive from the tax agreement with the Dominion is now to be allocated to provincial purposes although Premier Frost intimated that it would be used to lighten municipal burdens. The municipalities are to have no benefit from it.

The Premier should understand that the municipalities are not begging for handouts. They demand a new municipal charter which re-allocates municipal responsibilities and revenues in modern terms.

Events of Bygone Days

From the Files of the Tribune

27 Years Ago

The stained glass windows were placed in the new Baptist Church building last week, which gives the church quite a finished appearance. The interior is now ready for the finishing coat of plaster, which will be put on after the heating system is installed.

The side of the road in front of Stiver Bros.' office and Hugh Anderson's store is getting in a deplorable state for mud. When farmers alight from their vehicles they must step ankle deep in mud. The trees shade the spot a great deal and the road side is low at this point, but why should it be allowed to remain season-in and season-out without being repaired is very queer. The mud should be removed and a few loads of fine stone or gravel placed in its stead. If the responsible parties will have this small matter attended to promptly it will be appreciated by a wide circle of people who are called upon to stop there.

The foundation for the new post office in Stouffville was completed last Saturday and this week the brick work is underway.

There was not much damage done in Stouffville during hallowe'en night. The young people held parties and paraded the streets in innocent merry-making, dressed in strange clothes and disguised faces. An older set paraded the streets until after three o'clock in the morning but they didn't perform any original jokes.

The public auction on the farm of the late C. O. Bennett at Claremont was held on Tuesday. The bad condition of roads and the increased rush of farm work spoiled the possibilities of a big crowd. The sale totalled over \$3500.

Forty-four dollars and eighty-five cents was the gross receipts received by the Poppy Day collectors last Saturday in aid of the Stouffville War Veterans.

Stouffville and surrounding territory is sending a large number of hunters into the wilds of Northern Ontario for the annual deer hunt. John Davis, Ed. Davis and Harry Squain were the first of return, arriving back in Stouffville with a deer each. Others who have gone north are Chris Armstrong, Sam Armstrong, Harvey Baker, Ralph Flint and Frank Baker who constitute a party. Party number 2 includes Edw. Baker, Dorian Woodburn, Vincent Baker, Robt. Hare, Barkis Reesor, Wm. Reesor, Roy Baker, and Wm. Armstrong. Party number 3 are Wm. Williams, Harmon Yake, Lyman

Pitkey, Allan Bartholomew, Wm. Bartholomew and others. Party number 4 are Frank Stiver, Delbert Holden, Richard Ward, R. Smith, W. Vanzant, E. Harper and H. Hood. Others who are in the north are W. H. Tindall, A. Bartholomew and Nelson Eyer of Stouffville, Percy Wright from Ballantrae, Wld. Miller and Chas. Reynolds of Claremont.

The cabbage market is showing promises of being better. Present prices range from \$10 to \$11 a ton. Turnips are not coming in so fast although prices are from 20c to 23c per bushel.

Miss Mary Barkey, clerk in Boardway's Drug Store, narrowly escaped injury last week when she fell down the cellar stairs, landing in the coal bin.

A collision occurred on Saturday night on Main Street near the Presbyterian church, when an automobile driven by Clarence Brown, son of Mr. Abijah Brown of the 10th concession of Markham collided with a horse and buggy in charge of Robt. Smith, son of Mr. Henry Smith.

A local merchant informs us that petty thieving has been quite prevalent in town from the grocery counters, and two or three parties have been notified that prosecution will follow if they lift any more goods without putting down the cash in return.

Within the space of ten days, James McCreight shot a beautiful pair of hawks on his farm south of Stouffville and brought them to the Tribune office for inspection. The larger was four feet from wing to wing tip. Mr. McCreight's chickens were badly molested of late and had been so frightened that many of them would not leave the pen. The one hawk had his crop stuffed with chicken feathers indicating that it had been living pretty high.

14 Years Ago

The Hallowe'en spirits were quiet in Stouffville although other centres report work of pranksters as unprecedented in years. To the north on the Stouffville-Uxbridge road motorists reported that an entire fence was strung across the thoroughfare endangering the traffic since the obstruction was barely visible in the headlights. Further south at Lincolnville corner, the large checkerboard sign was moved out obstructing the highway.

Crowded out of their present premises in the Ratcliff block because the business has met with such big success, the Stouffville 5c to \$1.00 store will reopen across from the Municipal building on Main Street. The big crowd which attended the

FOR PARENTS ONLY

UNITED NATIONS

By Nancy Cleaver
"If you see the picture of the U.N. flag, in the newspaper mother, keep it for me. I want it for my Current Events Scrapbook. The teacher says that everybody should know this flag and what the U.N. is doing in other parts of the world besides Korea."

"Perhaps we could send away for a copy of that light blue flag with its white polar world surrounded by twih olive branches."

"That would be keen. Then I could paste it on the cover!"

The name "United Nations" began to be used during World War II. The common dangers and hardships of a war tend to bind allies together. The "U.N." title signified the hope that the peoples fighting together for freedom would be united in building a peaceful world. In April of 1945 when victory seemed sure, fourteen hundred delegates from forty-six countries met in San Francisco for a conference organization. On June 26th, 1945, this gathering adopted the charter of the United Nations.

On U.N. Day, October 24th, we should remind ourselves and our boys and girls that the first and foremost aim of the United Nations is to KEEP THE PEACE! But another important goal is to develop international co-operation in economic, cultural, social and humanitarian problems. By its charter it also tries to forward regard for human

farm stock sale belonging to Constable B. Gayman at Cashel may have partially been due to the wonderful weather which was like a day in June. The price obtained for cows was a feature of the auction, one cow and her calf bringing \$84 and others up to \$70. Horses sold at \$60.

For several days the Tribune has been displaying a head of cabbage grown by the veteran Dan Hall at Lemonville and which tipped the scales at 20 pounds. Imagine just 100 such cabbage heads would weigh a ton.

"Bud" Spang narrowly missed seeding his car go up in smoke on Wednesday evening when the prompt action of Roy Curtis, local fireman who chanced along and noticed the smouldering upholstery, brought the local chemical apparatus into action.

"Bud" had parked his car on the Main street just opposite the fire hall.

The price of bread took a drop this week at the local bakery from 9c to 8c per loaf.

EDITOR'S MAIL

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 24th, 1952.

Editor,
"The Tribune,"
Stouffville, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I see the following vivid picture at the centre of your Events of Bygone Days "28 years ago" from The Tribune's Files:

A subscriber has submitted a page of the Toronto World dated 1895, twenty-nine years ago, for a comparison of prices then and now. Among the items are granulated sugar 20 lbs. for \$1.00; tea at 15c; coffee at 25c; 5 lbs. of raisins for 25c; 6 bars of soap for 25c; hardwood (real full cords) cut and split for \$5; coal per ton \$3.75 and so on. One coal merchant advertises that "not till apples grow on lilac trees will prices be lower."

Considering the 1952 price pressure of "food" on the average Canadian pocket-book, I'm thinking that there is a temptation to take the above references to the "good old days" with a flavoring essence of nostalgic old lace and lavender? A pioneer neighbor urges me to remind surface readers in these speedy times that: "Those days, also, had their sunlight and shadow—as today and all times must have. It was not 'all beer and skittles' even in 1895. The pioneers, of course, led a simpler life than today is commonplace to Canadians — but I'm thinking one of the outstanding differences is that, with more reverence and simplicity than in 1952, their inexpensive joys endured and carried them safely down the years."

I feel like adding a postscript, anent the above purely market scene, as a cushion for those readers who tend to think in terms of the quoted figures, only. Try to remember that in those far-off days, the average gainfully-employed Canadian (on the farm and off it!) worked on the basis of a 10 to 12-hour day. In return for this endless labor, he would consider himself lucky to receive \$1.25 at the end of the day, or about the same as millions of today's workers receive, per hour! "A.B.C."

rights and the fundamental freedom of all. The task of the U.N. is to "develop friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principles of equal rights and self-determination of peoples."

The U.N. differs from the League of Nations in that the great powers have membership in it and the majority of small nations too. The United States never joined the League of Nations and Russia was a member for only a short time. The formation of the U.N. has not abolished the threat of global war. But it does provide the meeting ground for the discussion of problems and quietly and steadily U.N. workers are striving to reduce the hunger and want and ignorance which contribute to suffering and warfare on a "large scale."

At school our children may learn about the work of the U.N. carried on by the five agencies: the General Assembly; the Security Council made up of six members from the General Assembly and the permanent "Big Five" — China, France, Great Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States; and the Economic and Social Council; the Trusteeship Council and the Secretariat. One of the best investments a family can make is a membership in the United Nations Association in Canada. Then literature of the U.N. will come regularly into the home.

There are three new books for boys and girls handled by McGraw-Hill Publishing Company of Canada which deserve warm commendation. Do ask to see them at the Public Library and if at all possible plan to buy one of these books for your family bookshelf. For young children there is "A Garden We Planted Together" (\$2.50) prepared by the United Nations Department of Information. "A Fair World for All" (\$2.95) by Dorothy Canfield Fisher explains the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for older boys and girls. There are many fascinating tales in Legends of the United Nations (\$4.25) by Frances Frost.

Books and newspaper accounts of people and events in other parts of the world and special U.N. radio broadcasts can form the basis for a good family discussion on the United Nations.

Your older school age child should be proud of the contribution Canada is making to world peace in the work of a man like Lester B. Pearson.

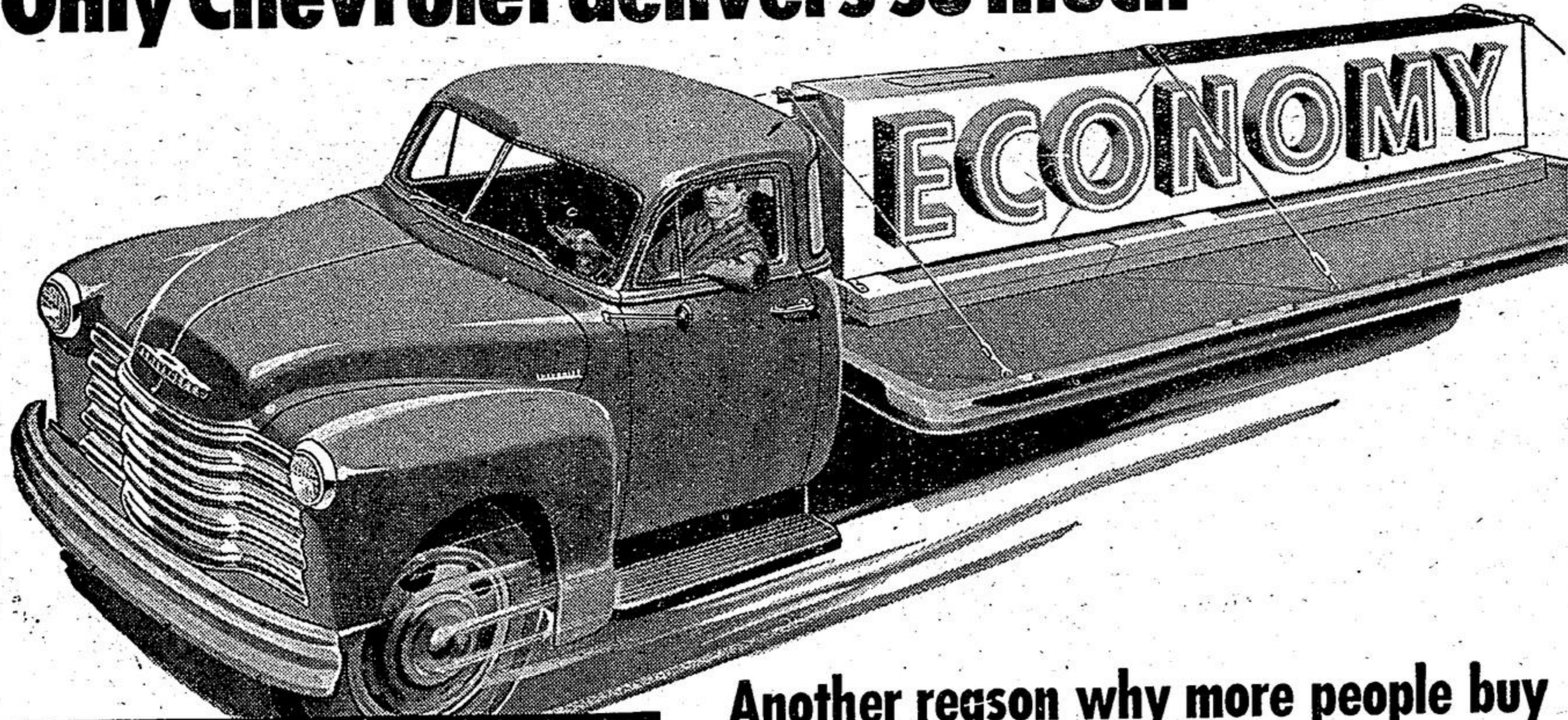
Be prepared to explain to your children that the United Nations in its present form is not without faults and weaknesses — but these are inevitable in the kind of competitive world in which we live! Try to point out to them some of the difficulties in finding a pattern for peace in the Far East. Show them that the North Atlantic Pact is not an enemy to the U.N., but a necessary form of protection for freedom-loving, democratic nations.

"Rome was not built in a day" and it may take many decades before the United Nations becomes a more perfect instrument for maintaining world peace. In the meantime be sure your children know something of the thrilling stories of causes of war and misery—hunger, disease and ignorance. The United Nations needs your support and you need the United Nations in a world in which you hope to raise your children to maturity!

HERE'S ONE TO MAKE YOU CRY

Mr. Fred Roffey of Pickering is busy this week showing off a large onion that he grew in his garden this summer. The onion weighs two and one half pounds and measures seventeen inches around. It looks like a small pumpkin and Mr. Roffey says that it is the largest one he has ever seen in this area.

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