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**NOTES and COMMENTS**

**Show Him Canada**

The tourist does not come here to see another United States. He wants to feel he is in another country—Canada. The wise operator therefore will provide a fully Canadian background in all respects.

—London Free Press.

**Truck or Wife?**

A church couples' club in Jordan debated the subject on Thursday night: "A truck is of more value to a farmer than a wife is." Report says the debate ended in a draw. It does not enlighten us as to how the husbands who may have spoken in favor of the resolution got away with it without being hauled out of the hall and ducked in the nearest creek.

We have sometimes wondered what Mrs. Rudyard Kipling thought about her husband's saying that "A woman is only a woman, but a good cigar is a smoke."

—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

**A Long-Awaited Job Well Done**

The long-awaited renovation of the Stouffville Municipal Hall has been completed and is a job well done. The hall has been rather a disgrace for a long time both in appearance and in state of repair. Today a new hardwood floor has been laid, with the "kink" taken out of the centre, the old stove has been removed, the entire place has been redecorated, new furniture installed and new chairs are on the way.

All in all the place is most presentable and will provide fine accommodation for municipal and community meetings of fifty persons.

At the same time, a re-paint job was done in the town's municipal office and the drab of high cupboards have taken on a bright look which is most pleasing to the eye.

**Where Stilt Walkers Abound**

A recent article in the New York Times tells of the almost total disappearance of stilt walkers. Many men of today had fun stilt-walking when they were boys. Circus clowns used to do their clowning on them. Nowadays walking on stilts as a recreation is no longer done, and a clown performing his routine on stilts is said to be quite a rarity.

But there is at least one part of England where many people actually use stilts in the course of their work. That is in the hop-growing country of Kent. Hops are trained to grow up and along poles 12 to 15 feet high, and as it would be a nuisance to carry a ladder and shift every few feet, the hop pickers walk along on stilts, putting the leaves in a basket which is carried over their shoulders by a strap.

Stilt-walking appears to have gone the way of hoop-rolling and marbles.

**The Arrow and the Bow**

The Hunting and Field Archers' Association of Ontario has requested the legislature for a special open season for bow and arrow deer hunters in advance of the regular season. The reason given is one of safety. Bow and arrow hunters do not wear bright colored clothes such as gun-toting hunters wear; rather camouflage is essential for the bow and arrow technique.

The sport has become popular in the United States and is gradually making its way into favor with Canadian sportsmen. Especially in the populated areas it is much safer, but with so many hunters with firearms skulking about in the woods and pastures there is danger that these sombre-suited bow and arrow men will be taken for deer.

The appearance of the bow and arrow in competition with the rifle is heartening. The comparison at first glance might seem similar to that between the first Wright Brothers heavier-than-air flying machine and the latest jet fighter, but like the flying machine the bow and arrow calls for uncommon skill far beyond that required to hit a target with a rifle. It is achievement of an entirely different order.

One disadvantage, of course, to bow and arrow hunting as sport is that unless the arrow pierces the heart it requires more time for the animal to die than when struck by a bullet. In the cause of humane feeling this is a black mark indeed, but since the odds in favor of the animal pitted against a hunter and an arrow are much greater than when the hunter is carrying a gun there is some compensation. It would seem appropriate, however, rather than increase the hunting season to accommodate these Robin Hoods, to retain the present period and divide it between the two types of hunters.

—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

**EVENTS OF BYGONE DAYS**

From the Files of The Tribune 26 Years Ago

Farmers who are selling cream will notice the unprecedented price of this product just now. Butter fat has risen over the fifty cent mark, something quite unusual for this time of the year. Shortage in feed has caused a corresponding shortage in cream. On Saturday night last while one of our farmers, Mr. John Lewis west of town left his car parked first in front of Mr. F. L. Button's residence and later in front of the Marble Works, near the station, someone stole a valuable fur-lined coat from the back seat. Mr. Lewis did not miss the coat until going home, when he discovered that the rear seat had been ransacked, the cushions having been removed and the tools looked over. Only the coat proved attractive to the thief.

Nelson Byer, town electrician, experienced an unusual trouble last week. Suffering from ear ache, he consulted the doctor and upon examination an oat kernel was detected in the drum of the ear, which had germinated there setting up an inflamed condition. Had it remained there a few more days the drum of the ear might have become punctured.

It is indeed early to report thunder storms and damage by lightning but on Wednesday of last week a storm of short duration passed over Stouffville with a terrific wind. Lightning struck the barn of Fred Johnston on the 9th concession of Pickering, killing six pigs weighing over 100 pounds each and stunning three others. The building was not damaged and the animals are covered by insurance.

Mr. A. E. Booth, who is usually one of the first to commence seeding among the local farmers, sowed a field of grain on Tuesday. Ralph Hamilton, O'Brien Ave., and A. J. Ward at the Brierbush also have potatoes planted. Several farmers west of Stouffville are also seeding.

The Parks Commission are actively engaged in carrying out the work arranged for last fall, in making more improvements at Memorial Park in order to qualify for the government grant. A new fence is being erected along the north boundary, the grandstand and all other buildings suitably painted, and the band stand repaired. A new crushed stone road will be built from the entrance to the skating rink at the south end, and the tennis court is to be completed. It is also rumored that the bowling club are to erect a new ornamental fence around the green.

A fine registered mare belonging to Harold Wright at Mongolia committed an unprecedented act the other day, when it cut its own throat and nearly bled to death before the veterinary could be summoned. Mr. Wright was in the stable at the time and hearing a strange knocking on the manger went to investigate when he saw the gaping wound in the animal's neck. How the horse cut itself is a mystery although it is believed that the horse must have done the deed with its foot. Only recently Mr. Wright sold the mare's colt for \$190. Clayton Parr of Stouffville speared a sucker in the Rouge Creek last Friday weighing nearly four pounds. It is not often one of this size is taken from the Rouge.

The past week has been a hard one for fall wheat. With no snow for protecting the young roots and heavy frost every night farmers estimate that many fields will be killed out. In contrast to last year, sleighs were still running on all but the main roads on the 12th of April. Fred McNair and other Altona boys played hockey on the Altona pond. All the roads are in fairly good condition for automobile traffic. The condition of that piece of roadway on Main street near the Presbyterian Church is dangerous for motor traffic, especially for strangers who are not aware of the old logs put down there in the days of

corduroy roads. These have come to the surface causing a roll like the waves of the sea. Considerable expense is incurred each year in trying to push the logs down with the heavy steam roller, but each spring they become gradually worse.

It will be good news to the farmers of Markham Township and the general public who use the 5th concession of Markham to learn that the Toronto and York Roads Commission let contracts for two and one half miles of new tarmac roadway on which construction will start immediately. A mile and a quarter will be built at Mount Joy and also a mile and a quarter from Ringwood south. In addition to the new road there is being built a fine new bridge at Dickson's Hill on which work has already commenced.

Ontario's new speed limit of 35 miles per hour for motor cars automatically came into effect on April 1st but it doesn't apply to incorporated villages and towns where the speed limit is set by local by-law. The limit in Stouffville is 20 miles per hour according to the signs at either end of the town.

**\$1.91 CANADA COINS BRING \$4.50 IN U.S.**

As far as Canada's mint is concerned, Queen Elizabeth is a best seller.

The mint reports that demand for the new sets of coins bearing her likeness has been "extraordinary" but that there should be plenty available at the banks.

The demand has even reached the stage where a New York department store is publishing ads saying "Gimbel's and Canada scoop the Coronation."

Gimbel's bought 500 sets of the coins—ranging from pennies to a silver dollar—and is selling them for \$4.50.

The set, nominally valued at \$1.91, can be had here for \$2.—nines cents more than the collection actually is worth. The extra nine cents pays for mounting them.

The mint was selling bulk orders of the mounted sets but can't do it anymore, officials say.

The reason: the mint is too busy.



THE GREEKS

**HAVE A WORD FOR IT**

... WE MEAN the magic word that tells a mule to get going. It probably worked better than usual, recently, when Greek mule-drivers had to transport into the isolated interior, roofing materials needed for the construction of refugee shelters. The government purchased 2,000 tons of aluminum for the purpose — and incidentally licked the transportation problem.

Another nice thing about aluminum's lightness is that a given poundage goes two to three times as far as with other metals. It often means that aluminum, with all its advantages, actually costs less, too. Aluminum Company of Canada, Ltd. (Alcan).

**OTTAWA LETTER**

By J. E. Smith, M.P.

Developments on the international scene have been causing considerable concern. The incidents in Germany are evidence that the cold war to which we have become somewhat accustomed is charged with very real and very dangerous possibilities. The potential danger of an all-out war is ever-present in this divided and anxious world. It is a time when cool heads are needed in high places and when tremendous responsibilities are carried by those who guide national affairs.

Here in Canada we are fortunate in having experienced leadership from Prime Minister St. Laurent and External Affairs Minister Pearson. Too often we take such leadership for granted, but when danger really threatens or the world situation becomes complicated there is genuine assurance to all Canadians in having these men at the helm.

Russia's veto of the appointment of Mr. Pearson as Secretary of the United Nations robbed the league of the services of the one in all the world best fitted for the task. However United Nations' loss is Canada's gain if we can retain his services as head of our Foreign Affairs department.

**Value for Expenditures**

It is the responsibility and traditional right of the opposition in Parliament to criticize the government in office, but there is pretty general agreement outside of purely political circles that such criticism should be constructive.

This session impartial observers here at Ottawa have expressed disappointment with the showing and performance of the opposition party. There has been from the opposition party an almost frantic and desperate effort to lead the people of Canada to believe there has been widespread waste, extravagance and inefficiency in federal government spending. This frantic effort as election time draws near has not been supported by facts, or even by constructive suggestions where savings may be made. On the contrary there have been extravagant suggestions for increased expenditures.

Two leading cabinet members dealt at some length with this matter during the week.

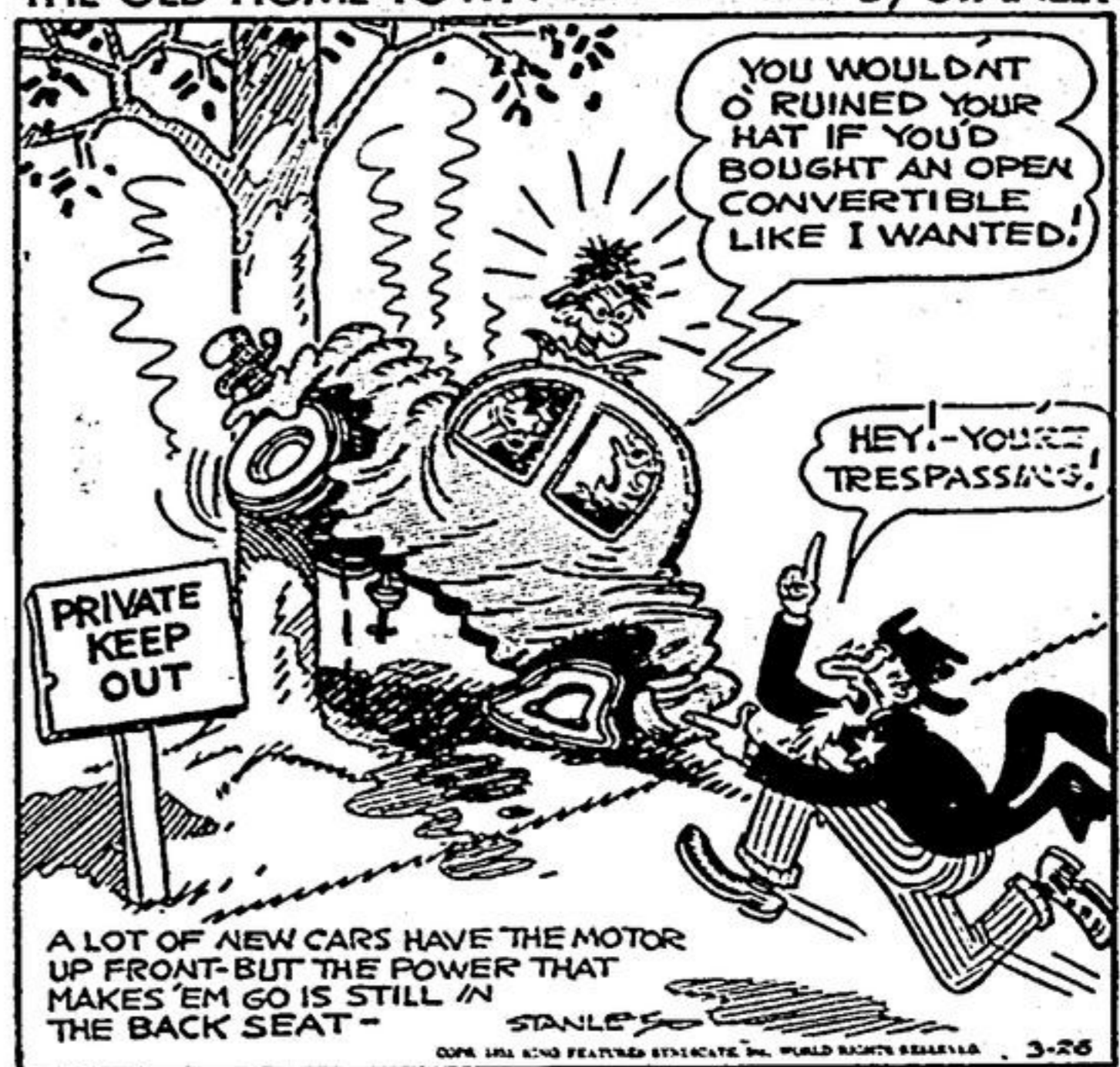
Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Defence Production, whose honesty, integrity and ability as an administrator are universally recognized, spiked the opposition charges in a most effective manner. He pointed out that ever since the beginning of our Defence expenditure program, there has been sitting a Defence Expenditure Committee, a committee which also sat throughout the last war.

That Defence Expenditure Committee is made up of members of all political parties and has the privilege of examining in the minutest detail every item of defence expenditure, and the right to examine and trace every contract from its inception to its conclusion. It has the right to call as witnesses anyone from anywhere to give evidence and the record of that committee shows they have been doing a pretty thorough job of examination and looking in corners to seek out signs of extravagance or waste. The committee to date has not reported to the house finding either waste or extravagance.

It is easy to make wild statements about waste and extravagance on the political platform, but the record is here to show that such charges have not been established before the all party committee where charges have to be supported by facts. This significant feature of opposition charges should be kept in mind by our citizens who hear or read these extravagant political statements.

Hon. D. C. Abbott, Minister of Finance, took time out from his busy duties to put the record straight as far as his position is concerned. He

**THE OLD HOME TOWN** By STANLEY



A LOT OF NEW CARS HAVE THE MOTOR UP FRONT—BUT THE POWER THAT MAKES 'EM GO IS STILL IN THE BACK SEAT—

denied allegations of waste or inefficiency and declared every effort was made to get maximum value for every tax dollar. Many independent observers of the Ottawa and World scene have expressed agreement with the Finance Minister's opinion that Canada is getting as good or better value for defence dollars than any other country in the world.

**War Costs**

In answer to a question in the House this week it was revealed that the total cost to Canada of our participation in the United Nations police action in Korea to the end of 1952 was \$129,416,038.

This figure of course does not include the cost of recruiting, training or initial outfitting of personnel. It would be impossible to single out such expense as it concerns directly the action in Korea.

**Member's Mail**

My mail from North York while I am here at Ottawa averages about fifteen letters daily and ranges all the way from requests for assistance with departmental matters to opinions and suggestions on the international situation and as to how we should best deal with the Kremlin.

As I have said before I do appreciate receiving your letters because I welcome the opportunity to be of assistance and your expressions of opinion are most helpful. Of course I am not always able to accomplish everything asked of me but I do my best. I have always made it a strict rule to answer every letter I receive, but last week was in somewhat of a quandary. A constituent wrote regarding a postal matter with which I would have been very glad to be helpful but unfortunately no postal address was given. If the writer happens to read this column and will let me have her address I will get in touch with her at once.

Anyway many thanks for your letters and once again don't hesitate to communicate with me at any time regarding any matter of local or national interest. During the session I

will be in the riding every weekend and will be available at my office in Richmond Hill every Saturday.

**EDITOR'S MAIL**

Toronto, Ont., March 23rd, 1953.

Editor, "The Tribune," Stouffville, Ont.

Dear Sir: I liked that message by one of your national advertisers built around the key phrase "add Milk Powder" in a recipe for health.

However, in this reader's mind, the thought engendered by the above "ad" is not in physical terms of the individual but, rather, in relation to the market-place, and the "health" of the dairy farming activity—i.e., according to my reading and if I remember correctly, the third or fourth largest single operation in the Canadian industrial picture?

I am one of your readers who has long been convinced that our rural brethren could—and should—use the laboratory as a key weapon in the industrialization of their commodities—i.e., as one of the columnists describes the process, "finding new and durable uses for old and perishable products"—to get their basic industry into bargaining shape to deal with the increasing threat from substitute and synthetic competitors for the food dollar?

In a discussion on this theme with a few of my town and city friends, they made it abundantly clear that, under similarly competitive circumstances in their various markets, in the colorful phrase used by one of them: "Urban business would spend a minimum of time jousting with their new competitors, and a maximum of effort to industrialize suitably increasing quantities of the milk-flow; target for new markets at home and abroad; and advertise not only 'Down Dairy Lane' but, 'On Main Street' and 'Under the City Lights'."

CITY READER

**APPLICATIONS**

Applications will be received by the undersigned until 12 o'clock noon, Tuesday, April 14, for the position of Superintendent of Fairview Lodge (Ontario County Home for the Aged).

Applicants must complete the regular application form for this position. Said forms may be obtained from the undersigned.

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**DAIRY FOODS SERVICE BUREAU**

409 Huron Street Toronto, Ontario

From the original oil painting by the well-known Canadian artist J. S. Hallam, R.C.A., O.S.A.