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NOTES and COMMENTS

More, Please

Mayor Charlotte Whitton, of Ottawa, expounded some thought-provoking arguments on the trend of government during her visit to London last week.

The colorful mayor contended the control of the people's money was being taken farther and farther away from them. She said that in 1930, the municipalities, where the citizens' control is most direct, collected 40% of all taxes with the federal government getting only 25%.

Her alarm over this development appears well founded. More and more control seems to be centering in the federal government, a trend that brings more socialism, more centralized power and less democracy.

More Charlotte Whittons are needed to bring the control of government back to the people.

Minister of Education Favors Back to the "Three R's"

We go right along with Ontario's Education Minister Dunlop on his overall views on education. Speaking recently he deplored the removal of hard work and competition from schools and said there is a movement back to the "three R's" and without them none of us can really navigate.

There's a lot of money being spent on education these days. Young people spend a good part of their lives acquiring the education to help fit them for the place they are to take in the world. In most communities, the biggest single item in the tax bill is for educational purposes. We know we're asking for trouble and an argument. But a lot of very average taxpayers are asking quietly if they are getting their money's worth in our present system of education.

We are not prepared to get into the subject too far because we are frank to admit we have not had time to read that book entitled "The Hope Report" which hasn't proved a big seller in the book stores. Perhaps we are a bit old fashioned like the Hon. Mr. Dunlop. But we do look back with interest on the days when it was as big an honor to be chosen for a spelling match and stay up longest as it was to win a championship on field day. Perhaps he too can remember the competitions in "Mental Arithmetic" and when the copy books gave examples of good writing.

If competition is good in field sports, in rugby and hockey and has to be met when every boy and girl goes out to make a living, it would seem that competition might bring some improvement in spelling, reading, writing and arithmetic. Perhaps some of you older readers remember when the first six students for the month in each grade had their names and marks published in the paper. We would like to confide to you that it wasn't the newspapers which stopped this competition in school studies. Wonder if some of our older teachers would care to send in their views on this important subject for publication?

—The Canadian Statesman.

Do We Need a Municipal Garbage Collection?

Stouffville Municipal Council has been asked again this week to consider the matter of a municipally-operated garbage collection. There is no doubt that in due course such a service will be necessary and due to increasing population will be a reality.

The present garbage collection, a once-a-week service is provided on a customer basis by private enterprise. Peter Bramwell went into the business some years ago when only a few were requesting such service, and at that time council was more than pleased that someone saw fit to make a business of garbage collecting. Since that time more and more householders and business places have been added to his customer list until it has become a real full-time job.

However, there are those who feel that for equality of service, a municipal collection should be instituted which would provide regular weekly or bi-weekly collection for every home and business in town. Through the Chamber of Commerce, those who feel the need for such service have been pressing for a new deal.

Such a system would in all probability be handled similarly to the collections in Whitchurch which are let by tender. To provide a truck and render such service could amount to an expenditure of possibly \$3,500 to \$4,000 a year, a matter of three to four mills in taxes and it could be that council might request the Chamber of Commerce, chief champion of the municipal-service idea, to present a signed petition of ratepayers as proof of warranty.

For Parents Only

"MILK STRIKE"

By Nancy Cleaver

"Grandma writes how relieved hundreds of mothers were when the Milk Strike was over. She hopes our Johnny will never lack his quart of milk a day. She certainly would be horrified if she knew how he balks, and says, 'Don't want milk.' The more I coax, scold or threaten the more stubborn he becomes. What will I do with him?" Mrs. Jones asked wearily.

Refusing to drink milk can be a very perplexing problem. How should a mother cope with it? She should try to discover why Johnny does not want to drink his milk and in the future avoid this cause, if possible. Perhaps mother has been too insistent on his drinking milk and here is one place Johnny can defy her successfully.

Johnny may be feeling a bit neglected because Mother has been very busy with other duties. He has discovered that refusing milk is a sure way to focus Mother's attention on him. Perhaps Mother has been expecting Johnny to drink more milk than he can naturally desire after a hearty meal. Johnny may not be feeling very well and his appetite is affected. Or he may have heard father or some adult expressing a dislike for milk.

Johnny's mother has discovered that coaxing, scolding and threatening are equally ineffective. The right way for Mrs. Jones to handle this situation is to ignore it. At the same time she can include as much milk as possible in the foods she is preparing. Gradually Johnny will likely forget he is on strike.

The best teaching is by example. Mother and Johnny can enjoy milk together, perhaps disguised in an egg-nog, a milk shake, a chocolate drink or cocoa. Thus Johnny will have his daily milk quota, and in time will likely want plain milk too.

Mother's sometimes make the mistake of thinking of milk only as a drink, and not as a food. Part of a child's "quart a day" should be used in other ways than as a fluid, in making cereals, in soups, with vegetables and mashed potatoes, in custards, puddings, junket and ice cream. Evaporated, dried and condensed milk may be used in cooking and baking.

Because milk is precious, not a drop should be wasted. If it has turned sour, there are many recipes for muffins, pancakes, etc. which use it. Mother can follow her cook book's directions and produce cottage cheese.

Milk must have good home care because it is among the most perishable of foods. Pasteurized milk should be purchased from a reliable dairy. The bottle should be washed off and wiped dry before opening. Never leave milk standing on the doorstep (especially if the sun falls there) or open in a room. The place for milk is the coldest spot in the refrigerator, ice box or cellar. Mothers in rural areas and families on vacation may find it necessary to carry out the home pasteurizing method of boiling milk for three minutes, chilling quickly and keeping it cold and covered.

Milk should be sipped slowly. It should never be gulped down quickly to quench thirst on a hot day. When this happens, the gastric juice of the stomach is apt to form milk curds, which are tough. These are difficult to digest. Children love drinking through a straw. Mother can make a little game of taking small sips and pausing between them.

ing between them. A child likes his own special mug. As a parent you are likely convinced that milk is essential for good health. The proteins build bone and muscle and repair the body's wear and tear. The fats and sugar give heat and energy. The calcium, phosphorus, lime and other mineral salts help makes bones and teeth, blood and tissue. The water is used by the body to carry off waste.

But in your very enthusiasm for milk, "the perfect food," don't force a child to drink a certain quantity with every meal. The more pressure the child feels, the more likely he is to oppose you. By using milk in preparing food, by example and by employing tact and imagination, avoid that "Milk Strike."

EDITOR'S MAIL

TORONTO, Ont., January 21, 1954.

Editor: THE TRIBUNE, STOUFFVILLE, Ontario. Dear Sir:

I liked your editorial "A 15c Subsidy" beamed at the dairy industry and heartily concur in the warning that "The butter producers would be better advised to spend their energies in building up their own business rather than tearing down the other fellow's."

My thought is, that if there is a legitimate field for criticism, it lies closer to the good earth, and should be directed at what one writer terms "the estimated 150,000 farmers who 'foul their own nest' as steady buyers of the butter substitute." Yes, sir, I'd be inclined to forgive the militant dairy farmers if they delivered an occasional broadside on this theme, in their advertising and promotional campaign, which latter, I feel like recording, is just commencing to register on the target.

While I've my pen in hand, I'd like to spotlight the following keen picture of the nation's wheat abundance, in answer to the following question of a correspondent: "We are told that successive years of good crops are responsible for those vast piles of grain for which there is no storage. Perhaps that it so. But might those good crops also owe something to better farming practices?"

The federal bureau of statistics (Ottawa) points out that Canadian farmers have harvested an average of nearly 618 million bushels of wheat in each of the past three years, or nearly twice the pre-war (1935-39) average production of 312 million bushels. The annual acreage devoted to wheat in these two periods was almost identical. If only long time average

Kills Pidgeons in Barn, Is Fined \$25 and Costs

A Norwegian immigrant, in Canada for two years has been fined \$25 and costs in the Whitby Police Court when convicted of killing pigeons belonging to a Pickering Twp. resident. Aage Wetlesen of Ajax was brought before Magistrate F.S. Ebbs on the complaint of Miss Cicely Robinson of Valley Farm Road, west of Pickering who stated that Wetlesen had killed 18 pet pigeons.

Miss Robinson told the Whitby Police Court that she had heard shooting in her barn and had called a neighbour to investigate. She said that the accused climbed down out of the loft of the barn and further investigation showed 18 dead pigeons. She stated that the accused had stated that he had killed the pigeons to eat.

Mr. Stanley White the neighbour who had been called, stated that Wetlesen had claimed that he thought he was doing no harm. He stated that he had heard no shooting nor had he seen any gun in the hands of the accused.

Constable Robert Watson of the Pickering Twp. Police Department stated that he had counted 18 dead pigeons. He could not say how they had met their death.

The accused stated that he thought the pigeons were wild pigeons and he had thought

he would kill them to take home to eat. He said that he could not find the owner of the barn and had gone in without permission. He added that he had no gun to shoot anything and had wrung their necks. Many farmers, he stated, claimed that pigeons were a nuisance. "You should have gone to the Toronto City Hall," observed Magistrate Ebbs. He levied a fine of \$25 and costs. Crown Attorney Alex. Hall, QC, advised the accused to make himself acquainted with the Canadian game laws before he got into more serious trouble.

Most 1954 Holidays On Long Weekends

It looks as if most 1954 Canadian holidays will give workers long weekends on which to recuperate from the daily toil.

Strictly speaking only one is a gift from the calendar makers however. That is next Christmas, which falls on a Saturday and ensures a long weekend for all.

Three, Civic Holiday, Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day, always fall on Monday while a fourth Victoria Day, though it this year does fall on a Monday will in future be celebrated on the Monday before May 24.

Dominion Day — that holiday celebrating the birth of Canada which comes at a time when a long weekend is most desirable — this year falls on Thursday.

Good Friday, April 16 will mean a long weekend for many workers but not for all by any means.

New Year's Day this year fell on a Friday and afforded long weekends for many.

Looking ahead to 1955, New Year's will be on Saturday and ensures another long weekend.

Action was taken by a cemetery association in the south to prevent couples from petting there. A grave problem.

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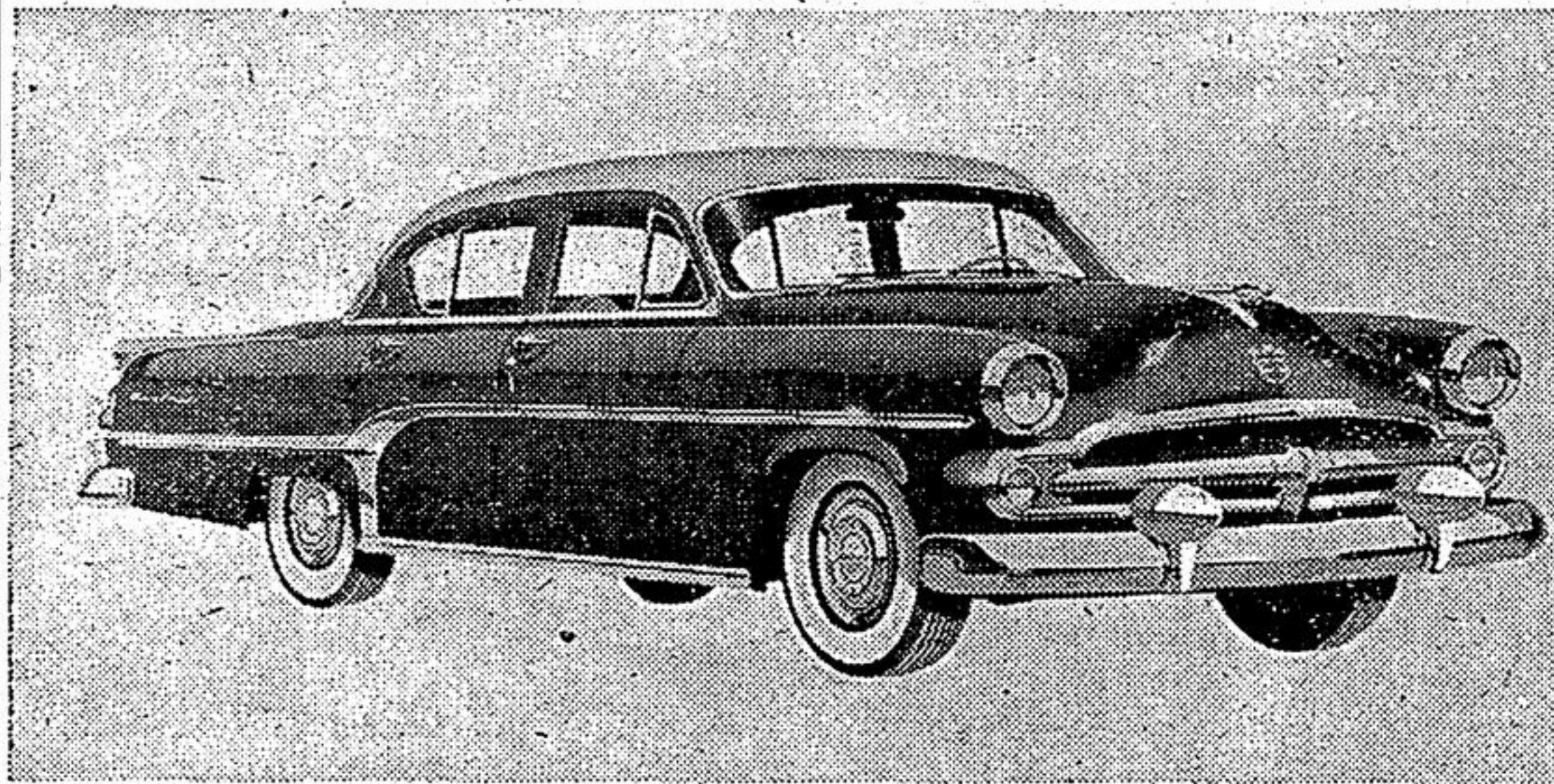


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