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Notes and Comments

Try More Walking

With such innovations as the drive-in banks and. above all things, a drive-in church as announced for New York's Bronx, one begins to wonder if people will eventually forget how to walk.

It seems people are getting away from walking. Far too many of us won't walk if we can figure out a way to avoid it.

Whenever the subject comes up, the quick and easy answer is: "The automobile is to blame." But, as a writer in This Week magazine truly says, this dictum is just a simple way to pass the buck. The automobile has countless legitimate and constructive uses. Nothing good can be said for the abuses and they arise from plain laziness in many cases.

Walking is an ideal form of exercise for both young and old. The subject of exercise was summed up a few years ago in the Lancet, a British medical journal, by Sir Adolphe Abrahams, a noted physician. Primitive man, Sir Adolphe observed, had plenty of exercise. The main part of their activity was

walking. The auto has been recommended as a way back to nature. Never have we had such a convenient means of reaching the great outdoors. The big trouble is that once we have driven there, we generally refuse to get out of the car. Only the man who does stop and get out will discover nature in relation to himself.

The man walking can learn the trees, flowers, insects, birds and animals, the significance of the seasons, the very "feel" of himself as a living creature in a living world. He cannot learn these things in

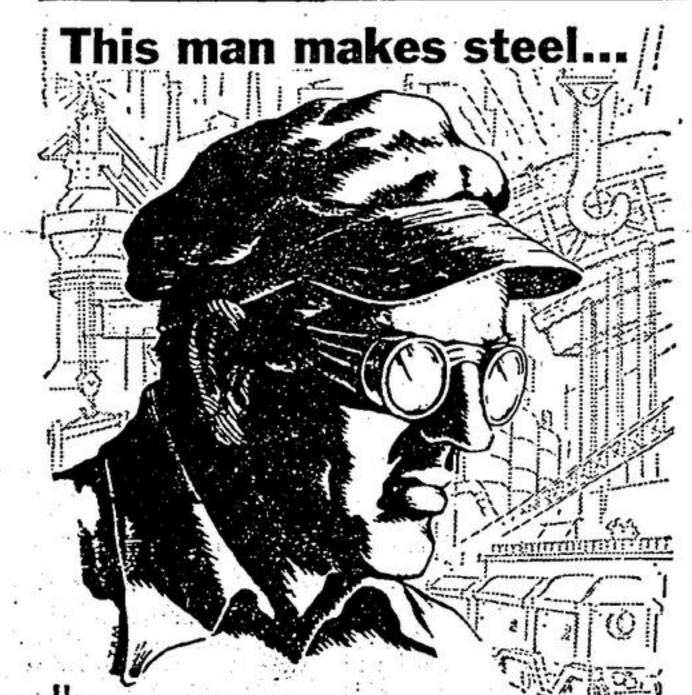
STIVER BROS. 50 YEARS IN AURORA

Stiver Bros. Aurora Elevat ors last week marked 50 years in business in our neighboring town. The present premises near the C.N.R. are the same with the exception of a few additions.

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thews Company asked the young firm to take over man- ordinary motor trucks. agement of its elevators in the interests of the Matthews exceeds \$1,000. In the third they could, post "No Hunting" her long and valiant struggle Unionville, where new offices road "cleaning". In the fourth government - in spite of its Agnes MacPhail was a superb were opened recently, and place, it attempts to set up a reputation for total disregard orator but greater than that, Stouffville and Aurora, ever new cateogry of equipment- for such civic decencies.

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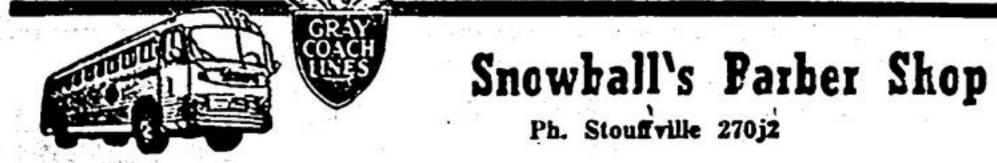
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Ont. M.P. Appeals on Behalf of Tax-Burdened Municipalities Text of a speech delivered in representations, made by the to municipalities in this whole spending mentality—yet under almost call it a prize boner—jour municipalities at least

on Tuesday, May 18th, 1954 Mr. Chairman.

Although I have made ex- with. tensive inquiries among practical experts in municipal finances, I have not been able word to say for the Government's reply to the many appeals, pleas and demands which have been made for taxation relief for the 4,000 municipalities of our country. Nor have I found anyone who could explain its purpose-with the possible exception of a few realists, who seemed to think it was just another addition to the long list of political tokens to which we have become accustomed in the policies of purpose, it has, of course, been a complete failure. Our hardand the ever-widening gap between their financial resources and their financial reponsibilities to be taken in, even for a moment, by the niggardly ac-6th. It reads as follows:

excessive Federal taxation.

that the representations of Government as unworthy of serious attention or honest thought, even of reasonably precise draftsmanship.

The shock, with which the Budget announcement was received by municipal officials, throughout Canada, was twofold. First of all, there was the keenest disappointment that the request for fair treatment for the municipal level Dear Mother: emptions for the poorest level through. of government (the municipal), as that enjoyed by the to hear your voice-but three richer provincial and federal minutes goes so quickly! I Mother, you never were too levels. Instead, they received never quite get time to ask occupied or too weary to welonly this thoughtless brush- you all the things I want to come us when we came home off-and I for one, can only know-and I usually realize af- from school. On blustery winhope that we can impute to ter I have hung up, that in the try days it was so good to come a misguided ministerial or de- wanted to say. partmental sense of humour.

the House of Commons by municipalities, had resulted matter of sales and excise taxes the present policy of the gov- is the limitation of road equip- know to what extent they may Michael Starr, M.P., (Ontario) only in this impractical dec- would mean a saving to that ernment they would be foolish ment exemptions to road mak- in the future expect serious, laration of policy, that a first one community of almost to pay a mere \$900 for a road ing and road "cleaning". Has thoughful and painstaking

this Government. Whatever its anyone, with any knowledge not big-time spenders, at least the federal government. of municipal government, they do not have a big-time The third absurdity-I might ness-as I suspect it was-then (Continued on page 4) would have omitted, for expressed municipal administra- ample, school expenditures, tors are too close to the reali- hospital and social welfare exties of ever-mounting expenses penditures, when these exemptions were being considered. There are, of course, some general exemptions applicable here, but the fact remains that millions of dollars are still betion which I find described on federal government from the efforts of our municipalities to Item 4-That the sales tax on our youth, hospitalization for order.

one thousand dollars per unit, ed. I respectfull suggest to the ed almost single-handed, a cruespecially designed for use di- government that any money it sade for prison reform. As earrectly for road making, road obtains from these sources ly as 1927 when no woman was cleaning or fire fighting, but falls into that category. We allowed to visit penitentiaries, not to include automobiles nor know that, according to cur- the intrepid Agnes Macphail rent fiscal policies, some fields stood on her right as a legis-In the first place it is limited of taxation are regarded as lator, presented herself at the Stouffville and Richmond Hill. to two classes of municipal ex- especially fair game to the tax- formidable North Gate at King-Mr. F. L. Stiver was in charge penditure, those on roads and ing authorities. I suggest that ston and refused to leave until at Stouffville, while his bro- fire-fighting equipment. In the the field of school, hospital and she had marched through the ther-in-law, Joseph Watts, took second, it limits the exemption social welfare, expenditures by prison from dome to dungeon. charge of Aurora operations, to purchases within these cate- municipal governments is one It was then the indefatigu-In 1915 the young firm bought gories where the per unit cost on which our people would, if able ex-schoolteacher began Company, excepting Richmond place, the road equipment is signs, and expect them to be for better and more humane Hill, and has carried on at limited to road "making" and honoured, even by the federal condtions in Canadian prisons.

> unknown in the business world Surely, Mr. Chairman, it is tarians. Her compassion was and quite without meaning- not too much for the munici- boundless but beyond that, she namely "ordinary motor palities to ask-even at this felt a personal responsibility I shall discuss these absurdi- survey be made by the govern- ten people. Her unceasing fight ties in detail in a moment. ment of this whole field of for justice throughout the pris-First of all, however, I think municipal expenditure, so that on riots of the early thirties it should be said that the off- whatever action may be taken and afterwards, resulted in the hand and careless manner in in the future will at least be appointment of a Royal Comwhich this important subject realistic, practical and in keep- mission to investigate condiwas handled in the Budget ap- ing with the facts of the situa- tions in Canadian penal instipears to me-and to many oth- tion-not just with the fancies tutions. The findings of this

> pal field-to prove as conclust ple, from a jurisdiction with one of the most challenging ively as anything could, the which I am familiar-a gener- documents on Canada's penal complete unconcern of the gov- al exemption from sales tax problems. ernment for the plight of the of school board purchases in Agnes Maophail was a pio-

body to make it clear that so-at least we have some evi- ancing means an excess to millions of Canadian home caught this glamorous federal ing. Yet, it is currently penal- also an important item in mu- ment in summer but not in owners, I cannot believe that government disease. They are ized, and penalized heavily, by nicipal expenditures. If the winter, in good weather but

year school trustee would have \$200,000-or more than 3 mills machine, when they can actu- anyone in this government consideration of their problems been ashamed to be associated in the municipal assessment. ally win friends with this gov- ever stopped to think, that the by the present government. The second absurdity in the ernment-and even save mon- making and cleaning of roads. The fourth absurdity-and it The first absurdity is the token treatment the municipal-ley-by paying \$1,001. But apart are actually less than 50% of has already caused endless diflimitation of exemptions to ities received last April, is the from that aspect, I am wonder average road expenditures by ficulty-is the careless phrase to find anyone who had a good road and fire-fighting equip-limitation of the execption to ing if the government, in its municipalities? In other juris- "ordinary motor trucks". Can ment. What possible sense can unit purchases exceeding \$1, mania for large spending, has dictions, of course, these may anyone on the government this make? Does this govern- 000. What possible sense can completely forgotten that well represent a larger portion side of the house-or anywhere ment really think that roads this have? Does it mean that \$1,000 in many little items is of the whole, but on the muni-lelse for that matter-tell me and fires are some special kind this government believes that just as important to the muni-cipal level, road "maintenance" what an "ordinary motor truck" of municipal responsibility? there is some virtue-worthy cipal tax-payer, as a \$1,000 is the big item. Then why was is? Is it a motor truck to Apparently so. It would seem, of special reward-in bigger spent on a single item. The therefore, to be time for some and better spending? Perhaps very nature of municipal finthese are only two categories, dence that some of our federal small over large items. It is of hundreds of categories, of departments think so. But, Mr. part and parcel of the thrift stand are specific and they do snowplow is attached? Should municipal services which are Chairman, municipalities have and good housekeeping which not include maintenance. the municipality, therefore, pay today of the utmost importance not yet—the Lord be praised— characterizes municipal spend- Nor do they include bridges— its toll to the federal govern-

it not mentioned? Perhaps which no snowplow is attachsomeone will say that this is ed? If so, and I believe that is of a mere technicality, but I can-the current ruling-does it not agree. The words as they cease to be ordinary when the omission was merely careless not in bad? And what, Mr.

Memorial Scholarship Fund for Agnes MacPhail

Agnes Macphail believed in the way and her unique ac sponsorship of the Elizabeth for students who wish to study Canadian women and devoted complishments roused the in- Fry Society, a committee has in that Department. her great and generous life to the enrichment of theirs When she died last February everywhere. provide adequate education for she left her house in perfect

she was the purest of humanilate date-that an immediate for the welfare of these forgoters with special knowledge of, of some dreaming draftsman. Commission later became the and experience in, the munici- To give only a single exam- famed Archambault Report,

municipalities in this matter of the City of Oshawa alone neer of a dedicated kind. She would mean a saving of some held fast to her high principles Here we have the evidence \$35,000 to \$40,000 to the citi- and accepted her public responzens of that community. To sibility with unflagging zeal worried and harassed munici-carry the matter further, the and a yeoman courage. New pal officials, and their associa- decision of this government to horizons unfolded for Canadian tions, are regarded by this grant equal and fair treatment women through her pointing



FOR PARENTS ONLY

"LETTER TO MOTHER"

By Nancy Cleaver

of government, had been so How are you? How I wish I cial place Togo had in our arbitrarily—I might almost say could come to see you this home. How his stubby black jocularly—brushed aside. The Mother's Day! But as that is tail wriggled with joy whenfair treatment which they de- impossible, here is a second ever we paid him any attenmanded— and which they still best—a visit by letter. I'll be tion! How eagerly he would demand - is the same treat phoning long distance around bring a ball to us, drop it at ment, in the matter of tax ex- noon, if my call can get our feet, and beg us to play

It is always such a comfort it no more sinister motives excitement of talking to you, bursting in the door to the than political expediency, or I had forgotten something I warm house and call, "Mother,

As I struggle with the varied Secondly, there was some activities of three children, I thing close to despair, when it often marvel at the patience work, and later when we were was realized that the detailed you had with all the projects all in homes of our own you we four youngsters carried out! have always stood by us. It What fun we had with the has been so comforting to turn neighborhood "gang" in back yard! I remember one plexity. Spring and Summer, following a visit of a circus to town, we

had a series of circuses. We collected pets from everyone in the block and put them into improvised wooden crates Do you recall our tumbling ish. acts, the mouth organ numbers, choruses and recitations on our Entertainment Program? Pauline Johnson's "Flint and Fea-

able poetry for a circus! Saturday afternoon when the it is good to have this special borrowed tent collapsed on the day, Mother's Day. We are indignant audience, each of thankful through and through whom had paid a 3c admission that in all the days in all the fee (including a weak luke Seasons, we can call eagerly warm lemonade drink)? No with confidence of a quick reone was hurt. But to pacify sponse, "Mother, are you the spectators, you gave us a there?" just like we did when plate of fresh-baked cookies to we were small, . We hope pass around.

grateful to you as I remember swift to ask us for anything my childhood is your allowing we can do for you . . . us to have pets. When our Inky seems to be tracking into the nouse more than her share

You welcomed our friends and our pets, but most of all, are you here?"

When we went away to complete our education and to to you in our anxiety or per-

Then too, it has been a great source of strength to us to know that each morning when you waken you remember us one by one, in your prayers. am very sure they help us for cages as our "Wild Ani-through each day. As we think mals". They were wildly indig of you too at that time, the nant at such strange treatment! miles between us seem to van-

The French have a saying, "A mother's love is ever in its Spring' and the Scottish folk "The Mother's breath is aye ther" was much used as suit so sweet". In the Springtime of the year, when the world out Do you remember the hot of doors is so full of loveliness. you will be with us for a long. Another thing I'm always long time . . . and be just as

> With love. from your "middle" child.

One of her last projects was Macphail Memorial Fund, the ory of Agnes Macphail will helping to found the Toronto Fund to be used to establish carry on her inspired and hu-Branch of the Elizabeth Fry scholarships at the School of manitarian crusade for human the following goods be repeal- the sick, and comfort for the The country girl from Grey Society of which she was Hon- Social Work, University of To- dignity and justice within the ed: (c) equipment sold to or old age of our senior citizens. County, first woman to be elect- orary President. This organi- ronto, for students who may walls of our Canadian prisons. imported by municipalities for Mr. Chairman, we all know ed to the House of Commons, zation given to aiding in the wish later to work in the field Contributions may be sent to their own use and not for rethat in other fields we regard held that seat from 1921 to 1940, rehabilitation of women prist of Probation and Rehibilitation The Agnes Macphail Memorial sale, at a price in excess of some kinds of money as taint and during that time, conduct oners was especially close to of prisoners, or when a chair Scholarship Fund, 344 Jarvis Agnes Macphail. With the of Penology may be set up, Street, Toronto.

terest and support of women been formed of representative It would seem fitting that

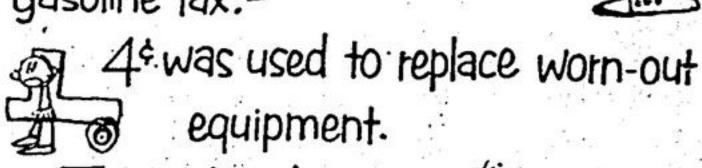
women to establish an Agnes this tribute to the lasting mem-



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