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Notes and Comments

Unemployment And Public Works

The Dominion Government is wise in refusing to be stampeded into launching a program of public works to relieve the unemployment we have today. Our experience during the depression should have

taught us that the construction of public works is one of the most costly and one of the least effective means of creating employment, and should not be resorted to except in extreme cases.

We have unemployment today because some of our industries are unable to sell their products at prices that will cover their costs.

There is unemployment in the shipping industry because it costs so much to operate Canadian ships that nobody will buy their services.

There is unemployment in the agricultural implement industry because the farmers who buy its products have had their income reduced so drastically during the last two years that they can no longer afford to buy the products of workers whose wages have actually been rising while the farmers' incomes

were falling. -Unemployment is threatened in many other industries because they can't sell their products at the prices they are asking.

No amount of public works will persuade Canadian shipping interests to put more ships on the ocean while it costs so much to operate them.

No amount of public works will enable farmers to buy more implements. Farmers are fully employed at home on their farms and have to be content with such earnings as the market affords them. They have no time to leave their farms and run after the illusive rewards of high wages for little work.

The remedy for unemployment in Canada today is a readjustment of prices and costs that will make it possible for Canadians to trade with each other on equitable terms.

If the government were to undertake a program of public works, it would be bound by its own laws to maintain the existing wage structure. Thus it would prevent the very adjustment that is needed to restore balance in the economy. -Rural Scene.

Driving While Impaired

It is interesting to note the number of people who are being convicted nowadays under that section of the provincial statutes which provides for a fine, on conviction, for drivers caught operating a vehicle while their ability is impaired. (The impaired presumably meaning a reduction in their driving ability due to alcohol since it is generally those who have been imbibing who are hailed into court to face this charge, although some drugs might have a similar effect.) The interesting part about these cases is that the accused seldom put up any real fight to defend their innocence and seem most content to pay whatever fine is levied and take their leave. And well they might be content because what they are virtually doing is escaping the charge which should be rightfully laid in any case where a person's driving ability is in any way affected by consuming alcoholic beverages . . . that charge being "drunk driving."

About the only flimsy excuses which can be seen for ever introducing this "escape" charge are (a) that there was developing a shortage of jail accommodation and (b) that the impairment charge is a way of creating some quick money for the courts. As for the shortage of jail accommodation it might be observed that provincial liquor revenue should be adequate to provide space to house those who get into difficulty through consuming the product the province sells, and it would be most deplorable if the courts should ever be reduced to the plane of revenue producers instead of justice dispensers.

ities and could well be one in Stouffville, the holding of joint community church services on Sunday evening throughout the summer. It is a fact that those churches which do operate Sunday evening services during the summer months have only a bare attendance, yet if these small groups were to all come together in one group with possibly the Youth for Christ Band to provide the music, a worthwhile service

Fundamentally there is little difference in the various services despite all our denominations and a joint service in the summer on Sunday nights would certainly tend to weld our large local group of churches into closer association.

When a woman driver was tossed out of her moving car on the Prescott highway as she reached to close the door on her side, it seemed like a "freak accident." Fortunately she escaped injury. However, since then there have been two more accidents of a similar nature, one of which proved fatal to an RCAF squadron-leader, stationed at Barrie. He fell to his death when the car door opened after a collision on

and an unexpected plunge from an open door is always a possibility unless adequate precaution is taken.

to the pavement.

It points to the wisdom of having all doors secured before the car is in motion - and, if necessary, lock the car doors to make doubly sure that no one will fall out and be killed.

takes exception editorially to a proposal by Commissioner E. V. McNeill, head of the Ontario Provincial Police, that the 200 provincial police now assigned to municipal detachments in 88 municipalities in the province be taken out of this job and placed on high-

Stouffville is one of the 88 municipalities working under provincial contract and the citizens are quite pleased with the arrangment. The Times comments:

It would be interesting to know if Commissioner McNeill was expressing only his own personal views on this subject, or if he was flying a kite for the attorney-general. The system whereby provincial police officers are made available to municipalities for policing, with the municipalities reimbursing the government for their costs, is very much a matter of government policy. It is rather unusual to find a senior civil servant, such as the Commissioner of Provincial Police, advocating a policy which is con-

We can recall the first efforts made by Hon. G. D. Conant when he was attorney-general of Ontario to improve the standards of municipal policing by making provincial constables available to the municipalities for that purpose. When first introduced, his scheme was bitterly attacked, on the ground that it meant government usurpation of the prerogatives of the municipal councils. Time, however, proved his scheme was a sound one from the standpoint of uniform and efficient policing, and it has since become

The 88 municipalities which have made agreements for the use of provincial police are finding the arrangement very satisfactory. And since they are paying the costs, they are likely to object to having these provincial officers taken away from them. If more police are needed for traffic patrol work, a much better solution would be to hire and train more men

Joint Sunday Evening Services

It has been a successful practice in other commun-

might be held.

The services might even be held in the town park where the outdoor setting would most certainly increase attendance.

Secure Car Doors Before Starting

snowy pavement.

Automobile accidents can happen in so many ways

Commenting on this type of accident the Brockville Recorder and Times wonders, like so many of the rest of us, how it could happen as in the case of the woman driver on the Prescott highway when so many safety devices and modern equipment are standard on recent model cars. But, apparently, they do. If a door suddenly opens and a person reaches for it - sooner or later he may lose his balance and with the velocity of the car could easily be plunged

Provincial Police Good Arrangement

We certainly agree with the Oshawa Times which way patrol.

trary to that which is held by the government.

the established policy of the present government.

for that specific job.

23 Canadian Stations By Christmas

THE OLD HOME TOWN ---- By STANLEY

625,000 Canadians Own TV Sets

range by the end of the year, than 26,000. The rest are scat- 1953 than 1952. and the advent of television in tered throughout the country, any new area arouses discus- and the figures increase as new sion on its possible effects

Montreal and Toronto in Septer a year or so.

tember of 1952. are opening each month-there including 3-D techniques, with will be 23 before Christmas- dazzling colour (Colour-TV is and at least 625,000 TV sets are still in a distant future for

WILL THE NEW MEMBERS OF

CLUB RAISE THEIR HANDS

AND BE COUNTED --

MEETING TO ORDER

THE "AMATEUR HOME-BUILDERS"

Since first becoming popular | Some patterns have already reach of American stations comes in. But one movie chain tal value; have known it that long. First spokesman at Toronto says Canadian stations opened at movie attendances rebound af-

stations go on the air.

The movies took aggressive Now more Canadian stations steps to meet TV competition, in operation. The Radio and Canada.) The most hardened

Tele sision, like anything Television Manufacturers As- TV fan will go to the movies games for some time, still has else, should be taken in mod- sociation of Canada figures On- occasionally.

volume even while television every Saturday night since sales were setting records. The 1952, have had capacity attendradio industry now sells more ance for eight years in a row. in England, TV began to show emerged. As the U.S. discover-smaller sets, including automo- Attendances steadily increased its influence in the United ed earlier moving picture dis- bile and portable models, but at the junior hockey games States in 1946 and 1947. Some tributors say movie audiences last year total radio sales were televised Sunday afternoons. Canadian communities within decline as soon as television well behind television, on to- The Thursday night wrestling

But most television owners houses find a radio is still needed.

for some time has been the 21- toring. After all, you can't inch screen size, either table drive a car and watch televisor console model. Sizes gener- ion at the same time; at least, ally range from 17 to 24 inch- not yet. es, with corresponding increase in price. The 24-inch, however, is pretty big for the average cars are on the road than ever living-room.

One question that crops up in every new TV area, is whether television is harmful to eyesight. Dr. A Lloyd Morgan, wants, a monkey often goes inchief opthalmologist at Toron- to a rage," says a zoologist. to's Hospital for Sick Children, Sometimes it would seem that told a medical forum in To-monkeys are no better than ronto:

"I was asked this question so often when TV first came out that I got a set and experimented. That was some years ago Why Buy A Camera any harm, since I now see well with weaker glasses."

Surveys in the United States indicate that in big cities, a For all types of cameras, contact little more than half the TV sets will be tuned in to one of the week's top programs. About a quarter will be watching other stations. The rest will be turned off.

Maple Leaf Gardens in To Stouffville ronto, which has televised professional and amateur hockey

tario has more than 400,000 Gross box-office receipts of "Television has made a lot Three-quarters of Canada's sets, Quebec more than 170,000 one of Canada's largest movie of new fans for us," says Spiff population will be within TV and British Columbia more theatre chains were higher in Evans, publicity director for the Gardens, National Hockey Radio set sales increased in League games there, televised shows also are drawing bigger

> So Canadians are taking tele-Around 700,000 radio sets were vision in their stride. A spokessold in Canada last year, more man for a large oil company at than any year except 1947 Toronto was asked if anybody which saw the post-war boom. had discovered whether TV Most popular television set was having any effect on mo-

> > "The only answer I can suggest," he replied, "is that more

"When denied something he

unless you know how to operate it?

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FOR PARENTS ONLY

By Nancy Cleaver

"I will be the gladdest thing under the sun!

will touch a hundred flowers and not pick one." wrote these lines in her poem age to enjoy the wild flower cial said yesterday. "Afternoon to a Hill." They are good words to memorize!

friends without picking them! .Dr. George W. Miller, national fusion therapy. It is tragic that some of our

Is there any more joyous ex- loveliest wild flowers such as walking over hill and dale in trillium and the Lady's Slip- are wild flowers.

other in the trees, and the Although the Maple Leaf is Blue Violet; Quebec, Iris; Maniground is soft and springy un- recognized in the four corners toba, Anemone; Saskatchewan, these days-you carry one for derfoot. There is a tang to the of the globe as Canada's sym- Prairie Lily; Alberta, Rose; a long time before finding anyair and the sky is deep blue, bol, it is interesting to know British Columbia, Flowering thing it will buy. The clouds are moving swiftly that each of our ten provinces Dogwood. with strange forms and shades chose a flower as its emblem. blending into their whiteness You will see by the following talent for sketching may want

Wears Coronation Gown In Portrait



This is the official state portrait of Queen Elizabeth the Second, which will hang in Buckingham Palace. It was painted by James Gunn over a six-month period, and will be shown in the summer

exhibition of the British Royal Academy at London this year. Copies of portrait -showing young Queen in her coronation robes-will be taken to hang in other commonwealth countries.

POLIO SHOTS FOR CANADIAN TOTS & WOULD COST MORE THAN \$13,000,000

The Tribune, Stouffville, Ont.May 20, 1954

wonderful scents of the good ed completely from others be Ontario, White Trillium; Nova Canada could not handle such earth, and of growing things, cause they have been thought. Scotia, May Flower (trailing vast amounts of blood, The birds are calling to each lessly and ruthlessly picked. arbutus); New Brunswick,

The youngster who has a to attempt some wild flower studies. Snapshots are not too easy to take in the woods. But a clump of wild flowers, or even a single plant presents a real challenge to a photo enthusiast.

Boys and girls like to make a log of their expeditions and on an outdoor hike it is fun to keep a record of the wild flowers, the birds and the trees or any interesting nature lore observations. Eyes which are eager to see make all kinds of liscoveries.

What determines what kind of wild flower will grow in any area? The prairie, the woods, swamp, cliffs and dunes each have their own special plants. Many of the delicate woodland flowers become very rare in sections where the trees have all been cut down because they grow best in a partially shaded habitat. Scientists tell us that it is the amount of moisture and the type of soil which determine to a great degree which flowers will grow.

In the pine woods the soil is quite acid from decaying needles and special varieties of wild flowers such as Trillium and Dutchman's Breeches grow readily in this soil. Thus it is difficult to transplant these flowers successfully into ordinary garden earth. It is best not to disturb the wild flowers by picking or attempts to move them.

Getting acquainted with Wild Flower Friends is a fascinating hobby-There are a number of good, inexpensive wild flower guides in colour and one of these should be in every home. The Canadian Nature Magazine has published a most attractive booklet on Wild Flowers". In it are fifteen reproductions in full colour by Barrie Rennie, which are suitable for framing.

TORONTO (CP) - It would | director of the Red Cross Blood cost more than \$13,000,000 to Transfusion Service, told the If the hiker is not too near a provide a single dose of polio- annual meeting of the Registown or city the woods are fighting gamma globulin for tered Nurse Association of Onlikely gay with wild flowers. each of the 3,500,000 children tarlo this would also require Fortunate the child whose par- in Canada under the age of 3,900,000 donations of blood Edna St. Vincent Millay ent teaches him at an early 15, a Canadian Red Cross offi- annually in addition to those now used in hospitals for trans-

Dr. Miller, reading an address prepared by Red Cross perience for a boy or girl than the trailing arbutus, the white list that the majority of these National Commissioner Dr. W. Stuart Stanbury, who was unthe sunshine in the Spring- per are becoming very rare in Newfoundland, Pitcher Plant; able to be present, said that time? The little breeze carries some areas They have vanish. Prince Edward Island, Violet; present processing facilities in

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